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County Fair Opens Tuesday At Noon

Agricultural Expert Will Open Fair With Address on Boll Weevil With Moving Picture Illustrations of Methods of Fighting--Indications Are That Exhibits Will Fill Buildings to Overflowing.

SPECIAL DAYS AND MANY ATTRACTIONS BESIDES EXHIBITS

Everything is practically in readiness for the opening of the seventh annual Robeson county fair tomorrow. The fair will be formally opened at noon with an address by Mr. R. B. Hood of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Indications are that the three large exhibition buildings will be filled to overflowing with exhibits of all kinds that go to make up a county fair.

Numerous Attractions Besides the exhibits there will be plenty of attractions outside the buildings. The largest midway attraction that has ever played Lumberton has been secured and is already here.

Baby Day Thursday Thursday will be baby day, when the little folks will be entered for competition for prizes.

"Houn Dawg" Day Friday Friday, the last day of the fair, will be "Houn Dawg" day. A prize of \$5 has been offered for the best pair of hounds brought to the fair.

Record Attendance Expected... A record attendance is expected at the fair this year. The folks are coming from far and near and they will be well entertained while here.

Free Boll Weevil Pictures at Pastime Boll weevil pictures sent here by the Government will be shown at the Pastime theatre each afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Raft Swamp Man Appointed Prohibition Agent. Mr. Rowland Davis of Raft Swamp township has been appointed Federal prohibition agent, the appointment having been made by David H. Bleair, head of the U. S. Internal Revenue Department.

Still Captured in Back Swamp Township. A 45-gallon whiskey still was captured in the woods in Back Swamp township Thursday. While the still was filled with beer, it apparently had not been operated for some time.

Lumbee Research Club Offers Prize The Lumbee Research club has offered a prize consisting of \$20 in gold to the student in the Lumberton high school making the highest average in English.

Mrs. M. H. Nobles and daughter, little Miss Mildred, returned home Thursday night after visiting relatives and friends near Robersonville and Greenville for several days.

Railroad Strike Ordered Oct. 30

Union Heads Order Strike of All Railroad Employees--About 2 Million Men Involved--Would Tie Up All Transportation Systems of Country--Senator Cummins Says Trains Will Run, Strike or No Strike.

More than a half million American railroad men Saturday were ordered to initiate a strike October 30, states an Associated Press dispatch of the 15th from Chicago, while other unions, whose membership brings the total to about 2 million, announced unofficially that they were preparing to follow suit and make the walk-out general on the same dates.

The hour was fixed for 6 a. m., October 30, except for one Texas line, whose trainmen were authorized to go out October 22.

The railroads listed in the first group on which the strike is to become effective touched 22 of the 44 states with a trackage of 73,000 miles out of the total United States trackage of approximately 200,000.

The New England states comprise the group that is virtually untouched by the strike.

The strike order, known as the "Big Five" brotherhoods, oldest and most powerful of the railway unions, and they specifically included mail trains in the walkout.

The strike was announced following an overwhelming vote, said to be upwards of 90 per cent, favoring a strike because of a 12 per cent wage reduction authorized by the United States Railroad Labor Board of July 1 and after it was declared by the Association of Railway Executives, in session here yesterday, that a further reduction would be sought by the railroads.

W. G. Lee, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, declared yesterday that nothing but a miracle can prevent the strike.

Writing from Washington last night to the Charlotte Observer, H. E. C. Bryant quotes Senator Cummins, who has been conferring with President Harding on the railroad situation, as declaring, "The roads will run, strike or no strike."

HALF HOLIDAY THURSDAY P. M.

School Children Will be Given Opportunity to Visit Fair--2-Session Plan Working Well--Tearing Down Playground Equipment. Pupils of the local graded and high schools will be given a half-holiday Thursday afternoon on account of the county fair.

Considerable trouble is being experienced in putting up the playground equipment on the school grounds. It is absolutely necessary to allow the concrete time to harden before using the equipment after it is erected.

Where Boll Weevils Have Played Havoc. Mr. Lacy McNair of the Rennert section was a Lumberton visitor Thursday afternoon. Mr. McNair recently spent a few days in Berkeley county, South Carolina, visiting his brother Mr. D. E. McNair.

Remain of E. O. Bransford Interred in Richmond. It is understood that the remains of Mr. E. O. (Billy) Bransford, an account of whose death was published in Thursday's Robesonian, were interred at Richmond, Va. Mr. E. R. McIntyre of Lumberton was given this information while in Mullins, S. C., last week.

Miss Mary Entwistle of Rockingham, who has been a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Beam since Wednesday of last week, will leave Wednesday for Raleigh. Miss Octavia Scales, also of Rockingham, who has been a guest at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Beam since yesterday morning, will leave for her home this evening.

Mr. Luther Cromartie of Clarkton spent yesterday in Lumberton.



E. E. PAGE

FUNERAL OF E. E. PAGE

Large Crowd Attended Service at Home and Accompanied Remains to Cemetery at White Pond Church--Many Floral Offerings.

The funeral of Mr. Ellis Elmore Page, whose death on Thursday morning was reported in Thursday's Robesonian, was held from his home, East Fifth street, Friday at 10:30 a. m. The service was conducted by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, of which deceased was a member, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, a Baptist minister of Lumberton and a close friend of the deceased.

The funeral was attended by a large crowd and the floral offerings were many and exceedingly beautiful. Both Messrs. Combs and Hedgpeth paid glowing tribute to the deceased and the service was impressive. The remains were carried to the family cemetery at White Pond church, 8 miles south of Fairmont, where interment was made.

New Telephone System In Use Now

Force of Hands Today Correcting Troubles Incident to Change--New System Up-to-Date in Every Respect.

The Southern Bell telephone system in Lumberton was cut over to the common battery Saturday night at 11:48. Lines connecting some phones were mixed, somewhat interfering with the service.

Mr. J. D. Ball, traffic supervisor of the Southern Bell, with headquarters at Charlotte, has been here since Saturday assisting in making the change. Mr. Ball says he expects all defects to be straightened out within a week, after which the service will be as good as in any of the larger cities of the State.

The office and switchboard are located in the building recently purchased by the Southern Bell people from Mr. J. A. Branch, Chestnut street. The old office and switchboard were located on the second floor of the White & Gough building, Elm street.

Instructors are here teaching the operators the new system, and, as stated above, it is expected that good service will be given in a few days.

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Third District Road Contracts Let

Contract for 3.35 Miles Hard Surface Road Lumberton to Beyond McNeill's Bridge Let for \$106,000--Eight Projects for \$568,000 Touch New Low Costs for Roads.

Contract for construction of 3.35 miles of hard-surface road from Lumberton to the junction of the Maxton and Red Springs roads, just beyond McNeill's bridge, was awarded to C. W. Lacy of Wilmington for \$106,000 Friday by State Highway Commissioner Page.

Contracts for a Robeson-Columbus project on the same highway, near Boardman, including bridge over Lumber river and 7 smaller bridges, 1.55 miles, was let to L. A. Chitwood, Columbia, for \$75,800.

Thirteen miles of gravel road between Lumberton and Clarkton, in Bladen county, was let to J. F. Hulligan for \$46,000, bridges to Powell & Powell for \$31,800.

It is understood that construction work will begin on these projects in about 2 weeks.

Five other construction projects were involved in contracts let at the same time, bids having been submitted in Wilmington last Monday, as stated in The Robesonian.

Bridging six miles of swamp between Wilmington and Clinton, in Pender county, removing the last link of impassable roads, and the building of 13 miles of gravel road between Whiteville and Lake Waccamaw on the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway are the principal projects included in the batch of jobs let.

Winning out the low bidders from among the 110 who offered to build the roads and bridges let yesterday required the work of half a dozen accountants since Monday.

Two bridges among the projects form important links, on the Wilmington-Raleigh road. One of them is over the Little river between Cumberland and Harnett counties, on the La-Fayette highway, and the other over Black river between Sampson and Cumberland. The latter went to the Roanoke Iron and Bridge Co. for \$25,000 and the former to Porter and Boyd, Charlotte, for \$15,000.

Other projects were as follows: Columbus--Between Whiteville and Lake Waccamaw, 11.25 miles gravel road, to J. A. Kreis, Knoxville, for \$45,000. Bridges to Cornell and Young for \$54,300.

Pender--Burgaw-Jacksonville road, 15.5 miles gravel road, pending. Bids approximate \$65,000.

ST. PAULS NEWS BATCH

Home Demonstration Club Meets--Chautauqua Soon--Social and Personal.

By Bess G. Johnson. St. Pauls, Oct. 14.--The lovely fall weather makes us want to quote, with Helen Hunt Jackson,

"O sun, and skies and clouds of June, And flowers of June together, You cannot rival for one hour October's bright blue-weather."

The regular monthly meeting of the Home Demonstration club met at the club room yesterday at 3 p. m. Miss Flax Andrews, demonstrator, was present and the meeting proved very interesting.

The woman's club gives a reception tonight in honor of the high school faculty here. This will be given at the manse, the hospitable home of Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Murray.

Miss Nonie Johnson left for Greenville on the morning of the 7th Miss Johnson will be principal of the Joyner school out from Greenville. This is a 3-teacher school; one of the rural model schools of Pitt county, run in connection with East Carolina Teachers' Training school, where Miss Johnson received her diploma.

Mr. Marion Murray left Wednesday of a school near Vanceboro, school opening the 17th. Mr. Murray went a few days ahead of time so as to attend a teachers' institute which met in that county before school began.

Mrs. Joseph Evans is looking for Mrs. Maggie Oliver almost any time now. Mrs. Oliver spent the summer in Canada. From her letters, she has had a most enjoyable visit among friends and relatives.

The ladies missionary society of the Methodist church entertained the teachers Tuesday p. m. at the church. Delicious sandwiches and teas were served and an enjoyable time in general was indulged in.

Miss Russell of the high school faculty here spent the week-end with home folks in Lumberton.

Mr. Jess Odom has been very ill with pneumonia but was somewhat better last account.

Mrs. Dunk McGoogan, Armfield street, has suffered an attack of diphtheria but is about okay at present. The quarantine is either off or was to come off this week.

It looks wonderful to see Mr. Grady McCormick walking our streets again, after being crushed up so badly several months ago. He had to go back for another operation in a few days.

Mrs. N. A. McEachern went over to Charlotte on Thursday, the 6th, and had her tonsils and adenoids removed.

Mrs. John Rowland Dean recently visited her grand-father, Mr. Archie Odom, here. Mr. Odom is pretty feeble, it seems.

Mrs. Sam Davis is home after spending a while with her daughter Mrs. Montague of Winston-Salem.

Lawyer John S. Butler is home again after an attack of sciatic rheumatism.

Mrs. J. L. Hester of Columbus county underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium this morning. Her condition is reported as favorable.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market this afternoon at 17 cents the pound. It sold this morning for 17 1/2, the market having dropped during the day.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

Regular meeting St. Alban's lodge No. 144, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday at 7:30 p. m. Work in first degree.

Luther Campbell was found guilty of being drunk on the streets by Recorder David H. Fuller Saturday. He was fined \$10 and cost.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis began his tax-collecting rounds Saturday, going to St. Pauls on that day. He found collections fairly good there.

Mr. Clarence Moore was slightly hurt Thursday night when a Ford car which he was driving turned turtle on the Fayetteville road a mile out of town.

Exie Crawford and William Floyd, colored, of Fairmont, were married at the court house Saturday at 1:30 p. m., the ceremony being performed by Justice M. G. McKenzie.

Major J. B. Malloy of Parkton was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Major Malloy got an identification card from Commander M. G. McKenzie of Camp Pope in order to be prepared to attend the Confederate veterans reunion at Chattanooga.

Mr. W. I. Linkhaw left Friday for Sumner, Tenn., to attend the funeral of Mr. J. W. Howard of that place. Mr. Howard, who was an old friend of Mr. Linkhaw's, died Friday and was buried yesterday.

Miss Edith McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLeod of Buie, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium yesterday afternoon. Her condition is reported as favorable.

Mr. Dalton Stephens of the Orum section drove a Ford car against a side door in the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings cotton mill office building, Second street, Friday afternoon. The building was damaged more than the Ford.

Mr. S. H. Hamilton, manager of the local Western Union telegraph office, began a two weeks' vacation on the 12th inst. He left Saturday for a visit to Hope Mills, Fayetteville and Kenly. He is being relieved by Mr. D. M. Denayer.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Major A. J. McKinnon returned Wednesday night from Richmond, Va., where he spent a couple of weeks under treatment at the Tucker sanatorium. His friends will be pleased to learn that he comes home with improved health. Mr. McKinnon was accompanied to Richmond by his daughter, Miss Katie Lee.

The filtered water situation is becoming serious for Lumberton, according to Mr. J. L. McNeill, superintendent of the light and water plants. Water is being used much faster than it is going into the filter plant and citizens are urged to use water as conservatively as possible.

Mr. A. S. Wishart, who lives on the Fairmont road 4 miles from town, brought to The Robesonian office Saturday an unusual head of wheat. It was of the Egyptian variety and Mr. Wishart got the seed from Florida. This particular wheat was heavily loaded and he says that the others were the same way. This is the first Mr. Wishart has undertaken to raise but says that he thinks he will try it again next year. He planted only a few hills this year.

Prof. H. W. Bullard, principal of the vocational branch of the Orum high school, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Bullard reported an enrollment of 250 pupils in the school. He has a class of 35 boys in the vocational department. This is the first year of vocational work in this well-known educational institution and Mr. Bullard is well pleased with the interest and work. A team of ten boys from the school will go to Raleigh this week to enter the farmcrop and livestock judging contests to be conducted at the A. & E. college.

Children are having the time of their lives with the part of the new equipment on the school grounds which already is in use. During school hours, of course teachers are on the grounds to look after the children, but after school hours there is no one to supervise the play. Parents who allow their children to enjoy this playground equipment after school hours and on Saturdays should bear in mind that in the rush to use these new appliances some of the smaller children may get hurt when there are no older people there to look after them.

Mr. C. V. Baker, who has been will have charge as local engineer after some construction work, and has moved to Whiteville recently, will have charge as local engineer for the State Highway Commission of the hard-surface road work out from Lumberton, contract for which was awarded Friday, as stated in a news item elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. Baker will move to Lumberton with his wife in about two weeks, and will live here while this work is under way. He and Mr. T. T. Betts, maintenance engineer for this road district, with headquarters in Wilmington, were Lumberton visitors Friday.

Register When You Come to the Fair.

All visitors to the Robeson county fair this week are requested to register at The Robesonian's booth in a book that will be provided for that purpose. Don't fail to write down your name and address, as a record is wanted of all visitors. Don't omit the names of the smaller members of the family who may be with you.