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Tobacco Damaged By Hail

Considerable Damage Done by Hail in Tolarsville Section Saturday Afternoon—6-Acre Tobacco Crop on Farm of Mr. Geo. Graham Practically Destroyed.

A hail storm did considerable damage in the Tolarsville section Saturday afternoon. The greatest damage was done to a 6-acre tobacco crop on Mr. Geo. Graham's plantation, the crop being practically destroyed. Mr. Graham's cotton and corn crops were somewhat damaged by the hail, but will likely out-grow the damage. The tobacco crops on some other farms in that immediate section were also damaged, according to reports reaching Lumberton.

Levy Edwards Escaped Convict Arrested

Man Who Departed from Chain Gang Wearing Suit of Clothes and Pistol Belonging to Policeman Lawton Will Be Given a Hearing Tomorrow.

Levy Edwards, escaped convict, was arrested Friday and is in jail here. Edwards escaped from the chain gang several weeks ago after serving two months of an 8-months' sentence imposed by Recorder David H. Fuller on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. Edwards will be tried tomorrow on the charge of carrying concealed weapons and assault upon Berry Sellers with a deadly weapon.

As was stated in The Robesonian at the time of his escape, Edwards left wearing a suit of clothes and also with a pistol belonging to Chief of Police B. M. Lawson of Fairmont. Chief Lawson took Edwards with him to locate a whiskey still and while making the search he made his escape.

Two Ball Games Here July 4th.

Fairmont and Lumberton Will Play Morning and Afternoon—Probably Will Be Other Attractions in Lumberton on that Day.

There will be two ball games on Monday of next week—July 4. Lumberton and Fairmont will play both games—one at 10:30 a. m., and a second at 4 p. m. Both these will be regular schedule games, the morning game winding up the first half of the season and the afternoon game being the first of the second half.

It is probable that there will be some other attractions here on that day, though no program has yet been arranged except baseball. Lumberton will be delighted to have you spend the Fourth here.

AMERICAN LEGION SMOKER.

All ex-Service Men are Urged to Attend Smoker Thursday Evening. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

All ex-service men, whether members of this post or not, are requested to be present at a smoker to be given by the Lumberton post Thursday night at 8:30. Music and other forms of entertainment will be provided.

This is the usual monthly smoker, but certain business matters are to be taken up and it is hoped that every member will be present. If you are not already a member of this or some other post, it is hoped that you will be present and join or that you will send in your name for membership.

R. S. Beam, Commander.

OAT CROP ONE OF BEST EVER GROWN IN ROBESON

Indications Are That Corn Crop Will be Short in County This Year.

Indications point to a short corn crop in Robeson this year, according to the farmers. The cold weather in the spring made it difficult to get a good "stand" and the insects played havoc with corn in the lowlands. The oat crop, which has recently been harvested, was one of the best ever grown in the county, it is said.

County Boards will Meet July 5 Instead of First Monday.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the board of county commissioners and the county board of education will meet on Tuesday, July 5, instead of Monday July 4—Independence Day. It has been learned since Thursday that the county board will also meet on Tuesday.

Tobacco Has Gotten a Move On.

"My tobacco is twice as large as it was a week ago," said a Robeson farmer Saturday. The rain which fell hereabouts a week ago was the making of tobacco.

Members of the Woman's Club made a canvass of the merchants of the town relative to giving their employees a half-holiday on Thursday of each week during the summer months. All but about a half a dozen of the merchants signed an agreement to close their stores each Thursday at noon and the matter has now been turned over to the Merchants association. It is not probable that the plan will be put into operation this summer, however.

Shooting Stars May Be Seen

Pons-Winnecke, Hobo Comet, May Give Brilliant "Meteoric Display" Near Handle of Big Dipper Tonight or Tomorrow Night—Tail of Comet Scheduled to Pass Near Earth's Orbit Today.

Pons-Winnecke, the hobo comet that sports a tail some 2 million miles long, is expected to swish that tail all over the place tonight or tomorrow night, or maybe Wednesday night, and when that happens falling meteors or "shooting stars" may be observed in the skies. Various and sundry people lately have been "kidding" Pons-Winnecke, the "hobo of the solar system," who comes around every five and a half years, and various reports have gone abroad about what is going to happen. It has been variously estimated that the comet will miss the earth anywhere between the trifles of 1 million to 12 million miles, but all agree that this festive comet does not mean, and will not do, any harm.

The Charlotte Observer today quotes its local meteorologist as saying that the comet's tail is scheduled to pass near the earth's orbit today and that there will be a brilliant "meteoric display." Oh maybe he will not leave his card until tomorrow night or Wednesday night. The fireworks will be located in the vicinity of the handle of the Big Dipper, says the Charlotte weather man.

Some astronomical authorities hold that the meteoric display is liable to be as brilliant as in the great year of 1833, when the stars were thought to have fallen, but it was only this same Pons-Winnecke paying a social call.

It will be interesting to watch the heavens for the next few nights and see what sort of fireworks the hobo comet is going to give.

Still Captured In Loft of Kitchen

Officers Found Complete for Making the Juice and 50 Gallons of Beer at Home of Sampson Cox in Britts—Cox Released on \$500 Bond and Will Be Given Hearing July 5.

Officers captured a 60-gallon copper whiskey still in the home of Sampson Cox in Britts township Thursday afternoon. The still was located in the loft of the kitchen at the Cox home and was a complete outfit. A 50-gallon barrel of beer was found in Cox's smokehouse. The still appeared to have been operated a short time before it was captured, according to the officers. Cox was arrested and later released under a \$500 bond. He will be given a hearing before Recorder David H. Fuller on Tuesday, July 5.

ST. ALBANS LODGE INSTALLS OFFICERS; GIVES BANQUET

Many Out-of-Town Masons at Banquet Given by Local Lodge Friday Evening—Third Degree Conferred. Reported for The Robesonian.

Officers of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., were installed for the ensuing year at a special communication held last Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. First and second degrees in Masonry were also conferred at this communication.

Assistant Grand Lecturer Dr. W. C. Wicker acted as installation officer, and Dr. R. T. Allen as marshal.

Following is the list of new officers: J. C. Stansel, master; B. F. McMillan, Jr., senior warden; T. W. Bullock, junior warden; E. J. Britt, P. M.; treasurer; B. G. Floyd, secretary; J. C. Bryant, senior deacon; L. W. Wicker, junior deacon; F. K. Biggs, senior steward; R. I. Belch, junior steward; G. E. Rancke, Sr., tyler.

A banquet given by the lodge from 6 to 7:30 Friday evening was attended by around 200 Masons. Invitations were sent to all the Masonic lodges in the county and many out-of-town Masons were present. Mr. James D. Proctor acted as toastmaster. Short addresses were made by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, Dr. W. C. Wicker, assistant grand lecturer, Messrs. C. B. Skipper, Jno. S. Butler of St. Pauls and E. J. Britt.

The third degree was conferred after the banquet.

Recorder's Court.

J. G. Stephens was fined \$5 and cost by Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday on the charge of spattering mud upon Mrs. Dalton Stephens with an auto.

Fred Tolar pled guilty of violating the sanitary ordinance and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost.

Emory Hammonds, Indian, was found not guilty of operating an auto while intoxicated.

Henry McRae, colored, pled guilty of violating the sanitary laws and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Towns Are Asked to Present Data.

Gov. Morrison and the Council of State decided Saturday to ask the municipalities of the State to support by statements showing their financial condition their petition for a special session of the Legislature to give them financial relief.

Admiral Sims Gets Public Reprimand

For Speech in London Sims is Reprimanded by Secretary Denby—Sims Says He Got What He Deserved.

Washington, June 24.—Secretary Denby today "publicly" reprimanded Rear Admiral William S. Sims, as a result of the speech the admiral made in London June 7, in which he criticized the Sinn Fein sympathizers in America.

In the reprimand Mr. Denby pointed out that once before the navy department had found it necessary to take similar action against the officer for an address delivered in London in 1911, and referring to the text of that reprimand, added:

"Your remarks on the occasion now under discussion, therefore, constitute a flagrant and deliberate disregard of specific instructions."

While the naval secretary was making public the reprimand, Admiral Sims was calling on President Harding at the white house. "It was explained that the admiral called to leave his card as is the custom when high naval officers return from a trip abroad, but that the president invited him to chat for a few minutes."

Upon leaving the white house, Admiral Sims, referring to the reprimand, said:

"I got what I deserved—the same old thing."

He added that he regretted having caused the administration any inconvenience, but said that he now considered the incident closed.

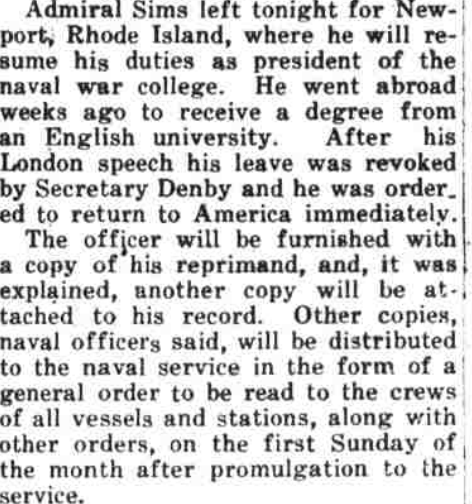
So far as could be learned, the reprimand was not mentioned during the admiral's visit to the President.

Upon leaving the white house the officer joked with newspaper correspondents. Asked if his conversation with the executive had been pleasant, he replied sharply, but with a smile:

"Of course it was."

Admiral Sims left tonight for Newport, Rhode Island, where he will resume his duties as president of the naval war college. He went abroad weeks ago to receive a degree from an English university. After his London speech his leave was revoked by Secretary Denby and he was ordered to return to America immediately.

The officer will be furnished with a copy of his reprimand, and it was explained, another copy will be attached to his record. Other copies, naval officers said, will be distributed to the naval service in the form of a general order to be read to the crews of all vessels and stations, along with other orders, on the first Sunday of the month after promulgation to the service.



Admiral Wm. Sims

He was publicly reprimanded Friday by Secretary of the Navy Denby for a recent speech in London in which he criticized Sinn Fein sympathizers in America.

MOVEMENT TO ESTABLISH FISH HATCHERY ON LUMBER RIVER

Mr. J. G. Baldwin of Maxton Has Received Letters Which Give Encouragement to a Project to Establish a Fish Hatchery in Robeson.

Senator F. M. Simmons has written Mr. J. G. Baldwin of Maxton that he is urging the Bureau of Fisheries to send a very large assortment of fish, two or three car loads, if possible, for establishing a fish hatchery on Lumber river, in Robeson county. Mr. H. M. Smith, commissioner of the Bureau of Fisheries at Washington, has written Senator Simmons that in conformity with his request the bureau will undertake to have made an investigation and will send a man down to go over the territory to be stocked. Mr. A. W. McLean also has interested himself in the matter.

Senator Simmons says he does not know how much fish the department can find it practicable to send at this time but hopes "that they can stock the river adequately."

The correspondence relative to this matter was published in last week's Scottish Chief.

Entertainment at East Lumberton Methodist Church Thursday Evening

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

By request of the children of East Lumberton, will repeat the little program given last Tuesday night.

It will take place at the Methodist church, East Lumberton, Thursday, June 30, at 7:45, p. m. All cordially invited.

Clothing Relief Day July 4

Clothing is Needed for Relief of Destitute People in War-Devastated Countries of the Near East—County Chairman Johnson Names Committees to Receive Contributions.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

At the earnest request of Hon. Joseph Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, who is acting as State chairman for the "clothing campaign" for the near east relief. The day set apart by the national chairman has passed, but on account of the fact that the State did not get properly organized, I have been requested to designate a new date for the gathering of the clothing and I, therefore, have decided to name July 4th as "clothing relief day."

Much has been said in the press during the last several weeks with reference to the lack of food and clothing in this war-swept country. The letter issued to the American people by the wife of President Harding perhaps sets forth the needs of these people as clearly and as appealingly as anything that has been written. I quote it as follows:

"To the American People:

"From across the sea destitute Christian and Jewish peoples in the Bible country, piteously cry to America for the 'crumbs' from our tables and the old clothes from our closets. Through no fault of their own these ancient races who were loyal to their God and to the allied cause find themselves unable to earn a livelihood or rebuild homes. All they possess has been destroyed."

"Throughout this great land of ours has gone the S. O. S. of the near east relief and from our bounty every man, woman and child is asked to share spare clothing so that little helpless children and hundreds of thousands of men and women who are now desperately trying to cover naked bodies with rags and burlap bags shall be saved from death by exposure next winter. Have we not all of us some things we can spare or sacrifice?"

"I have confidence that the children of America will share their toys, games and dolls with the hundreds of thousands of children who have forgotten how to smile or play and if you take your bundle to the nearest near east relief clothing station on June 1, 'the good Samaritan ship' will carry aid to the countless numbers who are in dire need of our help."

(Signed)

"FLORENCE KLING HARDING."

I have appointed one lady and one gentleman for each of the towns of the county to act as the committee in gathering this clothing. Any sort of a serviceable garment of any size or description, new or second-hand, if clean, is acceptable. On account of the fact that the clothing has to be packed very carefully in order to be shipped economically, it is suggested that all contributions be sent to the county director for packing and shipping. I have designated Mr. L. H. Caldwell as county director who will receive the clothing and see that it is properly packed. It can be forwarded to him either by parcel post, express, or brought in person. It is urged that everybody in the county who can do so have some part in this contribution, and those residing in the country are urged to send the clothing to the nearest committee.

The following is a list of the committee appointed:

Maxton—Mr. Howard McNair and Mrs. H. A. McKinnon.

Red Springs—Mr. J. S. Jones and Mrs. J. A. Lové.

Rowland—Rev. John McQueen and Mrs. C. D. Smith.

Parkton—Mr. Collier Cobb and Mrs. D. S. Currie.

St. Pauls—Mr. John S. Butler and Mrs. J. A. Johnson.

Rennett—Mr. Lacy McNair and Mrs. R. D. Graham.

Fairmont—Mr. C. H. Cale and Mrs. Grace Thompson.

Barnesville—Mr. R. R. Pittman and Mrs. Maud Barnes.

Orum—Mr. I. H. Warwick and Mrs. M. Shephard.

Lumber Bridge—Mr. J. S. Hodges and Mrs. E. L. Graham.

Lumberton—Mr. M. B. Robbins and Miss Mary G. McNeill.

Marietta—Mr. B. L. Temple and Mrs. W. M. Oliver.

Pembroke—Mr. R. H. Livermore and Mrs. J. A. McCormick.

Proctorville—Mr. H. Barnes and Mrs. C. M. Reeves.

Very respectfully yours,

T. L. JOHNSON,

County Chairman.

Lumberton, June 27.

Frank Linney Will be Confirmed, is Prediction.

It is confidently predicted that Frank Linney will be confirmed as district attorney for the western district of North Carolina. Negro opposition to Mr. Linney crumbled Friday before the Senate Judiciary committee.

Telegraphic Reports of Dempsey-Carpentier Fights.

The Robesonian will receive special telegraphic reports of the Dempsey-Carpentier fight at Jersey City on July 2nd by the United Press.

Parkton Letter

Funeral at Red Springs of Marvin Odom, Who Lost His Life in France

Parkton Armory 3rd Best in State—Picnic and Ball Game at Midway July 4th—Good Yield of Oats—Plant Peas for Seed—Some Fine Corn But It is Not Promising as a Rule—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, June 24.—Our town was well represented at Red Springs Sunday evening, attending the funeral and burial of the remains of Marvin Odom, who lost his life in France during the late war. A firing squad of Co. L, N. C. I., had charge of the services at the grave. The full military services were performed amidst the downpour of a heavy rain, Charles M. Williamson sounded taps. Capt. B. A. McDonald was master of ceremonies. Rev. H. M. Dixon preached the sermon, which was said to be the best ever heard in this section.

There was a National guard instructor with the boys of Co. L. last night. Have forgotten his name, but he gave the boys an interesting and instructive lecture, also instructed them in drill, manual of arms, etc. He said that our army ranks third best in the State, while Burlington ranks first and Winston-Salem second. He said he was much surprised to see such a splendid company in a town of Parkton's population, but that the boys from the farm were the best yet. Also said that there would be another regimental band, that our material was adequate and that he saw no reason we should not have it. Mr. B. D. Ward, band master, is with the citizens' band at present and things are already becoming lively.

Mr. Z. V. Tolar and family, Miss Allen and Mr. Singletary, all of Tar Heel, were callers Sunday evening. Miss Allen remained over with relatives and went down to Red Springs Monday to enter the teachers' institute. Miss Louise Garrison also is attending institute and probably others from our town.

Miss Mary Patterson Livingston and sister, Miss Janette arrived in town tonight on their way home from New York and other points North. Miss Mary Patterson has been taking a postgraduate course in Columbia university.

Virginia McNatt, with a number of her young friends, enjoyed a birthday party on the 22nd. Cream and cake were served.

Mr. Luther Thames of Wagram is off duty as salesman of the Wagram Mercantile Co. at present and is spending the time with home folks.

Mr. J. F. Williamson of Charlotte is enjoying a week's vacation with home folks and friends.

We attended an interesting baseball game at Fairmont Wednesday p. m. Eleven innings were played when Lumberton became victorious.

White Oak team and Buck Horn team locked horns last Saturday p. m. for one of the hardest-fought games of the season, tying the game 3 to 3 in the first of the 9th inning and the game was called off on account of a disputed decision on third base. A pitcher's battle between McMillan of Buck Horn and Tatum of White Oak. The Wade baseball team will play on the Buck Horn diamond tomorrow evening, which promises to be interesting.

Capt. and Mrs. Angus Jenrigan are the parents of a fine nine-lb boy which arrived the 22nd.

Why not mention Midway? It is a service station a couple of miles away, a beautiful and ideal place, and our good friend Neill A. McMillan is on the job all the time, and it is reported that a great fourth of July celebration and picnic will be enjoyed at that point, also a big baseball game on his brand new diamond. Yes, we will be there.

Mr. J. G. Hughes threshed 701 bushels of oats from one patch of oats, averaging most 50 bushels per acre. Who can beat this?

Now a word to all farmers in regard to raising peas. Why not plant plenty of peas for seed for another year, regardless of the high price? If the farmers do not plant them this year they will be still higher another year. We admit the price is too high but do not stand back on that, if you do you may pay more next year.

Mr. M. R. Tolar has the finest patch of corn in our section, as we see it, while Mr. J. D. McRainy has the largest field and it is mighty fine. Corn, as a rule, is not very promising so far in our township.

The boys of Co. L. are having a warm reception tonight.

Community Workers Appreciated.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Misses Emma and Anna Dirstine left last Wednesday for their home in Canada. These ladies were employed by the Lumberton Cotton Mill Co. as community workers and made their home in East Lumberton. It is with deep regret the operatives part with these splendid Christian women and sincerely trust they may return to the work at some future time.

OPERATIVES.

Mr. E. C. Watson and two children, Miss Myrtie and Master Walter, of R. 1, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Thursday afternoon.

COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 9 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

License has been issued for the marriage of Herbert L. Tyson and Sudie Johnson.

Special communication St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Degree work.

Add to cotton blossoms heretofore reported one from Tommie Sanderson, R. 3, Lumberton, mailed on the 24th inst.

Mr. A. J. Holmes, local jeweler, is offering a \$3 gold pencil to the member of the local baseball team who first knocks a home run.

Special meeting W. O. W. tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock. Refreshments will be served and all members are urged to be present.

Mr. J. R. English, manager of Efrid's department store in Wilmington, spent a few hours here Thursday evening. Mr. English was formerly manager of the Efrid store here.

Lloyd Locklear, Indian, who lives near Buie, brought to The Robesonian office this morning a cotton blossom that was found in his field this morning.

The condition of Rev. J. M. Fleming, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium, is reported as improving and he expects to be able to leave the sanatorium soon.

Messrs. B. W. Ashworth and Joe Hay of Dallas, Texas, are guests at the home of Mr. Ashworth's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Nye, Fourteenth street. They made the trip from Dallas—more than 1,500 miles—by auto.

Mr. W. K. Brock and son, Mr. Frank Brock, of St. Pauls, who were in an auto wreck Thursday and brought immediately to the Baker sanatorium, are getting along nicely. Mr. Brock junior was able to leave the sanatorium Saturday while Mr. Brock senior is still in the sanatorium.

Messrs. D. W. Biggs, J. H. Wishart, L. C. Townsend and A. J. Holmes returned home Thursday night from Greensboro, where they attended the annual meeting of the North Carolina Merchants association. Messrs. Biggs and Wishart also visited the Southern furniture exposition at High Point while away.

Young ladies who have recently returned home from the various colleges will give a concert in the high school auditorium Friday evening of this week, the proceeds to go to the suffering children of Europe. An admission fee of 25 and 50 cents will be charged. The concert promises to be highly entertaining.

October 18 to 21 will be the dates of the Robeson county fair this year. The management is already planning for the fair and the premium list will be gotten out at an early date. It is the purpose of the fair officials to make the 1921 fair the best ever held in the county. Farmers are asked to cooperate in making this possible.

The tobacco crop in Robeson has made great improvement during the last week, according to Mr. W. M. Worley, well-known warehouseman of Fairmont and Asheville. Mr. Worley passed through town Friday en route to Asheville, where he will spend a few days with home folks before the opening of the selling season—July 19.

Washington Cor., June 24, Raleigh News & Observer: The Post-office Department announces that John C. Snoddy, Jr., has been appointed acting postmaster at Red Springs, a Presidential postoffice, as of June 15, 1921. It also announces that it has rescinded the order by which the star route service from Elizabethtown to Dublin was discontinued.

An idiotic negro was shot in the legs by another negro at Fairmont Wednesday night of last week. The negro climbed through a window and frightened the wife of the negro who did the shooting, it is said. The wounded negro was brought to Lumberton and later carried to the county home. The negro who did the shooting was not arrested. The names of the negroes have not been learned.

Lumberton now has an ice cream manufacturing plant. The plant has been installed by Messrs. Rogers Brothers, local Pepsi-Cola bottlers, South Chestnut street. The plant has a capacity of 150 gallons per day. Besides supplying the local trade, it is the purpose of the Messrs. Rogers to supply other near by towns with home-made ice cream. This reporter sampled the cream and found it to be "fit for a King."

Thinks July 15 Rather Late for Opening Tobacco Market.

July 15 is rather late for opening the local tobacco market, according to the view of Mr. B. M. Stephens of R. 4, Lumberton, who was among the visitors in town Friday. He thinks the market should open by July 7. Down his way, Mr. Stephens says, most farmers have 1 to 3 barns already cured.

Mr. Stephens says farmers are experiencing some difficulty in getting help, too. He recently hired a negro who had not worked any since January, but that negro after working a while in the morning and getting dinner, disappeared and failed to show up for work again.