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Star Tobacco

Warehouse Leased

Four Capable and Well-Known Warehousemen Will Have Charge—Auction Sales Will Begin About August 1st With Full Corps of Buyers.

The Star tobacco warehouse of Lumberton yesterday was leased to Messrs. J. S. Williams, C. H. Taylor and G. W. Bass of Danville, Va., and W. S. Somers of Reidsville. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, auction sales of tobacco will be conducted at this house during the coming season, as usual.

Messrs. Williams and Taylor successfully operated the warehouse at St. Pauls during the past three seasons and are well and favorably known to the farmers of Robeson and adjoining counties. Mr. Somers was associated with them as bookkeeper and is also well and favorably known. Mr. Bass is well known in the lower part of the county, having been in business there at one time, and is said to be one of the best auctioneers in the business, a man of rare judgment. It is understood that these gentlemen will be in Lumberton in ample time to give the farmers free advice in regard to grading and preparing their tobacco for market.

Auction sales of tobacco will begin in Lumberton about August 1st and the warehousemen have been assured that a full corps of buyers will be on this market, as usual.

RAN OVER SIX-FOOT ALLIGATOR LYING IN RUT IN ROAD

Gator Proved a Lively Customer But Mr. Wilkins Tied It to Running Bear of Car and Carried It Home.

When Mr. I. J. Wilkins of Bellamy drove the front wheel of his car down the length of an alligator which was lying in a rut in the road at Lennon's pond Sunday night the alligator "flourished" up and tried to turn the car over when the rear wheel went over. In the car with Mr. Wilkins was Mrs. Wilkins, their son Master Roy, and Mr. H. E. Britt. They were returning to Bellamy from the home of Mrs. Wilkins' father, Mr. W. S. Pittman, in the Buzz Islands. Mr. Britt on the back seat, was lifted so high that he called to Mr. Wilkins that he had run over a stump. Mr. Wilkins, who had about brought the car to a stop by that time, said it wasn't a stump but an alligator. And so it proved to be, an alligator 6 1/2 feet long. Messrs. Wilkins and Britt got a rope and after a lively scuffle succeeded in tying the gator, which was frisky as a cat, on the running board and took him to the home of Mr. Wilkins, who brought him to town yesterday. Mr. Wilkins thinks there must be a good many alligators in Lennon's pond, for he hears them hollering over that way pretty often.

SOME COTTON PLOWED UP ON ACCOUNT DAMAGE FROM HAIL

Considerable Damage Done to Crops in Section Between Fairmont and Barnesville.

Mr. J. S. Floyd, who lives 4 miles from Orrum on the road from Fairmont to Barnesville, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and reported considerable damage to crops in his section, though his farm escaped damage. Mr. J. E. Nye decided to replant his cotton, and did so Tuesday. Other cotton in that section looks like it will have to be replanted, according to Mr. Floyd. Where cotton was high enough to chop it looked like it was ruined. Knee-high tobacco also was stripped badly. Mr. Floyd said he did not notice any damage to crops from a mile this side of Orrum to Lumberton.

Hail Damages Crops in Proctorville Section—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Proctorville, May 17.—A very heavy hail storm swept this section of Robeson county Sunday p. m., much damage being done to tobacco, corn, and garden crops.

Mr. C. W. Graham and Mrs. L. P. and Eliza Graham of our city are going tomorrow to Buies Creek to attend the commencement exercises there. Misses Mannie and Carrie, to graduate from Buies Creek this term.

Kills Large Rattlesnake Early in Season.

Calvin Lowrey, Indian, brought to The Robesonian office Tuesday 12 rattles and a button that adorned the tail of a rattlesnake killed Monday by his half-brother, Jno. V. Locklear, in Richland swamp, 3 miles from Buies, on the place where Calvin and John live. The snake measured 7 inches around at its largest part and was over 5 feet long. Early for rattlesnakes.

Community Service motion pictures will be held at Tennile school house next Saturday night, May 20th.

Mrs. L. O. R. Bailey left yesterday for an extended trip to Jacksonville, New Bern, Morehead City, and Gloster. While in Gloster she will attend the marriage of Miss Mattie Fordard of that place. Mrs. Bailey will be away about two months.

Parkton Letter

Commencement Day—Baseball—Splendid Program Mother's Day—Same Speaker and Choir Will be at Buckhorn Sunday.

By C. D. Williamson

Parkton, May 16.—Wednesday, the 10th, was the final day of commencement. Graduating exercises, and the literary address was delivered by Rev. C. R. Sorrell at 11 o'clock; and while the writer was not present at the beginning, yet it was pronounced one of the best, and if his advice will only be carried out the young graduating class will never go wrong. In the afternoon the Lumberton baseball team came up for a game with the locals, and we never witnessed a cleaner game. Several preachers were heard to say it was one of the cleanest games they ever witnessed, and we all thoroughly enjoyed it. The locals happened to be the winners but at times the game was close.

On Friday evening Galatia team met the Buckhorn team at Midway for a game, Buckhorn winning, score 5 to 7. The next game will probably be Saturday evening at Midway, when White Oak will meet the Buckhorn team.

Last Sunday was a great day for our town. At 11 a. m. a special program was carried out at the Presbyterian church as was announced in Thursday's Robesonian. After a song by the choir, Mr. Collier Cobb conducted the devotional exercises. Introductory remarks by Phillip McNett. The orator of the occasion was Dr. D. S. Currie, whose address was of the best ever delivered in our town. His subject was "Who is My Mother?" He spoke a little more than 30 minutes. Another feature of the occasion was the splendid singing by a select choir, all new songs but appropriate for the occasion. A splendid quartette was rendered by Mrs. D. S. Currie, soloist and leader, Mrs. J. C. Pugh at the piano, Mrs. C. W. Martin, alto, W. W. Gainly, bass, C. D. Williamson, tenor. The church was beautifully decorated and every one present wore a rose, either white or red. The church was packed with eager hearers, and we must say to our mind it was one of the most impressive services ever held in that church, and the largest congregation since Rev. Mr. McGill's revival. We have been advised that by special request Dr. Currie has consented to deliver this same address at Buckhorn school house next Sunday at 4 p. m., also the same choir has been invited to sing for the occasion. On Sunday night Rev. R. F. Munns preached a special sermon. His theme was "Mother." A large congregation was present to enjoy one of his best sermons. It was much enjoyed. Certainly after hearing these good talks on Mothers day, should not the young learn to appreciate their mother more and more?

BASEBALL HERE SATURDAY

Team from Camp Bragg Will Play Lumberton at Fair Grounds.

The Fifth Field artillery team from Camp Bragg will play Lumberton at the fair ground park Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Sergeant Earl Bacon, who starred in the outfield for Lumberton a part of last season, is captain of this team, which is the class of the camp. Several other players who have been seen in action here before will also be with the soldiers.

Lumberton Highs Defeat Fairmont

Lumberton high won a pretty game from Fairmont high on the local diamond yesterday afternoon 4 to 3. The visitors' outfit and outfielded the locals but their hits were not as timely and every one of Lumberton's was for extra bases.

FAIRMONT . . . 000 002 100—3-10-1
LUMBERTON . . . 010 030 00x—4-4-3
Ashley, Kelly and Riff; Bryan, Weinstein and Bryan. Umpires Jones and Prevatt.

Lumberton Will be Represented at Charlotte May 20th Celebration.

Lumberton will be well represented in Charlotte on May 20th. Plans being made now are for a float to be in the grand parade, and an aeroplane to fly over the "Queen city" with banners and streamers letting the crowds know that Lumberton is on the map just a few miles away and that it has a live post of the American Legion. Mr. Elie Walters will pilot the machine and will be accompanied by Mr. W. B. Ivey. The float to be used in the parade is being made of Mr. D. O. Powers' car, which has already been painted with bright colors, red, white and blue. There will not be any official representatives of the Lumberton post, but a large number of the legionnaires are planning to be present there that day.

Progress on Hard-Surfaced Road.

The hard-surfaced road leading out of Lumberton toward Maxton and Red Springs has been opened for traffic as far west as the Robeson Manufacturing Co's plant. A few days ago the section near the iron bridge here was opened for traffic which eliminated a rather dangerous detour, especially for inexperienced auto drivers.

St. Pauls

News Letter

Mill School Closes This Week—Minstrel Show Tonight—Death of an Infant—Interesting Meeting of U. D. C.—Anniversary of Woman's Auxiliary and Woman's Club Meeting Today—New Residence—Personal.

By Bess G. Johnson

St. Pauls, May 16th.—The Christian Endeavor members enjoyed a picnic at Odom's pond on Tuesday evening, the 9th. Everyone seemed to enjoy it all immensely. The "bunch", especially the senior class of the high school here, went over to the lake at Cumberland mills for a little picnic supper also on the p. m. of the 9th.

Mr. J. C. Lindsay returned from Ruby, S. C., Friday night. His family remained over for a "real visit" among Mrs. Lindsay's people.

Mrs. Bohman from near Greensboro, has been visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart McGoogan, on Armfield street. Dr. Bohman, brother of Mrs. McGoogan, also visited in their home last Sunday.

Miss Mary Tiddy returned to her home near Philadelphia last Saturday afternoon.

A bunch of the teachers left Saturday a. m. for their homes. They kept leaving us, "one by one," until all are gone now, save the ones who reside here, that is, of the high school faculty. The mill school closes this week. They are one week behind the others in "getting out".

Mrs. D. C. Cox went to Lumberton on Friday, the 5th, for a little visit among relatives in that nice little town, returning to St. Pauls on Tuesday, the 9th.

The American Legion here is getting up a minstrel for Thursday evening, the 18th, school auditorium, 8 o'clock. This will be real good, we imagine.

The baby daughter, some 28 months old, of Mr. John Gibson, near town, was released from suffering on Wednesday, the 10th, following a few days' illness with colitis.

Mr. H. D. Herndon, who resides near town, has been very ill. We hope he may soon improve.

The U. D. C. met at the home of Mrs. R. G. Rozier yesterday at 4 p. m. The meeting was very interesting, a program in behalf of Memorial day, being arranged, consisting of different little readings by Mrs. E. G. Rozier, Misses Della McGoogan, Irene Thomas and Mary McLean, a poem by Mrs. E. C. Murray, and a beautiful solo by Miss Elizabeth McGeachy, accompanied on piano by Miss Elizabeth Hartman. These 2 young lassies made their exit, when the solo was rendered, as they were not members of the society. Delicious refreshments were served consisting of iced tea, sandwiches and delicious little cakes. The following members which includes the new and the old were present: Mesdames E. C. Murray, L. A. McGeachy, T. L. Northrop, Flora Bennett, D. B. Lancaster, T. S. Teague, Sam Davis, R. G. Rozier, L. I. Grantham, W. A. McCormac; Misses Della McGoogan, Irene Thomas, Mary McLean and Bess Johnson. The next meeting will be with Miss Della McGoogan. After the close of the meeting yesterday, different ones were appointed to go around to the numerous graves of the dead heroes and place roses on each grave in recognition of their honor in behalf of our country.

Invitations have been received reading as follows:

An invitation for you. The General assembly organized the Woman's auxiliary of the Presbyterian church in May, 1912, so we are just 10 years old. Our Auxiliary is going to have a birthday cake, candles and all! We will pile "round it our birthday gifts, for every one is to bring a penny for every year she has lived ("If that's a secret \$1.00 will do.") This present will help build a new home for Miss Dowd's school for friendless girls in Japan! Our party will be on May 16th 4:30 p. m., at Mrs. Stuart McGoogan's. Then Thursday afternoon the Woman's club will meet in the club room for their regular monthly meeting. Mrs. Murray, president of the club, hopes to have Mrs. Knox of Lumberton come over and give us an account of the Federation convention which met in Greensboro some time ago. A social meeting is also planned, and a good time all around.

Recorder's Court.

J. D. Wilkins was before Recorder David H. Fuller yesterday charged with assault upon a female with intent to commit rape. In this case probable cause was found and he was bound over to Superior court. A bond in the sum of \$200 was fixed which the defendant made. The defendant and the prosecuting witness are of Howellsville township.

Steve Lovett was up before the recorder charged with abandonment; found guilty; judgment continued on payment of \$35 for hospital expenses and doctor bill. The defendant was found not guilty of a trespass charge.

Mr. Wallace McIntyre of Route 3 was a business visitor here today.

Fairmont News

Warehouse Owners and Business Men Discuss Receiving Station for "Co-ops"—"Coop" Meetings to be Held at Rowland—Social and Other Items.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, May 17.—The class of 1923 entertained the class of 1922 of the high school at the home of Miss Dorothy Ricks, on North Main street, last Friday night. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with flowers, which gave the class colors, pink and white. Miss Elsie Pugh presided at the punch bowl, where the guests were ushered after being met at the door by Miss Ricks. The interior of the house was completely decorated with flowers and ferns. During the enjoyable hours splendid music was rendered by Misses Katharine Cole and Ora Kemp, and Mr. Bruce Davis. A song was sung by the male members of the class which was a treat. Refreshments consisting of cream, in class colors, and cake were served. This affair was considered one of the most enjoyable for the young social set.

A slight mistake occurred in the Fairmont items last issue, in the statement that the attorney for the town was paid a salary of \$100 per year. This should have been \$50 instead of \$100. As was mentioned, Mr. V. W. Keith was duly elected attorney for the town for the fiscal year.

Messrs. H. O. Tucker, V. W. Keith, P. H. Liles and John D. Purvis motored to Wilmington last Sunday. They also visited Wrightsville beach making the trip in Mr. Tucker's King 8.

Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cook and Mrs. F. Smith of Fayetteville spent last Monday here.

Mrs. L. F. Mitchell and son, L. F. Jr., of Wilmington, are spending some time here with friends and relatives. They were accompanied here by Mrs. Mitchell's mother, Mrs. Margaret Floyd, who had been visiting in Wilmington for some time.

Mr. Gary Mitchell spent a few days last week in Wilmington with his brother Mr. L. F. Mitchell.

Messrs. Julian Price, N. L. Hall, C. T. Davis and J. F. Price of McDonald attended the special service here last Sunday afternoon.

Legion Post Meeting Postponed

On account of the school finals this week the regular meeting of the George Galloway post of the American Legion has been postponed until Tuesday night, May 23. At this meeting several important committees will make a report which will interest every ex-service man in this community. Especially will the report of the radio committee be of interest.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Weinstein left Tuesday afternoon for Kinston, where they will attend the Shriners convention.

Mr. Chas Shuff, well-known buyer for the Imperial Tobacco Co., at present of Winston-Salem, spent last Wednesday here on business for the company.

Work has been begun on a gas filling station on the property of Mr. R. L. Pittman, where the wooden building occupied by Mr. A. C. Bullock was torn away sometime ago. This structure will be of brick and when completed will be conducted by Mr. Albert Inman.

"Coop" Matters.

A very important meeting of the stockholders of the People's warehouse and the Robeson County warehouse with the business men of the town was held in the town hall last night. This meeting was called for the purpose of putting the situation of a central receiving station for the co-operative association here. Many propositions were made but as it appears nothing definite was done. Dr. J. P. Brown offered to sell the "co-ops" a site upon which they could build at a very reasonable price. Mr. Chambers stated that he would sell the "co-op" a lot upon which they could build a warehouse at a price in competition to any other suitable property in town, but that he would (Continued on page four.)

Mr. A. W. McLean gave up his work with the War Finance corporation in Washington yesterday and will return to Lumberton some time in the near future. Many complimentary references to his work in Washington have been made in Washington correspondence of daily papers, and these will be published later.

Mrs. Zella Ivey of Orrum was operated on at the Thompson hospital this morning for gall stones. Her condition is favorable. Mrs. Luther Bass of Barnesville is getting along nicely following an operation Monday.

Will Gavin, colored, while riding a bicycle up Elm Street about noon today, succeeded in having a head-on collision with an innocent car which had been parked in front of the town hall. The car, belonging to Mr. Eddie Glover, had been standing there but a few minutes when Gavin deliberately ran head-on into it, escaping himself from injury but doing considerable damage to the radiator of the car. Eye witnesses state that they could see no reason for his unusual actions.

Barker-Tennile High School Finals

Crowd of 1,000 People Attended Exercises Tuesday—Address by T. L. Johnson—Creditable Exercises Monday and Tuesday Evening and Tuesday—Modern School Building a Credit to the Community.

Exercises which were a credit to both faculty and students Monday evening, Tuesday and Tuesday evening marked the close of the Barker-Tennile high school. While all the exercises were well-attended, the record crowd gathered Tuesday, near 1,000 people being present for the occasion. Features of the program were exercises by the graduating class, an address by Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton, a member of the county board of education, a picnic dinner and declamation and recitation contests in the afternoon, Irene Rozier and Edward Musselwhite winning the medals for the best recitation and declamation, respectively.

The term which closed Friday was the second term of the school and only two graduated. These were Vester Musselwhite and Preston Powers. Immediately after the graduation exercises a delightful piano trio was rendered by Misses Thelma Powers, Vivian Platt and Dixie Townsend.

The speaker of the day, Mr. Johnson, was introduced by Prof. D. B. Oliver, principal of the school. Mr. Johnson handled his subject, "True Measure of Man's Value", in a most eloquent and pleasing manner. Before getting to his subject proper, Mr. Johnson took occasion to commend the people of that progressive community for the interest they have manifested in the cause of education. He also told of the great advancement that has recently and is now being made in every direction.

"True Measure of Man's Value" "Love and service", were defined by the speaker as the greatest things in the world for a true measurement of the lives of men. "An education that does not fit men and women for greater service is false", the speaker continued. Those who would be greatest should not live for self alone, but for others. The speaker quoted the saying of Christ—"Let him who would be greatest among you, be servant of all."

Lifters and Lancers.

Mr. Johnson divided folks into two classes—people who lift and who lean. Success in life depends more upon the good one may do than in finances. The speaker painted a vivid picture of the sad end of a man whose only ambition in life is to accumulate riches and do nothing for his fellow-man. He contrasted the selfish life with the life of service. The life of service is the life that will bless the world after it has ended.

The speaker took occasion to pay tribute to the life of ex-President Wilson, describing him as the most-loved man in America. His life was cited as one lived for the service and benefit of mankind.

Many declared Mr. Johnson's address to have been the best they had ever heard. It was just the kind of address that appeals to thinking people and one that is destined to bear fruits in the lives of men and women.

A Bountiful Dinner.

After the address all present were invited to a long, heavy-laden table, where a bountiful feast of good things to eat was spread. After the large crowd present had eaten to their entire satisfaction many baskets full were taken up.

Monday Evening Program.

The program Monday evening was presented by pupils of the primary and intermediate departments of the school. The program follows:

Opening song—by school.

Recitation My Papa's a Preacher—Bernis Oliver.

Folk dance—Jolly is the Miller—Primary Department.

Flag drill—Intermediate Department.

Folk Dance—by Primary Department.

Piano Trio valse—L. Steabogg—Mary K. Townsend, Bessie Powers and Juanita Hart.

Folk dance—Intermediate Department.

Play—Al Martin's Country Store—Grammar Grades.

Play by High School

Pupils of the high school presented a play, "Night Riders", Tuesday evening. The play was presented in a most pleasing manner.

Following is the faculty of the school during the recent term: Prof. D. B. Oliver, principal; Miss Blanche Perry, assistant in high school work and music; Mrs. Cora Lipkey, 6th and 7th grades; Mrs. B. F. Townsend 3rd, 4th and 5th grades; Mrs. D. B. Oliver, primary. This was Prof. Oliver's second year as head of the Barker-Tennile school and he taught in the Tennile school one year before the high school was established. Both he and Mrs. Oliver have been re-elected for the next term. The school board is composed of Messrs. N. A. Townsend, chairman; J. W. Barker, secretary-treasurer; J. H. Powers, Spurgeon Jones and A. A. Bethune.

Modern School Building

The \$18,000 high school building erected two years ago is a credit to the patrons and the community at

COTTON MARKET

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today at 19c.

Local banks will be closed Saturday, May 20, Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence day.

Miss Louise Shell of Dunn is a new saleslady in Mr. A. Weinstein's department store. She began work Monday.

Music pupils of Miss Sains will give a recital in the high school auditorium Friday night at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

Dr. H. T. Pope returned Tuesday from Charlotte, where he spent a week in a hospital undergoing treatment for a nervous breakdown. He is now at the Baker sanatorium.

Mr. W. W. Whaley left this morning for his home in Greensboro after spending a week here at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley, recuperating from an attack of flu.

Miss Carrie Floyd, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Floyd of Fairmont, underwent an operation for appendicitis at the Baker sanatorium last Friday. Her condition is reported as very favorable.

A Boy Scout meeting will be held in the Legion hall, second floor of the municipal building, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present and any wishing to join are requested to attend this meeting. Mr. E. W. Dunham is Scout master.

Mr. W. I. Linkhaw is having the residence on the corner of Water and Third streets, now occupied by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McCallum, moved to the adjoining lot on Second, and will erect on the former lot a 7-room cottage which Mr. and Mrs. McCallum will occupy.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, a poultry meeting will be held at the court house this evening at 8 o'clock. An address will be delivered by Mr. Allen G. Oliver, State poultry specialist and one of the foremost poultry experts of the South. All who are interested in poultry are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Floyd, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Floyd and Miss Sarah Floyd, all of Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Floyd came to see their daughter Miss Carrie, who is a patient at the Baker sanatorium. Mr. A. J. Floyd said he noticed considerable damage from hail in the Center section.

Washington correspondence, May 16, Raleigh News and Observer: Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton, a leading minister of the Presbyterian church, over 90 years of age, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Angus W. McLean. Dr. Hill has been attending the meetings of the Board of Directors of the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond.

Rev. L. E. Daily will lecture at the East Lumberton Baptist church next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock on "Problems of the Age." An admission of 15 and 25 cents will be charged, half the proceeds to go to the East Lumberton church for piano and half to a library at Colerain, where Mr. Daily, who was formerly pastor of the East Lumberton church, preaches.

Mr. F. Grover Britt, local editor of The Robesonian, Mrs. Britt and two of their children, Frances and Grover, are confined with flu at their home on Seneca street. The other two children were sick last week but are now able to be up. Mrs. Britt has been confined to bed since Sunday and Mr. Britt since Tuesday night. The condition of all of them is improved today. Mrs. Rossie Britt, East Second street, also has been sick with flu since yesterday.

Raymond, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Long, has a broken thigh and a bruised leg and head as a result of contact with his father's auto to Tuesday afternoon. The accident happened in the yard at the Long home at the National cotton mill, of which Mr. Long is superintendent. The child ran toward the car, which Mr. Long could not stop in time, and the child went under it. Raymond was taken at once to the Baker sanatorium and an x-ray examination revealed no injuries more serious than those mentioned above. Raymond is now at home and getting along nicely.

Mr. Bill Bailey, who has been in charge of the Lorraine hotel barber shop for two or three years, will open a new shop tomorrow or Saturday on Elm street, between the McAllister hardware store and the Pope drug store. "Squire Spurgeon Small, who has been with Mr. Bailey at the Lorraine, will be with him in the new shop, in charge of the first of its 3 chairs. Workmen are busy today getting the shop, which will be up-to-date and well equipped, in readiness.

Mr. T. C. Holder will have charge of the Lorraine shop, where he has been working for some time, and Mr. Howard Bullard will be with him.

Large. Much credit is due the present school board for the erection of the modern building for housing the school.

Mr. J. D. Taylor of Red Springs was a Lumberton visitor today.