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Bids For Road Will Be Advertised Soon

It is expected that hard-surfacing of Road Lumberton to McNeill's bridge and at Boardman will begin in 60 to 90 days. Road officials on tour of inspection.

It is confidently expected that bids for hard-surfacing the 3 miles of road from Lumberton, west end of Fifth street, to Red Springs-Maccon forks just beyond McNeill's bridge, for an iron bridge across Lumber river at that point, also for constructing new bridges across the river at Boardman and approaches to the river at that point, will be advertised within 30 days and that construction work will begin in 60 to 90 days. These stretches of road are on the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway.

Mr. W. A. McGirt, road commissioner for this, the Third district, State Maintenance Engineer Clingman, Mr. W. F. Morson, district engineer, and Mr. T. T. Betts, district maintenance engineer, were on a tour of inspection from Wilmington to Lumberton, and to Fairmont and beyond, Friday, and spent a short while in Lumberton. Commissioner McGirt and District Engineer Morson assured a representative of The Robesonian that they expected actual construction on these stretches of road to be well under way before the end of the year. Bids will be advertised for them in connection with assessments for bids on a number of other projects in this district.

Main's Circus Drew Large Crowd—Pretty Good Show.

Walter L. Main's circus drew a large crowd to Lumberton Saturday. The circus tents were pitched on a lot on the west side of North Elm street. The large show tent was practically filled at the afternoon performance, while the crowd was not so large in the evening. The show was one of the best of the kind that has visited Lumberton, many of the "stunts" being unusual and entertaining. The show carried about the usual number of wild animals for a three-ring circus.

The parade at noon was witnessed by a crowd estimated at from 5,000, to 8,000 people and many of these visited the show grounds during the day.

Good Snake Crop—Many Rattles Reported Killed.

Judging from the number of reported snake killings, the snake "crop" must have been good this year. The killing of numerous rattlesnakes has been reported in The Robesonian during the summer. Rev. C. C. Lowry of Back Swamp township recently killed a large rattler in his corn field, so he reported Saturday. The snake carried 16 rattles and one button. One of Lowry's boys came near stepping upon the snake.

Will Gavin, colored, killed a rattler on North Walnut street Friday night. The snake was found in front of Mr. J. P. Russell's residence. He carried 10 rattles and one button.

First Bales of New-Crop Cotton on Local Market.

The first bale of new cotton sold on the local market was marketed Thursday by Messrs. R. A. Moore and Ed Cox and was grown on Mr. Moore's farm, near Old Kingsdale. The cotton graded middling and was purchased by Mr. J. H. Barrington at 15 1/4 cents the pound. Mr. Cox sold another bale Friday that graded strict middling and this was purchased by the Lumberton Cotton Mill Co. at 16 1/2 cents the pound.

Terrible Wind Storm in Tolarville Section Thursday Afternoon.

A terrible wind storm did considerable damage in the Tolarville section late Thursday afternoon. A barn and two shelters were moved by the wind at the home of Mr. Clyde Flowers. Many trees were blown down, according to Mr. Flowers, who says it was the worst wind storm he was ever in. A good rain followed the wind.

Hog Cholera Meeting.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, hog cholera meetings will be held in the county this week, as follows:

Saddletree tonight at 8 o'clock.

Orrum, Tuesday at 3 p. m.

Tabernacle, Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

The meetings will be addressed by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, and probably others.

Getting Ready for Big County Fair.

Plans are being perfected for making the seventh annual Robeson county fair the "biggest and best" yet. The fair will be held at the fair grounds here. Farmers are already picking their displays and indications point to a large and varied exhibit of farm products, livestock, poultry, etc.

Confederate Reunion Will Be Held in Chattanooga.

Fortworth Texas, Sept. 2.—Confederate veterans will hold their 1921 annual reunion at Chattanooga, Tennessee, October 25, 26 and 27. General K. M. Van, commander-in-chief of the United Confederate veterans announced today.

Lumberton Market Closed Friday

During Season Just Closed 2,389,047 Pounds of Tobacco Were Sold for \$221,703.56—Much of Tobacco Sold Here Was of Poor Quality, Which Kept the Average Price Low—Best Grades Brought Good Price—Crop in Southern Part of County of Better Quality.

The Lumberton tobacco market closed Friday for the 1921 selling season. The market here handled 2,389,047 pounds of the golden weed, which sold for \$221,703.56—an average for the crop of \$9.28 the hundred. A large per cent of the tobacco grown through this immediate section was of poor quality, there being but little demand for the off grades this year. However, some farmers succeeded in growing a good crop of tobacco and these realized "good money" for their crop. The best grades of tobacco sold practically as high as during the World War. However, very few farmers succeeded in growing a crop of the best grades.

The crop in the southern part of the county was of a better quality and many of the tobacco growers received a "fair" price for the crop.

Holds Court In Court House Yard

"Aired" Seems to Be Right About Cases in Recorder Fuller's Court This Morning, for Court Was Held in the Open.

Recorder David H. Fuller held court in the open on the court house yard this morning. The following cases were aired:

Jesse Hardie, larceny; 30 days on the roads. Hardie, who is a young white man, pleaded guilty of stealing a bracelet from the home of Mr. Davis, who lives near Lumberton. He also admitted that he had taken things before.

Mack Tyler, drunk on streets; fined \$10 and cost.

Hasley Moore, drunk on streets; fined \$5 and cost.

George Warwick, riding bicycle on streets at night without light; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

French McNair, colored, larceny; 15 days on roads and cost.

Charlie Bennett, drunk on streets; fined \$5 and cost.

Edward Rogers and John McEachin, both colored, false promise in securing marriage license; Rogers was fined \$5 and cost, while judgment was suspended upon payment of cost as to McEachin.

Ernest Johnson, fornication and adultery; judgment continued for 10 days.

A Setting Gopher.

Messrs. Edward Smith and Lex Robeson, who live near Tar Heel, Bladen county, were Lumberton visitors Thursday and told about a setting gopher at Mr. Robeson's place. This gopher was first found by Mr. Robeson setting on a guinea's nest, and the guinea would have to edge up under the gopher's wing in order to lay. Mr. Robeson took the gopher to the house and put him in a pen on one side, and gave him a nest full of 17 eggs. This satisfied past two weeks he has been one of this motherly gopher and for the most conscientious and industrious settlers that ever happened. He comes off, Mr. Robeson says, once in a while to get something to eat, but does not fool around at all—back he hastens to his nest and gets back on the job.

Farmers Invited to Witness Filling of Silo.

A silo erected by the Green Valley dairy, near the Lumberton cotton mill, will be filled Thursday of this week. Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, urges all farmers interested in this work to witness the filling of the silo.

Mr. Dave McArthur of Wakulla will erect a 110 ton silo tomorrow and Wednesday. Those wishing to learn how to construct silos should witness the erection of this one, according to Mr. Dukes.

Superior Court.

A two weeks' term of Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened today at 10 a. m. with Judge J. H. Kerr of Warrenton presiding. Recorder Jno. S. Butler of St. Pauls is among the out-of-town attorneys attending court today.

Mrs. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section spent the week-end here visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Grover Britt, Seneca street.

Mr. J. M. Williamson of R. 4, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. D. R. Hardin of the Barnesville section was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

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.

Negro Narrowly Escapes Electrocution

Sip Smith Nearly Lost Life When He Came in Contact With Charged Wire Under Fountain at McMillan Drug Store Friday—John McAllister, Also Colored, Broke Wire With Hands and Was Slightly Shocked—Smith Will Recover.

Sip Smith, colored, came near losing his life Friday morning when he came in contact with a short circuit electric light line while working in the cellar underneath the fountain at the McMillan drug store. Smith was standing upon a ladder and holding to an extension light line with one hand. The shock knocked him off the ladder into some water below, but he still held on to the charged wire, being unable to turn it loose. John McAllister, also colored, who was working with Smith, broke the wire with his hands and was slightly shocked. Smith was apparently dead for some time after being shocked. Dr. T. C. Johnson succeeded in "bringing him to life" and he was later carried to the Thompson hospital.

The tow colored men were doing some plumbing work for Mr. McMillan and the dampness in the cellar made the shock more severe. Smith was brought from the cellar by McAllister and Tom Gavin, colored, who works at the drug store. Smith's condition is favorable and it is thought he will recover. He was painfully burned by the current.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

William Spurgeon Baxley, Jr.

William Spurgeon Baxley, Jr., 13 months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Baxley, died last night at the home of his parents, East Second street, of colitis. The funeral will be conducted at 4 o'clock this afternoon and interment made in the family cemetery, near Mt. Elm Baptist church.

Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Britt.

A small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Britt, who live two miles south of Lumberton, died Saturday of colitis. The funeral was conducted at the grave yesterday at 1 p. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, a Baptist minister, and interment made in the family burying ground, near Orrum.

Della Johnson, Indian.

Della Johnson, Indian, wife of Med Johnson of Saddletree-township, died yesterday morning. Deceased was 46 years old. The cause of her death has not been learned.

U. D. C. MEETING.

Delegates Named to State Convention

Pledges Have Been Paid.

Reported for The Robesonian.

Robeson Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, met at the home of the president, Mrs. L. T. Townsend, Thursday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Much business was transacted in closing up the year's work, preparing for State convention, which will convene at Winston-Salem October 12th.

This chapter has paid the following pledges: to the Old Ladies' Home, Soldiers' Home, free bed at Sanatorium, district scholarship fund Flora McDonald, State scholarship fund, also the general scholarship fund made a contribution to Gettysburg monument, and other local contributions.

The following delegates were appointed to convention: Mrs. S. McIntyre, Mrs. N. A. Thompson, Mrs. Jas. D. Proctor; alternates: Mrs. J. J. Goodwin, Mrs. G. G. French, Mrs. T. F. Costner. Mrs. L. T. Townsend will attend the convention also.

Mrs. McIntyre invited the chapter to meet with her in October.

Operatives Vote to Return to Work—Police Chief Quits.

The strike of textile mill workers at Concord was called off Saturday night when, at meetings of all the mill chapters of the union operatives of every mill voted to go back to work Tuesday at the rate of pay which they rejected when the strike was called June 1. Some 4,500 mill operatives in Cabarrus county are affected by the decision, it is said. The mills will not take back certain of the union leaders.

At the conference in Charlotte Thursday between Governor Morrison and General Metts, the Governor stated that State troops would not be sent to Concord to "police the city" and that citizens of the county should take some action to get rid of "inefficient officers" so the troops would not be needed for "police duty." Following that announcement a mass meeting of citizens of Concord was held and the resignation of Chief of Police Robinson was asked for, and it was tendered to the board of aldermen that night and accepted. It was stated after the mass meeting that impeachment papers would be entered in Superior Court at Concord against Sheriff Spears.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson and small daughter, Kitty Lou, returned Friday from an extended visit to New York and other points of interest. They also visited relatives at Henderson while away.

40,000 Bales Over In Marketing Camp'gn

In "Victory Statement" Committee Says North Carolina Farmers Passed Goal in Cotton Marketing Campaign 4 Months Ahead of Time—Sept. 15 to Oct. 15 is "Sign-Up Month"—Singers Should Begin Thinking About Whom They Will Elect as Directors.

Forty-thousand bales of cotton over and above the 200,000 goal set in the co-operative marketing sign-up campaign in North Carolina have been placed under contract and by the end of the time limit, January 1, 1922, every indication is that the original goal will be doubled, according to a "victory statement" at Raleigh Friday by a score of North Carolina and Virginia leaders in the co-operative movement for the marketing of cotton and tobacco.

While equally satisfactory progress has been made in the tobacco campaign, the statement declares, there is every indication that the goal for tobacco will be reached weeks before the date set out in the contracts.

The thirty days between September 15 and October 15 will be "Sign-Up Month" for both cotton and tobacco and it will take the form of a united drive throughout North Carolina.

The statement was issued by a committee consisting of Dr. J. Y. Joyner, Dr. B. W. Kilgore, A. W. Swain and Dr. Clarence Poe, following the adjournment of the conference Thursday morning.

Victory Statement.

The appeal addressed to the farmers of North Carolina reads:

"Four months ahead of time you have reached and passed the goal you set for January 1, 1922, in the matter of co-operative marketing of cotton. Setting out to get 200,000 bales signed up by next January 1, over 240,000 bales have been signed up before September 1, with every indication that 400,000 bales rather than 200,000 may be the New Year figure.

"In the tobacco sign-up you have made equally gratifying progress, and while you decided on a much larger per cent of the State's tobacco crop than was required for cotton, there is every indication that the goal for tobacco will also be reached weeks before the date named in the contracts.

"Sign-Up Month"

"Such is the great good news that your campaign committee is glad to report to you as September begins, and we wish now to appeal to farmers one and all to join in one great united drive to make the month of September 15-October 15 "Sign-Up Month" for both cotton and tobacco. As these cooperative marketing organizations are to be of the farmers, by the farmers, and for the farmers, the work of the organizing must be done largely by the farmers for themselves and their neighbors.

"Every farmer who has signed a contract should make himself a missionary during "Sign-Up Month" to get other farmers to sign. Every farmer who has not signed but wishes to stand with his brother farmers in this momentous movement should apply for a contract, sign it, and enlist as a worker.

Pick Able Men For Directors.

"Immediately after October 15 the State organization committee for cotton will meet in Raleigh and district and the State. Each county or group of counties that has signed up approximately ten per cent of the total bales will be made a separate district, and as such will be entitled to elect a director of its own choosing, for there will be ten elective directors. Every county should strive to get the largest possible clean-up before October 15 so as to have the largest possible voice in choosing directors. The signers will then meet, nominate in each district two or more of the ablest, most capable, and most trusted men, and then elect by majority vote by mail one of the two nominees as their director to represent them.

"We specially urge that signers everywhere begin thinking about who in their county would make the finest director, and that no man who would make a worthy director refuse to give this service to the organization at its most important and formative stage.

"We also appeal to every farmer who believes in co-operative marketing to sign the contract before October 15 so as to be a "charter member" and have a voice in choosing the directors and management of the organization from the beginning on.

"Another reason for signing up quickly in the case of cotton is that we hope as soon as we organize to help arrange for suitable financial advances to those who wish to hold cotton. Furthermore, the elected directors, if they wish to do so, may arrange for selling cotton now on hand for members who wish to sell this year's crop through the organization, but it must be clearly understood that nobody will be compelled to sell cotton through the organization in 1921 and that at most there will be this year only a tentative selling arrangement limited to those who ask for it.

"The tobacco sign-up is proceeding handsomely in both Virginia and North Carolina, Virginia expecting soon to reach 75 per cent of that

St. Pauls News

Rev. E. C. Murray, Jr. Will Go to Mexico as a Missionary Next Month—Movements of the People. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, Sept. 3.—Mr. Fay Caudell left Thursday for Wake Forest, where he will be in school this winter.

Miss Kate McFayden is spending a while in town with friends.

Miss Louise Steele of Lumberton is visiting her sister Miss Cornelia Steele, who is doing community work here.

Miss Aileen Bennett left Thursday morning for Fayetteville, where she will take up her work as teacher in the Massey Hill school.

Mr. Neill McCormick was in Fayetteville Friday.

Mr. Joe Sugar and small son, Manuel, returned from Baltimore Saturday. They spent last week with relatives there.

Miss Nina Faircloth spent a few days last week with Miss Nonie Johnson. Miss Johnson entertained a number of friends at her home Monday night in honor of Miss Faircloth.

Rev. E. C. Murray, Jr., who has been preaching in Chadbourn, arrived at his home Tuesday. Mr. Murray will be here until October, when he will leave for Mexico, and take up his duties as a missionary.

Mrs. J. W. Mahaffey and son, Carl, returned to their home in Quincy, Fla., last Monday after spending three weeks at the home of her uncle Mr. W. J. McCormick.

Mrs. G. A. McGoogan has been right sick with diphtheria, but is improving. Turner McGoogan is real sick now with blood poison.

Miss Mable McDonald returned from Golia Sunday, where she visited friends for about two weeks.

Mrs. Dolph Howard, Miss Mable Howard and Mrs. Grady McCormick spent Friday in Fayetteville shopping.

Fairmont Review: The Fairmont graded and high school will open Monday with Prof. L. H. Floyd, of Hampton, S. C., the head as principal. Mr. and Mrs. Floyd have already moved here and are occupying the Kyle home on Iona street.

Mr. H. O. Floyd, public cotton weigher-grader on the local market asks The Robesonian to state that he will be at the cotton yard from 8:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. each week-day.

The board of county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are holding regular monthly meetings here today. Large crowd in town.

Mrs. J. D. Taylor and son, Mr. Elwood Taylor, Mr. M. Shepherd and son, J. V. Shepherd, of Emporia, Va., arrived Friday to visit relatives. They made the trip on an auto.

State's total production, and North Carolina will not be content with reaching less than 50 per cent of the North Carolina crop in the next sixty days.

To See County Leaders.

"In practically every county in North Carolina there is now a leader who is in charge of forces charged with the duty of carrying on this extensive whirlwind drive during "Sign-Up Month" September 15-October 15. In most counties that leader is the county agent; see him.

"Local organizations should be formed in every community to take stock of the local situation and arrange for active canvassing among all farmers who have not yet signed up.

Already Boosting Prices.

"A remarkable and encouraging fact is that although not yet one-fourth completed, the co-operative marketing associations with their program of gradual marketing instead of wholesale dumping are helping crop prices. This is not merely our assertion but the declaration of disinterested sources. "You may not realize it," said a noted warehouseman a few days ago, "but already tobacco prices are being bettered because of the co-operative marketing movement," and Associated Press dispatches Monday in describing the advance of nearly 3 cents a pound in cotton prices last week declared that one of the conspicuous causes was "the work of the cooperative marketing association in several States of the belt." In financing co-operative marketing associations in the South the most gratifying progress has been made and there is no longer reason for critics to assert that this is an insurmountable obstacle.

Free Bulletins and Contracts.

"In conclusion, we again appeal to every farmer to enlist in this "Sign-Up Month" drive, September 15-October 15th.

"If a farmer has not signed, let him write to Mr. A. W. Swain, Secretary, Raleigh, North Carolina, and ask for a contract.

"If a farmer has signed and is willing to help get others to sign, let him ask Mr. Swain for as many contracts as he thinks he can possibly get signed; they are free.

"Also everybody is asked to write to Mr. Swain for one or more free copies of the exhaustive and informing new 28-page bulletin on "Co-operative Marketing of Farm Crops" containing questions and answers fully explaining the whole idea."

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1/2 cents the pound.

BRIEF NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Cohen P. Leggett and Berry Jenkins.

—Regular communication of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Degree work.

—Miss Vista Thompson continues seriously ill at the Thompson hospital, where she has been confined for several weeks.

—Lennie Blue, 2 1/2 year-old daughter of Mr. J. C. Bryant, who lives in the southern part of town is ill with diphtheria.

—Miss Pearl Humphrey of St. Pauls has accepted a position as saleslady in Eiford's department store. She began work Thursday.

—Miss Lilly Barker went Saturday to Rocky Mount, where she will teach in the graded school during the term which opened today.

—Miss Miriam Weinstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein, underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital this morning for appendicitis.

—A large rattlesnake which escaped from the box in which he was shipped created some excitement at the local express office Saturday. He was finally captured.

—Mr. Oliver Britt of East Lumberton returned home Saturday from Mt. Zion Baptist church, Bladen county, where he directed the music during a revival meeting.

—Mr. James Haron, secretary and treasurer of the Walter L. Main's shows, which exhibited here Saturday, underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital Saturday for gangrenous appendix.

—Miss Josephine Breece and her trimmer Miss Cora Collins of Christfield, Md. returned yesterday from New York, where they went to purchase goods for Miss Breece's millinery store. Miss Breece will begin her formal opening Thursday of next week.

—A small son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Bissell of R. 1, Orrum, had a leg broken Saturday afternoon when caught between the springs on a buggy. The accident happened in Lumberton and the child was taken to the Baker sanatorium, where the wound was dressed.

—Mr. and Mrs. Hinyard Britt and Mr. C. E. Miller of R. 1, Fairmont, returned Saturday from a trip to Georgia and Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Britt was Miss Leola Rowell. She and Mr. Britt were married last week at Dillon, S. C., and went to Georgia and Florida on their honeymoon.

—Some time ago it was reported in The Robesonian that a tape worm 19 feet long was removed from a 4-months' old puppy belonging to Mr. B. C. Freeman of R. 4, Lumberton. That was not all the worm, according to Mr. Freeman, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. A day or two later eleven more feet of the worm came forth, making a total of 30 feet of worm.

—A Ford touring car belonging to Mr. T. G. Barnes was stolen Saturday night. Mr. Barnes left his car in front of the circus tent, North Elm street, and while he was attending the show somebody drove the car away. He has no trace of it. This was the second Ford which Mr. Barnes has lost in like manner this year. Somebody stole one from in front of the Lorraine hotel some 5 months ago. The car was never recovered.

—Montgomery Hayes, colored, was dangerously cut Saturday about noon. Hayes refused to tell who cut him, but stated that he was cut by another negro. He was cut in the face, stabbed twice in the left side of his breast and two gashes were cut in his back. The cutting took place in the "bottom." Hayes' wounds were dressed by Dr. J. D. Quick, colored, and though he was dangerously cut, he walked away from Dr. Quick's office without aid.

—Mr. L. L. Hayes carried his two-year-old son to Hamlet today to take another radium treatment for cancer. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the left eye of the child had to be removed on account of the cancer. Mr. Hayes has spent all the money he could raise upon the child and will appreciate any contribution from the public. Several have made contributions already, turning the money over to The Robesonian. The radium treatment is very expensive.

FISH COOKED TO YOUR TASTE WILL BE SERVED AT QUINN WARWICK'S MILL POND WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, SEPT. 7 AND 8, DAYS POND WILL BE FISHED.

STOLEN SATURDAY NIGHT

Ford Touring Car. Motor No. 457802, State No. 48832. Top of windshield cracked across left corner. Back part of car shows dent and has new top cover. Reward for information leading to recovery. Stephens & Barnes, Lumberton.