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District Convention Here Jan. 18

41 Delegates Elected From Various Townships of County to Attend District Convention of Cotton Co-operative in Lumberton Wednesday—Convention Will Nominate Candidates for Director for District Composed of Robeson.

Farmers representing every section of Robeson county met here today and elected delegates from the various townships to the district convention of the Co-operative Cotton Marketing association, which will be held in the court house here Wednesday at 10:30 a. m. At this convention two men will be nominated as candidates for director of the association from Robeson county, which comprises a district. The names of the two men nominated will be submitted to all members of the association in the county from headquarters at Raleigh. Each member will vote for one of the two men and the one receiving the most votes will be declared elected as the director.

The 41 delegates elected today from the various townships are:

Fairmont—O. I. Floyd, W. C. Brown; Gaddy—J. A. Rowland, B. L. Page; Sterlings—S. F. Jenkins; Wishart—A. E. Israel; Britts—W. P. Britt; Orrum—M. Shepherd, J. K. Atkinson; White House—G. E. Morgan; Thompsons—S. J. Smith, A. W. Pate; Rowland—J. W. McLeod, R. H. Miller; Alfordville—J. F. McDonald, N. J. McRimmon; Maxton—C. C. York, Alex. White; Smiths—B. C. Smith, Sandy McNeill; Back Swamp—M. M. Singletary, Mrs. Bertha M. Singletary; Burnt Swamp—J. A. Stanton; Raft Swamp—L. E. Tyner; Pembroke—H. H. Goodwin; Lumberton—W. K. Bethune, R. H. Crichton; St. Pauls—Marcus Smith, G. A. McGoogan; Shannon—C. C. Carter, J. D. Gibson; Lumber Bridge—H. M. John; Howellsville—N. A. Townsend, N. A. Kirlaw; Red Springs—E. L. Buie, W. J. Johnson; Parkton—W. G. Britt, A. H. Perry; Rennett—D. F. Webster; Saddletree—J. L. Humphrey, Rev. F. A. Prevatt.

It is important that all delegates attend the convention Wednesday.

Negro Escapes From Chain Gang

James Grice, Serving Term for Shooting Lumberton Policeman, Made Get-Away Friday Night—Bennie Rogers, Serving Term for Same Offense, Escaped Some Weeks Ago. James Grice, negro, who had served 6 months of a 18-months' sentence on the county roads, escaped Friday night. Grice was one of three negroes convicted of firing upon and seriously injuring Policemen J. B. Boyle and Vance McGill on Elm street about a year ago. Bennie Rogers, another of the three negroes, escaped from the gang several weeks ago. Grice was wanted in South Carolina, where he lived, on the charge of assault upon an officer with intent to kill. It is said Grice had been made a trusty.

OLD TIME CONCERT AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM TOMORROW NIGHT

Entertainment Extraordinary—Proceeds Will be Used to Purchase Song Books for School.

An old time concert will be given in the Lumberton high school auditorium Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The concert will consist of old songs, solos, duets, special selections by the Lumberton male quartet, and readings. A very pretty part of the program will be "Coming Thro' the Rye" by a number of the high school girls in Scottish costume. An added attraction will be some excellent dancing. An old-time orchestra will furnish music throughout the program. The twenty-five cents admission will go to pay for song books for the school.

Colored Boy Charged With Robbing Mails

George Fullmore, colored, said to be about 16 years old, was arrested Thursday night and is in jail charged with robbing the mails. A postoffice detective, who was here Saturday, stated that he would have to make investigation before taking any action, owing to the age of the boy. Fullmore is charged with removing a registered letter notice from a locked box at the local postoffice and forging the name of the addressee in securing the letter. The letter contained \$35, it is said. He admitted to the officers that he is guilty of the charge.

—The Lumberton home demonstration club will meet in the domestic science room in the graded school building Tuesday at 3 p. m. All ladies are invited.

—Snow fell hereabouts for a spell Friday afternoon.

—Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer requests public schools of the county to send their compulsory school attendance reports to her at Red Springs.

To Select Tobacco Selling Directors

Voting on Nominees for District Meeting, Which Will Nominate Men to be Voted on for Directors of Tobacco Growers Cooperative Selling Association—Ten Men Nominated For Robeson.

Ten men, five of whom will be elected as delegates to the district meeting of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Selling association, were nominated here Saturday by officers of the county and township organizations. These were: Messrs. J. C. Lentz, W. C. Brown, I. M. Thompson, Arthur Davis, M. Shepherd, T. J. Noblin, R. H. Crichton, Frank Gough, A. W. Pate and L. M. Oliver. These names were wired to Raleigh and will be submitted through the mail to all members of the association in the county for their individual vote. The five receiving the largest number of votes will be elected.

These, together with those elected from the other counties in the district—Bladen, Columbus and Brunswick—will nominate two men from the district for directors of the association. These two names will be voted upon by all members of the association and the one receiving the largest number of votes will serve as director for one year. The same method for electing directors is being carried out throughout the various districts in the tobacco belt of North and South Carolina and Virginia. The final election will be held on January 31.

Separate directors will be elected for the cotton selling branch of the Co-Operative Selling association.

Indian Boy Burned To Death

Webster Locklear Cremated When Home Burned Near Red Banks Saturday Night—10-Year-Old Girl Perhaps Fatally Burned—Woman and Baby Also Painfully Burned.

Webster Locklear, Indian, 14-years-old, was burned to death Saturday night and his ten-year-old sister was so seriously burned that she is not expected to live when the Locklear home near Red Banks, was burned. The Locklear children lived alone, their parents both being dead. The top of the house was falling in before any of them awoke. The charred remains of Webster were located after the building had burned down.

The fire occurred between 10 and 11 o'clock. A married sister of the children, with her infant, had gone there to spend the night. She and her baby were both painfully burned before escaping from the burning building.

BANK OF PEMBROKE IN FINE CONDITION

Deposits Over \$113,000 and Undivided Profits Over \$2,700—Meeting of Stockholders and Directors.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Pembroke, Jan. 14.—The stockholders of the Bank of Pembroke held their annual meeting at the office of bank last Thursday night. They found affairs of the bank in number one condition, deposits of over \$113,000 and undivided profits of over \$2,700.00, and no borrowed money of any kind. This was considered a fine record for year like 1921. The same board of directors as of 1921 were re-elected for 1922 as follows: C. T. Pate, H. M. McAllister, Wesley Kirby, H. H. Lowry, N. H. Biddell, J. A. McCormick, A. M. Breece and R. H. Livermore.

At a meeting of the board, of directors following stockholders meeting, the following officers were elected: P. S. Cooper, president, A. M. Breece, 1st vice president, R. H. Livermore, 2nd vice president, E. M. Paul, cashier, Miss Stella McNeill, assistant cashier.

LIVE YEAR IN COUNTY POLITICS MAY BE EXPECTED

Court House Officers Will Offer for Re-election and Others May Come in and Live Up the Race.

Politics will come to the front again during this good year 1922. Besides other offices to be filled, a sheriff, a register of deeds and a clerk of the court are to be nominated and elected. Having heard it intimated that some of the old county officers would not offer for re-election, a Robesonian reporter made inquiry and was advised that this is not the case. Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd and Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper will all enter the race for re-election to the offices they now hold.

It is more than likely that others will offer and a "live year in politics" may be expected.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Floyd of R. 3, Fairmont, are among the shoppers in town today.

Mrs. Anna Bullard and son, Mr. Hilbert Bullard, and brothers, Messrs. Burns and Wilbert Inman, of R. 3, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Why Lumberton Has A Mayor

Mayor White Will Tell About What the Office He Fills Means to the Community at Opening Exercises at the School Auditorium Friday Morning—The Robesonian Newspaper Was the Subject Last Friday—Newspaper is Here for Service to the Community.

In accordance with a plan inaugurated at the beginning of the year by Supt. W. H. Cale, of having some one connected with each of the local business enterprises to make a short talk at opening exercises of the graded and high school every Friday morning on why his business is here and what it is trying to do, Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, spoke briefly at the school auditorium Friday morning. He explained that the newspaper is here to meet three desires and demands present in every community and that must be met in every community; namely, the desire and demand for information on current events, opinions on current events and advertising, or information about ware on sale. He emphasized the fact, too, that the usefulness of a newspaper depends upon the service it is able to render its community and that it must be eternally vigilant in trying to find new and better methods of rendering service.

Devotional exercises were led by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church. Before leading in prayer, Dr. Durham had the entire audience to repeat and learn the sixth verse of the third chapter of Proverbs: In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Several songs were sung, with a waltz by the school children, and Master Frank Gough played a violin solo.

Supt. Cale announced that next Friday morning Mayor A. E. White will tell why the town has a mayor, what the duties of the mayor are and what service he is trying to render. He said that his purpose in inaugurating this plan is to make the town more helpful to the school and the school more helpful to the town, that in carrying out this plan not only will the school children learn more about the various activities of the town but also will learn how the school can be of more practical service to the community. Mr. Cale called attention to the importance of cooperating with The Robesonian more in the matter of giving to it all news pertaining to the school and stated that the paper had made repeated attempts to get some one connected with the school to report school news regularly.

Dr. Durham also spoke of the importance of making free use of the facilities offered by The Robesonian for keeping the community informed about the various activities of the school.

Prof. J. W. R. Norton, principal of the high school, also made some remarks along the same line and called attention to the growing interest in athletics, which has resulted in organization of an athletic association of the high schools of the county.

CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERS TOBACCO GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE TO BE CONTINUED TILL FEB. 2

Majority of Tobacco Growers in Virginia, North and South Carolina Have Joined Already.

The campaign for members of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative association is to be continued until February 2, when the board of directors assumes control, according to a decision of the tri-state organization committee made at its recent Raleigh meeting.

The decision to continue the campaign was made in view of the press brought on the organization committee from sections of counties where growers had not yet had an opportunity to sign the tobacco-marketing contracts.

Reports from Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina show that an overwhelming majority of tobacco growers in the three states have already joined the tobacco association, which is now declared to be the biggest organization in the United States, exceeding by many millions of pounds the amount of tobacco to be handled by the Kentucky burley growers association.

New members are to be allowed to vote in the elections but their contracts do not count in determining the districts which have already been fixed for the first year.

Lumbert Test Installs Officers.

The following officers were installed by Lumbert tent No. 18, Macedonia, at the regular review Friday evening: past commander, Rossie B. Britt; commander, J. T. Penny; lieutenant commander, Jno. W. Long; recorder, Lucy M. McKenzie; physician, Dr. J. A. Martin; chaplain, F. Grover Britt; sergeant, A. H. Pitman; first master guards, Oakley Lovett; second master guards, J. O. Horn; master at arms, W. C. Cribbs; sentinel, Alex. Sessoms; picket, J. B. Bruton.

Must Readjust Business Practices

Advent of Boll Weevil Promises to Revolutionize Agricultural and Business Activities in This Section—Experience of Others Should Serve as Warning—Important to Produce More Tobacco and Better Grades and Have a Great Market.

MUST BE COMPLETE CHANGE IN TOBACCO MARKETING METHODS

In his report to the stockholders of the National Bank of Lumberton at their annual meeting last week, Mr. A. W. McLean, president of the bank and director of the War Finance corporation, pointed out the necessity of readjusting business practices in this section to meet changed conditions brought about by the advent of the boll weevil and called special attention to the danger of making the fatal blunder of not properly appraising in time the ravages that will be made by the boll weevil. Some, he fears, will insist on going blindly ahead and trying to "make one more crop of cotton" and will be overtaken by disaster.

Mr. McLean thinks that "one of the main factors in the continued prosperity and development of this section is the production of more and better grades of tobacco." He declares that there "must be a complete change in the methods of marketing tobacco in this section" and urges the business men of Lumberton to "take hold of the situation in a vigorous and constructive way" and build and maintain a great tobacco market. To this end he advises the employment of expert tobacco men "to help the farmers in this section in their efforts to properly produce, cure and market their tobacco."

The part of Mr. McLean's report bearing upon these conditions follows:

"The conditions which will probably exist during the present year, and probably for several years to come, make it highly important that the affairs of the bank shall be conducted in even a more conservative and careful manner than heretofore, for the reason that the advent of the boll weevil promises to revolutionize the agricultural and business activities in the territory which the bank serves. The experience of other sections of the cotton belt operating under boll weevil conditions should serve as an emphatic warning to those whose business depends upon the production of cotton, that they must readjust their business practices to meet the changed conditions. From personal observation and also from information which I have received from others in other sections of the cotton belt, the severest losses have occurred on account of the fact that cotton producers, and those who finance cotton producers in the way of supplies and cash, on account of their failure to realize in time the great damage which will necessarily ensue from the depredations of the boll weevil. Most of these losses have occurred during the second and third years of the presence of the boll weevil, by reason of the fact that everyone seemed to be inclined to try to raise a big cotton crop once more, as they usually express it."

"I may say that the officers and directors of this bank realize the seriousness of the present situation with respect to the boll weevil in this section and that they intend to be more careful in the extension of credit where business activities are based upon the production of cotton. Business conditions generally throughout the country continue unfavorable. The market prices of all farm products, possibly with the exception of cotton, are lower than they have been since the early nineties. In my work in Washington I have occasion to get first-hand information as to business and banking conditions in the whole country, and particularly the agricultural sections of the South and West.

Build Up Great Tobacco Market.

"In my opinion, based upon such information, conditions in North Carolina, so far as they relate to agriculture, as bad as they are, are far better than the conditions which exist in the other great agricultural States of the South and West. Many of the Western farmers are getting only fifteen cents a bushel for corn on the farms, away from the market centers, while they receive only about twelve cents per bushel for oats. Sheep and cattle are bringing about 25 per cent to 33 1-3 per cent of what they brought two years ago, and there is little demand even at these sacrifice prices. I believe that one of the main factors in the continued prosperity and development of this section, especially in view of the advent of the boll weevil, is the production of more tobacco of better grades. In order to do this there must be a complete change in the methods of marketing tobacco in this section. I believe that a great tobacco market can be created and maintained at Lumberton if the business men of this town would take hold of the situation in a vigorous and

Scrap Over Switching Cars Aired

Seaboard Denies Responsibility For Shifting Competitor's Freight in Lumberton.

Lumberton's row between the Seaboard Air Line railway and the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad over the question of the obligation of the former to shift freight moved over the latter's lines to Lumberton, was aired before the State Corporation commission Thursday afternoon, says the Raleigh News and Observer. Decision in the case was deferred.

Peremptory order was issued against the Seaboard directing the shifting of four carloads of stone that had been shipped to a consignee over the V. & C. S. to a siding connecting with the Seaboard. The Seaboard refused to obey the order until civil suit was started to collect penalties of \$500 per day. Notice was filed for appeal.

The petitioner Thursday denied its obligation to shift freight brought to Lumberton by a competitor line. The V. & C. S. set forth that such arrangements had always been in effect between the two roads at Lumberton, and that the present refusal was nothing more than an effort on the part of the Seaboard to secure all of a shipment of 300 carloads of crushed stone.

The stone is being moved from the Neverson quarries in Wilson county to Lumberton to P. B. Ashby to be used in a hard-surfaced road under construction. Both roads made an equal rate on shipments, but the siding to which it is consigned is on the Seaboard, and the Seaboard is contending for all of the shipments.

Representing the Seaboard were Murray Allen, B. C. Prince, freight traffic manager, and A. F. Mitchell, freight agent at Lumberton. J. Q. Beckwith, general manager of the V. & C. S., which runs from Hope Mills to Lumberton and gives the A. C. L. connections there, appeared for his road.

January 19 Is Lee-Jackson Day

Daughters Will Serve Turkey Dinner for Veterans—Mr. Edward Knox Proctor Will Deliver Addresses.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Lee-Jackson Day will be fittingly observed in Lumberton Thursday of this week, January 19. Mr. Edward Knox Proctor of the local bar will address members of Camp Willis H. Pope, Confederate veterans, at the court house at 11 a. m. The speaker will be introduced by Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle, also of the local bar. Other features of the exercises will be a toast by Miss Martha Flax Andrews, a recitation by Mrs. J. R. Poole, and music by the pupils of the local schools.

All veterans and the pupils generally are invited to be present. A turkey dinner will be served veterans by the Robeson chapter, U. D. C.

Vital Statistics Lumberton T'ship

Births Exceeded Deaths by 181 Last Year—Death Rate Lowest in Several Years and Births Show Considerable Increase.

There were 303 births in Lumberton township during the year 1921, as compared with 122 deaths, according to Mr. J. L. Stephens, register of vital statistics in Lumberton. This shows that there were 181 more births than deaths in the township during the year. The death rate was the lowest in several years, according to Mr. Stephens, while the birth rate showed a considerable increase.

Miss Flora Wishart went Saturday evening to Maxton, where she will spend a few days visiting friends.

Misses Tommie Nye and Mittie Lawson of Orrum were among the shoppers in town Saturday.

Mrs. Harriett Watson and son, Mr. S. C. Watson, and Mr. W. L. Jenkins of Bennettsville, S. C., spent the week-end here visiting at the home of Mrs. Watson's daughter, Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins.

constructive way, and I earnestly urge upon you and the other business men in this community to undertake at once the rehabilitation of the tobacco market here upon an entirely different basis from that which has existed heretofore. Every farmer should be encouraged to plant some tobacco and to make tobacco of a better grade, as only the good grades will bring good prices. In this connection I believe it very important for the business interests of the town of Lumberton to employ one or more expert tobacco men from other sections to help the farmers in this section in their efforts to properly produce, cure and market their tobacco. I know of no one thing which in my opinion would contribute so largely to the maintenance of the agricultural prosperity of this immediate section, under the new conditions that now confront us, as the one I have just mentioned."

WHY HE "BUSTED"
He Looked as wise as an owl,
did he,
His tricks were well adjusted,
He declined to advertise, you see,
And in a year he busted.
—Business Printer.

COTTON MARKET

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

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Lee Lane and Joann Smith.

—An examination for postmaster at Maxton will be held February 11. The office pays \$2,400.

—Miss Aileen Ramsauer has accepted a position as bookkeeper in the office of Mr. C. M. Barker.

—Born, Friday evening, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Freeman, at their home, East Third street, a daughter.

—Ruby, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Townsend, who was painfully hurt Monday at noon when she fell out of a chair, has practically recovered from the effects of the fall.

—Mr. Giles W. Mercer has accepted a position as traveling salesman for the National Cigar and Tobacco Co. of High Point. He will travel eastern North Carolina.

—Mr. J. H. Felts, Jr., manager of the H. A. Page, Jr., garage, attended in Wilmington Friday a banquet given Ford dealers in Eastern North Carolina by the Ford Motor Co.

—Mr. E. T. McInnis of Sharpsburg, Nash county, has accepted a position as pharmacist at the Pope drug store. Mr. McInnis expects to move his family here as soon as he can secure a suitable house to live in.

—Mr. W. T. Hall Friday moved his family from Tar Heel, Bladen county, into a residence owned by Mr. E. J. Britt, East Second street. Mr. Hall has been here for several months, being employed in the general office of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Co.

—Owing to a misunderstanding about the date, the Philadelphia high school did not put on the minstrel show in the high school auditorium here Friday night. Members of the caste came to Lumberton, but as the show had not been advertised very extensively it was decided to give it at a later date.

—Persons desiring to make contributions of food or clothing to individuals in Russia can get information for sending same from Mr. F. Grover Britt, secretary of the Lumberton Chapter of the American Red Cross. Plans for individual communication to persons living in Russia are also furnished by the Red Cross.

WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION

R. C. Lawrence is Chairman for Robeson County.

To the Public:

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, State chairman of North Carolina, has requested me to act as chairman for Robeson county of the movement to establish what is to be known as the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. It is desired that a fund of \$1,000,000.00 be raised by voluntary contributions from the friends and admirers of ex-President Wilson, which fund will be known as the Woodrow Wilson Foundation. The foundation will be managed by a board of trustees, and the annual income will be awarded by a nationally constituted committee to that individual or group that has rendered, within a specified period, meritorious service in the cause of democracy, public welfare, liberal thought, peace through justice, or other conspicuous public service. In this manner it is proposed to establish a perpetual memorial to the man who bore upon his shoulders the weight of the woes of the world, and who was broken upon the wheel in endeavoring to inspire nations with the same lofty ideals that have always inspired him.

The week beginning today, January 16th, has been designated for the reception of voluntary contributions to this object. It is hoped that every friend and admirer of ex-President Wilson will make some contribution. No large amount should be contributed by any individual, but there should be many contributions of \$1.00, \$5.00, \$10.00 or \$25.00 from the county of Robeson. Handsome certificates of participation will be sent to all who contribute. Please bear in mind that your contribution should come in during the present week. Cash or checks should be sent to the undersigned, with the name and address of the contributor.

R. C. LAWRENCE,
County Chairman.
Lumberton.