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2-Room School Building Planned

Local School Board Decides to Erect Temporary Rooms to Take Care of Overflow From Grammar Grades—Kindergarten Begins—Boys Want Football Team—Other School Notes.

A 2-room wooden building for temporary use will be erected at once on the vacant lot, Walnut and Eighth streets, to take care of the congestion in the grammar grades. This was decided at a meeting of the trustees of the graded and high schools Friday. The rooms probably will be used to take care of the two divisions of the Seventh grade. Messrs. K. M. Barnes, Geo. L. Thompson and L. E. Whaley were appointed a committee to look after having the building erected.

Miss Frankie Means of Macon, Ga., began this morning teaching a private kindergarten. Miss Means arrived yesterday and had several pupils this morning. She will teach at the teachers' until more suitable quarters can be secured.

Supt. Cale expects to secure a permanent teacher for the overflow from the Eighth grade. Miss Janie Carlyle is teaching this division temporarily. Miss Myrtle Barnes has been teaching the overflow from the Sixth grade temporarily, and Miss Ora Pittman began teaching this division this morning. Miss Pittman has been elected teacher at Barnesville and will have to give up the work she has undertaken temporarily here unless she is released by the Barnesville school.

A series of prizes has been offered for the room in the high school that is kept best for the year.

Some of the high school boys have been practicing football and want to organize a team. Supt. Cale, while heartily in favor of athletics, thinks football is a game for boys more nearly grown than the high school students and he wants written permission from parents who are willing for their sons to play.

Mr. Luther Prevatt's Residence Burned

Fire Destroyed Residence on Carthage Road 2 O'clock Friday Morning—Mr. Prevatt Was Wakened by Falling Timber and Had Narrow Escape—Only Few Chairs Saved.

The residence of Mr. Luther Prevatt, on the Carthage road near the edge of town, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. Mr. Prevatt, who was sleeping in the house alone, narrowly escaped through a window after part of the ceiling had fallen. Only a few chairs and a mattress (the mattress burned) were saved. The house, a 3-room cottage was recently constructed at a cost of some \$4,000. Only \$1,800 insurance was carried on house and furniture, not enough to cover the furniture loss, Mr. Prevatt says. The roof was falling in when the fire company arrived and the only thing that could be done was to save the residence of Mr. Johnnie McNeill next door. The heat drew the rosin from the weatherboarding of Mr. McNeill's house on the side next to the burning house. The fire was discovered at 2 a. m.

Mr. Prevatt had a rather narrow escape. He was awakened by a piece of the burning ceiling falling across the foot of his bed. He became confused and rushed into a closet, mistaking that door for one leading out of the room. Before he could get out of the closet a piece of ceiling fell across the door and he had some difficulty in opening the door again. Mr. Prevatt finally got out through a window with no injuries more serious than slightly burned hands and a bumped head.

Mrs. Prevatt went a week ago yesterday to Dillon, S. C., to visit relatives and the house had not been occupied since last Sunday night. Mr. Prevatt having been away from town also on business. No fire had been in the house since last Sunday morning and how it originated is not known.

The fire gained considerable headway before it was discovered, and the roof was about ready to fall in before Mr. Johnnie McNeill turned in the alarm. Mr. McNeill, whose house was in imminent danger, thinks he turned in the alarm before Mr. Prevatt got out of the burning house, but is not sure of that point. Before that several people had been hollering, it is said, but did not cry "fire" and some who heard the disturbance did not realize what the trouble was until Mrs. McNeill raised the alarm of fire.

Mr. Prevatt went to Dillon Friday and brought Mrs. Prevatt back home Saturday morning. They will live for the present, until other arrangements can be made, at the home of Mr. Prevatt's brother, Mr. Roland Prevatt, just a few doors from the burned residence.

Since the first of this story was out in type it has been learned from Mr. Prevatt that when he first got up and began groping for the door he struck his head so violently against the mantelpiece that he was stunned, and while in that condition he dived into the closet, where he was hemmed in for some time by pieces of the ceiling that fell across the door.

Veterans Name Reunion Delegates

Sponsor, Maid of Honor, Chaperones and Delegates Appointed to Attend U. D. C. Reunion at Chattanooga—Speaker for January 19 Also Selected.

At a called meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope, U. C. V., Mr. M. G. McKenzie, commander, held at the court house Friday morning, the following were appointed to attend the U. C. V. convention which will be held at Chattanooga October 26, 26 and 27:

Veterans: delegates—Revs. F. A. Prevatt and Wesley Thompson, Messrs. Strong Wishart, Isham Lamb, Olin A. Britt; alternates—J. H. Raybon, N. C. Graham, Joe Ratley, James Musserwhite, A. E. Floyd Sons of Veterans: delegates—McKay-McKinnon of Maxton, David Hall of Red Springs, Jno. B. Malloy of Parkton, A. S. McGoogan and L. H. Townsend of St. Pauls, Archibald Hedgpeth and Dr. Bobt. Graham of Rowland, Rowland Bullock of Fairmont; Rev. E. A. Hedgpeth, J. C. Prevatt, Alex. McKnight, John French, Douglas Normant, Jesse Stansel, E. J. Britt, J. Q. Beckwith and J. A. Sharpe of Lumberton.

Miss Viola McK. Jenkins of Lumberton was appointed sponsor; Miss Marjorie Russell of Lumberton, maid of honor; Miss Cornelia McMillan, director of district. No. 11, U. D. C.; Red Springs, Mrs. L. T. Townsend of Lumberton, president Robeson chapter, U. D. C., Regs. J. D. Proctor of Lumberton, registrar of Robeson chapter, Mesdames S. McIntyre, A. Nash and Irvin Jenkins, of Lumberton, chaperones.

Mrs. L. T. Townsend was elected recording secretary for the camp. Mr. Erle Carlyle of Lumberton was elected speaker for January 19th, Mr. Knox Proctor of Lumberton to introduce speaker.

The meeting was full of interest and enthusiasm and business was transacted with dispatch.

18-Foot Canal Saved Blockader

Officers and Moonshiner Faced Each Other for a Breathless Moment Across an 18-Foot Canal and Then the Lawbreaker Faded Out of the Landscape—50-Gallon Still Was in Full Blast.

A 50-gallon copper still in full blast, with some 600 gallons of beer, and some 600 gallons of beer at another place where a brick furnace was up were captured Friday afternoon by Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Rural Policemen Walter Smith and A. R. Pittman, Jailer A. H. Prevatt and Indian Deputy Herbert Lowrey.

The running still was found about 2 miles from Pembroke, near where the Old Rockingham road crosses the Coast Line railroad. The officers saw the smoke and thought it was on their side of the canal. They crept along and presently lost sight of the smoke, and all at once they came in full view of still and blockader, in an open space across the canal. The blockader was in full view. The officers looked at him and he looked at the officers, but alas! that 18-foot canal stood between and it was not a good day for jumping 18 feet. The man at the still had the ups on the officers and he knew it, so, without losing any time in saying farewells, he faded out of the landscape and the officers could not hinder, though they had made him afraid. The officers had to make a detour to reach the still, which was running blithely along, all unmindful of the hasty departure of its erstwhile solocitus attendant. About a mile and a half from that place the officers found a place where there was a brick furnace up and here they also found some 600 gallons of beer.

Baby Contest Will Be Feature Of Fair

Five Premiums Are Offered In This Contest, Which Will Be Held October 20—Many Attractive Features Already Engaged For Robeson Fair Oct. 18 to 21.

A feature of the Robeson county fair this year as it has been for the past few years, will be the baby contest, to be held Thursday, October 20, 12 o'clock.

Five premiums, are offered in this contest, which will be in charge of Drs. E. R. Hardin and J. A. Martin and Mrs. A. Nash. The contest will be governed strictly in accordance with the rules of the Department of Health, State of North Carolina. Babies must be entered not later than Tuesday, October 18, the opening date of the fair. No baby over one year old can be entered. Parents are urged not to wait until time for the fair to enter their babies but to do it now.

Secretary Thompson has just closed a contract with an aviator who will be here every day of the fair and do numerous stunts in the air. He will have a large passenger plane and will take up persons who care to ride. Every day during the fair at 3 p. m. for 30 minutes the aviator will give fancy acrobatic and wing walking stunts over fair grounds.

The fair officials are receiving some very complimentary press notices about Billy Clarke's Broadway shows, which will furnish the midway attractions for the Robeson fair. Clarke's shows have just played an engagement at the West Virginia State fair in Wheeling, one of the largest fairs in the country.

The dates for the fair here this year are October 18, 19, 20, and 21, and every one of these days is expected to be a big day.

All of the railroads entering Lumberton have announced low round trip rates for the fair. The Seaboard will sell tickets at reduced rates from Hamlet to Lumberton and Council to Lumberton and intermediate points. The Raleigh and Charleston and the V. & C. S. will give rates from every point on their lines.

Cotton Dusting Demonstration

Demonstration of Machine to Dust Cotton to Kill Boll Weevil Will Be Held Tomorrow and Wednesday.

Much interest is being manifested in the boll weevil dusting demonstration that will be given tomorrow and Wednesday, at 10 a. m. each day, on the farm of Mr. A. W. McLean, near the fair grounds, on the edge of Lumberton. No doubt many farmers will attend. Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, is urging all farmers who intend to attempt to raise any cotton next year to be sure to be present at one of these demonstrations.

LOANS FOR THE SOUTH

War Finance Corporation Advances Four Million Dollars to Individuals to Help in the Exportation of Southern Farm Products.

Washington, Sept. 23.—The War Finance Corporation again demonstrated today that it is functioning for the relief of agriculture. Large advances to Southern exporters, whose names were not given in accordance with the corporation's custom, were announced by the corporation to facilitate the exportation of cotton and tobacco.

Official announcement was made that the corporation had approved the following applications for loans:

\$2,000,000 to an exporter for the purpose of assisting in financing the exportation of cotton.

\$1,000,000 to a Southern bank for the purpose of assisting in carrying cotton in domestic warehouses until it can be exported in an orderly manner.

\$1,000,000 to a southern bank for the purpose of assisting in the exportation of cotton and \$150,000 to an exporter for the purpose of assisting in exportation of tobacco.—Theodore Tiller in Greensboro News.

Two New Departments at Indian Normal School.

Two new departments have been added at the Indian Normal school at Pembroke, which will open October 3. These are vocational agriculture and home economics, of which Prof. A. F. Corbin and Miss Katherine Martin will have charge, respectively. Prof. Corbin and Prof. T. C. Henderson, principal of the school, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Picked 212 Pounds Cotton With One Hand in a Day.

Speaking of how much cotton a person can pick, Mr. R. H. Miller of the Rowland section, who is a Lumberton visitor today, says Albert Hammonds, Indian, picked 212 pounds with his left hand Friday. Hammonds' right arm is cut off. The cotton was picked on Mr. Miller's farm and Mr. Miller said he weighed the cotton himself.

Mr. Simeon McLean of R. 5, Lumberton, was a visitor in town this morning.

Mrs. H. B. Jennings and brother, Mr. Murphy McLean, left Saturday evening for Norfolk, Va. They will return tomorrow.

Only Desolation And Ruins Remain

Desolation Caused by Explosion at Oppau Equals Anything Seen at Verdun as Result of War—1,100 Dead and 4,000 Injured.

Desolation and ruins alone remain of what was once the flourishing town of Oppau, states an Associated Press dispatch of the 22nd from Mannheim, Germany. The town had 6,500 residents, of which a majority of the men, engaged in the chemical works, were killed or wounded. Soldiers in French uniforms are clearing away the wreckage, picking up the dead and injured as after a big battle.

Eleven hundred dead and 4,000 injured is the latest estimate of the disaster yesterday, which caused a greater number of casualties in the Mannheim-Ludwigshafen district than the four years of the war. The desolation around Oppau equals anything seen at Verdun or in Flanders over a similar area. Hundreds of persons are digging in the ruins for the bodies of relatives or friends, nearly 1,000 of which have been recovered thus far.

Thirty-six hours after the explosion, from the gaping, funnel like hole where the Badische works formerly stood, there are still to be heard moaning and cries of the wounded, while the soldiers search for possible survivors. Twenty-five hundred of the injured are reported to have passed through the hospitals of the surrounding cities.

The vast crater is slowly filling with water, and it may never be known how many victims found a grave there.

The 32nd army corps of the French army is in complete charge of the area, and every available French medical officer had arrived early this morning to co-operate with the German physicians and surgeons. The French and German Red Cross are cooperating, and a big German sanitary train has brought large quantities of medical supplies.

The French high commissioner on the Rhine, M. Tirard, and his entire staff took charge of the relief work. The members of his staff were sent to all the surrounding towns to enlist the mayors and people in the relief plan, in which the labor unions are uniting. Several of the funds have already assumed large proportions.

From Frankenthal, four miles away, there was a steady exodus of the population, in which bandaged heads and arms in slings were conspicuous. The village of Edigheim was badly wrecked, and it has not yet been possible to rescue some of the victims who are known to be under the debris.

At Oppau whole families were completely wiped out, about 300 bodies having already been placed in the adjoining cemetery awaiting burial. The Mannheim hospitals are crowded with injured, more than 40 physicians having suffered from the explosion in this city.

Mr. Jno. W. Norwood of Atlanta, Ga., spent Saturday night and yesterday here at the home of his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence. He left last evening for New York.

LARGE AUDIENCE DELIGHTED WITH SPLENDID RECITAL

Miss Leola Lucey, Assisted by Violinist and Pianist, Sang Charmingly in Concert With Her Voice Recreated on Edison.

A capacity house at the school auditorium Friday evening was delighted with the splendid recital given by Miss Leola Lucey, soprano, assisted by Mr. Adrian J. B. Freiche, violinist, and Mr. Raymond Barry, pianist, and Edison phonographs furnished by Mr. J. B. Bruton, local dealer.

It was demonstrated beyond the peradventure of a doubt at this recital that the Edison really does "recreate." Singing there in the flesh before the audience with phonograph records made as she sang in the Edison laboratories, no one could say, except by watching her closely, when Miss Lucey left off and let the phonograph go on alone, so was perfect was the reproduction. It was the same with the violinist and the pianist. Each performer, singing or playing with the phonograph, would pause at unexpected places and there was no perceptible difference, as the phonograph carried on the melody.

Appearing on the stage where stood two phonograph cabinets and a piano, Mr. Barry announced that Miss Lucey had been detained and that he would play one of her records while waiting for her to appear. While this record was being played on the stage the same voice was heard in the rear of the hall, and Miss Lucey marched slowly down the aisle singing in such unison with her recreated voice that she approached the stage the voices blended and no one could say when she paused. She captivated the audience at once. Near the close of the recital Miss Lucey slipped off the stage while the house was darkened and no one knew that she was not still standing beside the phonograph until the lights were turned on again, for the perfect recreation of her voice continued to charm the audience. A splendid program was rendered and each number was greeted with generous applause.

Southern Railway Starts Action to Reduce Its Taxes.

Greensboro News: Alleging that the tax assessments on its property in North Carolina is excessive and discriminatory and that under the statutes it has no right of appeal to the State Board of Equalization or to any other State board or court, the Southern Railway company yesterday began action in the United States court for the western district of North Carolina to have its 1921 assessments set aside.

The action is in the form of a bill of complaint in equity against Commissioner of Revenue A. D. Watts, Auditor Baxter Durham, Treasurer Benjamin R. Lacy, Attorney General James I. Manning, the sheriffs of counties and the tax collectors of municipalities and school districts through which the railway operates, asking that they be enjoined from taking any steps to collect taxes on the alleged excessive valuation. No temporary restraining order is asked. It is understood that three judges, one of whom must be a circuit judge or supreme court justice, will have to pass on the question of preliminary injunction.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE MAY INVESTIGATE KU KLUX KLAN

High Officials of Klan May Be Summoned to Washington for Interrogation—No Need for Vigilance Organization.

Washington, Sept. 22.—High officials of the Ku Klux Klan may be summoned to Washington for interrogation by the Department of Justice, Attorney General Daugherty indicated today.

Director Burns, of the department's bureau of investigation, Mr. Daugherty announced, has been instructed to set his agents at work on an investigation in various parts of the country.

In connection with the possible summoning of Klan leaders to Washington, the Attorney General said the Department of Justice had the authority to summon any one and it was its policy in the course of an investigation to talk the matter over with the persons involved.

The Attorney General said that any criminal prosecutions would for the most part be matters of State law unless there had been some violations of the Federal statutes through the use of mails to defraud.

There is no need in this country, Mr. Daugherty said, for vigilance organizations. The country does not need, he added, any self constituted organizations to define and enforce the laws for American citizens. It has, he contended, a well organized Department of Justice to enforce the Federal law and well organized State authorities to maintain the laws of the several States.

A DUSKY BRIDE IN VEIL OF WHITE MARCHED UP STREET

Saturday Afternoon Was a Marrying Time for Colored Couples—Justice McKenzie United 3 Couples in Forty Minutes.

She was his'n and he was her'n. That was plain as plain as a dusky couple sashayed up the street Saturday afternoon. She was in glad raiment, with a long white veil draped over her forehead and flowing behind, he with hat off and looking a little sheepish, but happy withal. Which one of the couples mentioned below this couple was deponent sayeth not, but you will observe that it was a marrying afternoon for colored couples, all of the marriages taking place in the office of the register of deeds and Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating three times handrunning without missing a trick.

Della McIntyre and Elijah McCallum of the Rowland section presented themselves at 5 o'clock and were duly united. At 5:20 came Vera Inman and Noah Verne, of Fairmont; and at 5:40—twenty minute intervals between, you observe—Lillie McCallum and Antna Smith, also of the Rowland section.

Mesdames Mollie R. Normant and Alf. H. McLeod and the latter's son Master Robert went Friday to Wilmington. Mrs. McLeod and Master Robert returned last evening. Mrs. Normant will return tomorrow.

REDUCTIONS PROPOSED IN TAX RATE ON SMALLER INCOMES

Amendment Would Make Rate 2 Per Cent on Less Than \$5,000 and Offers a Gasoline Tax.

Reductions in the normal tax rates on individual incomes of \$15,000 or less and a graduated tax of from 10 per cent to 20 per cent on the incomes of corporations in place of the suggested flat rate of 15 per cent, were proposed in amendment, to the Republic tax revision bill offered Thursday in the Senate by Senators Walsh, of Massachusetts, and Gerry, of Rhode Island, Democrats on the finance committee.

To make up the \$105,000,000 loss from the tax on individual incomes, it was proposed that a tax of 1 cent a gallon on gasoline be imposed at the source, and that the capital stock tax, yielding around \$60,000,000 annually, be retained. The majority bill provides for repeal of this tax, effective in 1922.

Under the Gerry amendment, individual taxpayers whose net income is less than \$5,000 would pay a normal rate of 2 per cent instead of 4 per cent on \$4,000, as provided in the revised bill; taxpayers whose net income is between \$5,000 and \$10,000 would pay a normal tax of 4 per cent on the excess over \$5,000, instead of 8 per cent on all over \$4,000, and taxpayers whose net income is between \$10,000 and \$15,000 would pay a normal tax of 6 per cent on the excess over \$10,000, instead of 8 per cent on the excess over \$4,000.

Incomes in excess of \$15,000 would pay at the rate of eight per cent on all over that amount, but, it was explained, they would receive the benefit of the lowered normal tax up to \$15,000. The surtax rates as fixed by the finance committee would remain unchanged.

Under the corporation income tax amendment offered by Senator Walsh, the rate on the first \$100,000 of corporation net income would be 10 per cent; that on the income between \$100,000 and \$300,000 would be 15 per cent, and that on the income in excess of \$300,000 would be 20 per cent.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today at 19 1/4 cents the pound.

BRIEF NEWS

—Red Springs Citizen: Two new business houses opening up this week shows business getting lively in Red Springs.

—Miss Annie Belle Edwards has accepted a position as saleslady in the store of Robins & Squires. She began work Thursday.

—Mr. M. B. Robbins returned Friday morning from the Northern markets, where he went to by goods for Robbins & Squires, of which firm he is a member. He was away about a week.

—Correspondence of The Robesonian: Miss Katie Maie Duncan of Lumberton, R. 7, has accepted a position with the Riverside Overall Co. of Danville, Va., and will leave Tuesday.

—Mr. A. H. Isley of Charlotte and Mr. Earl Moore of Bennettsville, S. C., have accepted positions as cotton buyers on the local market for the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mills.

—Mr. S. McIntyre left last evening for Thomasville to attend a meeting of the trustees of the Baptist orphanage to consider plans for a building to replace one that was burned at the orphanage recently.

—Miss Berta McNeill of Rowland arrived yesterday morning and will spend several days here assisting with the work at the National Bank of Lumberton. She formerly held a position with this bank, resigning some time ago.

—Mr. F. Grover Britt, local editor of The Robesonian, has been away on a vacation since Friday morning. He visited the exposition in Charlotte Friday and Saturday and this morning went to Orrum to go on a fishing trip.

—Dr. J. A. Martin returned Saturday from Winston-Salem, where he went Thursday to see his father, Mr. W. D. Martin of Yadkinville, who is in a hospital suffering from a collar bone which was broken last Tuesday in a fall as he was getting out of an automobile. Dr. Martin made the trip in his auto.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Gladys Lois Powers, daughter of Mr. J. H. Powers, and Mr. Roscoe C. Burns, both of Howellsville township; Miss Pearl Grantham of Marietta and Mr. Marvin Faulk of Lumberton; Miss Flossie Thompson and Mr. Vera Lamb, both of East Lumberton.

—Two mules belonging to Mr. J. W. Rice of R. 5, Lumberton, are seriously ill and judging from the fact that a mixture of Paris green and corn was found in the feed trough, it is supposed they ate some of the poison. Mr. Rice is at a loss to know who placed the poison where his mules could get it. Some of the mixture of poison and corn found in the feed trough was brought to town today.