

General Assembly

Senate Passes State-Wide Stock Law
—Tick Eradication Measure Set for Special Order Wednesday—A Bill to Curb Activities of Pinhookers.
The Senate Saturday passed the State-wide stock law by a vote of 23 to 6. The State-wide tick eradication bill will be considered in both houses Wednesday.

A bill to prohibit officers administering oaths to require any person to kiss the Bible passed second reading in the Senate Saturday but was blocked on the third reading.

News and Observer, Feb. 5: Senator Varner's statement that "the 'possum hunter is a friend of mine" found general concurrence and on motion of Senator Sams the Senate tabled the Kinsland bill which transfers jurisdiction over the offense of cutting trees on the land of another from justices of the peace to the Superior court.

Among the new bills introduced Saturday was the proposed game law bill. It provides for a game warden, with such deputies and clerks as may be needed, to be appointed by a Game Commission of three members, to be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. The expenses of administration are to be paid from receipts for licenses. County licenses are fixed at \$1 a year, State license at \$2 and non-resident license at \$15. The bill also codifies all the game laws in the State and fixes the open season on various kinds of game. It is further provided that the Aukobon Society of North Carolina shall be dissolved upon the ratification of the act. Senator Brassfield Saturday introduced a bill making it unlawful for any person to occupy any room of a hotel without registering under his or her true name.

A bill intended to curb the activities of "pin-hookers" in tobacco was offered in the Senate Friday by Jones of Edgecombe. It would prevent any person from offering tobacco for sale except in his or her true name and also would prevent warehousemen from offering sales under false or fictitious names.

Cotton Meetings

Maxton Tuesday, February 8, at 10:30 a. m.

Rowland Tuesday, February 8, at 2 p. m.

Fairmont Wednesday, February 9, at 10:30 a. m.

Marietta Wednesday, February 9, at 1:30 p. m.

St. Pauls Thursday, February 10, at 10:30 a. m.

Parkton Thursday, February 10, at 2:30 p. m.

Lumber Bridge Friday, February 11, at 10:30 a. m.

Pembroke Friday, February 11, at 2 p. m.

Under auspices County Cotton Association, County Board Agriculture, and Demonstration Work.

Everybody interested in COTTON should attend nearest meeting.

CHILD SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Clois Ashley of Fairmont is in Serious Condition as Result of Severe Burns When Her Clothing Caught Fire.

By Phone to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Feb. 7.—Clois, 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glynn Ashley, was very seriously burned last Wednesday, her clothing catching from an open fire-place. Before the flames were extinguished her entire body was burned, except her face. Her condition is regarded as serious.

Man Prowling Around House When Discovered.

Saturday night between 10 and 11 o'clock Mr. B. Sam Edwards discovered a man prowling around the home of Mr. S. Weinstein, on First street, and when Mr. Edwards hollered at him the man faded out of the landscape right away quick. Mr. Edwards gave chase but lost the man and came up town and notified Capt. Boyle, night policeman, who made search with Mr. Edwards but failed to find the marauder.

Mr. Edwards noticed the man hanging around at a window at the Weinstein home as he was on the way home, and the man went away as Mr. Edwards approached. Mr. Edwards went home, deposited his packages, went back and found the man at the same place again. When the man found that some one was on his trail he stood not upon the order of his going but went at once.

Capt. Russell Chairman of Home Service.

Capt. J. P. Russell has been elected chairman of the home service department of the American Red Cross for the county. Mr. Russell is well fitted for this work, having served as Y. M. C. A. secretary during the World War, and is familiar with the work that comes under this head, largely that of looking after the interest of ex-soldiers of the World War.

Mrs. L. F. Price of Marshville is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Spivey, Walnut street.

Mr. W. A. McNeill of R. 1, from Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor Thursday.

Mr. W. B. McWhite of R. 1, from Lumberton was in town Saturday.

Superior Court

Civil Term Adjourns Today—Number of Cases Disposed of at Criminal Term Last Week—Gus Floyd Claims That the Killing of Leon Meares Was Accidental but He Gets 5 Months on Roads—Fred Lawson Adjudged to be Insane and Sent to Hospital for Dangerous Insane—Other Cases.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened today at 10 a. m. and the jury was discharged at 11 a. m. Many of the cases appearing on the calendar had been settled and others were continued for various reasons. Court will formally adjourn this afternoon for the term and Judge Frank A. Daniels will leave this evening for his home at Goldsboro.

Superior Court for the trial of criminal cases adjourned Friday afternoon and Judge Frank A. Daniels left Friday night for his home at Goldsboro to spend the week-end. Quite a number of cases were disposed of after the report of the proceedings published in Thursday's paper was written. These were:

Hayes McCallum, false pretense; not guilty.

J. D. Cobb, cheating; not prosessed with leave.

John Arch McCallum, carrying concealed weapons, plead guilty; fined \$50 and cost, to be sent to the roads for six months if the fine has not been paid in ten days.

Gus Floyd, colored, was found guilty of manslaughter and was sentenced by Judge Daniels to 5 months on the roads. Floyd shot and killed Leon Meares, a 17-year-old colored boy, at Alma on Thanksgiving day. Floyd plead that the gun was accidentally discharged as he was handing it to Meares. The load entered the leg of Meares and he died from loss of blood before a physician reached him.

Tom Ray, Zeb Beasley, Dannie Davis and Roxanna Freeman, all charged with larceny. The State accepted a plea of forcible trespass. Ray was sentenced to 8 months on the roads, Davis 6 months on the roads; Beasley was fined \$50 and cost and must appear before each term of criminal court for a period of three years and show that he has not dealt in any way with or drunk any spirituous liquors; while Roxanna Freeman was sentenced to 6 months in jail, with leave to the commissioners to hire out. Ray and Beasley are white men and Davis and Roxanna are Indians.

Stephen Leggett, forcible trespass; plead guilty; judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

Andrew Mitchell, carrying concealed weapons; sentenced to 6 months on the roads and pay cost of action.

Charlie Atkinson, fornication and adultery; prayer for judgement continued upon payment of cost and required to make bond in the sum of \$300 and report to each term of court for three years and show that he has refrained from the use of intoxicating liquors, has not associated with Mrs. Lula Monroe and that he is supporting his family.

Jury Thinks Lawson is Insane.

Fred Lawson, store-breaking; plead guilty; found by the jury to be insane and incapable of pleading; ordered by Judge Daniels admitted to the State hospital for the dangerous insane. Lawson is a well-known figure in the Robeson courts. He was given a conditional pardon last summer by former Governor F. W. Bickett after serving four years of a ten year sentence in the State prison for larceny. Soon after he arrived home he was charged with robbing Mr. I. H. Warwick's store at Orrum, his home town. He had evaded Robeson officers since that time until recently when arrested on a train by a special officer at Maxton. He recently broke jail at Florence, S. C., having been jailed in that town on the charge of store-breaking. He plead guilty of robbing the Warwick store at Orrum. He has also served on the county roads on the charge of larceny. He has "always been inclined to steal" as one man put it, often taking things that he did not need. In most cases he would admit the charge when accused of larceny. He is indeed a peculiar character.

Lawson was carried to Raleigh today by Mr. T. F. Boehn of Red Springs.

John Smith and Will Musselwhite, burglary; not prosessed with leave. Smith and Musselwhite were implicated in the robbery of the Warwick store at Orrum by Fred Lawson.

Tobe McKinnon, assault with deadly weapon; prayer for judgement continued upon payment of cost and \$75 to Lennie Bethea, the assaulted, also to make bond in the sum of \$200, to appear before each term of criminal court for a period of two years and show good behavior.

Child Bitten by Rabid Cat.

Hazel, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parker of North Lumberton, was bitten by a rabid cat Tuesday of last week. The cat was killed after biting the child and the head sent to Raleigh for examination. Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, was advised Friday that the cat was mad. The child is taking the Pasteur treatment.

Gasoline Drops 2 Cents a Gallon.

The wholesale price of gasoline dropped 2 cents on the gallon here last week.

Biscuit Contest

Girls in Various Sections Delighted With Contest—Miss Andrews Will Visit Every School in County if Possible.
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The girls in the various sections are delighted with the biscuit contest. In last week's Robesonian I stated that I would visit the McDonalds school, Marietta school, Back Swamp school, Rayham school and Ten Mile school during that week, but due to the fact that I had more meetings than I could reach I did not get them all in, but all that I did not reach last week I shall reach as early as possible. It is my purpose to visit every rural school in the county, if possible, and a list will be published of the schools visited and the prize winning girls in each school.

In addition to this statement, I wish to thank Whitfield & French, wholesale grocery, for their splendid cooperation in giving the flour for the entire contest. They have very kindly offered for my use in the demonstrations given their best Dunlop patent flour. Personally and in behalf of the girls I wish to thank them for this cooperation and I trust that through this means many girls may become wonder bread makers.

Watch The Robesonian for your name girls and the interest in the contest, which will continue through February and March.

MARTHA FLAX ANDREWS, Home Dem. Agent.

BURNT SWAMP BAPTIST UNION AT PINEY GROVE

One of the Best Meetings Ever Held by the Association—Next Meeting Will be Held at Reedy Branch.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Feb. 2.—The Burnt Swamp Baptist Union met Saturday, January 29th, at Piney Grove church. The weather was very disagreeable and most everyone that attended was wondering all along the road enroute for Piney Grove as to whether they would find any one there, or not, but we all met a pleasant surprise when we arrived and saw the autos and buggies standing on the grounds around. Seemed that everyone had for work. The union was called to order 11:30 a. m. by Rev. J. E. Hunt, who was acting as moderator pro tem. Introductory sermon was preached by Rev. L. W. Jacobs; text, Matthew 5th chapter, 6th verse.

12:30.—The congregation was dismissed for 50 minutes, at which time they were entertained by the ladies of Piney Grove section around a large table that was prepared in front of the church and was one of the most beautifully decorated tables the writer has ever seen. Seemed that every one enjoyed that part of the program. From the looks of the table there was not any 8c cotton down there.

1:20 p. m.—The union reassembled after a short song and prayer service. The moderator declared the house ready for business. The different topics were discussed: 1st—"What relation is the Sunday School to the Church?" was discussed by Rev. L. W. Jacobs.

2nd topic, "What are a parents' duty in bringing their children to Sunday School?" was handsomely discussed by Rev. C. E. Locklear and others.

This ended one of the best unions ever witnessed in the association. Every one seemed to be well paid for their trip to Piney Grove. Program for next union, which will be at Reedy Branch:

11 a. m.—Introductory sermon by Rev. C. E. Locklear.

12 noon—Recess.

1 p. m.—General business.

2 p. m.—What is my duty as pastor to my church and Sunday School," by Rev. J. E. Hunt.

2:30 p. m.—"What is my duty as a member Spiritually and Financially to my pastor," by Bro. Fuller Locklear.

L. W. JACOBS.

WORK OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE DISCONTINUED TEMPORARILY

Red Cross Funds to Pay for This Work Are Tied Up in a Bank That Has Been Closed.

The work of the public health nurse has been discontinued for the present, on account of the fact that the Red Cross funds, totaling more than \$1,200, are in a bank that has been closed and placed in the hands of a receiver. This was decided at a meeting of a committee from the various Red Cross chapters in the county held here Friday afternoon.

This work was started several months ago, Miss Alice Casey being in charge of the work. Miss Casey's work has been satisfactory and it was with regret that the work was discontinued as a result of the unfortunate tying up of the funds available to finance the work of the nurse. The work will be resumed when the money is available.

Entertainment at Magnolia School February 11.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be an entertainment given at the Magnolia Indian School Friday night, February 11. The public is invited. The proceeds will go for the benefit of the school. S. A. Hammond, principal, Georgia Cummings, assistant.

61 People Found To Be Infected

179 People Were Examined in 13 Free Tuberculosis Clinics Held in County—More Applicants Than Could Be Accommodated—Other Clinics May Be Held.

A total of 179 people were examined at the 13 free tuberculosis clinics conducted in the county during the last three weeks. Out of this number, 61 positive infections were found. The clinics were conducted by Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, Miss Alice Casey, public health nurse, Dr. J. F. Spruill of the State sanatorium and Miss Marion Manning, State health nurse.

The clinic advertised for Orrum was called off on account of the inclement weather and this clinic will be conducted by Dr. Hardin at a later date. Those in charge of the clinic had more applications for examinations at practically every place where a clinic was held than they could accommodate. It is probable that other clinics will be conducted in the county at a later date.

TWO LUMBERTON YOUNG MEN OBTAIN LAW LICENSE

Messrs. Edward Knox Proctor and Frank Ertel Carlyle Passed Examination Before Supreme Court Last Week—Mr. Proctor Will Open an Office in Lumberton—Mr. Carlyle Will Continue in College for a While.

Messrs. Edward Knox Proctor and Frank Ertel Carlyle, both of Lumberton, were among the 65 successful applicants for law license before the State Supreme Court last week.

Mr. Proctor is a son of Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor and the late E. K. Proctor, who was a prominent member of the Robeson county bar some years ago, and a brother of Mr. Jas. D. Proctor, junior member of the law firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor. Mr. Proctor returned home from Chapel Hill, where he studied law, last week and will open an office here about the first of March. He was graduated at the State university in 1917, was one of the first to enter an officers' training camp, coming out with a commission as second lieutenant, went overseas in 1918, served with the army of occupation in Germany for some months, and returned home in June of 1919. He had been studying law at the university for the past year and a half.

Mr. Carlyle will continue his studies at the university where he took his law course, this spring, and expects to continue his studies at Yale or Harvard a year or two before looking for the practice of law. He finished the course at the high school here in 1917 and has since been a student at the university, with the exception of the time he spent during the war at the naval training school.

Mr. Carlyle is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle.

Calls Special Session of Senate for President-Elect.

President Wilson, acting on the recently communicated request of President-elect Harding, Thursday issued a proclamation calling a special session of the Senate to convene March 4.

Request that the special session be called was made to the President several days ago by Senator Underwood, of Alabama, minority leader of the Senate, who received the request of the President-elect through Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the majority leader. The session will act on cabinet and other appointments by Mr. Harding and probably will last only a short time.

15 Million May Die from Starvation in China.

The famine situation in China has reached such a crisis that 15,000,000 people may die unless immediate help is given, according to information received Saturday by the Department of State at Washington.

Mr. W. R. Powell of R. 6, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town this morning.

Mr. M. W. Hedgpeeth of Orrum is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. A. Weinstein left last evening for Boston and New York, where he will spend several days on business.

Mr. Rowland Mercer of the Bellamy section is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. W. W. Kelly of R. 6, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. D. C. Bullock of R. 2, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. Everett Davis of R. 3, Lakeview, S. C., was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Messrs. H. A. McWhite, W. J. Powers, S. Jones and I. V. Britt of R. 1, Lumberton, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Messrs. B. L. Floyd and Geo. B. Nye of Orrum were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mrs. Ira F. Davis left Saturday evening for Hamlet, where she will spend several days visiting relatives. She will also visit relatives at Lancaster, S. C., before returning home.

Messdames V. E. Fountain and S. W. Anderson left yesterday for their home at Leggett, Edgecombe county, after spending several days here visiting relatives and friends.

Mr. J. T. Penny spent Friday in Charlotte on business.

MANNING'S VISIT TO ROBESON.

Impression of South Carolina Paper of Meetings Held in Robeson—Cotton Acreage Reduction Will Approximate 50 Per Cent.
The following is taken from a recent issue of the Columbia, S. C., State:

Former Gov. Richard I. Manning, president of the American Products Export and Import corporation, returned to Columbia yesterday from Lumberton and Red Springs, N. C., where he spoke Monday at "Acreage Reduction" meetings. At both meetings he presented the plans and purpose of the export corporation and reports that the people were genuinely interested in the corporation and enthusiastic over its prospects.

At Lumberton the meeting was held in the court house, which Governor Manning says was filled to overflowing, people lining the aisles and sitting in the windows. At Red Springs the theatre was filled. The people of both places, Governor Manning said, evidenced great earnestness in their desire to arrive at a proper solution of the problems confronting them. They appreciate the necessity of a reduction of their acreage and appreciate the value of the export corporation as a marketing organization for their cotton. The meeting at Red Springs was held at 7:30 p. m. for work in the third degree.

A statement given out by the American Cotton association yesterday says that "a careful investigation throughout the cotton belt just completed by the association, indicates quite clearly that the 1921 reduction in cotton acreage will approximate 50 per cent. of the acreage planted in 1920. The cause for the reduction is chargeable to two principal reasons. First, the farmers are holding the bulk of the 1920 crop because present prices represent hardly more than one-third of the cost of production. Second, banks and supply merchants are unable to finance the planting of a normal acreage in cotton in 1921 while carrying unpaid obligations of 1920.

State Must Pay 6 1/2 Per Cent.

The rate of interest which North Carolina must pay for short term bonds has gone up to six and a quarter per cent. Two years ago the State could issue bonds at four per cent, and did borrow for two years at that rate of interest. It will jar the people to know that now, in order to pay the notes issued in 1917, they must pay over six per cent.

Four and a half million dollar's worth of North Carolina six and a quarter per cent coupon notes, dated February 15, 1921, and due February 15, 1922, were advertised for sale in the New York Times by the Guaranty Company, of New York, yesterday morning. State Treasurer B. R. Lacy and Joseph G. Brown, president of the Citizens National Bank, returned from New York last night where negotiations for the sale of the short term paper was made. Satisfied that the six and a quarter per cent rate is an exceptionally low price for short time money considering the present market.—Raleigh News and Observer, Feb. 4.

House Over-Rides President's Veto of Army Bill.

The joint resolution directing the stopping of enlistments until the regular army is reduced to 175,000 men was passed Saturday night by the House of Congress over President Wilson's veto. The veto was overridden by a vote of 271 to 16, one member voting present. Action is expected to be taken on the veto early this week in the Senate, where it is expected that the veto also will be overridden.

Child Struck by Auto and Killed.

Davis Snyder, 4-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Snyder, was struck in Charlotte yesterday by an auto driven by Mrs. A. T. Summey and died a few hours later. The accident was said to be unavoidable. Mrs. Summey was on her way to teach a Sunday school class of children. She was prostrated by the accident and her condition was such that 2 or 3 doctors attended her.

Occasional Rains For The Week Forecast.

Washington, Feb. 5.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Middle Atlantic States: Unsettled weather, normal temperature and probably occasional rains and snows.

South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Unsettled, normal temperature and occasional rains.

The new sanatorium, erected by Dr. H. M. Baker and known as the Baker sanatorium, has been completed and was opened last week. It is located on Fourteenth street, facing Chestnut, and is a strikingly handsome building. It would be hard to find, even in a large city, a sanatorium more conveniently arranged and more completely equipped with the most modern hospital furniture and apparatus. Further mention of this institution, which is a credit to the town, will be made in The Robesonian at an early date.

Chief of Police B. M. Lawson of Fairmont was among the visitors in town Friday.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market at 12 cents the pound; strict middling 13 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jesse Brigrman and Leola Fipps.

—Mr. and Mrs. M. G. McKenzie of Lumberton had been married 53 years yesterday.

—Miss Emma Hellgren of Wishart township is a patient at the Baker sanatorium.

—Mrs. C. M. Britton of R. 4, Lumberton, is a patient at the Baker sanatorium.

—The monthly collection for the Thomasville Baptist orphanage, at the First Baptist Sunday school yesterday totaled \$389.97.

—Noah McIntyre, colored, was carried to the insane asylum for colored at Goldsboro Saturday. McIntyre's home is near Midway.

—Mrs. J. W. Glover left yesterday for her home at Marietta after undergoing treatment at the Baker sanatorium for a few days.

—A special communication of St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., has been called for Tuesday, February 9, 7:30 p. m. for work in the third degree.

—Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, spent Saturday in Wilmington in conference with the secretary of the Wilmington Fruit Growers association.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education and the road commissioners are holding regular monthly meetings here today. Large crowd in town.

—The Woman's Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in the municipal building. This is a business meeting and all members are urged to be present.

—Mr. Claud H. Britt of R. 1, Lumberton, has been authorized to solicit subscriptions, both new and renewals, to The Robesonian. Mr. Britt will solicit subscriptions in the county.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, returned Thursday night from Concord. He carried two boys to the Stonewall Jackson Training school, this being a part of his work as county welfare officer.

—A fine horse belonging to Mr. Haynes Ivey of the Rayham section died suddenly Thursday afternoon. Mr. Ivey drove the horse to Rayham and it died in a few minutes after Mr. Ivey first noticed that it was sick. The horse was worth \$300, according to Mr. Ivey, who was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

—Many ladies are attending the demonstrations of the "Little Wonder" punch work needle, given by Madam and Prof. MacSherry at the Lumberton Bargain house. The display of work done with the needle in the show window at this store is attracting much attention. The demonstrations will be continued for a few days.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. H. F. Bissell of Broad Ridge.

Mr. H. F. Bissell died yesterday at his home, near Broad Ridge church, death resulting from paralysis. Deceased suffered a stroke of paralysis two years ago and had been unable to get about since that time. He was 76 years old and is survived by his widow and several children. It is understood that interment will be made in the Bissell farm tomorrow morning.

Deceased came to this county several years ago from the western part of the State and was well-known. He was known as the Watermelon King in this section, growing melons in abundance and some of the largest ever seen here.

NOTICE TO EX-SERVICE MEN.

Former Service Men of Rowland and Community Are Asked to Meet Miss Annie McLean in Rowland February 10.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, Feb. 4.—Miss Annie McLean will be in the office of the Rowland Supply Co. Thursday afternoon, February 10, from 2 to 6 o'clock to receive applications from ex-service men for State and Victory medals. Every ex-service man in Rowland and surrounding community is requested to come and bring his discharge papers with him and apply for medals.

Washington, Feb. 3.—A definite step toward reduction of the regular army to 150,000 men was taken today when the house approved an appropriation sufficient only for the maintenance for a force that size for the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Sixty-one of the 75 applicants for law license who faced the Supreme Court examination last Monday were successful, according to the announcement of the court Friday. The only woman who took the examination, Mrs. Florence C. Martin, Asheville, was among those who are now qualified to practice law in the State.

Mr. Z. T. McMillan and daughter, Miss Florence McMillan, of McMillan, and Mrs. W. W. Davis spent Saturday at Lumberton.