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Will Try To Help Cotton Farmers

War Finance Board Has Called Conference for April 4 to Discuss Plans for Exporting Cotton—Trouble is Lack of Organization of Southern Farmer in a Financial Way—Conditions Not Favorable for Demand for Cotton in Europe.

SERIOUS MISTAKE NOT TO REDUCE COTTON ACREAGE

Mr. A. W. McLean after a short visit to Lumberton returned last night to Washington to resume his official duties with the War Finance Corporation. A Robesonian reporter asked Mr. McLean if he would not make a statement in connection with yesterday's Washington dispatches to the effect that he and the other members of the War Finance Corporation are trying to do something to aid in the exportation of American cotton. In reply Mr. McLean stated:

At a conference on Monday the directors of the War Finance Corporation, after consultation with Secretary of Commerce Hoover and Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, decided to arrange a conference with a few bankers from each of the cotton-growing states on Monday, April 4th, for the purpose of discussing with them plans to look into the exportation of cotton to European countries. The War Finance Corporation has been authorized by law to extend credit to American exporters or American bankers in connection with the exportation of cotton and other products to foreign countries. The corporation cannot, however, under the law extend credit to foreign concerns. Credits must necessarily be extended to American exporters or American bankers. No advances can be made until the sale of the products has been arranged in the foreign countries. Of course, cotton cannot be exported except by ship-loads. It is manifestly impossible for individual farmers or even small groups of farmers to do this within the provisions of the act of Congress and obtain the financial relief direct, because they cannot arrange the contract for sale on the other side, and for the further reason that ship-loads of cotton are required. The War Finance Corporation, therefore, if it does anything in the matter, is bound to deal with cotton exporters or large banking groups who can provide for sale of large quantities of cotton and who can provide for the movement in shipload quantities. So far, the large exporters and bankers of the South have shown very little disposition to take advantage of the act to help out the general cotton situation. The War Finance Corporation hopes to lay before the exporters and bankers a plan that will encourage them to undertake the enterprise. If the farmers and others interested in cotton were organized into corporations or associations in the same way that the California fruit growers are organized, there would be no trouble in arranging these credits. The trouble with the Southern farmer is he is not organized in a financial way. It is impossible now, in a short time, to provide these organizations except possibly through some of the large banks that are carrying cotton and which, of course, are interested in exporting cotton.

Asked as to the general demand in Europe for cotton, Mr. McLean stated that the conditions are not at all favorable. He stated that confidential advices coming from foreign countries show that while there is need for cotton in these countries, they are wholly unable to buy on account of their depreciated currency, and their general lack of security. He says in a great many of the countries in Europe the conditions are very much like those which existed here at the close of the civil war, and that the population of these countries are spending every available dollar for food stuffs and therefore are unable to buy clothing or raw materials such as cotton, that enter into the manufacture of clothing. It also appears, he says, that large supplies of clothing held by the various warring countries at the close of the war for the use of their armies have been sold at extremely low prices; that people are using this clothing until they are able to buy new clothing, that it will probably take a year or more to exhaust this surplus of old clothing and clothing material now on hand. Mr. McLean further stated that the prospects of higher prices for cotton are very gloomy, that there is such a big surplus of cotton on hand in the world now, that if any considerable crop is produced this year the price may go to four or five cents a pound. The only thing that could save the situation would be for the southern farmers to plant no cotton at all this year. This of course is impracticable for the reason that tenants and others living on farms must have something to do. Mr. McLean stated that from information he had received it looked as if Southern farmers were going to reduce the acreage very little and they ought to be warned now that this is a serious mistake.

Asked as to what he himself had determined to do with respect to reduction, Mr. McLean stated that he

Recorder's Court

Alleged Dispenser of "Flash" Must Report Monthly While Road Sentence is Suspended—Man Who Cut Auto Tires Gets Road Sentence—Other Cases.

Wishart's township held the boards in recorder's court circles again Monday. Pink Willoughby was found guilty on three charges of selling "flash". He was sentenced by Recorder David H. Fuller to three months on the roads in two cases—making a total sentence of six months—while prayer for judgment was continued for 18 months, the defendant to appear in court the first Monday in each month and show good behavior and that he had not sold intoxicants. Willoughby appealed to the Superior court and made bond in the sum of \$1,000.

J. M. Faircloth was charged with whipping his wife, the case being not prosed with leave. George Beck was sentenced to three months on the roads Tuesday on the charge of cutting two tires off Dr. T. C. Johnson's auto. Judgment was also prayed in a former continued judgment for 30 days on the roads—making a total of 4 months. Beck lives at the National cotton mill village. The auto tires were cut Sunday night while Dr. Johnson was attending a patient at the mill village. Beck has been in the toils several times before.

Willie Albert Shelby and Zach Duncan plead guilty of indecent conduct and waived examination. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost. Sallie Allen, the woman in the case, is in jail. It is understood that she is wanted in Wilmington on the charge of larceny from the Red Cross and she will probably be turned over to the Wilmington authorities.

BODIES OF 11 NEGROES FOUND.

Investigation of Alleged Peonage in Georgia Brings to Light 11 Murders Which Are Charged to a Wealthy Plantation Owner and a Negro Employee.

Eleven bodies of negroes have been found in connection with peonage investigations that have been conducted on the farm of John Williams, in Jasper county, Ga. These negroes, the bodies of some of whom were recovered from the Alchovy river, are alleged to have been killed by Williams and a negro employee, Clyde Manning. An inquest held Sunday over 8 of the bodies resulted in a verdict declaring the negroes came to their death at the hands of the negro Manning and naming Williams as accessory. Both Williams and the negro are in the county jail at Atlanta. Two bodies that were found in the Alchovy river Sunday were chained together and weighted down with sacks of stone and iron attached to the head and feet. Bodies of five of the negroes were found buried, and the coroner's jury found that in two instances at least the negroes were forced to dig their own graves. One was sent to dig a post hole and the other to dig a well, and when each had dug his hole deep enough to receive a body he was killed with an axe by Manning.

Four other plantation owners in addition to Williams were said to be under investigation of Federal agents in Jasper county, who are seeking evidence, to convict in alleged peonage cases. Sheriff W. F. Persons of Jasper county, and his son already are under indictment and are to go to trial April 4 in Atlanta, on charges of having kidnaped negroes and taken them into peonage. Governor Dorsey of Georgia requested Tuesday that the 3 sons of John S. Williams be indicted in connection with these wholesale killings of negroes and dispatches from Covington announced that the grand jury there was inquiring into reports that the 3 sons had been instigators of false reports of a negro "uprising" in that section.

"The Public-Spirited Citizen" Will Be Dr. Durham's Subject at First Baptist Sunday Morning.

"The Public-Spirited Citizen" will be the subject of Pastor C. H. Durham's message at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Everybody is invited to hear it.

has arranged for his tenants in Robeson county to plant not more than eight acres of cotton to the mule this year and that he had arranged to furnish them only about \$8 worth of fertilizer to the acre on cotton land as compared with \$25 worth furnished his tenants last year. He is using a home-mixed fertilizer. He states that on large farms which he and his brother own in Bladen county they are reducing the cotton acreage two-thirds; that is, they will plant only about one-third of what they planted last year.

In conclusion Mr. McLean stated that if it were not for the matter of taking care of his tenants by giving them something to do he would not plant an acre of cotton this year, as he feels that it will cost more to produce it under present conditions than could possibly be obtained for it next fall.

Mr. McLean is one of the largest farmers of the county. He has practically all of his last year's crop of cotton on hand in storage warehouses.

April 4 Is Re-valuation Day

County Boards of Commissioners Must Pass Upon Reductions of Land Appraisals at Their Meeting Next Monday or Not at All. County boards of commissioners in each county in the State must pass upon the question of reduction in land appraisals at their meetings next Monday or not at all. State Senator Varser reminds The Robesonian to advise its readers that the law holds the commissioners down to action "at their regular monthly meeting on the first Monday in April."

All persons interested in a general or horizontal reduction of land valuations for taxation should come before the county board of commissioners next Monday.

CLEAN-UP WEEK APRIL 4th to 9th

Correspondence of The Robesonian. If cleanliness comes next to godliness, soap, brooms, rakes, pitchforks and trash wagons may be regarded as means of grace.

Decaying dust is highly inflammable. Get it out from isolated corners. Open up the dark and damp corners, the air and sunshine will help kill the germs. Swat the fly. Clean up the back yards and pile out the trash so the town trucks can get it. Snakes have been known to make their nests in back yards where the folks furnish the material by failing to clean up. Nearly all diseases are preventable because nearly all diseases originate in uncleanness. Clear the dead grass from near fences where fires may catch up. Look well to basements, cellars and furnace rooms. Clean them out thoroughly—remember you carry one-fourth of your insurance yourself. Spontaneous combustion frequently occurs in rubbish left packed about in corners.

Chop up the old boxes in the back yard for firewood and put it in its place. Remove and burn in an open space all old papers, hat boxes and other like trash. Count everything as trash which you have no good sensible reason for cherishing. Start it on the road to the dump heap if you can't burn it entirely up. Keep your chickens at home! Be a good housekeeper.

Sanitary Committee, Town of Lumberton.

Community Pictures—Brief Talk on Bond Issue by Mr. Barnes.

Community services pictures were shown at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening to a fair-sized audience. The pictures were fine but they would have been enjoyed more had not some temporary trouble with the lights made them rather indistinct. During an intermission, Mr. K. M. Barnes made a brief talk on the school bond question. He made the strong points, among others, that a community could no more afford to give a school an undesirable location than a man could afford to build for business or residence in an undesirable location, and that one of the tracts some opponents of the issue claim should be bought because it is a low, wet place that is not fit for school purposes.

PLAY IN NEW SCHOOL HOUSE.

Barker-Ten Mile Students Will Present "Diamonds and Hearts" in New Building Friday Night.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 1, March 28.—The high school pupils of the Barker-Ten Mile school will give a play, "Diamonds and Hearts", in the new school building Friday night of this week, April 1st. Everybody come. Admission 35 and 20 cents, and proceeds will go towards purchasing piano for school.

(Received too late to publish in Monday's paper, as requested—Editor.)

Mrs. A. E. White and daughter, Miss Vashti White, went Tuesday to Richmond, Va., where they will spend a few days.

Mr. G. B. Patterson of Maxton is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. D. E. McLean and daughter, Miss Willie Mae McLean, and Messrs. J. Hammond, R. H. Miller and L. F. Johnson of R. 2, Rowland, are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. A. D. Barnes of R. 3, Lumberton, is in town today.

Mrs. R. G. Stubbs and daughter, little Miss Ruth, left recently for Kansas City, Mo., and Yates Center, Kansas, where they will spend some time visiting relatives.

Mr. O. Y. Stephens of R. 2, Fairmont, is a Lumberton visitor today.

Messrs. A. R. McEachern and L. H. Townsend of St. Pauls were among the visitors in town yesterday.

Mrs. D. A. McQueen of Jacksonville, Fla., who has been visiting relatives and friends in St. Pauls for some time, spent yesterday and last night in town visiting friends. Mrs. McQueen lived in Lumberton before going to Jacksonville.

Mr. J. E. Walters returned this morning from a business trip to New York City and Elmira, N. Y. He was away about 10 days.

St. Pauls News

Marriage of Miss Carrie Lee Herndon and Mr. Graham Webb—Other Social Items—Personal Mention.

St. Pauls, March 30.—Misses Tommie Fisher and Sarah McDuffie returned to Eastern Carolina Teachers Training school at Greenville where they are students today after spending the Easter holidays at home.

Rev. J. J. Murray from Wilmington spent Friday with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Murray, on Main street.

Messrs. David Lancaster and Robert Sessions, who are students at Wake Forest college, returned Monday after spending Easter holidays with their parents here.

Miss Mabel McDonald returned to Golatia Sunday after spending weekend at home.

Messrs. Duncan McEachern, Lee McLean and Francis Northrup, who are students at Davidson college, spent the Easter holidays at home, and returned to Davidson Tuesday.

Miss Josephine Evans, who is doing community work at Enfield, spent the holidays at home with her mother, Mrs. Joseph Evans. She returned to Enfield Monday.

Miss Nettie McLean returned to Flora Macdonald college after spending holidays at home.

Miss Clafa McDonald spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edd McDonald.

Messrs. Ed Butler and Robert Murray returned to Chapel Hill today after spending holidays at home.

We are glad to report that Mr. Albert Guyton, who suffered an attack of pneumonia at Chapel Hill is well enough to be home.

Mr. Julian Butler returned to A. and E., Raleigh, where he is student, after spending holidays at home.

Miss Carrie Lee Herndon and Mr. Graham Webb were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary Catherine Herndon on Blue street, Thursday, March 24th, at 7 o'clock. The marriage was quite a surprise to friends of the bride and groom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Starling and was witnessed by only relatives and a few friends of the bride and groom. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bert Herndon, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Herndon, brothers and sisters of the bride, Miss Pearl Herndon, niece of bride; Mr. Walter Webb, brother of groom; Mr. Will Willis, Mr. Arthur Willis, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McNeill, Mr. Walter Britt, Mr. Douglas Britt, Miss Mary Humphrey, and Miss Annie Kinlaw. Mr. and Mrs. Webb moved to their home in the country on the Northrope-Webb farm Monday.

Quite a number of young people enjoyed the picnic Monday evening which was given by the town girls for the boys and girls who were home for the holidays. The young people motored over to Odom's mill pond, which has served that purpose for years and years and will continue for years to come, and there on the ground in picnic style was spread a bounteous lunch. After they had had a sufficiency of good eats the party motored back to town and every one reported a "snapping" good time.

Mr. A. M. McMillan of Gastonia spent Tuesday in town.

Miss Della McGoogan charmingly entertained the little members of her Sunday school class Tuesday afternoon at an egg hunt, at her home on Armstrong street. The little ones had "loads" of fun in their ramble for the many colored eggs which were hidden among the leaves. After these had been counted and the prize awarded to the one who found the most, the children were led into the parlor, where refreshments were served.

John Burroughs, World-Renowned Naturalist, Passes.

John Burroughs, naturalist of world renown, died suddenly Tuesday morning on a passenger train near Kingsville, Ohio, on his way from California, where he spent the winter, to his home by the banks of the Hudson river near Poughkeepsie, N. Y. The body will be taken to Roxbury, in the Catskill mountains, and buried Sunday, the 84 anniversary of his birth, near the spot where he was born.

Marine Corps Airplanes Land in Fayetteville.

Marine corps airplanes which left Bolling field, Washington, Tuesday morning on a 5,000-mile flight to the Virgin Islands, landed at Pope field, near Fayetteville, yesterday afternoon. They are making the flight to demonstrate the adaptability of land-type aircraft for combination land and water flying.

Mr. J. Abner Barker of Roseboro spent Monday night here visiting his father, Mr. W. P. Barker.

Mr. W. L. Dougherty, Jr., a student at Edward's business college, Winston-Salem, is visiting home folks for a few days.

Messrs. S. B. McLean and H. C. McNair and Rural Policeman W. W. Smith of Maxton were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Messrs. J. I. and N. A. Townsend, Spurgeon Jones and I. V. Britt of the Ten Mile section were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Mr. I. B. Tucker of Whiteville was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

Parkton Military Company Organized

It Starts Out 58 Strong and the Town is Delighted—Miss Douglass Beard Becomes Bride of Mr. C. M. Arie Today—Parkton Defeats Lumber Bridge—Personal and Other Items. BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, March 29.—We are in receipt of the following announcement: "Mr. and Mrs. Cornie Lee Beard announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Douglass, to Mr. Carl Murphy Arie on Thursday, March 31st, Parkton, N. C. At home after April 15th, 814 South church street, Rocky Mount, N. C."

Maj. J. B. Malloy advises the writer that on Monday night, March 21st, a military company was organized in the town of Parkton, known as Company L. 1st North Carolina Infantry. The company is at present 58 strong, with the following officers: E. A. McDonald, captain; Guy A. Pratt, 1st lieutenant; Jno. D. McCormick, 2nd lieutenant; Robert J. Furdge, mess sergeant; Pemberton B. McCormick, supply sergeant; Charles Williamson and R. B. Hutson, musicians.

Other non-commissioned officers will be named later. On Tuesday night, the 22nd, Dr. J. Vance McGoogan came down and made the physical examination on said company, last night measurements for uniforms were taken by sergeant McCormick, and today Gen. J. V. B. Metts of Wilmington arrived and spent the day. He was met by Maj. Malloy and Capt. McDonald and was entertained with several others at the elegant home of Mr. J. B. McCormick. Gen. Metts is much enthused over the new company and speaks in complimentary terms of its future.

The armory for the company at present is in the Perry building. Maj. Malloy has lost no time in organizing this new company since he was advised that it was possible to do so, making several trips to Raleigh. Our town and community are delighted over their success. The women are much enthused also and declare they will encourage the boys every way possible. The business men of our town endorse it and why not? for it means much to them financially, as around \$4,000 will be the annual output of said company.

Mr. Chas. Vance McMillan left Monday for Rocky Mount, where he goes on trial with the Rocky Mount League baseball team as catcher. Vance caught for Raeford League last season.

We are glad to report the condition of Mr. Eugene Gainey, who has been critically ill with pneumonia for more than a week, much better. Oxygen was used freely for a few days and his life is attributed somewhat to its use, also the faithfulness of his physician, Dr. D. S. Currie, also his brother, Dr. John Gainey of Fayetteville, who spent several days with him, also the untiring services of the two nurses, Misses McArthur and Johnson.

All the teachers of the graded school spent Easter with home folks, so there was no school Monday.

There was no special musical program held at the M. E. church Sunday, as was planned, on account of sickness of certain members of the choir. A very interesting sermon was heard by a large congregation from the pastor, Rev. W. L. Maness. There was preaching also at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and at night by the pastor, Rev. J. K. Hall, and at the evening services we were favored with a splendid solo by Miss Johnson.

Mr. Justin McNeill and family of Lumberton spent Sunday here with home folks.

The local high school team went over to Lumber Bridge this afternoon and crossed bats with the L. B. high school team. Score, 7 to 10 in favor of Parkton. Features of the game for Parkton were the fast playing on 2nd by Blount and the work at the bat by Williamson. Batteries for Parkton, Herndon and McRaney; for L. B., Marley and Shaw. It was said that Marley pitched a fine game but was short of support.

Mr. Darl Farrel of Chapel Hill spent Easter with home folks, also his sister Miss Sally of Greensboro college.

Miss Pauline Sikes of Greenville spent Easter with home folks.

Miss Marie McMillan, who teaches at Zebulon, spent Easter with relatives and returned Monday.

Lieut. Coney Succumbs to Injuries.

Lieut. W. D. Coney, who was seriously injured when his airplane crashed into a tree near Crowville, La., last Friday, died of his injuries in a hospital in Natchez, Miss., yesterday. He was injured on his second attempt at a transcontinental one-stop flight, having previously made a flight from San Diego, Cal., to Pablo Beach, Fla., in 22 hours and 27 minutes flying time, establishing a new record. He was 27 years old and was a flying instructor during the war. His home was at Brunswick, Ga.

Mr. M. A. Odum of the St. Pauls section was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

SATURDAY LAST DAY.

Saturday is the last day for registration for the school bond election. Those who fail to register by 6 p. m. on that day, at which time the registration books will be closed, cannot vote in the election next Tuesday.

DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER

DOLLAR DAY APRIL 7.

Thursday of next week, April 7, will be DOLLAR DAY in Lumberton. Merchants who want advertisements in Monday's Robesonian will please get in their copy early.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 cents the pound; strict middling 10½ cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—March is going out as quietly as it came in.

—Born, Tuesday night, to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McNeill, a son.

—Next week, April 4 to 9, is clean-up week all over the State.

—Local stores will close at 6 p. m. daily, except Saturday beginning Monday of next week.

—Installation of officers of the order of the Eastern Star will take place in the Masonic hall tomorrow (Friday) evening at 8 o'clock.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Wilson, yesterday at Dunn, a girl. Mrs. Wilson was Miss Flora Prevatt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Prevatt of Lumberton.

—Mr. J. T. Bateman returned Monday evening to his home at St. Pauls after recently undergoing an operation at a local hospital. His condition was very much improved.

—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the residence of Ed Wortham, colored, about one mile west of town, late Monday afternoon. Wortham lost practically all his furniture also.

—Mr. S. D. Sanderson has sold his fruit and grocery business on Elm street to Mr. W. M. Warwick of the Allenton section. Mr. Warwick will continue the business at the same stand.

—Peggie Locklear and Dannie Locklear, Indians who live near Wakulla, Smiths township, were married here Tuesday at 3:15 p. m. in the office of the register of deeds, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—Master James Nance, 12-year-old son of Mrs. Rosa Nance, had his collar bone broken Sunday when he fell while playing. His condition is reported as favorable and it is thought he will be out in a short time.

—Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins left yesterday for Bennettsville, S. C., in response to a message advising that her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. P. Watson of Bennettsville, had been run down by an auto and seriously injured. She is not expected to recover.

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis and his office force have been very busy during the last few days tearing tax receipts from the books. Yet there are many who have not called for their 1920 tax receipt. Land upon which the 1920 taxes have not been paid will be advertised for sale next week. This also applies to drainage tax.

—The following from Rev. C. V. Brooks, former pastor of the Baptist church at Red Springs: "Please send my paper to High Point, instead of Red Springs. The Robesonian is a valuable contribution to journalism and we shall look for its semi-weekly visits with great pleasure. My pastorate will begin with the West End Baptist church in High Point April 3. With best wishes to The Robesonian and all my friends who read it."

—Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle left last evening for Chapel Hill to resume his studies at the State university after spending a few days here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Carlyle. Mr. Carlyle has already received his license to practice law, having passed the examination last February. He has accepted a position in the legal department of the National Surety Co., of Philadelphia, Pa., and will go to Philadelphia to begin work at the close of the spring term at the university.

BASEBALL

Lumberton Defeats Fairmont—Locals Play Orum Here Tomorrow.

Reported for The Robesonian. The Lumberton high school baseball team defeated the Fairmont high school team on the local grounds Tuesday, the score being 9 to 6 in favor of the locals. Batteries: Lumberton—Pope and Norton; Fairmont—Kelly and Riff.

We will have another game here Friday, April 1, with Orum. Will be glad to have the public come out and "root" for the home team.

Fruit and Truck Not Damaged by Cold.

The weather did not get cold enough hereabouts to damage the fruit crop and gardens during the recent cold snap, in the opinion of Mr. O. O. Stokes, county farm demonstrator, and Mr. B. M. Davis, local weather man. The coldest weather registered at the local government station was on Tuesday night, when the thermometer registered 38, or six degrees above the freezing point. The thermometer dropped to 42 on Monday night.