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Dr. Pate Heads County Organization

Officers for Co-operative Marketing Elected at Well-attended Meeting of Farmers Here Yesterday—Another County Meeting Will be Held in January—410,000 Bales of N. C. Cotton Crop Signed.

A county organization for the co-operative selling of tobacco and cotton was perfected here yesterday, the following officers being elected for one year: president, Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham; vice-president, H. M. John of Lumber Bridge; secretary, L. A. McGeachy of St. Pauls; treasurer, W. K. Bethune, Lumberton.

The meeting yesterday was well-attended, 22 of the 25 townships in the county being represented by delegates. The officers elected were nominated by a committee of one from the various townships and unanimously elected by the delegates as a whole.

Another county meeting will be called in January, at which time delegates to the State organization meeting will be elected. Directors of the State organization will be elected at this meeting, which will be held in Raleigh.

Robeson's Great Strength

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, was assisted in the county organization by Mr. A. O. Alford of the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh. Mr. Alford stated that around 59 per cent. of the tobacco grown in North Carolina had already been signed up and that a total of 410,000 bales of North Carolina cotton had been signed up. It is expected that much more of both the cotton and tobacco crops will be signed up before the membership campaign closes on January 1, 1922. Mr. Alford pointed out that the fact that Robeson county grows so much cotton will have at least one-tenth of the voice in the State organization. He also urged the importance of selecting good men as officers of both county and State organizations and plead for co-operation by the farmers with the men elected.

All officers of both county and State organizations who handle any of the funds are to be bonded. Each township unit is asked to send 5 delegates to the county meeting in January.

Township officers are urged to make a complete canvass of their respective townships before January 1, at which time the books will close. Mr. Alford said he was much pleased with the interest shown here. The work of organizing all the counties in the State will be completed before the first of the year.

John Thomas Biggs Files Petition in Bankruptcy

Petition for involuntary bankruptcy of John Thomas Biggs of Lumberton was filed in the Federal court at Wilmington yesterday. The petitioners are George DeWitt Shoe company, Hughes Buggy and Manufacturing company and Quinn and Marshall. The hearing will be before Deputy Clerk Symmes on January 5. The accounts held against Mr. Biggs by the petitioning creditors total \$4,403.08, divided as follows: DeWitt Shoe company, \$1,596.80; Hughes company, \$138.78; Quinn and Marshall, \$2,667.50.

Senator Varner Returns from Raleigh

Senator L. R. Varner returned Tuesday from Raleigh, where he stayed out the special session of the General Assembly, in which he was one of the outstanding figures. He took a leading part in the most important measures passed, and as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, he secured an appropriation of \$75,000 for the Indian normal school at Pembroke. This comes from premiums on State bonds that have been sold and it does not take away from any other cause nor does it add to taxation. The money will be used for new buildings and the school will be enabled to render much more efficient service to the Indians of Robeson.

Report of Mrs. Ed. Oliver's Death Not True

The Robesonian has learned since Monday that Mrs. Ed. Oliver of Sellers, S. C., who was reported as having died at about the same time her child and another child were burned to death, is not dead. Mrs. Oliver has been ill for some time and was in a hospital at the time the two children were burned to death. While The Robesonian is sorry that it reported the death of Mrs. Oliver, it is pleased to learn that she is still alive. This paper was not the father of the report of her death, however.

Another Candidate for Solicitor

Mr. E. S. Smith, an attorney of Raeford, was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon. Mr. Smith says he will be a candidate for solicitor of this, the Ninth, district, next year.

—A Christmas contribution of \$12.50 will be sent by Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter, to the government hospital at Biltmore for Robeson county ex-soldiers undergoing treatment there. Of this amount \$10 was contributed by the local Red Cross chapter and \$2.50 by Miss Josephine Breece.

Newland McDonald Held For Murder

Boy Who Shot Brother Arrested Yesterday Upon Finding of Coroner's Jury—Evidence at Inquest Was That Shooting Followed Row and Threat to Shoot—Shooting Witnessed by Aged Mother, Who Tried to Get the Gun—Released on \$2,000 Bond.

Newland McDonald, aged about 14 years, was arrested yesterday on the charge of killing his brother, Carey McDonald, at the home of their parents, near Rozier's, late Sunday afternoon. The arrest was made upon the recommendation of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county coroner, the order directing Sheriff R. E. Lewis to make the arrest and hold young McDonald without bail until otherwise ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. The arrest was made by Rural Policeman J. T. McRaney.

Young McDonald was released this morning under a \$2,000 bond, this being ordered by Solicitor S. B. McLean of this district.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Carey McDonald, aged about 23 years, was shot and killed by his brother about dark Sunday evening. The shooting took place in front of the home of the parents of the man killed and the boy who fired the fatal shot. The top of the dead man's head was blown off and he died in a short time after the shooting, which followed a row between the two brothers.

An inquest was held over the remains Monday afternoon, the coroner's jury rendering the following verdict: "We find that Carey McDonald came to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by a gun in the hands of his younger brother, Newland McDonald." The jury was composed of Messrs. D. C. Cox, L. F. Nance, J. E. Floyd, L. T. Britt, Clayton Ross, R. E. Brisson.

According to the evidence brought out at the inquest, the two brothers engaged in a row and Newland secured the gun and threatened to shoot Carey; that Carey advanced towards him and Newland backed for some distance and fired the fatal shot. After the gun was fired Newland declared that he did not intend to kill his brother and would not have done it for \$10,000. He began crying as soon as he saw what he had done. The aged mother of the two was an eyewitness to the fatal shooting and made an effort to get the gun away from Newland. The mother testified that she had ordered Carey to whip Newland at one time before this. The father is an invalid and Carey had looked after the McDonald farm for a number of years.

Recorder's Court

Row About a Goat Cart—60 Days on Roads for Blocking—Other Cases
A row about a goat cart resulted in Travis Bass being before Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday on the charge of trespass. Prayer for judgment was continued.

Clinney Jones, Indian, was sentenced to serve 60 days on the county roads Monday on the charge of manufacturing whiskey. Jones was arrested while operating a still near Pembroke, a few weeks ago.

Charlie Bennett was fined \$10 and cost on the charge of being drunk.

Bud Singletary was fined \$50 and cost on a continued judgment, which provided that he stay out of the town of East Lumberton for a stated period. He gave notice of appeal.

Home for the Holidays

The following Lumberton young people have arrived home from the various schools and colleges to spend the holidays, besides those mentioned in Monday's Robesonian: Misses Wilma and Margaret Durham, Mary Biggs, Elsie Thompson, Annie Grace Williams, Marion Allen, last night from Meredith college, Raleigh; Miss Evelina Beckwith, Monday night from St. Mary's college, Raleigh; Miss Sarah Carlyle Tuesday night from Greensboro college for women, Greensboro; Miss Christabel Moorehouse last night and Miss Janie K. Wishart this morning from Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C.; Miss Moorehouse being a member of the music faculty; Miss Annie Laura Phillips last night from Elon college; Messrs. Stephen McIntyre, Jr. and Israel Weinstein this morning from Georgia military academy, Atlanta, Ga.; R. T. Allen, Jr., Sunday from Mars Hill college; R. A. Hedgpech, Jr., last night from Virginia Medical college, Richmond, Va.; Harry K. Russell Tuesday night from Davidson college, Miss Julia Thompson is expected home this evening from Winthrop college, Rock Hill, S. C., and Mr. William Caldwell from Mars Hill college.

—Have you bought your Christmas seals? They are on sale at the three drug stores in town and also at Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store. Christmas seal your Christmas mail and aid in the fight upon tuberculosis.

—A canvas of the town will be made tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of collecting gifts for the suffering children in Europe. Either cash contributions or old clothing will be accepted. If you have anything to give, have it ready when called for.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT!



Christmas Trees And Entertainments

Tree for Tots at Chestnut Street Methodist Yesterday.

A Christmas tree prepared for the primary department of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday school yesterday at 3 p. m. was an altogether delightful affair. The little folks were presented with fruits and candy, this being distributed by Santa Claus. Appropriate songs were rendered by little Misses Mary Louise Fuller and Bettie Rose Ramsauer, while Master Jack Stencil delighted those present with a recitation.

Mesdames Daisy W. Jenkins, K. M. Barnes and Ira B. Townsend had charge of the program and preparing the tree and presents.

Tree and Special Program at Presbyterian Yesterday.

The primary department of the Presbyterian Sunday school rendered a delightful Christmas program and enjoyed a Christmas tree in the Sunday school rooms at the church at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The program consisted of songs, recitations, etc., by the little folks and was well rendered. Toys, fruits and candies were presented to each of the children, this being distributed by Santa Claus. A silver offering made by the children amounting to \$12.01 goes to the church charity fund. The program was arranged by Miss Winifred Rowland, assisted by the primary teachers—Mesdames Justin McNeill, Jno. S. McNeill, Jno. D. McAllister, N. A. Thompson and Gordon McMillan and Miss Ruth Norment.

Tree and Special Program at Gospel Tabernacle.

There will be a special Christmas program and a Christmas tree at the Gospel Tabernacle Monday evening, December 26 at 7:30.

Tree at Antioch December 26.

There will be a Christmas tree at Antioch Baptist church, near Akenon, Monday, December 26, at 6 p. m.

Tree and Exercises at North Lumberton Baptist.

There will be a Christmas tree and Christmas exercises at North Lumberton Baptist church tomorrow (Friday) evening, beginning at 7:30 o'clock.

Tree and Exercises at East Lumberton Baptist.

There will be a Christmas tree and exercises by the Sunday school at East Lumberton Baptist church Monday night, December 26, beginning at 7 o'clock.

Christmas Tree at Zion's Hill December 24—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 5, Dec. 20.—Christmas is almost here and everybody can call a Christmas cheer.

There will be a Christmas tree at Zion's Hill Saturday, December 24, at 3:30 p. m.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Britt of R. 4, on account of the loss of their son Elton. He has gone to heaven to be with the angels and we all hope to meet him up there some day.

Mrs. J. R. Pridgeon was called away from her home on account of little Elton's sickness, his death being unexpected and she has just returned, bringing her daughter, Mrs. Britt, to spend a while with her.

With best wishes to The Robesonian and all its readers.

Exercise and Tree at Clyburn Correspondence of The Robesonian.

There will be a Christmas exercise and tree at Clyburn school house Friday night, December 23, beginning at seven (7) o'clock.

"Santa Claus" has a special invitation.

ANNBALEEN PREVATT Teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Regan of R. 1, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town yesterday.

Parkton Letter

Rev. J. K. Hall and Family Move to Belmont—New Methodist Preacher Undergoes Operation—Rev. J. D. Bundy Will Take His Place Sunday A. M.—School Will Give a Play Friday Night—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, Dec. 19.—Rev. J. K. Hall and family moved last Thursday to their home at Belmont. We shall miss them very much, as we have been door neighbors for about five years, hence it is with much regret we lose them. It became necessary for Mr. Hall to give up his work as pastor of the Presbyterian church here some time ago, his health having failed him. He was also pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lumber Bridge and Rex. So far these churches are without a pastor.

Rev. F. L. Munns preached at the M. E. church on the second Sunday night, which was his first sermon to his congregation, preaching a most interesting sermon, to a large congregation, and made a profound impression on all present. He was taken suddenly ill on last Friday evening and Dr. D. S. Currie at once proceeded to take him to the Pittman Gainey hospital and he was operated on about nine o'clock Friday night for appendicitis. The operation was successful and he is getting along as well as could be expected. The surgeons claim he did not get to the hospital any too soon, as a few hours later might have proven fatal.

Last Friday evening at two-thirty o'clock the first and second grade gave a most delightful Christmas entertainment at the auditorium. Miss Williams and Miss Gay were stage managers and the Christmas spirit was soon manifested and all could realize Christmas was drawing near. The children all recited and performed their parts well and very attractive. The exercises were concluded with a Christmas tree and when Santa Claus appeared the fun commenced. Each pupil received a gift of some kind, also delicious fruit, which made the little fellows feel happy. By Saturday evening all the teachers had left for their homes for the holidays, Prof. E. C. Hines, principal, remaining in town.

As the pastor of the M. E. Church will not be able to fill his appointment here on next Sunday Rev. J. D. Bundy, presiding elder of the Fayetteville district, will preach to his congregation at the 11 o'clock hour, to which the public is most cordially invited.

The Lumberton high school basketball teams, male and female, were up last Thursday evening for match games on our local grounds. The local girls won from the visitors, while the boys' team suffered the greatest defeat from Lumberton they have ever suffered from any team. Prof. White of Red Springs refereed the games and we heard the report from both sides that they were well pleased with his decisions. The local boys' team see their lack of practice. The visitors put up the best game ever played on our grounds. Several of the Lumberton folks were present to root for their teams. Also on Tuesday the Lumber Bridge basketball teams were over for match games which were also played with much interest. The girls' team for the visitors won from the locals, while the local boys' team won from the visitors. We will always remember Miss Sikes for Lumber Bridge as seldom ever missed the goal.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins, former pastor of the Baptist church here last night, to a large congregation, and preached one of his most interesting sermons. Time and space forbid further mention only he remarked in the outset that he had noted several changes since he left Parkton, one that there was one of the nicest parsonages in erection near the church, for which we all should be proud; and another thing he believed there were more young widowers in the present congregation than he ever knew of any where, and that he noticed some of them had lost their mustache. He said that he was mighty glad to be back to his old home and mingle with his friends. Mr. Ward, the evangelist singer, was with him and led the singing both Sunday morning and at night. Mrs. D. S. Currie performed at the piano Sunday night. Mr. Ward rendered a beautiful solo.

Last week was hog-killing week with this scribe as well as many others, and our time was much occupied, and since then a feast of fat things. We fear our appetite will scarcely be restored by Christmas. Mr. O. Stanley killed some fine ones today some over the 300 lb. mark. Mr. T. J. Edwards killed one that he claims he received 75 lbs. of pure lard. That must have been some hog. Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Mears of Lumberton spent the week-end a week ago with Mrs. Mears' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Stanley.

Mr. A. C. Canady has moved from the McDonald residence to the Thompson building.

We have never seen the stores so full of Christmas goods, fruit, etc., only trouble, money seems just a little scarce, but some of it being spent,

NEXT CALL DECEMBER 29.

The Robesonian is going to skip one issue, as per usual at this blessed season, so the next issue will be printed Thursday of next week, December 29. The office will be open as usual, however, every day except next Monday, when it will be closed most of the day, and there'll be a fire and a chair and a warm welcome for any who may call.

The Robesonian's large family of subscribers and advertisers have been mighty good to it and it thanks them and wishes them, one and all, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today at 16 87 1-2 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Robbers attempted to enter Mr. M. M. Rozier's store Tuesday night. An attempt was made to gain entrance through the back door, but the effort failed.

—Dr. and Mrs. R. S. Beam will leave Sunday evening for New York, where they will spend a week while Dr. Beam attends eye, ear, nose and throat clinics.

—Parkton is one of the third-class postoffices for which Civil Service examinations are to be held January 14. The salary is \$1,200 and the vacancy occurs January 1st.

—An important meeting of the Lumberton post of the American Legion will be held tomorrow evening in the legion hall at 7:30. Officers will be elected. All members are urged to be present.

—License has been issued for the marriage of William Walters and Margie White; Jas. Lindsay Savage and Mary Elizabeth Evans; Thos. E. Willis and Grace Crenshaw.

—Rev. W. H. Dodd and Mr. J. R. Bullock of Proctorville were among the visitors in town yesterday. Mr. Bullock and family recently moved from Mr. Bullock's farm on R. 2, from Fairmont to Proctorville.

—Mr. J. J. Goodwin, a member of the local bar, moved his office Monday afternoon from the McLeod building, West Fourth street, into the White & Gough building over Efrid's department store. Mr. Goodwin now occupies the office formerly occupied by the Southern Bell Telephone Co.

—Prof. and Mrs. R. L. Pittman, Prof. and Mrs. H. W. Bullard and small son, Barnes, and Prof. H. W. Morton of Orrum were among the visitors in town yesterday. Messrs. Pittman, Bullard and Morton are members of the faculty of the Orrum high school, Mr. Pittman being principal.

—The following employees of Mr. H. A. Page, Jr., at the local Ford station attended in Hamlet Tuesday evening the annual banquet given by Mr. Page to the employees of his six garages and sales stations: Messrs. J. H. Felts, Jr., manager of the local station, T. A. Ramsauer, Harry Green, Thery and John Collins, Malcombe Pleasant, Stewart Ramsauer. The banquet was held at the Seaboard hotel and was an altogether delightful affair, according to Mr. Felts. A banquet was also given for colored employees and it was attended by Nathaniel Simmons of the Lumberton station.

—Mr. John E. Floyd, who has been employed as county sanitary officer of Robeson during the last year, has accepted a position with the State Board of Health. He will have charge of sanitary work in 9 counties these will be. As was stated in The Robesonian at the time, the county commissioners did not make an appropriation for this work next year when the budget was made up the first Monday in this month. The sanitary work in this county will in the future be handled by the State Board of Health. Mr. Floyd will attend a conference of sanitary officers of the State in Raleigh December 23.

—The paint brushes are running freely on Mr. J. Q. Parnell's new bungalow and he expects to occupy it by the first of the new year, if not sooner.

Miss Sallie Farrell, who teaches at Rennert, spent the week-end with home folks, also Miss Webster of Rennert. School will not close here for Christmas until Friday. They will give a play Friday night at the school building, which promises to be quite interesting.

Mr. Clyde Council arrived home from the A. and E., Raleigh, and is with Messrs. Cobb and Parnell during the holidays, which seems quite natural, at his old job.

As this will be our last letter for 1921 we extend greetings to all the readers of The Robesonian, and a happy New Year.

NOTICE

This is to notify all tax-payers that 1 per cent. will be added to all unpaid State and county taxes on January 1, 1922 and one per cent. additional each month thereafter until paid.

R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff.