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Lumberton Market Will Close Sept. 2

Farmers Are Urged to Market Their Tobacco This Week—Big Break on Local Market Today—Fairmont Market Will Remain Open Next Week.

There was another big break on the Lumberton tobacco market today. The offerings were largely tips and prices ranged low on the off grades. The few piles of good tobacco sold at satisfactory prices. The local market will close for the season Friday of this week. Farmers who have tobacco on hand are requested to market it during this week.

It is understood that a number of the markets in the South Carolina belt closed last Friday. The Fairmont market will be open through next week. It has not been definitely decided when the market there will close. Large sales are expected here each day until the market closes Friday.

Record of Deaths

Mrs. Martha Ann Watson Found Dead in Bed—Funeral Saturday at Ten Mile.

Mrs. Martha Ann Watson, aged 68 years, was found dead in bed at the home of her son, Mr. E. C. Watson, near Ten Mile, Friday morning. Deceased had not been in good health for some time, but was apparently as well as usual when she retired Thursday night. Heart trouble is thought to have been the immediate cause of her death. The funeral was conducted Saturday at 10 a. m. by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham and interment made in the cemetery at Ten Mile church.

Surviving are four sons—E. C., with whom she made her home, Walter W., J. P. and V. C. Watson—and two daughters—Mrs. T. A. Bordeaux of Dublin, and Miss Ellen Watson. Deceased was the wife of the late J. S. Watson and was well and favorably known in the section in which she lived. She was a member of a Baptist church in Bladen county. Quite a crowd attended the funeral and the flowers were beautiful.

Francis Watson Followed Mother to Grave in 24 Hours—Died of Typhoid.

Francis Watson, aged 49 years, died Saturday a. m. at 1:30 at the Thompson hospital of typhoid fever. Deceased was a son of Mrs. Martha Ann Watson, who died suddenly Thursday night. He lived at the National cotton mill village and is survived by his widow and several children. The funeral was conducted yesterday at 10 a. m., just 24 hours after his mother's, and interment was made in the Ten Mile cemetery.

Deceased was a member of Windsor M. E. church in Bladen county.

Rowland Mercer, Wishart Township.

Mr. Rowland Mercer, Sr., died Friday afternoon at his home in Wishart township, death resulting from the infirmities of old age. He was 71 years old and is survived by his widow and several children. Interment was made in the family cemetery Saturday at 4 p. m.

Two Robeson County Men Among New Lawyers—Largest Class Ever.

John Gilliam Proctor of Lumberton and Daniel Frather McKinnon of Rowland were among the 77 new lawyers who received license from the State Supreme Court Friday following the examination held last Monday. This is said to have been the largest class examined on record, and perhaps the most searchingly questioned.

One hundred and seven applied among them three who applied under the county act as non-residents. One of these passed, one did not appear in person and one was held for full compliance with the requirements of the legislative act. One negro failed and one succeeded, Miss Marie Schenk of Asheville, the only woman applicant, passed.

Also among the successful applicants were James Albert Bridges of Bladenboro and John Alex. Wilkins of Raeford.

—Mr. J. M. Terry, formerly employed in the Pope drug store, has accepted a position as salesman in Efford's department store. He began work Saturday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bullard and small son, Carl, of R. 1, Orrum, passed through town today en route home from Hartsville, S. C., where they spent several days visiting relatives. They were accompanied home by Messrs. L. W. Redick and L. W. Stokes of the Hartsville section. They made the trip in Mr. Redick's auto. Mr. Redick reports much damage in his county—Darlington—from the boll weevil. The weevil has damaged the cotton crop from one-half to two-thirds, he says.

Mr. E. M. Johnson returned Thursday night from a week's vacation spent in the mountains around Asheville.

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Ku Klux Organizer Seems To Fail Here

Aims and Purposes of Order Outlined to a Handful of Men Who Responded to Invitation of "The Committee"—Only 3 Men Publicly Expressed a Desire to Go Further—Organizer Apparently Received Small Encouragement Here.

At a meeting held in the commissioners' room at the court house Thursday evening, aims and purposes of the Ku Klux Klan were explained by Mr. C. E. Stephenson, who gave his home town as Miami, Fla., but who came to Lumberton from Fayetteville, and only three men—Mayor A. E. White, Messrs. J. H. Wishart and J. M. McCallum—rose upon Mr. Stephenson's invitation to any who were members or cared to become members of the Klan. Whether a local organization has since been formed it has not been learned, and in view of Mr. Stephenson's statement that no klansman will ever admit being a member to a non-member, it probably will be difficult to learn, unless announcement is made at some similar meeting elsewhere. As Mr. Stephenson stated at this meeting that a branch of the order had been organized at St. Pauls and that he was going to Maxton and Red Springs, he made no bones, either, in stating that he had organized a branch with 567 members at Wilmington.

Notices signed merely "The Committee" were received by some Lumberton men, inviting them to meet at the court house at 8:15 o'clock Thursday evening. For further information the recipient was instructed to see Mayor A. E. White or Sheriff R. E. Lewis. At the appointed hour some ten men gathered in the commissioners' room. By the time the meeting closed perhaps as many more had come in. Mr. Stephenson said he sent notices to about 50 men.

Mr. Stephenson stated that in order to be eligible for membership in the Ku Klux Klan a man must be of high moral character, must not be a Jew or a Catholic, and must be 100 per cent. American, acknowledging allegiance to no other government and must believe in the tenets of the Christian religion. He said that its purpose is not to oppress but to secure equal justice to all men, to up-build the community, to aid in law enforcement. He cited organizations of Jews and Catholics, respectively, to which only Jews or Catholics are eligible for membership, and their views in regard to marriages among Protestants as among the reasons why Protestants should organize for their own protection, not to oppress Jews or Catholics or negroes—propaganda being broadcast among negroes also being urged as a reason for organizing—but to see that all men get justice. Mr. Stephenson read, rather stumbingly and incoherently, excerpts which he said were taken from speeches by Catholic priests, in which marriages of Protestants were branded as illegal, the public school system was denounced as a child of the devil, and the Pope at Rome was acknowledged as supreme authority, above any political government. There was much of this sort of stuff, calculated to arouse the unreasoning passions of the ignorant, and some excerpts from a rabid negro publication.

Mr. Stephenson said that if he could not organize with such men as were before him he would form no organization here, that every local order is what its members make it, that if one joins and wants to get out he can do so, and that any organization that takes the law into its own hands loses its charter at once. He invited questions and some were asked. In reply to one question Mr. Stephenson said that if he knew how many klansmen there are in the State he would not tell, but he mentioned 30,000 as being a probable minimum. In reply to another question he said that a North Carolina U. S. Senator and Representative are members of the order; which puts it up to Senators Simmons and Overman again, both recently having denied being members. Mr. Stephenson also said that Bruce Craven is "on his knees" referring to a question relative to Bruce's recent fulminations.

As stated at the outset only three men stood up when Mr. Stephenson invited those to stand who were members or cared to become members. Some others expressed themselves as not sufficiently interested, and retired. Others followed almost immediately, among them at least one of those who stood, but it is not known positively whether any local organization has since been formed or not. To all outward appearances organizer Stephenson received mighty little encouragement here and he registered off at the Lorraine Friday.

—Mr. Jno. E. Floyd has opened a cafe—the Strand—in Salebee building, Elm street.

—Mr. J. H. Stone of R. 4, Lumberton, brought two cucumbers to town today.

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Waging War On The Boll Weevil

100 Farmers Gathered for Another Meeting Friday—Plenty of Evidence of Destruction Wrought by Weevil—Best Methods of Fighting Again Outlined—Sweet Potato as a Substitute Money Crop—Farmers Warned Not to Depend Entirely Upon Cotton.

About one-hundred farmers gathered at the home of Mr. E. K. Floyd, near Barnesville, Friday morning to study plans for fighting the boll weevil, this being the third meeting of this kind held in the southern part of the county during the last ten days. Weevils are plentiful in Mr. Floyd's cotton, so plentiful that he will not get more than one-half a usual crop. Practically all the farmers present reported that the weevil has invaded their cotton fields and is doing considerable damage this year.

Weevil Playing Havoc. Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, who planned the meetings, accompanied those present into Mr. Floyd's cotton fields, where the weevil and his destructive work was observed and discussed. Only one "form" that had not been punctured by a weevil was found in the field and it is difficult to find a white cotton blossom there. Mr. Floyd has a fine cotton weed, much of it higher than a man's head. Cotton that would produce more than a bale per acre had the boll weevil not damaged it will not produce more than a half-bale per acre as a result of his activities.

How They Multiply. After the visit to the cotton fields Mr. Dukes addressed the farmers, telling of the best-known methods for fighting the weevil. He first told of the rapidity with which the weevils multiply. It has been figured, he said, that two weevils, a male and a female, are capable of producing more than 13,000,000 other weevils during a season. Within 21 days after an egg is laid an adult weevil is ready to begin puncturing "forms" and producing other weevils. With only a small number of weevils living through the winter on a farm a cotton crop may be destroyed the following year.

What to Do During Winter. Plans for fighting the weevil during the winter were outlined by the speaker. Among the ways mentioned were: cut stalks as soon as the cotton is picked; disc the land and break it with a plow; get out all stumps and burn all rubbish and woods about the farm.

Planting and Cultivation. Where cotton is planted under boll weevil conditions, Mr. Dukes recommended the planting of an early variety of cotton, rapid cultivation, the use of all fertilizer when planted or soon after. He warned against planting before the danger of frost, however, stating that in case a farmer had to sow over his crop the weevil would then get it all. Another way of destroying weevils suggested by the speaker was the picking up of "forms" when they first begin to fall off the cotton. In this way the weevil "crop" may be reduced.

Reduce Cotton Acreage. Mr. Dukes warned against allowing an advance in the price of cotton to influence farmers to "take a chance" and plant a full crop next year. The acreage must be reduced in order to successfully fight the weevil. The speaker told of the danger of putting all one's eggs in the same basket; that is, risking all on cotton when the boll weevil is here.

Raise Cattle and Hogs. As in his former addresses, Mr. Dukes recommended the raising of cattle and hogs as a measure for meeting the weevil. He emphasized the necessity of permanent pastures in growing cattle and hogs and suggested the planting of Lespedeza or Japan clover, as a summer pasture for both cows and hogs, and rye, barley and oats for a winter pasture. Lespedeza should be planted in March and can be grown on either low or high lands. Twenty-five pounds of seeds should be planted to the acre. After once sown, Lespedeza re-seeds itself each spring. Rye should be sown this fall, as well as pasture grasses. The pasture grasses should be sown between September 25 and October 25. Mr. Dukes urged the use of at least one ton of lime per acre where pasture grasses and clovers are planted. Farmers interested in planting pasture crops will be advised by Mr. Dukes personally as to the best plans and methods of planting and growing same.

Sweet Potato as Money Crop. Mr. Dukes again told of the possibilities of the sweet potato as a substitute money crop for cotton, giving figures to prove that the potato can be grown at a greater profit per acre than cotton. In order to grow potatoes for the northern markets they must be cured in a potato house. Those desiring to construct such houses can get plans both for erecting the house and curing the potatoes from Mr. Dukes.

Use Your Farm Demonstrator. In closing his address Mr. Dukes again urged the importance of not depending entirely upon cotton, but to have something to fall back upon in case the weevil gets it. He declared that he is ready at any and all times

Minimum Number Bales Signed Up

More Than 200,000 Bales of Cotton Have Been Signed Up in N. C. for Cooperative Marketing—83 Per Cent of Robeson's Crop Has Been Signed Up.

More than 200,000 bales, the minimum number, have been signed up for co-operative marketing in North Carolina, according to information received from headquarters in Raleigh by Mr. L. S. Prevatt, director of the membership drive in Robeson. The organization committee will meet Wednesday morning for the purpose of districting the State and forming other plans relative to perfecting the organization in the State. Approximately 83 per cent of the farmers in Robeson have signed for co-operative marketing.

Treaty Of Peace U. S. And Germany

It Guarantees to U. S. All Rights and Advantages Stipulated in Treaty of Versailles, But U. S. is Not Bound by Clauses Providing for League of Nations.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Signature of the Treaty of Peace between the United States and Germany was formally announced at the State Department tonight by Secretary Hughes.

The text was followed by a statement in which the Secretary summarized the provisions of the treaty, which is document of about 1,500 words.

The treaty is designed to reestablish the diplomatic relations broken off February 3, 1917, and consists of three articles and a preamble. Article One guarantees on the part of Germany to the United States rights and privileges reserved under the Porter-Knox peace resolution, including all the rights and advantages stipulated for the benefit of the United States in the treaty of Versailles.

League Not Binding. Specific provision is made that the United States shall not be bound by the clauses in the Versailles treaty providing for a League of Nations and that no action of the league shall be binding upon the United States unless the United States gives special permission.

It also is declared that the United States cannot without its assent be regarded as a party to commissions concerned in reparations and other conditions growing out of the war.

These reservations are made in Article Two, in which the rights and advantages for the United States as set forth in the Versailles treaty are referred to.

It is made clear that "while the United States is privileged to participate in the reparations commission" under the Versailles treaty, it is not bound to participate in it.

Article Three provides for the ratification and exchange of the copies of the treaty.

Assumes No Obligations.

The treaty provides that the United States assumes no obligation under those parts of the Versailles treaty relating to the boundaries of Germany; to the political clauses for Europe; to those embracing certain provisions with respect to China, Siam, Liberia, Morocco, Egypt, Turkey, Bulgaria and Shantung.

It is provided that the United States shall not assume any obligations for that part of the Versailles treaty relating to international organization of labor.

Bound to Court on Serious Charge.

Gas Britt was bound over to the Superior court Friday by Assistant Recorder L. J. Britt on the charge of attempting criminal assault upon Ruby Thompkins. Britt made a \$500 cash bond and was released from jail, where he had been for several days before the trial. Both Britt and the woman in the case live at the Kingsdale village, near Lumberton and are door neighbors. The alleged attempted assault took place in the woods, near the homes.

Meeting Places for Moving Pictures. Smiths Monday, August 29; Rowland Tuesday, August 30; Rex Wednesday, August 31; Back Swamp Thursday, September 1; Parkton Friday, September 2; Pembroke Saturday, September 3.

to assist any farmer in the county in any way possible. He asked farmers to send for him when any problem came up that they did not understand.

At all the meetings held Mr. Dukes has been given close attention. The farmers realize that they cannot depend upon cotton as in the past and they are apparently desirous of obtaining information which will best enable them to make the necessary change in farming. Mr. Dukes is giving timely advice and the time is now here when the county farm demonstrator will be of most service to the agricultural class as a whole. After Mr. Duke's address Mr. L. S. Prevatt made a short talk on co-operative marketing. K developed that all the farmers present except six had already signed a contract and four of that number signed after Mr. Prevatt had finished his talk.

THOMAS W. BIRD OF ASHEVILLE HEADS LEGION

Greensboro Selected as Next Meeting Place—Resolutions Condemn Harvey, Demand Return of Bergdoll for Trial and Oppose Pardon for Debs.

Hendersonville, Aug. 27.—The election of Thomas W. Bird, commander of the Kiffin Rockwell post of Asheville, as commander of the American Legion for the Department of North Carolina, and the selection of Greensboro for 1922 gathering, closed the two day convention here this afternoon. The legionnaires adopted resolutions condemning George W. Harvey, American Ambassador to England, demanding the return of Grover C. Bergdoll to America for trial as a traitor and slacker and urging the prosecution of public officials who are implicated in his escape as shown by the Congressional investigation.

The Legionnaires adopted a resolution to petition the President not to grant a pardon to Eugene V. Debs, and to ask Governor Morrison to make a proclamation setting aside Armistice day in honor of the victory of the allies.

In the election of other officers, J. R. Hollis, of Wilmington, was chosen vice-commander; Cale K. Burgess, of Raleigh, as State adjutant, and Dan Hollenga, as National committeeman. Rev. T. W. Vickers, of Ayden, winner of the Croix de Guerre, was elected chaplain. Robert McNeill, of Fayetteville, was chosen historian and Dr. E. A. Lockhart, of Winston-Salem, was named alternate National committeeman from this State.

Committeeman for the Sixth district is Robert S. McNeill of Fayetteville. The convention endorsed the candidacy of Dan S. Hollenga of Hamlet for National commander.

Convention at Hendersonville—6,494 Members in State—Governor Morrison and Daniels Speak.

Hendersonville, Aug. 26.—More than 250 former service men are here attending the third annual convention of the American Legion, department of North Carolina, and following a day fraught with politics as to next state commander and meeting place, Governor Cameron Morrison and Josephus Daniels, former secretary of the navy, addressed the veterans, each speaking in glowing terms of the accomplishment of North Carolinians in the world war.

C. K. Burgess, state adjutant today reported there are 6,494 members of the legion in the state and that the finances of the legion are in good condition.

This afternoon the convention rose for a minute in respect of the late Col. F. W. Galbraith, former national commander, and to the Confederate veterans.

Governor Morrison denounced what he termed the "growing tendency toward the acceptance of anarchism and bolshevism in some sections of the country" and praised the organization of the American Legion as "one of the greatest compensations for the sacrifice of blood, health and treasure made in the world war."

Josephus Daniels hotly attacked Ambassador George Harvey and spoke at length on the accomplishments of the legion and made known his pleasure at being a "comrade in the ranks."

B. Y. P. U.

The B. Y. P. U. of the Back Swamp district, composed of the Back Swamp, Raft Swamp, McDonald, Pleasant Hope and Raynham unions, will meet in joint session at Raynham Baptist church Monday evening, September 5. Miss Quessie Prevatt is vice-president of the district. The principal speakers will be Mr. L. F. Gore of Wilmington, president of the State B. Y. P. U.; Dr. H. M. Baker, president of the Robeson county B. Y. P. U. association; Mr. R. I. Belch, president Carey B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church, Lumberton, and vice-president of the county association. All B. Y. P. U.'s in the district are urged to attend the meeting.

Solicitor McLean and Family Move to Farm Near Charlotte.

Mr. S. B. McLean and family are moving this week to Clover Hills farm, R. F. D. 3, Charlotte, the plantation that was purchased by Mr. McLean last year. Mr. McLean is not giving up his work here, however. He still owns his home and farm here and will have an office in the Bank of Maxton building and will spend a good deal of his time here still.—Scottish Chief.

—Born, Saturday night, to Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Powers of R. 1, Lumberton, a son.

—Odetha Steele and Hector Lewis, a colored couple, were married in the court house Saturday afternoon, Justice W. P. Barker officiating.

Former Representative J. S. Oliver of Marietta was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moore and small son, J. J. Jr., returned yesterday to their home in Wilmington. Mrs. Moore and son spent several days here visiting relatives and friends, while Mr. Moore arrived Saturday evening to accompany them home.

Miss Mary E. Powell spent the week-end at Bladenboro visiting at the home of her brother, Rev. R. E. Powell.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 12 3-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jas. L. Atkinson and Mattie Lawson.

—A much needed rain fell here and in some other sections of the county Friday afternoon.

—As has been stated in The Robesonian, the Lumberton graded and high schools will open for the fall term Monday, September 12.

—Lena B. McLean and Willie Banks, colored, of Rowland, were married at the court house at noon today, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—A meeting of the Robeson County Fox club will be held here Thursday of this week. The club was organized the first of this month with a large membership.

—Mr. R. L. Cox of Greenville, S. C., formerly of Lumberton, underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium Tuesday of last week. His condition is reported as favorable.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer returned this morning from New York, where she spent several days buying fall and winter goods for the Style shop of which she is proprietress.

—State Senator L. R. Varner left today for Cincinnati, O., where he will attend the annual meeting of the American Bar association, which opens Wednesday and closes Friday.

—Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will meet Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. L. T. Townsend. All members are urged to be present as business of importance is to be transacted.

—Mr. E. C. Nye of Orrum boarded a train here this morning for Charlotte, where he will enter a hospital for treatment. He was accompanied to Lumberton by his son Mr. J. C. Nye.

—Mr. Odis Stubbs of the Center section was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Stubbs brought some boll weevils along in a bottle and says they are plentiful in his cotton.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Starnes and small daughter, Vashti, of Durham spent Friday and Friday night here visiting friends. Mr. Starnes was formerly employed as linotype operator for The Robesonian.

—Recorder David H. Fuller has moved his office from the first floor of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. building to the second floor of the Lumberton cotton mill office building, Elm and Second streets.

—Miss Josephine Breece left Saturday night for Baltimore and New York to purchase fall and winter goods for her millinery store. Miss Vivian McNeill is clerking for Miss Breece during her absence.

—Mr. W. B. Ivey returned last night from Hendersonville, where he attended the State meeting of the American Legion. Mr. Ivey went as a delegate from the Lumberton post. He reports a most delightful meeting.

—Messdames B. C. Barnes and J. B. Steele of Rock Hill, S. C., are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cobb, Seventh street. Mrs. Steele sang a solo at the morning service at the First Baptist church yesterday.

—Mr. Cary McDonald of R. 2, St. Pauls, was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. McDonald recently lost by fire a tobacco barn filled with good tobacco. He was just finishing curing the tobacco when it was burned.

—Mr. J. Dickson McLean and Recorder David H. Fuller have returned from a 2-weeks' trip, during which they visited, among other places, Quebec, Montreal, Thousand Islands, and other points of interest in Canada, and Niagara Falls.

—Mr. C. L. Lamb and family moved Saturday from Laurinburg to Lumberton. They will keep house in a new residence recently erected by Mr. Lamb in the northern part of town. Mr. Lamb has accepted a position in the office of the Robeson Manufacturing Co.

—A white sign made of iron and weighing 251 pounds has been placed in the center of the intersection of Elm and Second streets. Several "Turn to the Right" signs have been placed there and were knocked down by automobiles. Autoists steer clear of the last sign erected, however. Like signs will probably be placed at other street crossings in the business district of the town.

—Mr. H. O. Floyd, of Fairmont, recently elected public cotton weigh-grader for Lumberton, returned Saturday from Charlotte, where he took a course in cotton grading. Mr. Floyd is over today from Fairmont, looking after scales, tags, etc., and will return tomorrow to Lumberton to remain through the season. He expects to enter upon his work here Wednesday or Thursday of this week.

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