

THE DATE ON THE LABEL IS THE DATE YOUR PAPER WILL BE STOPPED.

THE ROBESONIAN

WATCH LABEL ON YOUR PAPER AND DON'T LET SUBSCRIPTION EXPIRE.

ESTABLISHED 1870. SINGLE COPY FIVE CENTS.

COUNTRY, GOD AND TRUTH.

\$2.00 A YEAR. DUE IN ADVANCE

VOLUME LI

LUMBERTON, N. C., MONDAY, JANUARY 17, 1921

NUMBER 92

Proposed Legislation of Local Interest

Senator Varner's Tax Bill Would Repeal All Penalties for Deferred Payment but Retain Discount for Early Payment—He Will Offer Bill to Revise Tax Valuations—County's Members Want Expressions from the People About Retaining Demonstration Agents

State Senator L. R. Varner spent the week-end here with home folks, leaving this morning to return to Raleigh. When seen by a representative of The Robesonian, Senator Varner said that he had amended the bill which he introduced recently to repeal all penalties now prescribed by statute for deferred payment of taxes, so as to allow the discount on taxes paid before December 1 of each year. Under the present law a one per cent. discount is allowed on all taxes paid before that date and after that date one per cent is added each month until paid. The bill as amended will do away with the per cent. added for deferred payment of taxes, but not the discount for early payment.

The bill which Varner introduced to abolish the county welfare officer in Robeson would leave the duty of enforcing the school attendance law upon the attendance officer in each school district.

A bill of interest to the people of the county generally which Senator Varner will introduce calls for a revision of the property valuation in Robeson. While a measure of State-wide application will be offered, Senator Varner will offer a special bill to take care of Robeson county in case the State-wide measure fails to pass.

Senator Varner and Representatives Jenkins and McArthur have received requests to introduce bills to increase the number of rural policemen in the county from four to six, and also to do away with the farm and home demonstration agents in the county. They are anxious to hear from those interested in these matters before they act and will appreciate hearing from any who want to express their views. They want to learn what the majority of the citizens of the county think on these matters.

Lee-Jackson Day

Confederate Veterans Will Meet in Court House Wednesday—Address by L. J. Britt—Dinner Will be Served by Daughters

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the local Daughters of the Confederacy will serve dinner to all veterans who attend the Lee-Jackson day exercises here Wednesday of this week.

The veterans will be addressed at 11:30 a. m. by L. J. Britt of the local bar. Music will be furnished by local talent. The public is invited to attend the exercises which will be held in the court house.

LEE-JACKSON DAY WILL BE CELEBRATED AT RED SPRINGS

Dr. H. G. Hill Will Deliver Address and U. D. C. will Serve Luncheon to Veterans—Geddes Hopes to Come Later

By Phone to The Robesonian, Red Springs, Jan. 17.—The Red Springs chapter, U. D. C., will celebrate Lee-Jackson Day January 19th the celebration to be held in the college auditorium at 11 o'clock a. m. Dr. H. G. Hill of Maxton will make the address.

After the exercises a luncheon will be served the veterans and friends in the conservatory hall by the ladies.

Rev. T. S. Opie, recently appointed rector of the Episcopal churches at Red Springs and Maxton, preached last evening in the Methodist church to a large congregation.

President Vardell of Flora McDonald college, received on Saturday a letter from Sir Auckland Geddes, British Ambassador at Washington, expressing his regret at not being able to keep his engagement here on Friday but expressing the hope that he might visit the college later on in the spring.

Local banks will be closed Wednesday of this week—Lee-Jackson day.

Cotton Acreage Reduction Day

On January 31 a Meeting will be Held in Lumberton—Great Gathering of Farmers Planned—Plan of Marketing Cotton to Advantage Explained—Mr. J. A. Brown Stressed Important Matters in Rousing Speech Here Saturday

The importance of reducing the cotton acreage at least one-half, an equal reduction of the tobacco acreage, the raising of more food crops and a let-up in high-living, was urged by ex-State Senator J. A. Brown of Chatham, who addressed a farmers' meeting in the court house here Saturday. The meeting was called by Dr. G. M. Pate, president of the Robeson division of the American Cotton association, who presided, and was fairly well attended.

In dealing with the manner in which the public has been living during the time money was plentiful and prices high, Mr. Brown declared that people had spent money recklessly and shamefully and he, together with others, had been living in a fool's paradise. He compared prices received for cotton and tobacco in 1919 with those offered at present and said that people had gone into debt during good times and must get out in bad times. The importance of practical economy, going to work and co-operation was also stressed by the speaker.

Mr. Brown said that if the people would put their shoulders to the wheel each man stand by his neighbor, pay honest debts so far as possible and follow the plans outlined by the American Cotton association, the country would be richer and better two years from now than ever before. People were living too fast and God has called us to attention.

The speaker was given close attention and no doubt his address will bear fruit among the farmers who heard him.

Following Mr. Brown's address, Mr. T. C. Montgomery, a representative of the American Products Export and Import corporation, outlined the plans of the corporation, which was launched by the American Cotton association for the purpose of selling cotton for the growers direct to cotton manufacturers of Europe and other cotton-consuming countries, the plan being to assist foreign manufacturers in financing the purchase of American cotton. The corporation expects to place cotton buyers on all markets who will pay the prevailing market price for cotton. The cotton will then be exported and the profits on same will be equally divided between the seller and the stockholders of the corporation, 8 per cent. being deducted for operating expenses. More than \$1,000,000 stock in the corporation has already been subscribed by farmers, bankers and other business men in the State of South Carolina and the plan is to sell 10,000,000 in stock to the farmers, bankers and business men of all the cotton-growing States.

The corporation takes either cash, Liberty Bonds or cotton of any grade for stock. The prices allowed for cotton on stock are somewhat higher than paid on local markets, especially for low-grade cotton. Those who pay for stock with cotton will ship it to Greensboro or Charlotte, the corporation to pay the freight, where the cotton is placed in a warehouse until shipped.

The corporation was endorsed by the North Carolina division of the American Cotton association which met in Raleigh Thursday and is endorsed by Wm. G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury. Ex-Governor Richard I. Manning of South Carolina is president of the corporation, which already has foreign orders for a quantity of low-grade cotton.

After hearing the plans of the corporation explained Mr. K. M. Barnes, treasurer of the Planters Bank & Trust Company, and Mr. M. F. Cobb, cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, stated that they were favorably impressed with the movement, as did many farmers who were present. In fact, quite a number of these present subscribed for considerable stock in the corporation, some for cash and others for cotton.

Monday, January 31, has been named by the North Carolina division of the American Cotton association as "Cotton Acreage Reduction Day", and a meeting will be held in Lumberton on that date. It is planned to make this one of the greatest gatherings of farmers ever known in Robeson. Prominent speakers will be secured and it is safe to say that the meeting will be of interest to every farmer in the county, white, Indian and colored.

Messrs. L. E. Blanchard, T. A. McNeill, Jr., O. O. Dukes, W. K. Bethune and F. Grover advertise the meeting, which will be held in the court house here at 11 a. m. on the above stated date. Begin now to prepare to be on hand.

\$30,000 BOND ISSUE FOR SCHOOLS

Bill Will be Offered in Legislature for Election to be Held in April—Money Needed for Additional Site, Teacherage and Repairs—J. J. Blair, State Supervisor of School Buildings, Among Speakers at Meeting at School House Friday Evening

At the high school auditorium Friday evening a fair-sized audience heard Mr. J. J. Blair, State supervisor of school buildings tell something of the advantages to be derived from improved school grounds and specially designed buildings; was delighted by solos rendered by Mrs. Leslie Carlyle; was given a clear and awakening outline of school needs in a short, straight-from-the-shoulder talk by Mr. R. C. Lawrence, chairman of the school board, and heard Mr. H. E. Stacy briefly and eloquently tell of the importance of recreation in school life.

Before introducing the first speaker, Supt. W. H. Cale explained that the exercises were in lieu of North Carolina day exercises last fall, undertaken in co-operation with the Woman's Club, which already has a fund of about \$500 to be devoted to playground equipment.

Mr. Blair said that he finds crowded conditions in schools all over the State, and that in many places buildings are being erected. He thinks the Legislature will authorize a bond issue so that the State can lend money for buildings and additions. He spoke of the trend toward consolidation of schools and transporting pupils in trucks, 7,963 having been taken to school in that way last year; also of the increase in teacherages: 87 now as compared with 3 a few years ago. He recommended certain flowers and trees for school yards and spoke of the value of play equipment to make school life more interesting. He closed by reciting Longfellow's "The Builders."

Mrs. Carlyle delighted the audience with "My Heart is Frozen", "Robin, Robin Sing Me a Song", and, as an encore, "Love is on the High Road." Mrs. H. M. McAllister played piano accompaniment.

Mr. Lawrence told briefly of school needs. Every room is crowded. Another high school building is needed. The only available lot is one just across the road from the present grounds. This lot contains 2 1/2 acres and can be purchased now for \$20,000. This is the price agreed upon as fair by Messrs. A. E. White, K. M. Barnes and H. M. McAllister, a committee appointed by Mr. Lawrence to fix upon what the town should pay for the property. The owners, Messrs. W. W. Carlyle and S. F. Caldwell, valued the property at \$22,000, but agreed to let the town have it at the price the committee fixed. It must be purchased right away or other disposition will be made of it.

In order to provide money for this purchase, also to pay for the teacherage, \$7,500, and make repairs to present school buildings, a bill will be offered in the Legislature providing for a bond issue of \$30,000. The election to determine this matter will be held the first Tuesday in April.

Mr. Stacy spoke of the important place recreation plays in education. Education, he said, is not just the accumulation of facts and figures, but learning to express oneself. No school is complete unless it has a place for recreation. He declared that it is most important to establish large play-grounds and commended as altogether praiseworthy and worth while the plan of the Woman's club to furnish equipment for such a playground.

General Assembly

Bill to Require Medical License Before Marriage

Ephram of New Hanover has introduced in the House a bill that would require all applicants for license to marry to be subjected to medical examination before license is granted.

The Senate Thursday presented its retiring presiding officer, ex-Lieut. O. Max Gardner, a handsome watch.

Would Abolish County Welfare Office

Senator Varner has offered a bill to abolish the county welfare office in Robeson. Senator Nash of Richmond offered a bill Friday to abolish the State Board of Charity and Public Welfare and all the county welfare officers, on the ground that it will save the State \$20,000 a year and the work can be done as well by other county officers. Williamson has offered a bill to abolish the office in Columbus, and other counties are asking to be relieved of this office.

Recorder's Court

Walter Leach, colored, was bound over to the Superior court Friday by Recorder D. H. Fuller on the charge of shooting H. O. Oxendine, Indian. He was placed under a \$500 bond, which he made. Oxendine was shot with a shotgun, 13 shot penetrating his stomach, according to the evidence. The shooting took place on the night of January 5.

Meeting of Indians Sewer and Paving Bonds

A Meeting of Teachers, Red Cross Workers Will be Held at Indian Normal at Pembroke Friday of This Week

As previously announced, there will be a meeting of Indians of Robeson county at the Indian normal school, Pembroke, on Friday, January 21. This will be a kind of combination meeting of teachers, Red Cross workers and others. All Indian teachers of the county will be expected to be present, and it is hoped that all Indian soldier boys and hundreds of others—men, women and children—will attend the meeting.

Following is a tentative program for the day:

10:00 a. m. Devotional exercises—L. W. Jacobs.
10:15 a. m. Business meeting of Teachers association.
10:30 a. m. Reading Circle work for 1921—Supt. J. R. Poole.
10:50 a. m. Importance of storytelling in teaching English—Miss Eliza A. Oxendine.

11:05 a. m. How to impress upon the patrons the importance of first day and regular attendance—James R. Lowry.

11:25 a. m. The importance of examinations during the school term and at the close—O. R. Sampson

11:40 a. m. The teacher's responsibility for the moral well-being of the child—J. W. Smith.

12 m. Songs and other exercises by school children.

12:15 p. m. Address—Mr. T. L. Johnson.

12:50 p. m. Delivery of State and Victory medals.

The American Red Cross is expected to be represented by Miss Emily H. Walker. It is hoped that at least 500 members of the Red Cross may be secured at this meeting and a permanent organization and Red Cross chapter established for the Indians of Robeson county.

T. C. HENDERSON, Prin. I. N. S. J. R. POOLE, County Supt.

COTTON FARMERS PLEDGE REDUCTION OF ACREAGE IN 1921

Endorse Commodity Plan for Marketing Cotton Similar to Tobacco Plan

Endorsement of the commodity plan for the marketing of cotton similar to the one adopted by North Carolina Tobacco growers.

American Cotton Association requested to call meeting of executive committee to consider Southwide plan for marketing of cotton along the lines proposed for the co-operative marketing of cotton in this State.

Continuation of present cotton tax of 25 cents a bale for another two years.

Endorsement of American Products Export and Import Corporation

Amendment of State law as to provide for organization of NON-CAPITAL marketing associations.

Fifty per cent reduction in cotton acreage for the year, provided that no cotton raiser shall plant more than one-third of his CULTIVATED land in cotton.

Designation of January 31st as "Acreage Reduction Day."

Cotton storage warehouse for every cotton growing county in the State.

These recommendations adopted without a dissenting vote by five hundred earnest cotton farmers from fifty counties in North Carolina at the annual convention of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' association in Raleigh yesterday.

Such leaders as Dr. B. W. Kilgor, director of the Agricultural Extension Service, declared represents perhaps the most momentous agricultural movement undertaken in a generation.

L. S. Tomlinson, Wilson business man, who has led the cotton growers of the State with such signal success during the past year, was unanimously re-elected as president, and John R. Peterson, of Clinton, and Dr. B. W. Kilgor, of Raleigh, were elected as vice-presidents. These officers together with a representative from each congressional district form the executive committee, which was authorized to work out the plan for the organization of a co-operative association.—Raleigh News and Observer, Jan. 19.

NEGRO KILLED AT MAXTON

BY SHOT THROUGH WINDOW

Maxton, Jan. 14.—Robert Monroe, negro, was instantly killed last night, when an unknown party fired a shot through the window pane of the house where he was visiting. It is said that Monroe was wanted for killing an officer and that a reward of \$1,700 was offered for his capture. An inquest was held last night and the verdict was that he was killed at the hands of an unknown party.

Wm. Beard, a miner, held in connection with killing James Morris, a guardsman, on December 23 last, was taken from jail at Jasper, Ala., Friday morning by a mob and shot to death near the town.

Mr. Jno. M. Brown of Red Springs, R. 4, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

BANK OF FAIRMONT'S BIGGEST AND BEST YEAR

Paid 15 per Cent. Cash Dividend, Declared 100 per Cent. Stock Dividend, Increasing Capital Stock to \$40,000—Declared Like Stock Dividend in 1914 and Has Paid 10 to 15 per Cent. Cash Dividends Each Year—Enters Upon New Year in Best Condition

Fairmont, Jan. 14.—At the meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Fairmont, held January 12, a 15 per cent. cash dividend was paid, and a 100 per cent. stock dividend declared, increasing the capital to \$40,000, with over \$5,000 surplus and undivided profit account. A stock dividend of 100 per cent was declared by this bank in 1914 and now declares a second 100 per cent stock dividend, besides paying from 10 to 15 per cent cash dividends each year.

The old board of directors was unanimously re-elected for another year: F. L. Blue, Dr. J. P. Brown, A. S. Thompson, N. W. Jenkins, R. O. Pittman, J. D. Kyle, A. J. Floyd. After the stockholders meeting, the board of directors re-elected all the old officers, at increased salaries.

This has been the bank's biggest and best year. The bank enters upon the new year in the best condition. It has not one dollar borrowed and, in fact, has not borrowed any money in the past three or four years.

The officers of the bank are: F. L. Blue, president and cashier; Dr. J. P. Brown and A. S. Thompson, vice-presidents; H. L. Blue, Jr., assistant cashier.

"WITH APOLOGIES TO LUMBERTON, ET CETERA"

Touching on and appertaining to the way a basketball game, between Lumberton and Laurinburg teams in the latter town was broken up the other day as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, the Laurinburg Exchange, under the above caption, has the following:

"The game between the local high school basket ball team and the team from Lumberton here on Wednesday afternoon was called in the second half on account of a most unfortunate incident that is a source of sincere regret to all concerned. Clean, sportsmanlike athletics is desired at all times, and the control of the temper is the first thing that we should strive for. The officials cannot but make mistakes and though some of these may seem to us very flagrant, still the game cannot be won by a display of temper or an exhibition of our fist ability. Neither is it proper to blame our opponents too severely for infringement of rules as we see them if his action is permitted by the officials. The players, pupils of the school and friends of the team regret most keenly this unfortunate affair, and with a sincere apology to our friends from Laurinburg we hope that the incident will be a lesson to us and a thing of the past."

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Lewis West of Allenton Section.

Mr. Lewis West, aged 74 years, died on January 9 at his home, near Allenton, of the infirmities of old age. His widow and 12 children survive. The funeral was conducted from the home last Monday at 10 a. m. by Rev. E. A. Faul and interment was made in the family cemetery. Deceased had been a consistent member of Antioch Baptist church for many years and was a good citizen.

Emory Hammond Shot by Policeman in Row at Pembroke.

Emory Hammond, shot in the right leg by Policeman Herbert Lowry of Pembroke yesterday afternoon. The bullet from a pistol struck Hammond below the knee. It is not thought the wound is serious. The shooting took place at Pembroke and followed a row between Hammond and several other people the officer shooting in the discharge of his duty, it is said. Hammond was drunk, according to information received here.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 14 cents the pound; strict middling 15 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—It is probable that the local U. S. army recruiting office will be closed after February 1.

—Some snow fell hereabouts late Saturday afternoon, but was followed by a shower of rain and clearing.

—Mr. Lennie Bullard and family moved last week from Mr. Bullard's farm near Old Kingsdale, to Lumberton. They are living in a house owned by Mr. Bullard, First street.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Thomas Bullard and Julia Holt; Ashley E. Bullock and Ruth Byrd; John Lamb and Helen Bryant; Luther Lewis and Florence Britt; James Baggett and Edith Shaw.

—Chief of Police and Mrs. D. M. Barker arrived this morning from Wilmington and will begin house-keeping tomorrow in a residence owned by Chief Barker on Willow street. Mr. and Mrs. Barker were married in Wilmington Wednesday evening of last week.

—Two automobiles, a Ford coupe, owned and driven by Mr. E. B. McMillan, and an Allen, owned by Mr. Gordon McMillan, collided at the intersection of Second and Chestnut streets early Saturday morning. Both cars were somewhat damaged. The Messrs. McMillan are brothers.

—Mr. W. J. Wilkerson and small son, Wakefield, of the Center section, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

The quarterly meeting of the Mt. Elm Baptist Sunday School institute, of which Mr. Wilkerson is president, will be held at Center Baptist church the 5th Sunday in this month.

—The George Galloway post of the American Legion of Fairmont is expected to give a 3-act play, "The Honor of a Cowboy", at the high school auditorium here Friday evening at 7:30. The same play was given in Fairmont December 31st and is a clean, wholesome play that can be enjoyed by all.

CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School Quarterly Meeting.

The quarterly meeting of the Mt. Elm Sunday school institute will be held at the Sunday school at Center on Jan. 30.

Programme.

10:30 a. m. Song service led by S. E. Britt.

10:45 a. m. Devotional service by president.

11:00 a. m. Roll call by secretary and following the roll call will be a report and song from each school.

12:30 p. m. Intermission.

1:30 p. m. Song service led by J. W. Branch.

1:45 p. m. Business transactions will be taken up.

The remaining part of the evening session will be given to the children's studies and specialties.

It is hoped that each school will be present with choirs.

A. L. Stone, W. H. Lamb, I. F. Britt, Programme Committee.

Quarterly Conference.

Quarterly conference will be held at Chestnut Street Methodist church Wednesday evening immediately following prayer meeting service, by Rev. J. H. Shore, presiding elder of the Rockingham district.

A Careful Reader Through Ten Thousand Issues of The Robesonian.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

For the thirty years that I have called Robeson my home, I have traced the development and progress of the county and state thru the columns of The Robesonian. During all these years more than ten thousand issues of the paper have borne to its constituency the heart throbs of the people. There have been simple announcements which caused some hearts to swell with grief; many others have carried joy and good cheer to individuals and homes. From 1890 to 1921—What changes have been wrought! "God buries his workmen but carries on his work."

The Robesonian has ever stood in the forefront as leader in all our progressive development.

Under its present management it has been just to others and remarkably free from narrow and bitter controversies of a local nature.

The best wish I can make for The Robesonian for the New Year is, that it may be true to its traditions, and continue its sane and conservative leadership.

Truely, H. L. Edens.
Atlantic, N. C., Jan. 10, 1921.

Places for Community Pictures.

Smyrna Monday, Jan. 17.
Alfordsville Tuesday, Jan. 18.
Lumber Bridge Wednesday, Jan. 19.

Baltimore Thursday, January 20.
Parkton Friday, January 21.
Pembroke Normal Saturday, January 22.

Programme

Health, The Priceless Gem (one reel).
Crooky, (Comedy five reels).
J. R. Poole, Supt. Schools.
M. N. Folger, Supt. Rural Recreation.