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## Local Market Closes Tomorrow

Around 2 Million and a Half Pounds of Tobacco Have Been Sold on Lumberton Market This Year—Fairmont Market Will Not Close Until September 9.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, the Lumberton tobacco market will close for the 1921 season tomorrow (Friday). While much tobacco has been sold on the local market this week, most of the offerings have been tips and off-grades and prices have ranged low. Around two and a half million pounds has been sold on the local market this year.

The Fairmont market will be open through Friday of next week, September 9.

## SHRINERS ENJOY BARBECUE.

County Shrine Club Entertained at Barbecue at Fair Grounds by Local Shriners—Many Shriners and Their Wives and Sweethearts Enjoyed the Occasion—Permanent Officers Elected.

The Robeson County Shrine club was entertained at a barbecue at the fair grounds by the Lumberton Shriners Tuesday afternoon. Two shots were barbecued and around 100 visitors, representing all the towns in the county, gathered for the occasion. Shriners and their wives, and sweethearts were invited and the number of ladies present was about equal to the number of men. Barbecue and Brunswick stew was served from 5 to 7 p. m.

The meeting was addressed by ex-Congressman G. B. Patterson of Maxton and the occasion was altogether delightful. Permanent officers were elected Tuesday for the Robeson County Shrine club, which was organized at St. Pauls a few weeks ago. These are: President, Dr. J. F. Nash, St. Pauls; secretary, Dr. L. J. Moore, St. Pauls; treasurer, Mr. D. R. Shaw, Lumberton.

Occasional meetings of the club will be held in various towns in the county.

## WEST VIRGINIA COUNTY WIRES URGENT APPEAL FOR TROOPS.

Logan, W. Va., Aug. 31.—Logan authorities tonight sent a telegram to Washington stating that unless troops were sent at once the county would be attacked by between 4,000 and 6,000 men. Sheriff Chafin at the same time issued the following statement to newspapermen:

"There has been more or less continuous firing on four points of the line today. The points are Beech creek, Blair, Crooked creek, and Mill creek."

## Two Volunteers and a Deputy Sheriff Killed.

Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 31.—Two volunteers and one deputy were killed during the morning's engagement on Blair Mountain, in Eastern Logan County, according to a statement given to a Huntington newspaper by the office of Sheriff Don Chafin at Logan tonight.

## Globe Swamp Section Needs Another Outlet.

There has been talk of building a road from the Globe swamp section of Robeson, Wisbart township to the Creek road for several years, but nothing more than talk has been done yet. People living in that section need relief in the way of roads. In order to get to Mt. Elim church, some three or four miles away, from Globe swamp section it is necessary to travel many miles over bad road. At one time there was talk of building a bridge across Lumber river at the Juniper landing, which would give the people living in that immediate section quick access to the Wilmington-Charlotte highway.

## Stole Horse and Buggy of Worshipper.

You'll admit it was a mean trick. When the service was over at a colored church, near Lakeview, S. C., Monday night Oliver Page, colored, found that while he was enjoying the service somebody stole his horse and buggy. His horse was brand new, too, he having purchased the horse only two days previous. The horse was hitched in the church yard. He has not been successful in locating the horse and buggy.

## Boll Weevil in Howellsville Township.

Mr. Ed. Taylor, who was in town Tuesday, reported finding boll weevils in Howellsville township. This class is being found unsuspected places every few days now.

## Will Step Voltage Up to 200,000.

The Yadkin River Power Co. is placing material for converting its sub station here into a 200,000 voltage plant. The present plant carries only 2,200 voltage.

## Superior Court Next Week.

A 2-weeks' term of Robeson Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will begin Monday of next week. Judge John H. Kerr of Warrenton will preside.

Mr. E. A. Tucker of Bessemer City arrived Tuesday to visit his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Tucker.

## Convict Killed In Trying To Escape

Levi Edwards Made Dash for Liberty and Was Shot by H. R. Davis, Chain Gang Guard—Guard Says He Did Not See Edwards When He Fired Into Bushes Where Prisoner Disappeared—Edwards Escaped Some Time Ago and Was Re-captured.

Levi Edwards, a white man about 45 years old, died Tuesday about noon from the effects of being shot early Tuesday morning by Mr. H. R. Davis, a chain gang guard, when Edwards attempted to escape from the "gang." Guard Davis used a shotgun loaded with buckshot, one shot entering the back of Edwards' head and two entering his back. Edwards made a break to run and was in some bushes when fired upon, it is said. Mr. Davis said he saw Edwards go into the bushes, but did not see him when he fired.

Edwards was carried soon after the shooting to Fairmont, where medical attention was rendered. He was unconscious when reached after being shot and never regained consciousness. He had a 12-months' sentence before him. As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, Edwards escaped from the gang a few months ago after serving 2 months of an 8-months' sentence. He was wearing a suit of clothes and carried a gun belonging to Chief of Police B. M. Lawton of Fairmont when he escaped. The prisoner was taken along for the purpose of locating some whiskey stills. While the search for stills was on he made his escape. He was re-arrested some six weeks ago, and found guilty of assault with deadly weapon and carrying concealed weapons. Recorder David H. Fuller gave him a six months' sentence for the assault and two months for carrying concealed weapons. This with the six months of the first sentence unexpired made a total of 14 months when he was returned to the "gang" about six weeks ago.

Edwards was first sentenced to the roads for assault upon his sister. His widow and several children survive. The body was embalmed and turned over to relatives of the deceased.

Guard Davis admitted firing the shot that killed Edwards, and no inquest was deemed necessary.

The funeral was conducted yesterday at 11 a. m. from the home of Mr. Owen Edwards, father of deceased, near Lumberton, by Rev. J. M. Fleming, and interment was made in the family burying ground.

## PRESIDENT HARDING ORDERS LAWLESS MINERS TO DISPERSE AND RETIRE TO THEIR HOMES

Martial Law Will be Declared and Federal Troops Will be Sent Unless Order is Promptly Obeyed—Time Limit is Noon Today—If Troops Go Into Coal Field it Will be No "Child's Play."

Washington, Aug. 30.—President Harding, in a proclamation late today, commanded all persons engaged in "unlawful and insurrectionary proceedings" in the West Virginia coal fields to disperse and retire peacefully to their homes before noon of Thursday, September 1.

Unless there is prompt compliance, the administration let it be known that martial law would be declared and Governor Morgan's appeal for Federal troops granted.

Meanwhile, Brig. Gen. H. T. Bandholtz, who made a preliminary investigation around the Mingo district last week, was ordered back to West Virginia to watch the situation and advise the War Department how the proclamation was received. In a report made public yesterday at the White House General Bandholtz expressed the opinion that the authorities had made "only feeble attempts" to restore order.

The proclamation was issued by the President after a day of conferences with Secretary Weeks, General Bandholtz and Major General Harbord, assistant chief of staff. A West Virginia delegation, headed by Senator Sutherland was also in conference with the President and Secretary Weeks and strongly urged the immediate dispatch of troops to the scene of trouble.

The intimation was given by administration officials that if troops were sent there would be an adequate force and that "there would be no child's play."

## Raleigh Faces Water Famine

Water supply has been getting daily more scarce in Raleigh and it has reached the famine state. Some days ago it was necessary to prohibit the washing of autos and the sprinkling of lawns, but now it has reached the stage where it appears necessary to cut out the use of water in construction work. Lake Raleigh, the city's source, is said to be lower than it has ever been, the stream pouring into it being almost dry.

Mr. E. T. Nye of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor yesterday.

## Mill Pond Fishing.

The W. Q. Warwick mill pond will be drawn off for fishing on Wednesday and Thursday, September 7 and 8. Two days' fishing for \$1.50. A pond that never fails to produce plenty of fish. Located 4 miles east of Lumberton. Refreshments served at pond.

## Recorder's Court

5 of Ten Defendants Charged With Mixing It Up With Booze—Recorder Fuller Disposes of a Number of Cases.

The following cases have recently been aired before Recorder David H. Fuller:

O. J. Smith, driving auto while in drunken condition; fined \$50 and cost.

H. T. (Sonny) Lowry, Indian, three charges: carrying concealed weapons, fined \$50 and cost; assault upon Ed Lowry, his son, fined \$75 and cost; disturbing religious worship, prayer for judgment continued for 18 months upon payment of cost, the defendant to show good behavior towards all men. The fines and cost in the three cases totaled \$153.50.

Clarence Locklear, Indian, carrying concealed weapons; not prosed.

W. B. Hunt, Indian, larceny; not guilty.

Joe Locklear, Indian, assault upon Geo. Allen; defendant recognized in sum of \$100 to keep the peace upon payment of cost in the action.

Henry Jacobs, negro, drunk on streets; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Charley Smith, drunk on streets; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Charley Bennett, drunk on streets; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Ab Sellers, drunk on public highway and raising disturbance; prayer for judgment continued for 90 days upon payment of cost, defendant to show good behavior towards all persons.

Henry Mauldsby, colored, larceny; not guilty.

## WOULD DO IMMENSE DAMAGE.

Chairman Page Protests Against Proposed Hike with Heavy Guns Over Roads of State.

Chairman Page of the State Highway Department has filed strong protest with the War Department at Washington against the reported plan of the army to move heavy artillery and tractors through the State when it transfers soldiers from Camp Jackson, S. C., to Camp Eustis, Va.

It is said to be the plan of the army to transport men and artillery through the State by means of "hikes," in the interest of economy, instead of by rail. Chairman Page believes that the movement of heavy artillery and tractors will do the roads and bridges of the State excessive and irreparable damage. "The cost of repairing roads in the State alone," Mr. Page wired Washington, "will be more than rail transportation for the full unit between Camp Jackson and Camp Eustis."

## HOG CHOLERA MEETINGS.

Representative of Department of Agriculture Will Hold Several Meetings in the County Next Week Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Dr. F. D. Owens of the State and Federal Department of Agriculture will be in the county next week to conduct hog cholera meetings at the following places:

Saddletree Monday night, September 5, at 8 o'clock.

Orrum Tuesday, September 6, at 3 p. m.

Tabernacle Wednesday, September 7, at 8 p. m.

Everybody interested in raising hogs should attend one of these meetings.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstrator.

## Charlotte Man Sentenced to 20 Years in Prison.

Charlotte, Aug. 30.—W. H. L. McLaurin, charged with assaulting four small girls with intent to commit a capital offense, entered a plea to three of the charges and was sentenced by Judge Bis Ray to serve 20 years in the State penitentiary. McLaurin is 58 years old and has a wife and several children.

Several Charlotte physicians testified that a medical examination indicated that he suffered from progressive systemic insanity. Judge Ray ruled that the plea of insanity did not hold after the accused had entered a plea to the charges.

Mr. McLaurin was formerly a minister. His wife testified that loss of memory and other eccentricities had caused her to suspect for several years that he was a victim of insanity.

## Meeting Begins at Center Sept. 4—Baseball Tomorrow.

By John Leggett.

Center, Aug. 31.—Picking cotton is the order of the day in this section. Miss Katherine Baker of Maxton is visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Kinlaw, of this section.

The big meeting will start at Center Monday, Sept. 4.

The Center B. Y. P. U. is coming on nicely.

The Center baseball team will play the Barnesville team on the Center diamond Friday, Sept. 2.

Mr. Herbert Atkinson is picking cotton today.

Mr. J. R. Baxley of R. 5, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town yesterday.

## Battle For Open Peace Conference

Second Great Test of Democracy in Diplomacy—Lodge Has Changed His Mind Again—Republicans Have Brought Invisible Government Back to Washington—Republican Separate Peace is a "German Victory."

By David F. St. Clair.

Washington, D. C., Aug. 31.—The approaching arms limitation conference in Washington on November 11 is to be the second great test of democracy in diplomacy. The first test was in the framing of the Versailles Treaty and the failure was dismal.

It is in the shadow of this monumental failure that the true friends of arms limitations and peace are exerting themselves here to have the doors of the coming conference thrown open to the eyes of the world. They confess that they now face one of the most serious and difficult tasks that free government has had to meet since it came into existence. They are convinced that if the conference is held in secret its failure will be a far greater calamity for the world than the Versailles failure has been. When the senate reconvenes the real friends of disarmament will press the fight for publicity.

They find that the same sinister forces that contrived to render abortive the ideals of Wilson and others at Paris are now working to undermine the aspiration of an overburdened world that it is time to cut down armies and navies. The strange thing is that some of the men whose machinations, cabals and conspiracies compelled Wilson to put on a cloak when he went to Paris, are now opposing the friends of publicity at the Washington conference. Among them is Senator Lodge, one of the American delegates to the conference.

Lodge Calls It an Incivility.

The day before the Congress recessed Senator Lodge stated in the Senate it would be an "incivility, bad manners" for the American delegation to suggest to the foreign delegations that the sessions of the conferences should be open to the public. It is well known here that Great Britain and Japan sought to hold a preliminary conference in London previous to the Washington conference. That was of course for the purpose of reaching a secret understanding on certain questions that would come up at Washington. Secretary Hughes frowned on the suggestion and the move was abandoned. The White House was of course opposed to a secret meeting to which it was not a party.

One of the famous fourteen points of Wilson was "Open covenants openly arrived at." He had seen with the old secret diplomacy in operation no headway could be made in promoting good will among nations. But the first thing he did on going to Paris was to seal with a censorship the Atlantic cables. Perhaps that was a mistake but he did it to guard the sanctity of his ideals and his efforts to have them accepted, from the slanders and misrepresentations of his enemies both here and at the conference.

On reaching Paris he found that he was the only man there who stood for the new diplomacy. He was as one against ten. He made up his mind to stay on the job and get what he could. He got far more from that conference than Harding will get from his, but then Wilson had to be "crucified, crushed, killed" as Senator John Sharpe Williams has said.

If Harding gets anything good from his conference and the still mourning, bleeding heart of the world is praying that he will, he will get more than is now expected in Washington. But he will get nothing that Wilson did not strive for. If the President has any real ideals and aspirations in this step he was forced to take by compelling circumstances, he will find that there are men right here in his own party who are as ready to sacrifice him as they were Wilson.

## Democrats Locked Out.

It is in vain we are told, to hope the conference will be open in its work, when it is borne in mind that a Republican Congress will not permit the public or even the opposition party to view it at work in framing bills in the privacy of its committee rooms. Both the tariff and tax bills were framed by the Republican members of the ways and means committee in secret and the Republican members of the senate finance committee now considering these bills have closed the doors more than once to the Democratic members. Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat on the Senate finance committee, has openly complained in the Senate against this discrimination of his party. He said that when representatives of the big interests were put on the witness stand Democrats were not allowed to be present to cross examine them.

In the eight years of the Democratic regime such a thing was never known. Republicans were always present or privileged to be at every stage of the framing of a bill but in the present session of Congress the minority party has not been permitted to read the big money bills in the House till the Republicans (Continued on page eight.)

## Concord Again Appeals For Troops

Governor Morrison and Metts Meet in Charlotte Today to Decide Upon Course—Strike Situation in Concord Again Beyond Control.

The strike situation at Concord again has gotten beyond control and Governor Morrison was to meet General Metts in Charlotte at noon today, leaving Asheville early this morning, to determine what course of action to take. In a telegram yesterday signed by the sheriff of Cabarrus and the mayor and chief of police of Concord the Governor was urged to send troops to Concord again. A Concord dispatch states that disorders at 2 mills involved assault upon workers, male and female, and hurling of bricks and eggs into the mills.

## SUPT. BROOKS OPENS WARFARE ON INEFFICIENT ADMINISTRATION OF COUNTY AFFAIRS

Dr. E. C. Brooks, superintendent of Public Instruction, fired the opening gun in a warfare on inefficient and haphazard administration of county affairs in some of the counties of the State yesterday in an address before a joint session of the State farmers and farm women's conventions at Pullen hall yesterday morning.

On the basis of an investigation in a dozen representative counties in the State, Dr. Brooks charged:

That there are county officials who do not know how much money is due from taxes or how that money is being spent.

That in many districts no records have ever been made of taxes levied in those districts.

That while the tax rate has been going up, leakage in some counties through unpaid taxes has been tremendous.

That many escape taxation and no foreclosure is attended even after property is advertised as required by the law.

"Your funds can never be adequately handled so long as the government of the county is in the hands of incompetent men," he declared, making way for the fight that is to come for a closer scrutiny and a more accurate check by the people of the State upon their public officials holding county offices.—Raleigh News and Observer, Aug. 31.

## OUT SMYRNA WAY

Protracted Meeting Begins Sunday—Boll Weevil Is Doing Damage in Some Fields—Shortage of Skirts and Tithage of Pants—Personal and Other Items.

By David E. Lovett.

Lumberton, R. 4, Aug. 31.—Cotton picking time is near, some have already started.

We were very glad to have Mr. Caldwell with us, Sunday, also Mr. Collins and Mr. Fielder. Each one made an excellent talk.

What do you think of it? A young married man stated one night recently while stacking fodder that if he had to take this for his job he sure wanted his life insured.

Our protracted meeting begins next Sunday p. m. about 3:30.

Miss Lela Lamb, Master Wilbert and little Miss Clyde were visitors at the home of Mr. Dock Bullock Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. R. L. Rowan was a visitor with home folks Sunday.

Several farmers around here have found a good number of boll weevils in cotton. In some places they are doing sharp damage.

Best wishes to Robesonian, Keep on, Mr. Happy Jack, about the shortage of skirts, and then say a little about the tithage of pants. Get the young men some, too.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

George Bissell, Infant.

George, 14-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bissell of R. 1, Orrum, died last night of colitis.

—Elsewhere in this issue Miss Lizzie Caldwell announces the opening Tuesday, September 6th, of her new store, ladies' ready-to-wear emporium, on Elm street, next door to the Pastime theatre. Miss Helen Rogers of Baltimore, Md., arrived Saturday and will be with Miss Caldwell as trimmer in her millinery department. In connection with the millinery department, Miss Caldwell will conduct a dressmaking department with Miss Addie Arnette in charge.

—Miss Agnes McLean has tendered her resignation as music teacher of the Lumberton schools. Her successor has not yet been employed.

—Mr. Jno. V. Williamson has been confined to his room for two weeks with malarial fever.

Mr. John Freeman of Savannah, Ga., is a guest at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Freeman, Fifth street.

Miss Emily Woodward returned yesterday to her home at Morganton after spending several days here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Townsend.

Messrs. David and Edwin Smith and Clarence Parnell of R. 7, Lumberton, are among the visitors in town today.

## COTTON MARKET

Middlingcotton is quoted on the local market today at 15 cents the pound.

## BRIEF NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. F. Grover Britt, Monday evening, a boy.

—Local banks will be closed Monday, September 5th, Labor Day.

—Mr. Ralph Whaley left last evening for St. Louis, Mo. where he will enter school.

—The condition of Mrs. A. C. McLeod of Buie, who underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium Saturday night, is favorable.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jesse Carl Pugh and Annie Gertrude Williamson; Arthur Angus McLeod and Bessie McLeod.

—Messrs. W. M. Monroe and Braxton Martin, both of Tar Heel, Bladen county, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Martin brought tobacco to the local market.

—Miss Lillian Nance left this morning for Winston-Salem, where she will teach in the Central city school. Miss Nance taught in the same school last year.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Whitfield left yesterday for Albemarle, where this afternoon at 5 o'clock they will attend the marriage of Mr. Whitfield's niece, Miss Velma Morrow.

—A card from Dr. J. P. Brown of Fairmont, mailed in Baltimore, Md., Aug. 24 but delayed in transmission, stated that he was at Johns Hopkins hospital with W. A. Leggett and Frank Lamb.

—It was thirty-five years ago last night that the earthquake, generally called the Charleston 'quake, occurred. The 'quake is well remembered by those who were in these parts at that particular time.

—Mr. W. N. McLean and daughter, Miss Mary McLean, of St. Pauls, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Miss McLean was among the teachers who stood the State examination before Supt. Poole Tuesday.

—Mr. H. A. Taylor of Wisbart township was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Taylor reported the killing of a rattlesnake at his home last Sunday. The snake carried 8 rattles and one button.

—Mr. A. Weinstein left Monday night for New York, Baltimore and other Northern markets to purchase fall and winter goods for his department store. He will also visit relatives in Chicago while away.

—A cotton stalk with 88 bolls can be seen at Mr. C. M. Fuller's stables. The stalk was grown on Mr. Fuller's farm, near Moss Neck, and is of the Cleveland Big Boll variety. The stalk had a total of 115 bolls and "forms".

—Frank H. Young's minstrels will give a performance Saturday night, beginning performance at 8:30, in a tent at the corner of Elm and Second streets, opposite the municipal building. This troupe has visited Lumberton before and has the reputation of putting on a good show.

—Fifty-three white, 12 Indian and 38 colored teachers stood the State examination here Tuesday and yesterday. Two whites and 12 colored stood the county examination. The examinations were conducted by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction.

—Mr. John Proctor, who was among the successful applicants for law license before the Supreme Court last week returned home a few days ago from the State university. He probably will begin the practice of law here the coming fall with his brother Mr. Edward Knox Proctor.

—Prof. J. W. R. Norton, principal of the Lumberton high school, came over from his home at Laurel Hill Tuesday and remained until yesterday afternoon, making some advance preparations for the opening of the fall term on the 12th inst. He was accompanied by Mr. William Norton, also of Laurel Hill.

—Miss Jonnie Gray Robinson of Maiden, this State, arrived Tuesday and will be with Miss Amelia Linkhauer, proprietress of the Style shop, as trimmer again during the fall and winter season. This is Miss Robinson's third season with the style shop and she has made many friends throughout this section.

—Mr. W. H. Inman of R. 5, Lumberton, passing the time of day while in town this morning, commenting on the excessive heat of the past two days and night—he thinks last night was about the hottest he ever felt—and the fact that today begins the first fall month, according to the calendar, said that he has never known cockleburrs to be caught by frost and that as long as these burrs are green you need not worry about frost killing anything.

—Messdames E. J. Chambers and G. H. Cole, Misses Emily and Katherine Cole, Dorothy Ricks, Ina Bracey, Marion Gardner and Anna West, all of Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. They were selling tickets for and advertising the Radcliffe Chautauqua, which is booked for Fairmont Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Two performances will be given each day, afternoon and night, and an attractive program is offered.