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Busy Week On Tobacco Market

Much Tobacco From a Distance Sold on Local Market—Bulk of Crop Probably Will be Sold by End of Week—Much Tips and Low Grades Being Offered—Warehouses Will Remain Open for Some Time.

Good tobacco continues to sell at "fair" prices, while much of the tobacco being offered now is tips and low grade and the prices on this are low. This has been a very busy week on the local market and much tobacco from a distance has been sold here. It is expected that the bulk of the crop will have been sold by the end of the week. There is quite a bit of tobacco scattered throughout the tobacco belt, however, and the warehouses will be open for some time yet.

44 Men Killed In Wreck of Dirigible

Officers and Men of U. S. and British Navies Met Death in Collapse of Monster Dirigible ZR-2—Only 5 of 49 Men Making Trial Trip Saved—North Carolinian on the Ship.

An Associated Press dispatch of Aug. 24, from Hull, England, says that 44 men were killed in the wreck of the dirigible ZR-2. The ship was on a test flight from Pulham, Virginia, to the United States. The dirigible was carrying 49 men, including 27 officers and 22 men of the British navy. The ship was on a test flight from Pulham, Virginia, to the United States. The dirigible was carrying 49 men, including 27 officers and 22 men of the British navy.

Every one of the Americans on board the ill-fated craft perished as far as could be ascertained at midnight tonight.

Only five men of the 49 who were making the trial trip in the dirigible prior to the vessel being turned over to the United States navy are known to have been saved.

Starting from Howden Tuesday morning on a test flight to Pulham, the big aircraft had been aloft for 34 hours, at times in bad weather, and was returning to the Pulham airdrome at the time of the disaster, which constitutes the most terrible of its kind in peace times.

The ZR-2, which was a sister ship of the famous Z-34, the first dirigible to cross the Atlantic, was on her final test trip prior to being accepted by the United States navy, and taken across the Atlantic by an American crew especially trained for that purpose. She was 695 feet long and was built to carry a crew of 30. Her speed was estimated at 70 miles an hour. The American navy was to pay \$2,000,000 for the craft.

While flying at about 1,000 feet over Hull spectators saw the ZR-2 seeming to buckle amidships and plunge downward over the city and into Humber river. One theory of the cause of the disaster is that while the ship's rudders were being tested, the giant craft took a sharp turn, which caused her frame-work to buckle and that the explosion of a gasoline tank completed the tragedy of the air. The actual cause, however, never may be known. A rumor had been afloat for some days that the ZR-2 was structurally weak, but this was stoutly denied by all in authority.

Tens of thousands of spectators saw several men climb outside the balloon and drop from the falling mass, which was enveloped in smoke and others jumped into the Humber as the crippled craft came over the water. As the dirigible struck, the wreckage above the water burning, and there was slight chance for any of the men caught inside to escape.

One North Carolinian, Maurice Lay, of Greensboro, was aboard the huge dirigible, ZR-2, when she collapsed yesterday, according to the Associated Press dispatches. The sole Tar Heel was a rigger and he, like other members of the hand-picked crew, had spent a year and five months in training for the voyage the big dirigible was to have made across the Atlantic.

House Passes Senate Relief Bill for Agricultural Products.

Washington, Aug. 23.—With a number of amendments, the Senate bill, which would make one billion dollars available through the War Finance corporation for stimulating exportation of agricultural products, was passed today by the House.

State Examination for Teachers August 30 and 31.

The State examination for school teachers will be held in Lumberton August 30 to 31. Examination will be given for all certificates and will be conducted by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction.

W. O. W. Meeting at Long Branch.

A special meeting of Pine camp No. 144, W. O. W., will be held at Long Branch Saturday night of this week. Refreshments will be served and all members are urged to be present.

Mrs. E. L. Norton of Charlotte is a guest at the home of her mother, Mrs. Lizzie G. Froctor, Sixth street. Mr. and Mrs. Norton will begin house-keeping in their new home in Charlotte at an early date.

New Page In Agriculture In Robeson

"Better Pastures" and Anti-Boll Weevil-Meeting Held Yesterday at Farm of Mr. J. S. Oliver—Farmers Inspect Pasture—Best Methods of Farming Under Boll Weevil Conditions Explained.

ADVENT OF WEEVIL FORCES CHANGE OF METHODS

The arrival of the boll weevil means a new page in agriculture in Robeson county, declared Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, in addressing a large number of farmers at a meeting held on the farm of former Representative J. S. Oliver, near Marietta, yesterday afternoon. The meeting yesterday was termed "a better pastures" meeting and was held at a spring in Mr. Oliver's permanent pasture.

Mr. Oliver had discovered since it was decided to hold the meeting that he has plenty of boll weevils in his cotton and the meeting was turned into a discussion of the weevil, how to best fight him and the best methods of farming under boll weevil conditions. Naturally the permanent pasture is one of the methods urged by Mr. Dukes for overcoming the injury resulting from the activities of the weevil.

Farmers Inspect Pasture.

Before the address of Mr. Dukes the large number of farmers attending the meeting inspected Mr. Oliver's pasture. He has twenty acres fenced in, 12 acres cleared and 8 acres in the woods. In this pasture Mr. Oliver has forty-one fine Poland China hogs of various ages. Mr. Oliver has growing in the pasture mixed grasses and Lespedeza, or Japan, clover. With the advent of the boll weevil he plans to increase the pasture to 75 acres and raise hogs and cattle on a much larger scale.

Best Time to Fight Weevil.

In beginning his address Mr. Dukes told of the best known methods of fighting the boll weevil, stating that the best time to fight him was during the winter months. The plan for fighting him during the cold months is to cut stalks early, break the land and burn all trash and rubbish about the farm. He also urged the raising and protecting of birds, declaring that the partridge, or quail, is the worst enemy to the boll weevil. The importance of enforcing the game law was stressed by Mr. Dukes and others present. The speaker told of the great numbers of weevils that may be destroyed during the summer by picking up "squares" that have fallen off the cotton stalks and burning them. Small children can pick them up and destroy them.

Urge 75 Per Cent. Reduction of Cotton Acreage.

Mr. Dukes urged a 75 per cent reduction of the cotton acreage, early planting, rapid cultivation and the use of all fertilizer when planted or soon thereafter. Late application of fertilizer will only furnish food for the breeding of more weevils, he declared. Cotton should be planted after a corn and bean crop and not planted on the same land two years in succession.

Grow Everything Needed

The importance of growing everything needed on the farm at home was stressed by the speaker. He also advocated planting sweet potatoes as a money crop and warned of the importance of preparing houses for curing the potatoes. He suggested that the farmers of various communities build co-operative potato houses and field of the plans for erecting such houses. Farmers interested in the housing problem can get instructions for the erection of such houses and also in curing the potatoes by applying to Mr. Dukes. By curing the potatoes there is never any danger of losing a crop, he said.

Permanent Pastures Necessary.

Getting to the subject of permanent pastures, the speaker declared that farmers cannot raise cattle and hogs successfully without pastures and added that they cannot fight the boll weevil successfully without raising cattle and hogs. Mixed grasses and Lespedeza were recommended as good pasture crops. Rye was also recommended as a good winter pasture crop.

Must Band Together In Fight

The fact that hogs can be raised cheaper here than in the West was proven by the speaker. Mr. Dukes told of plans for the co-operative marketing of hogs and cattle. Where one farmer cannot load a car the farmers of a community can put in so many each and get a car load of either hogs or cattle. The importance of co-operation among farmers in fighting the weevil was stressed by Mr. Dukes, who declared that the farmers must fight him as a whole and not single-handed.

Mr. Dukes' address was listened to with interest and close attention by the more than fifty farmers present. While the farmers seemed to realize the damage which the weevil is to do, they were apparently determined to try the plans outlined by Mr. Dukes in fighting him.

Those attending the meeting were royally entertained by Mr. Oliver. Plenty of lemonade was provided for all present and all enjoyed the get-

Busy Week On Fairmont Market

Tobacco Prices Higher Than Last Week—Market Will Sell Around 5 Million Pounds—Farmers Will Meet Boll Weevil With Pastures and Hog and Cattle—New Bank Opened Tuesday.

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Aug. 24.—Fairmont's new bank, the First National Bank of Fairmont, opened for business Tuesday. The new bank has a capital stock of \$40,000. Mr. A. J. Floyd is president, Messrs. E. V. McDaniel and Worth Burns, vice-president, and Mr. J. F. Johnson, cashier.

This is another busy week on the Fairmont tobacco market. Hundreds of thousands of pounds of the golden weed are being marketed daily and prices are higher than last week. The market will sell around 5,000,000 pounds this season. Many farmers are receiving "big money" for their tobacco crop and the season has added new life to business generally. Smiles are rapidly taking the place of "long faces."

Farmers of this section are planning ways and means for fighting the boll weevil, which has found his way to the cotton fields of south Robeson. Many of the farmers will plant and engage in hog and cattle raising.

Indian Normal Will Open October 3

Agricultural Building Will be Erected at Once—Recent Summer School More Largely Attended Than Any Previous Session.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Pembroke, Aug. 24.—The summer school for the Indian teachers of Robeson county which was held at the Normal at Pembroke closed on Friday of last week. This summer school was conducted by the superintendent of the Indian Normal school, Prof. T. C. Henderson, who was assisted by Miss Lillie B. Stephenson and Bessie Morgan.

This summer school was more largely attended than any previous session, there being about twice as many in attendance as were enrolled last year. The student body was composed of earnest and faithful workers. This was doubtless the only summer school in the state where a larger number of men were enrolled than women.

The regular session of the Normal school for the ensuing school year will open on Monday, October 3. The following teachers have been employed for next session: T. C. Henderson, superintendent and teacher of mathematics and pedagogy; A. F. Corbin, teacher of vocational agriculture; Miss Susie Jordan, high school teacher; Miss Lillie B. Stephenson, instructor in the grammar grades; Miss Bessie Morgan, instructor in primary methods; Miss Katharine Martin, teacher of home economics. There are no rooms in the school building suitable for home economics work, so it is hoped that rooms may be rented for this purpose. The agricultural building consisting of a class room and a shop is to be erected at once. W. D. Oxendine is to have charge of its construction, and is to have it ready for use by the opening of the school.

Linney is Sworn in as District Attorney.

Charlotte, Aug. 23.—Frank A. Linney, who was sworn in this afternoon as U. S. attorney of the Western district of North Carolina in his resignation to the State Republican committee said:

"I want to state most emphatically that I made no compromise or surrender in anything I did or said before the committee."

The statement was made with reference to the hearing following the attack upon Mr. Linney in connection with his confirmation by the United States Senate as United States attorney for the Western North Carolina district which caused much comment as a result of Mr. Linney's attitude toward the question of the negro in politics.

Fatally Injured in Dive at White Lake

Mount Olive dispatch, Aug. 23: Bromley Jennett son of W. R. Jennette, a prominent furniture dealer here, while in bathing at White Lake, Bladen county, Sunday about 11 o'clock, made an unfortunate dive, resulting in the dislocation of his spinal column just below his neck, from the effects of which he is hardly expected to live long.

Young Lady Kills Rattlesnake.

Miss Clara Britt killed a rattlesnake with 5 rattles at the home of her father, Mr. Leonard Britt, at Mt. Elim, Monday afternoon.

Another meeting of like nature will be held tomorrow morning at 9:30 on the farm of Mr. E. K. Floyd, near Barnesville.

Parkton Letter

Mrs. C. L. Johnson Died Tuesday After Long Illness—Funeral at Bladen-Union Yesterday—Parkton and Green Springs Will Consider Calling Pastor Sunday—A Busy Time—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Aug. 23.—Rev. C. E. Hamric of Woodburn, Ky., filled the pulpit at the Baptist church here Sunday night and preached to a full house. The speaker was introduced by Rev. Mr. Sullivan of Maxton, who was a schoolmate of the preacher and one who loved him, one who would like to see him become pastor of the Baptist church of our town, knowing him as he did.

His text was taken from Nehemiah 2:19 and his theme was Spiritual Reconstruction and not political. Sorry that time will not permit of further comment on the sermon, but it was quite interesting from start to finish.

The two churches, Parkton and Green Springs, will consider the matter on next Sunday as to whether they will vote to call this able pastor to their field of labor or not.

Miss Carrie McMillan and party returned home the last of the week from New York and other points and report a most wonderful good time.

Miss Katherine Millsaps of Statesville is spending a few days with Georgia Williamson.

Mr. T. W. Thompson, who spent some time at one of the springs of Virginia, returned home yesterday much improved in health.

Mr. A. M. Blunt spent the week-end visiting relatives in Charlotte. He returned home Monday night.

Picnics are not all over yet, as Buckhorn expects to celebrate next Saturday with speaking on the cotton question by some one unknown to the writer, but it will be worth while.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson died at her home near town this morning of paralysis. She had been sick for quite a long time, having suffered a stroke of paralysis several years ago, and had been an invalid ever since. Last Saturday she suffered the second stroke and was unconscious until death. The funeral will be held Wednesday at 10 o'clock at Bladen-Union church and interment will be in the family cemetery at that place.

Deceased was one of the best women of our community. She was known to the writer since childhood and he can testify she was one of the most consecrated Christians he has ever known, and bore her long affliction with patience and Christian fortitude. She was about 51 or 52 years old. We extend our sympathy to the husband and entire family.

This is the busiest week of the season with most of us. Fodder-pulling and building barns is the order.

Some sickness to report in our town.

We read that baseball is not over yet, but suffice it to say that no matter who Lumberton plays this week, the way we all were treated there a week ago will never be forgotten. Some one will raise the question as what happened and we would say, Lumberton and the many, many spectators from North Robeson and from everywhere in the county know the rest.

Rev. W. L. Maness left Monday for Stedman, where he is holding a revival this week. His pulpit will probably be filled Sunday morning by Rev. Mr. Thorpe of Stedman, to which the public is invited.

Congress Takes Recess Until September 21.

Washington, Aug. 24.—Congress took a recess tonight until September 21, without a vote by the Senate on a bill prohibiting the manufacture and sale of beer to the sick. The Senate ended its work at 11:35 o'clock and the House at 11:58.

The Senate is expected to resume work upon reconvening, but Representative Mondell, the Republican leader, obtained an agreement to have the House declare three-day recesses from September 21 to October 3.

President Harding was at the capitol late tonight to sign a number of bills. The last to be put before him was the dye embargo extension, the last measure to be passed by the Senate.

Prohibition leaders early in the night abandoned their efforts to hold up the recess until it had been passed, failing even to obtain an agreement fixing a date for a vote on it by the Senate after Congress reassembles next month. Senators opposing the bill because of the provision which would subject all of a man's property except his home to search for liquor without a warrant, held the floor until its managers saw no hope of a vote and had it laid aside.

Mills Have Resumed Operations—Guardsmen Leave for Home.

A Concord dispatch of the 23rd states that all but one of the cotton mills in Cabarrus county have been opened for work following the general strike called June 1st. All troops which had been on duty at Concord for a week were withdrawn Tuesday.

Breaking all records for size, 107 candidates for law license stood the examination before the State Supreme Court Monday.

Hotel At Rowland Given Highest Score

Hotel Henry Scored One Point Above Lorraine of Lumberton, Next Highest, by State Inspector—Scores of all Hotels in County.

The Hotel Henry at Rowland was given the highest score of any hotel in the county by Mr. J. A. McLeod, State hotel and cafe inspector, who recently completed an inspection of the hotels and cafes in Robeson. The Lorraine hotel of Lumberton made the next highest score, being one point below the Henry.

Following are the scores of all the hotels and cafes in the county: Rowland—Hotel Henry, 89; Liberty cafe, 79.2.

Lumberton—Lorraine hotel, 88; Olympia cafe, 82.1; New York cafe, 82.1.

Maxton—Maple Shade inn, 86.

Red Springs—Hotel Red Springs, 82.5.

Fairmont—Carolina hotel, 81; Commercial hotel, 79.

St. Pauls—Hotel St. Pauls, 80.5.

AMERICAN LEGION

County Commissioners Will be Asked to Provide a Book for Keeping Discharge Papers of All ex-Service Men—Clean-Up Squad—Mr. W. Bert Ivey Elected Delegate to Convention.

Reported for The Robesonian.

At a business meeting of the local post of the American Legion Tuesday night, Mr. W. Bert Ivey was appointed a delegate to the State convention which meets at Hendersonville Friday and Saturday of this week.

It was decided at the meeting to ask the county commissioners to buy a book to have all ex-service men's discharge papers recorded in. Mr. Knox Proctor was appointed to see the county commissioners and make this request.

The commander urged that every member of the post help all ex-service men in every way possible to advance the coming of the Clean-Up Squad which is to be here in November. Lumberton is the only town in three counties which this squad will visit. This includes Robeson, Bladen, and Columbus counties. The purpose of the coming of this squad is to hear the claims of all ex-service men to see if they need medical aid. All men who present themselves will be examined.

The local post of the American Legion stands ready in every way possible to aid all ex-service men in having this examination.

VETERANS' REUNION.

Gen. Metts Re-elected Commander—Ku Klux Klan Demonstration Called Off—Address by Congressman Stedman.

Durham, Aug. 23.—With more than twice as many veterans as expected, 1,100 to be exact, in attendance, the 1921 reunion of North Carolina Confederate Veterans was opened in this city this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock.

The initial day's session was featured by the re-election of Maj. Gen. James I. Metts, of Wilmington, as commander-in-chief of the North Carolina division of the United Confederate Veterans. General Metts is empowered to appoint a staff of officers.

Of chief interest tonight was the announcement that the Ku Klux Klan of North Carolina has called off its plans for a big demonstration in this city tomorrow night. The announcement that a demonstration would be held caused a public protest to be entered by the Julian S. Carr chapter of the U. D. C., and had brought about a bitter controversy. Press dispatches from Raleigh early yesterday said the Klansmen intended making their demonstration in Durham a state-wide affair.

Congressman Charles Manly Stedman delivered the principal address at tonight's session. It was a stirring recital of North Carolina in the war between the states. At the conclusion of the address, the veterans arose at the suggestion of Gen. Julian S. Carr and gave "three rousing cheers" for the only Confederate veteran Congressman.

Officers Honored by Firemen

Gastonia, Aug. 23.—The features of today's meeting of the State firemen were an address by Stacey W. Wade, State Insurance Commissioner, this morning at 11 o'clock and the presentation of handsome silver pitchers to President Emeritus J. D. McNeill, of Fayetteville and vice president A. H. Boyden, of Salisbury. They were presented in token of appreciation of the work done by the firemen for the past 25 years for the firemen of the State. There were also short talks by Insurance Commissioner Memahon, of South Carolina, Commissioner of Public Safety Fitzpatrick, of Asheville, and Building Inspector Stelling, of Durham.

Miss Katie Stone of Mt. Elim was among the shoppers in town Tuesday.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 12 cents the pound—the highest level for several months.

BRIEF NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Thos. J. Ashley and Louise Sheffield.

—Mr. S. E. Fields of Boardman has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. John T. Biggs' store.

—Mr. J. L. McLeod of R. 2, Lumberton, left yesterday for Waynesville, where he will enter a Federal vocational school.

—It was a bold act. The number was stolen off an automobile owned by one of Robeson's rural policeman while the car was standing near the office of the high sheriff.

—Mr. Henry Herring of Lake View, S. C., who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital yesterday for gangrenous appendix, is getting along as well as could be expected.

—The Baker sanatorium will begin within the next few weeks the erection of a 9-room nurses' home to the east of the sanatorium on Fourteenth street next to the residence of Mr. J.

—Mr. J. H. Floyd, proprietor of the Lumberton Marble works, left Tuesday evening for Columbia, S. C., to attend a meeting of the Retail Monument Dealers association of the Carolinas. The meeting opened yesterday and lasts through today.

—The community motion pictures will not be shown at McDonald Friday night and at Ten Mile-Barker's Saturday night. The picture outfit is showing "Flashes of Action" for the American Legion, as will be seen from an ad elsewhere in today's paper.

—D. C. Moore, colored, who lives on R. 3 from Lumberton, brought a freak watermelon to The Robesonian office yesterday. The rind was of a gold color, except a space of green running the entire length of the melon and some two inches wide. The melon grew that color, according to Moore.

—A mule belonging to Mr. E. Odum of Buie was injured yesterday when it caught one of its fore feet in a hole in the iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street and stumbled and fell. The mule's nose and the foot that was caught were skinned. Mr. Odum says the mule came near being killed and he thinks the county will have to pay him damages.

McLEOD GETS A TEN MILLION GASSER AT COLONY."

Robeson County Man Picks "Biggest Well in New Gas Field at Colony," Near Iola, Kansas.

The above caption is spread in big type clear across the top of the first page of the Iola (Kan.) Daily Register of August 19. Former Senator Geo. B. McLeod of Robeson is the man referred to. In display type part of a 2-column head, is the line, "Biggest Well in New Gas Field." The story begins as follows:

"Senator McLeod, of Iola, an operator in the Deer Creek and Elsmore oil fields, checked over his available cash and found he had some \$5,000. He paid it all on that Colony field," he said. He took the George Robbins lease of 7 acres in Colony from Irwin and Payton, put on a rig, and took the Pearson lease northwest of this location and slapped in another rig. Now he has a pair of bearcats, noisy ones, the gassers that come in with a swish and roar. The Robbins well came in last night and the Pearson this afternoon. He has 17,000,000 cubic feet of gas in the two wells."

Gas is retailing at Colony, the paper says, at 80 cents per thousand. There follows a long description of the boring of the well, with deafening noise and the spraying of dirt, and this: "The drillers were plastered with dirt and sand from the well. They stuffed cotton in their ears and stayed on the job. John Irwin had made the location and was superintending the drilling for Senator McLeod. And when the big noise came his face was wreathed in smiles. He had picked the location of the biggest producer to date."

Former Senator McLeod has been operating for some time in the Kansas oil fields. He has many friends among Robesonian readers who will be glad to learn of his success.

Jurors for Second Week of September Court.

A list of the jurors for the first week of Robeson Superior court for the trial of civil cases, which will convene Monday, September 5, was published in a recent issue of The Robesonian. The fact that this is to be a two-weeks' term was overlooked when the first list was drawn and the following list was drawn Tuesday for the second week:

A. J. Britt, W. N. McLean, James Jackson, John Sinclair, M. W. Hedgepeth, D. McP. McArthur, W. F. Bullock, Frank Bostic, A. H. Stone, J. S. Oliver, Wright J. Prevatt, H. M. Grimsley, J. W. Israel, P. S. Kornegay, J. H. Stone, J. A. Galloway, J. W. Barker, John Barlow, Kelly Johnson, Troy Brisson.

Mr. Watts from Orum was a caller in this section Sunday a. m.