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Tobacco Market

Farmers Are Using Fair Days for Pulling Fodder and Sales Are Lighter This Week.

Sales on the local auction tobacco market Tuesday totaled 42,160 pounds at an average of \$20.88 the hundred and yesterday the sales totaled 45,654 pounds at an average of \$19.46 the hundred. Owing to the rush of the farmers to save fodder during the fair days this week, sales have been lighter than last week.

Much tobacco was pooled by members of the Co-operative Marketing association Monday and Tuesday.

A number of non-members have applied for membership in the association during the last few days, some of them among the largest growers of tobacco in this section. Mr. J. C. Lewis, manager of the local auction warehouses, asks The Robesonian to urge members to bring their tobacco in as fast as it is ready.

FAIRMONT MARKET CONTINUES STRONG

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, Aug. 24.—The Fairmont tobacco market continues very strong. The Tobacco Growers Co-operative association is receiving large quantities of the weed. Auction sales continue good with prices which average considerably higher than last year's. Fairmont has up to date sold over two million pounds at an average that will pass \$20 a very good distance. The average including last week was over \$22. Both houses are filled at this writing and several large loads are waiting on the four streets to gain entrance. Big trucks are passing by from smaller markets. One man arrived here early enough this morning to see the water still being poured on the fire at 2:30. He said he wanted to get here early enough to get in the warehouse and sell during the day.

"Co-op" Speaking Here Saturday P. M.

Dr. Clarence Poe Will Deliver Address at Court House at 3 p. m. August 26.—He is An Authority on Co-operative Marketing.

As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Dr. Clarence Poe, editor of The Progressive Farmer, Raleigh, will speak at the court house here Saturday of this week at 3 p. m. His address will deal with co-operative marketing and will be of interest to farmers, bankers and other business men. Dr. Poe has made a study of the co-operative marketing of farm products, both in Europe and in this country. He is easily one of the best-informed men along agricultural lines in the South, and no doubt will be heard here by a large number of farmers and business men.

Jewell Says Door Closed to Peace

Railway Executives Reject Proposal of Big Five Service Brotherhoods.

New York, Aug. 23. (Associated Press).—A majority group of the Association of Railway Executives today rejected the proposal of the Big Five train service brotherhoods, that the carriers end the nation-wide shopmen's strike by reinstating the men with seniority unimpaired, and B. M. Jewell, official spokesman for the strikers, declared the association had closed the door to peace and voted for a lockout to smash unionism.

BLOW-OUT AT ST. PAULS MILL CAUSES SHUT DOWN

Work Will be Suspended Until Repairs Can be Made.—Mr. Ell Ratley Passes.

By Bess G. Johnson.

St. Pauls, Aug. 23.—Mr. Ell Ratley, and aged man of the mill village, died yesterday of cancer. He had been in a critical condition and his death was not unexpected. The funeral took place this morning at 11 o'clock.

A "blow-out" at the power plant of the St. Pauls cotton mill this morning will cause work to be suspended until repairs can be made.

Sunday Evening Mail Will be Dispatched and Put Up.

Mail will be dispatched hereafter from the local postoffice on Seaboard train No. 13, west-bound, which passes Lumberton at 8:20 p. m. on Sundays the same as week days. The mail coming in on this train will also be put up immediately after the train runs, according to Postmaster I. L. McGill. There is no mail clerk on this train on Sunday and letters cannot be mailed on the train as formerly. Mail going north or west deposited in the postoffice before 5:30 p. m. will be gotten off on this train, however.

State Senator and Mrs. L. R. Varner and daughter, little Miss Lillie Snead Varner, returned last night from a 10-days' trip through Western North Carolina. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Varner's sister, Miss Elizabeth Snead of Washington, D. C., who joined them at Greensboro for the trip. Miss Snead will remain here a few days before going to her home.

Disastrous Fire at Fairmont This A. M.

Fairmont Garage Co. Building Destroyed With 14 Cars and Other Contents—Loss is Heavy—Mill Dam Repaired—Dance Tomorrow Night.

By H. V. Brown.

Fairmont, Aug. 24.—Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Fairmont Garage Co. building and contents this morning at 1:45. A loud explosion was heard by nearby residents which also attracted the attention of Night Policeman Johnson, who immediately gave the alarm and the siren within a few seconds began to ring. Within a very few minutes after the alarm water was being played through three hose pipes on the steadily increasing flames. Fourteen cars, including one truck, were victims of the fire, but Mr. James P. Floyd managed to break the door open and pulled his father's Dodge touring car out before it was totally destroyed. Several hundred dollars damage was done to it and also to a car owned by Mr. James Pittman and a truck owned by the garage. The other cars suffered the entire fire until it was finally stopped at 2:30. The building was a 2-story structure erected a few years ago, being a part of the building which was destroyed by fire when the Carolina hotel burned just a few months ago. The upper story was filled with farming implements and a moving picture outfit which was used in the late Dixie theatre, including a player piano. The damage to the building is estimated at \$7,000. No estimate could be made this morning by Mr. F. C. Jones, owner of the contents and buildings, but it is thought it will run into very high figures. On account of the oil and gasoline the fire was stubborn and the local fire company did the best work it has yet done, this being aided greatly by the crowd standing back and allowing them to use some system. Mr. Ashley, superintendent of the light and water plant, stated that more water was used on this fire than on any fire in the history of the town, four hose being used a great part of the time. The telephone operators of the local exchange are deserving of praise for cool-headedness in remaining on the job when it looked as if flames were lapping the roof of the office two doors away.

This makes a total of 3 disastrous fires on the same location since January 1916, when Mr. A. J. Floyd suffered a total loss of his entire stock of general merchandise, and the Carolina hotel, which was a total loss sometime ago.

A dance will be given in the Robeson county tobacco warehouse Friday night by the young men of the town. Music for the occasion will be given by the famous "Harmony Diggers" orchestra. The chaperones for the occasion as announced will be Mesdames M. S. Huston and H. L. Price, and floor manager will be Mr. M. S. Huston. Many out-of-town young people are expected.

The Mason Stock company, now playing in Lumberton, will fill a week's engagement here beginning Monday, August 28, and it is reported by reliable parties that this is an absolutely good, clean and entertaining show.

Atkinson Dam Repaired.

Mr. Brant Atkinson, owner of Atkinson mill pond advised us this week that the dam which was practically destroyed by heavy rains several days ago is now open and ready for traffic. He has done considerable work and it is now in better condition than ever.

Michael Collins, Head of Irish Provisional Government, Assassinated.

London, Aug. 22. (Associated Press).—Michael Collins, head of the Irish provisional government and the Irish National army, was shot and killed from ambush at Bandon, County Cork, tonight a few hours after he had been given an ovation by the people of Cork city, who for the first time saw the Free State hero in the uniform of commander-in-chief. Within ten days, two of the most prominent figures in the new Irish government have been removed by death. Just ten days ago President Griffith, of the dail eireann, considered the brains of the new administration, died in Dublin; tonight Michael Collins, the Free State military genius, was killed at the moment when the dissipation of the regular forces in the south was considered complete.

Quails Eat Boll Weevils.

There's no doubt about quail eating boll weevils, according to Mr. B. M. Stephens of R. 4, Lumberton, who was among the visitors in town yesterday. A quail was killed recently down his way and he counted 19 adult weevils in the intestines of the bird. Mr. Stephens thinks the quail should be protected in order that they may enjoy their meals off the common enemy.

Mrs. John Rogers and 4 children returned home Tuesday afternoon from Mullins, S. C., where they spent several days visiting relatives and friends.

John W. Ward & Sons, Rowland, are agents for DeLaval cream separators. See ad in this paper.

Great Rally and Barbecue Held at Carolina College

Season of Spiritual and Intellectual Uplift and Inspiration Followed by Barbecue Feast on Campus—Prof. R. L. Flowers of Trinity College Principal Speaker—Talks Made by President Green and Others.

TRAINING SCHOOL IS PROVING A WONDERFUL SUCCESS

Special to The Robesonian.

Maxton, Aug. 23.—At a rally and barbecue at Carolina college today some 2,500 people were mentally entertained, quickened and edified, spiritually uplifted, physically feasted and in every way wholly convinced that this young institution that challenges the fostering care of Methodists of the Rockingham district in particular has been launched upon a new and prosperous voyage and has been given an impetus that should carry it safely forward and make it the pride of Methodists the State over.

It was an altogether successful occasion set like a crown upon the fair hill of a venture that has proved successful beyond the fondest dreams of those who have prayed and labored for it—a demonstration training school for Christian workers, the first of its kind to be held in the State, which began at the college here Monday and will continue through the week, with earnest trained Christian teachers giving their best to train and inspire other earnest Christian workers from all over Rockingham district for leadership in church work in their respective communities. The school is proving a wonderful success, nearly 150 people having enrolled for the courses offered and being in regular attendance upon the classes.

Prof. R. L. Flowers of Trinity college was the principal speaker of the day. He brought an inspiring message and laid their responsibilities and opportunities in connection with Carolina college upon the hearts and consciences of the audience that packed the large auditorium and fired it, individually and collectively, with something of his zeal and enthusiasm.

Short talks made before Prof. Flowers' address had keyed the audience to receptive mood and it was ready for his message. After prayer by Rev. J. A. Hornady, pastor of St. Pauls Methodist church of Maxton, a welcome address that was a gem and pattern was delivered by Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon of Maxton, but recently returned from missionary work in China. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street church of Lumberton, responded most appropriately and happily. Followed short talks by Dr. M. F. Bradshaw, pastor of Memorial church, Durham, a former pastor here; Miss Myra Ormond of Rockingham, speaking for the alumnae; Rev. S. E. Mercer, first president of the college; and Prof. Ernest J. Green, recently elected president of the college.

Each brought a message of hope and cheer and pledge of support, and President Green, pledging his consecrated best to the college, plead for united support and for girls to be sent to this institution to be trained for highest Christian service. Prof. Green is a trained educator with years of successful experience in school work and comes with the hearty endorsement of his alma mater, Trinity college. He spoke earnestly and made a splendid impression upon his audience.

During the exercises Carolina was sung by the audience, and appropriate music was rendered by an orchestra.

Mr. McKay McKinnon, a Presbyterian elder of Maxton, made a capital presiding officer over this Methodist college meeting. Denominational lines are obliterated in the pride Maxton folk have in Carolina college and the support they give it.

The exercises in the auditorium were concluded with prayer by Rev. R. B. John, retiring president, who tendered his resignation some time ago, and the audience, augmented by a larger crowd that could not be accommodated inside, repaired to the delightful campus, where a barbecue dinner that could not be surpassed for quality and which proved ample in quantity was served.

Mr. Henry A. McKinnon of Maxton, son of the late A. J. McKinnon, who was secretary and one of the strong supports of the college, was chairman for the day, and the success of the occasion left nothing to be desired. Prof. Flowers was introduced by Mr. McKinnon, who is a graduate of Trinity and who told of the affectionate regard all Trinity students have for this perennially young professor who looks like he might have been an infant at the time his connection with Trinity began 31 years ago.

At a meeting of the board of trustees this morning the retiring president, Rev. R. B. John, made his report and President Green outlined his plans for the coming term, which will open September 14.

As stated above, splendid work is being done by the training school here this week, and Presiding Elder

Rowland Items

Engagement of Miss Pearl Maness and Mr. Munroe Johnson Announced at Meeting of Thursday Afternoon Club—Personal Mention.

By McC Baker.

Rowland, Aug. 22.—The people of Rowland are very glad to see fair weather again after weeks of rain, and it is hoped that we have pretty weather for a while.

Miss Harriet Morrow of Tarboro, who had been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. C. Cox, and other relatives here for about ten days, has gone to Lumberton, where she will visit relatives for a few days before returning to her home.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Edens and their daughter Cornelia are at Dunlap Springs for a few days vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. Normy Cobb and their two children, Wiley Norment and Margurite, have returned from Black Mountain and other points in Western North Carolina.

Miss Virginia Pullen of Chlo, S. C., was a Rowland visitor Saturday. Miss Pullen was a teacher in the local high school last year. From here Miss Pullen went with a party made up of Mr. W. E. Lynch and Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith to Myrtle Beach for a week-end visit.

Mr. Merwyn Lennon spent last Sunday and Monday with friends at Florence, S. C.

Messrs. J. C. Bryant and W. H. Baker are at Myrtle Beach for a week of camping.

Miss Marion Carmichael of Washington, D. C., who is spending the summer here with her grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCallum, is now in Lumberton spending a few days with Miss Elizabeth Jennings.

Miss Dorothy Alderman, who had been visiting her cousin Mrs. Charles McCallum, has returned to her home at Wallace, N. C.

Miss Hanna Inman of Whiteville, is spending a few days with Miss Sarah Pharr.

Rev. Mr. McLaurin, pastor of Rowland Presbyterian church, and family are at Montreat, for a few days vacation.

Misses Margie Hines, Zula McCormac, Kate McLeod and Allie Byrd McKinnon are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Sion Alford and family of Little Rock, S. C.

Mr. J. Frank Sinclair was in town Tuesday. Mr. Sinclair was recently married to Miss Annie Gattis of Chapel Hill. Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair are faculty members of Rowland high school this year.

Mrs. W. E. Evans is spending a few days with her sister-in-law, Mrs. Draton Oliver, at Montreat.

Messrs. J. M. Lytch and James McCallum spent last week-end with friends in Warrenton and Raleigh.

Engagement Announced

At a meeting of the "Thursday Afternoon Club" which was held at Mrs. E. B. Ward's the engagement of Miss Pearl Maness to Mr. Munroe Johnson was announced. After playing the game of "hearts" for a while the guests were asked to assemble in the sitting room to hear the announcement of the highest score. Immediately little Miss Margaret Ward entered bringing with her a pigeon bearing the surprise of the afternoon. Little Miss Cornelia Edens then passed small heart-shaped cards with the names and date on them. Attached to the cards were small bags of rice which was showered upon the beautiful bride-elect. Delicious ice cream and cake were served. The guests, after congratulating Miss Maness, left declaring Mrs. Ward a very charming hostess.

Tariff Bill Sent to Conference

Washington, Aug. 22.—By a vote of 198 to 69 the House sent the tariff bill to conference today for its third redrafting. The six Republican conferees, three from the house and three from the senate, probably will have a preliminary meeting tomorrow and get down to work in earnest Thursday.

The size of the task ahead of the conference committee was revealed today with the reprinting of the bill as it was approved last Saturday by the senate. The reprint showed 2,436 changes from the original house text—a new high record—and the conferees will have to adjust differences on each of these.

Mr. G. Lennon of R. 5, Lumberton, is in town today.

Mr. I. F. Britt Jr., of R. 4, Lumberton, was in town this morning.

J. H. Shore, chairman of the board of managers, and all connected with it are enthusiastic over its pronounced success.

Lumberton unfortunately is not represented among the students attending the training school, but many other churches of the county are represented. Among Lumberton people here for the exercises today were: Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman and Mr. A. E. White, members of the board of trustees; Rev. Lindsay Frasier, pastor of Lumberton circuit; Prof. and Mrs. J. R. Poole and children; Mr. F. P. Gray and son, Master Pendleton; Rev. W. J. DuBois, Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper, Messrs. H. E. Stacy and J. A. Sharpe.

Parkton Letter

Series of Meetings Closed Last Night—Enjoyable Birthday Dinner.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Aug. 22.—The protracted meeting, which has been going on for more than a week will close tomorrow night. Baptizing at Rockfish beach Thursday a. m. at 9 o'clock. Rev. Mr. Eller has been doing some fine preaching, and the meeting has been quite interesting from start to finish. We are unable to give the number of conversions, but will give them in our next letter.

On last Friday, August 18, a birthday dinner was much enjoyed at Rockfish beach. The celebration was of Mrs. C. D. Williamson. A few friends and relatives were invited. Among the out-of-town guests were Mrs. V. E. Ellis and three children of Goldson, Chatham county, Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill and two children and W. E. McMillan of Lumberton. In addition to a splendid dinner, nice melons and lemonade and etc. Swimming was also a feature of the enjoyment.

Mr. J. A. Cashwell, our door neighbor, was taken quite ill last night with acute indigestion. It was thought by his physician that his case would prove fatal, but we are glad to state that he is much improved at this writing and seems to be on the road to recovery. His children were all notified and several of them are by his bed-side.

Mr. Dan McMillan is erecting a nice residence on the old Baptist church lot.

Mr. Pemberton McCormick has just completed his nice bungalow in and out, ready to occupy. Mr. Phillip McNatt left last week for Chapel Hill, where he will enter school.

Fodder pulling is rushing some, business brief, eggs scarce.

St. Pauls News

Epworth League Represented at Demonstration School—New Arrivals—Personal.

By Bess G. Johnson.

St. Pauls, Aug. 22.—After all the clouds and rain, we are having it somewhat cool. The rainy season no doubt greatly retarded the crops, but perhaps, after all despite the heavy rains and boll weevil infestation, the prospects may be brighter than they now seem. Let us hope so, at least.

Mr. A. R. McEachern and son Mr. Duncan, left last Friday for a week's recreation at Montreat. Mr. J. A. McGeachy also left the same a. m. for Montreat, going by Lumberton, where he was joined by his brother Rev. D. McLean McGeachy, who was also on his way there. Rev. Mr. McGeachy's headquarters is Whiteville, as was mentioned in some of our recent letters.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Clarence McArthur, at the Baker sanatorium Sunday, the 13th, a fine son, Mr. McArthur being a former St. Pauls boy. This will no doubt be of interest to his many friends. Two little tots on the "honor roll" for our town also. Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Moore have a new daughter, Alma Louise, who arrived Friday the 11th; Mr. and Mrs. Carl H. Howard are also rejoicing over a new boy, who also arrived recently. Congratulations all.

The many friends of Mrs. Rowena McCormac hope her stay at the hospital will not be very lengthy and that she will return very much improved. Mrs. McCormac was to leave yesterday for a hospital in Charlotte.

The C. E. Society bunch is planning a trip to White Lake Thursday with the expectation of returning Friday. If the trip is made in a truck, as is now being considered, we imagine it will be "some ride" taking into consideration the bad roads no doubt following all those recent hard rains.

Miss Jessie Pittard of Bullock is visiting her sister Mrs. J. Browne Evans of our town.

Alleged Airmen Vamose—Borrow Money From Wilmington Men.

In a news item in Monday's Robesonian it was stated that nothing could be learned here to substantiate a story carried in the Wilmington Star of that date about an airplane being wrecked near Lumberton and that no credence was given here to the story told The Star by two young men who claimed to be airmen. The Star Tuesday gave the following:

"They told newspaper men they intended remaining here until Wednesday, by which time parts ordered for their damaged machine were expected. They also borrowed money from local men, for the purpose, so they said, of immediate and unexpected expenses. Diligent efforts to locate them here, after receipt of the Lumberton news were futile."

3 Big Steel Corporations Announce Wage Increase.

New York, Aug. 22.—(Associated Press).—Three big steel corporations, employing normally nearly 300,000 workers, today announced a 20 per cent wage increase for all laborers in their manufacturing plants. The United States Steel corporation took the lead, but was quickly followed by the Midvale Steel and Ordnance company and the Youngstown Sheet and Tube company.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 22 1-4 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—You'll have to admit there's been a great improvement in the weather.

—The Mason Stock Co. orchestra gives a free concert each afternoon from 3:30 to 5:30 at McMillan's drug store.

—Regular review Lumbee tent No. 18, Maccabees, Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Matters of importance will be considered and all members are urged to be present.

—Mr. B. V. Rhodes of R. 2, Fairmont, recently killed 14 pilot snakes near his home. The snake family was composed of the mother and 13 (unlucky number) young ones.

—About 65 women who practice mid-wifery in Robeson county attended a meeting here Monday afternoon. The meeting was called by Dr. E. E. Hardin, county health officer, who addressed the mid-wives.

—Miss Katie Lee McKinnon returned yesterday to her home in Maxton from New York, where she attended summer school at Columbia university. Among the 13,000 students there were 300 from North Carolina.

—Miss Rachel McNamara of Lumberton will be a member of the faculty of the Fairmont graded school during the coming term, which will begin September 5. She will be one of the first grade teachers. Miss McNamara is a niece of Mrs. Calhoun of Fairmont.

—The condition of Mrs. C. F. Thomas, who is critically ill at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huggins, continues unimproved. Mrs. G. B. Huggins, a sister-in-law, of Green Pond, S. C., arrived last night to be with her.

—Crowds that tax the seating capacity of the tent are witnessing the shows put on by the Mason Stock Co. here this week. The shows are pleasing the crowds, being much better than the average show of the kind. Al Williams, who formerly lived here, is one of the star performers.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes left yesterday on an auto trip to Cincinnati, Ohio, where Mr. Holmes will attend the annual convention of the National Retail Jewelers' association and purchase Christmas goods. They were joined in Raeford by Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Hatcher, brother-in-law and sister of Mrs. Holmes, who will accompany them and at whose home their small son, A. J. Jr., will remain with Mrs. Holmes' mother, Mrs. J. T. Weaver. They are going via Asheville and expect to be away about 10 days.

—Mr. H. B. Mintz, who had been in charge commercial department of the local exchange of the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph office for the last seven months, left this morning for Spartanburg, S. C., where he will take up like duties for the same company. He expects to be transferred to the Raleigh office soon. Mr. Mintz made many friends while here, who will regret his transfer. Mr. C. C. Rogers, who has been with the Southern Bell people here for a number of years, has taken over the work of Mr. Mintz.

WEEKLY COTTON LETTER

By Savannah Cotton Factorage Co. Savannah, Ga., Aug. 21.—Following the August 1st reports of the United States Department of Agriculture there was a lot of propaganda circulated discrediting the Government's figures, and a wave of short selling followed, forcing prices down some 3c per pound. This played into spinners' hands and they dropped out of the market. But excessive rains continued to visit the eastern section of the cotton belt and there was little or no relief to the drought west of the Mississippi. "Bears" got scared and started covering. Exporters who had sold cotton for August shipment found it almost impossible to cover their requirements. This combination forced prices up rapidly and October futures touch 22.90 this morning.

Continuous rains have interfered with picking and ginning, causing receipts to be lighter than last year. Reports from reliable sources in Georgia and portions of the Carolinas are to the effect that unless the weather improves immediately we may expect a yield no larger than that of last season. It will be hard to produce enough cotton to fill spinners' requirements this season, therefore we repeat that it would not seem advisable to sell much if any cotton for less than 25c.

Colonel Scott Pleased With Situation at Salisbury.

A Salisbury dispatch of last night to the Charlotte Observer states that Col. Scott, in command of the troops there, was pleased with the situation there yesterday, that the temperature was down considerably and that he thinks cooler heads have control of the strike situation.