

Plan To Build Potato Storage House

Building Committee Named—Farmers Pledge 60 Acres to be Grown Under Direction of Farm Demonstrator—Speakers Tell How Potato Can be Made a Most Profitable Crop.

Plans are on foot for the erection here of a 15,000-bushel sweet-potato storage house. Farmers already have signed up for 60 acres of potatoes to be grown under the direction of Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator.

A meeting in the interest of the movement was held in the court house Friday evening. The meeting was attended by a number of farmers and business men, all of whom seemed to be in sympathy with the plan for saving sweet potatoes.

At a meeting of this committee Saturday morning Messrs. K. M. Barnes, M. F. Cobb and H. M. McAllister were named as a building committee. Local business men will see to it that the house is provided if the farmers will lend their cooperation by furnishing enough potatoes to fill it.

Mr. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, presided at the meeting Friday evening. The meeting was addressed by Mr. G. A. Cardwell, agricultural and industrial agent of the S. A. L. railway; and Mr. E. W. Gaither, district demonstration agent of Goldsboro.

Importance of Saving Crop. Mr. Cardwell, who is considered an authority on the sweet potato, was the first to speak. In beginning Mr. Cardwell said that the cotton acreage would be cut of necessity and that Robeson county would probably suffer a loss of 30,000 bales of cotton this year from the boll weevil.

He told of conditions in Orangeburg county, South Carolina, which county ginned in 1919 more than 90,000 bales and last year up to December 31 had ginned only 18,000 bales. The speaker gave interesting figures relative to the various crops grown in Robeson county, the average yearly sweet potato yield being given as 288,520 bushels.

The loss to the grower averages from 50 to 60 per cent. of the crop each year. Mr. Cardwell urged the importance of saving the crop, this being more necessary than increasing the production. The cost of production of sweet potatoes should not exceed 15 cents the bushel, the speaker said.

Best Plans for Keeping Potatoes. Mr. Robeson was the next to speak. His address dealt with the best plans for keeping the potatoes. Curing them is no experiment, he declared. He told of a recent visit to several houses in Georgia where the loss from potatoes placed in them was less than 2 per cent.

Mr. Robeson also stressed the importance of growing the right kind of potatoes and care in selecting and treatment of seed potatoes. The speaker explained that sweet potatoes can be grown successfully after an early Irish potato crop. In closing the speaker declared that the program as proposed here can be put over and that if it is not done the people of this section will be behind.

Quality is Important. Mr. Gather explained in detail the plans of the Cooperative Potato association, recently organized at Rocky Mount. The importance of growing quality potatoes was also stressed by Mr. Gather, who appealed to the farmers present to make quality their one great aim in growing potatoes. Potatoes grown for commercial purposes must differ from those grown for your own table.

People who buy potatoes demand the best. Growing better potatoes means a greater home assumption. While definite plans for the operation of the potato storage house have not been worked out, it is confidently expected that such a house will be erected here during the next few months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Crawford, Miss Belia McCormick and Mr. M. B. McCormick of R. 2, Rowland, are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. A. C. McLeod of Bule was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Don't Miss Boll Weevil Meeting Friday

Most Important Meeting of Kind Ever Held in Robeson Says Farm Demonstrator Dukes—State Entomologist Sherman and Members of State Department of Agriculture Will Speak.

The most important boll weevil meeting ever held in Robeson county, is the way Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, terms the meeting to be held in the court house here Friday of this week at 11 a. m. Prof. Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist, of Raleigh, will address the meeting. There will also be other members of the State Department of Agriculture present.

Remember the date, come and bring your neighbor. Matters about which you are interested will be discussed.

Train Strikes Car; Dr. Rozier Injured

Severe Injuries Sustained by Dr. R. G. Rozier of St. Pauls When His Car Was Struck by Train Friday—Attempted to Cross Track Ahead of V. & C. S. Train.

Dr. R. G. Rozier of St. Pauls was painfully hurt late Friday afternoon when the Ford coupe which he was driving was struck by a Virginia & Carolina Southern passenger train at a road crossing near the St. Pauls cotton mill. He suffered several scalp wounds, two ribs in his right side were fractured, his back was bruised and there were several other minor bruises on his body.

Dr. Rozier was brought to Lumberton on the same train that struck his car and was taken to the Thompson hospital. While his wounds are serious, it is thought he will recover. According to those who witnessed the accident, Dr. Rozier was driving along a road running parallel with the railroad track, going in the same direction the train was running.

Escaped Negro Convict Back on Job

Hampton Grice, One of Whiskey Car Quartet, Arrested at Florence, S. C.—Made a Trusty Day Before He Escaped.

Hampton Grice, negro, who escaped from the Robeson county chain gang on January 3, last, after serving 6 months of an 18-months' sentence, was arrested at Florence, S. C., Friday night. Policeman Ed J. Glover went to Florence Saturday and brought Grice here Saturday night. He is now back on his job in the gang. Grice was one of the four negroes in the whiskey car from which Policeman J. B. Boyle and Vance McGill were fired upon about a year ago. Grice was made a trusty the day before he escaped from the gang, it is said.

Mr. Stone Discussed Fertilizers and Freight Rates.

Mr. R. W. H. Stone of Greensboro, president of the North Carolina Farmers' Union, addressed a small gathering of farmers at the court house Friday at noon. Mr. Stone talked about fertilizers and freight rates. While the Robeson county division of the union is "dead," Mr. Stone hopes to re-organize the county during this year.

Meeting to Organize Charity Club Tomorrow Evening.

As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, a meeting will be held in the municipal building tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 for the purpose of organizing a charity club. All who are interested in such an organization are urged to attend the meeting. The necessity for such an organization has been felt here for some time.

Radio Station at McDonald.

McDonalds has the distinction of having the only radio station in Robeson county, so far as The Robesonian has learned. It is at the home of Mr. James Townsend. They enjoy concerts and other entertainment from large cities at will. The Robesonian hopes to give more particular notice of this private station at an early date.

Superior Court Began This Morning.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened this morning at 10 o'clock with Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson presiding. This is a two-weeks' term. Messrs. H. A. McKinnon and J. E. Carpenter of Maxton and D. P. McKinnon of Rowland are among the out-of-town attorneys attending court today.

Mr. M. B. Paul of R. 2, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Indian Boy Charged With Forging Check

John Chavis Arrested When He Presented \$25 Check Bearing Name of White & Gough.

John Chavis, Indian, about 15 years old, was arrested here Friday morning on the charge of forging the name of White & Gough to a \$25 check. Chavis was placed in jail, but was later released under a \$100 bond. He will be given a hearing on March 7.

The check was made payable to "Henry Allen" and marked "for work". When Chavis carried the check to the National Bank of Lumberton and presented it for cash, Mr. W. A. Roach, assistant cashier, recognized that the signature was forged. He asked Chavis to wait a moment and in the meantime he went to the rear of the bank and phoned for an officer. Chavis waited patiently until the officer arrived, not knowing that he had been called, Chavis lives on one of Messrs. White & Gough's farms.

One Time When Lawyers Were Dumb

No Lawyer Present to Tell Why There Are Such Things—Supt. Cale Says There Will be 2 Sessions Spite'n Weather—Talk by Rev. Luke Rader and Piano Solos by Mrs. Hennigar and Vocal Solos by Mrs. Rader.

The regular two-session day schedule will be carried out at the local graded and high schools regardless of the weather in the future. This was announced by Supt. W. H. Cale at chapel exercises Friday morning. Heretofore the schedule has been allowed to vary somewhat on rainy days.

While no speaker was present to tell "Why We Have Lawyers," a delightful program was rendered. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. Luke Rader, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, who delivered a most interesting talk on "The Greatest Guarantee in the World." Other features of the program were two piano solos by Mrs. G. R. Hennigar of Halifax, N. S., Canada, and two vocal solos by Mrs. Luke Rader. Several musical selections were rendered by the schools, Miss Miller presiding at the piano. The program was arranged by the seventh grade, with Master Wiley Barnes in charge.

The hospitals are expected to be represented at the exercises Friday morning of this week.

For Family's Sake Have Farm Garden

"Most Neglected Phase of Southern Agriculture is Called to Attention of Farmers in Boll Weevil Counties." "The most neglected phase of southern agriculture"—the farm garden—is called to the attention of farmers especially in the boll weevil counties by the N. C. Agricultural Extension Service.

"For the family's sake have a good garden," it urges in Extension Circular 124, "Farming Under Boll Weevil Conditions," just issued from Raleigh.

"No plan for meeting boll weevil conditions or for developing a diversified agriculture is complete without a consideration of the farm garden. The farm garden in South has not received the attention from Southern farmers that its importance warrants.

"The economics importance of the farm garden was never greater than at present. High freight rates are causing fresh vegetables to sell beyond the reach of many and are often making it unprofitable to ship them away from the place of production. The farmer who buys vegetables is not only paying the cost of production, but is also paying the cost of transportation and marketing."

Two Young Attorneys Grooming for Political Honors.

The political bee is buzzing in town today. It is being talked that Mr. D. P. McKinnon, well-known young attorney of Rowland, will be a candidate for the lower house of the Legislature in the June primary. When approached upon the subject by a Robesonian reporter this afternoon, Mr. McKinnon stated that he was giving the matter serious consideration.

It was also learned today that Mr. E. K. Proctor, young Lumberton attorney, will most likely enter the race for solicitor of the Lumberton recorder's court. In fact, Mr. Carlyle stated to a representative of The Robesonian that his present intention is to make the race.

Mr. T. C. Barnes left yesterday for Muskegon, Mich., where he will spend several days on business.

Messrs. Marcus Smith and Rowland Willoughby of R. 3, St. Pauls, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. James Britt and son, Master Rowland, of R. 4, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

N. C. Will Not Send Witnesses to Canada

Governor Says State Will Not Hire Lawyers to go to Canada to Get Bullock Negro—Wires Washington He Will Not Try State's Honor in Any Foreign Country.

Raleigh, Feb. 24.—Declaring that a distressing situation has been reached when it becomes necessary for a state of this union to appear before some judge in a petty judicial proceeding in Canada, Governor Morrison today informed the Canadian authorities through Acting Secretary of State Fletcher that North Carolina will not hire attorneys nor send witnesses in an effort to bring back to this state for trial on a charge of attempted murder Matthew Bullock, negro, alleged inciter of the riot some months ago at Norfolk.

The Governor's declination to hire an attorney to represent the state or send witnesses to testify as to the charge against Bullock was contained in a rather spicy telegram sent today to the acting secretary of state in answer to a telegram suggesting that the State of North Carolina engage an attorney and provide witnesses to appear in the Canadian court and argue for the deportation of Bullock.

The Governor thinks it foolish that the word of a state of the union that a criminal should be brought back for trial is not sufficient evidence to justify deportation.

"When the great state of New York had to go to Canada with attorneys and witnesses to get Harry K. Thaw, a deplorable situation was reached," said Governor Morrison in commenting on his decision not to humiliate the state by sending witnesses to prove that the contentions of this state justify the negro's return here.

"We are not going to send expensive legal counsel and witnesses to a foreign country to appear against a negro society of New York for the protection of negro criminals," he added. The executive stated that he had the greatest respect for the federal government authorities but that it was beyond reason to demand witnesses to testify as to the contentions of this state.

His telegram, which was sent in reply to one from the acting secretary of state suggesting that the state provide the attorneys and witnesses, gives the governor's position comprehensively.

"North Carolina will not make an appearance through attorneys in any Canadian court. It will not send witnesses to have a trial before any court there. If there is any error in form or regularity of application for the extradition of this fugitive from justice I will be glad to have it corrected as far as correction can be made in truth. If Canada will not honor our requisition in the regular way and you cannot through diplomatic channels convince them that they should do so, then I hope you will not hereafter request North Carolina or any other self respecting state of the Union in any way to honor a request from Canada. If treaty relations with Canada are not such as to guarantee the return to this country of desperate criminals like Matthew Bullock without the states of this Union being subjected to the humiliation of having to appear before some judge in a petty judicial proceeding in Canada it is certainly a distressing situation. I am not going to try North Carolina's honor and integrity before any judge in any foreign country."—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

MAXTON GIRL WINS PRIZE FOR GOOD ROADS ESSAY

Miss Mary McNair Patterson, 12-Year-Old 7th Grade Pupil, Wins First Prize in County and Third Prize in State.

Miss Mary McNair Patterson, a 12-year-old seventh grade pupil of the Maxton graded school, has won the first prize in Robeson county and the third prize in the State for an essay on good roads in a State-wide contest. Miss Patterson is the only daughter of the late G. B. Patterson of Maxton. The prize was \$5 and a medal.

First Grade Pupils Buy Barrel of Flour for Armenians.

The section of the first grade of the local graded school, taught by Miss Emma Norment has contributed money enough to the Armenian relief fund to buy a barrel of flour. This amount has been turned over to Mr. E. K. Proctor, chairman of Lumberton township, to be forwarded. This fund started from 5 cents a small boy of this grade brought to school one day to buy a "hot dog" with the little fellow sacrificing his "hot dog" for the sake of the little children of Armenia that are starving. They were all determined to do their part, some selling candy to get their money, while others did little jobs by which to earn the money.

Mr. S. Weinstein left Saturday evening for New York and Baltimore to visit relatives.

Lumber Bridge News Letter

Parkton Defeats Lumber Bridge—Boy Scouts "Evening of Fun" a Success—Epidemic of Colds Closes School One Day—Literary Society Will Give Entertainment March 3.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Feb. 24.—On Wednesday afternoon the Lumber Bridge and Parkton basketball teams met on the Parkton courts. The strong Parkton team won over our team.

The "evening of fun" given by the Boy Scouts on Friday evening, the 17th, was a decided success. One of the outstanding features of the evening was a burlesque on the "womanless wedding." The stately bride, "Miss" John Currie, and the petite groom, Mr. Dewey Sparks, made quite a hit.

Misses Pearl Parker and Lisale Woodard, of the faculty, spent the week-end at their homes.

The school was closed from Thursday afternoon until Monday on account of an epidemic of bad colds.

Mrs. Allen of Littleton, who has been visiting her daughter Mrs. Douglas Smith, returned home last week.

On Friday evening, March 3rd, the Nonpartisan Literary society will present a public program.

Mr. E. M. Young from Wylamontyne, England will be with Mr. Napier Halford this summer. He is in the United States studying Yarn-Ing.

Girls Win In Inter-Society Debate

Annual Debate Between Girls' and Boys' Societies Held in School Auditorium—Preparatory Debate for Clash With Wilmington for Coveted Trip to Chapel Hill.

Reported for The Robesonian. In the high school auditorium Friday afternoon, the annual inter-society debate was held between the boys' and girls' societies. The query discussed was, "Resolved, that the United States should enter the League of Nations." This is the triangular debate query and was a preparation for our coming clash with Wilmington for the coveted trip to Chapel Hill.

The representatives of the girls' society were Isabelle McLeod and Dorothy Steele, and of the boys' society, Regan Floyd and Bahnsen Barnes. The debate was held under the rules of the triangular debates, with Israel Weinstein president of the boys' society, presiding. Each speaker showed that considerable and careful preparation had been made and the decision that the judges would make was in doubt till the final rebuttal of Dorothy Steele. Messrs. Knox Proctor, David Fuller and Ertel Carlyle, three young local attorneys, judged the debate. Mr. Proctor, speaking for the judges, commended the debaters and said that he was agreeably surprised at the preparation, individual thought and poise of all of the young speakers.

The girls won the debate. Final warning about allowing your chickens to run at large. Chief of Police D. M. Barker says he is receiving so many complaints about the damage done by chickens that he is going to "pull" any who violates this town ordinance in the future. Better keep your fowls at home.

The "Texas Duo", a man and a woman, who gave shows at the Pastime theatre Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, will give a show in the American Legion hall, second floor of the municipal building, this evening at 8:30. The shows consist largely of Hawaiian music. No admission will be charged to the show this evening.

Mr. J. L. Cockerham, who has been associated with the law firm of McLean, Varsar, McLean & Stacy here for two years, will leave tomorrow for Goldsboro, where he will form a partnership with Mr. O. N. Lovelace, with whom he was associated in Goldsboro before coming to Lumberton March 1, 1920. Mr. Cockerham has made many friends since coming here who will regret his decision to leave.

Prof. Hornady Elected President of Davenport College. L. C. Hornady, assistant professor of modern languages at Trinity college, Durham, has been elected president of Davenport college at Lenoir, according to an announcement made at Statesville Thursday by Dorman Thompson, president of the board of trustees. Prof. Hornady is a son of Rev. J. A. Hornady, pastor of the Methodist church at Maxton. He has been a member of the faculty of Trinity Park school for 13 years, and before that was connected with Trinity Park school for 13 years. He was graduated at Trinity in 1902 and received his M. A. degree there in 1905.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON has money to lend to Farmers on Bonded Warehouse Receipts for cotton or other acceptable securities. Farmers seeking a permanent banking connection are advised to consult the officers of this strong National Bank.

Prizes Offered for New Members and Renewals. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton Post, American Legion, will give \$15 in gold as prizes to members securing the greatest number of new members and renewals to this post. The contest began February 24 and will close at 8 p. m. April 1st.

First prize \$10; second prize \$5. To the next two highest on the list an American Legion button will be given. All new and old members are eligible for this contest when their application is filed for membership and 1922 dues have been paid. Annual dues for ex-service men living in the town of Lumberton having the privilege of the Club Room will be \$5, those living in the country will only be asked to pay \$2, which of course entitles them to the club room privileges when they are in town, also to the Legion Weekly Magazine.

D. H. Fuller, P. C. I. L. McGill, Adj.

Armenian Relief

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The following contributions were handed in to Mr. J. P. Russell for the Armenian relief and turned over to Mr. Knox Proctor, the duly authorized treasurer of this fund for the county of Robeson:

Miss Lula Watson from Oak Ridge school, \$1.25; Mr. E. Biggs from the Roberson Baptist Sunday school, \$4; Mrs. F. M. Huggins from the grammar grades of the West Lumberton school \$5.55, (Little Misses Lizzie West and Katie Davis were largely instrumental in raising this amount); Mrs. E. D. Pittman, \$1. Total, \$11.75.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 3/4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

Born, Thursday, to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Richardson, a daughter.

License has been issued for the marriage of Willie Jernigan and Mary Adcox.

The hunting season closes in Robeson county tomorrow—February 28.

A force of men is repairing the S. A. L. bridge which spans Lumber river, near the union station.

Mr. Ben G. Floyd and family moved Thursday into their new 6-room brick bungalow on Fifteenth street.

The Lumberton high school basketball teams will play the Fairmont high school teams at Fairmont tomorrow at 3 p. m.

Mr. Hayes Pittman of East Lumberton returned Saturday from Charlotte, where he spent a few days at the Charlotte sanatorium. His condition is much improved.

Mrs. L. P. Stack and two children, L. P. Jr., and Stephen Allen, left Friday evening for New York to join Mr. Stack, who has been there for several weeks. They will make their home in New York.

The nurses home erected by Dr. H. M. Baker at the Baker sanatorium has been completed and furnished and the nurses moved in Saturday. The home is equipped with all modern conveniences.

The "Texas Duo" closed a 3-days engagement at the Pastime theatre Friday night. They gave some good music, both vocal and instrumental, and their show would be better if they would leave off the suggestive sallies.

Dr. N. A. Thompson, superintendent of the Thompson hospital, is remodeling the porches on the east side and front of the hospital building. Re-inforced concrete floors will be put in upon a foundation of brick pillars.

Miss Cora C. Collins arrived yesterday from the Northern fashion centers to be with Miss Josephine Breece as head trimmer in her millinery store for another season. Miss Breece's millinery opening will begin March 7.

Mr. John Morrison, district deputy State income tax director will be in Lumberton February 28 and March 1 for the purpose of assisting local citizens in making out their State income tax returns. Mr. Morrison can be found at the court house.

Mr. J. M. Wilson of Howellsville, who was a Lumberton visitor this morning, Saturday caught a hawk that measures 4 1/2 feet from wing-tip to wing-tip. This is a sizeable hawk and how that he has been deprived of his pastime of carrying off chickens Mr. Wilson is in a notion of keeping him.

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