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Town Tax Levy \$1.65 on The \$100

55 Cents Higher Than Rate Last Year—Poll Tax Goes to \$4.95 From \$3.30.

The town tax levy in Lumberton for the year 1922 will be \$1.65 on the \$100 valuation, as compared with \$1.10 last year. Poll tax this year will be \$4.95, as compared with \$3.30 last year. The levy was decided upon at a called meeting of the mayor and town commissioners yesterday morning.

An order was passed providing that a 2 per cent. discount be allowed upon all 1922 taxes paid before January 1, 1923. After that date 1 per cent. will be added to all unpaid taxes for each month until paid. That is, those who pay in January must pay 1 per cent. additional, those who pay in February 2 per cent., and those who pay in March 3 per cent.

Messrs. J. L. Stephens and M. M. Rozier, members of the board, were appointed a committee to confer with Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, and Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, relative to securing a house for the Lumberton curb market during the winter months.

Street Paving Resumed on North Elm

1100 Square Yards of Concrete Poured Yesterday—First Asphalt Surfacing Will Begin Next Monday.

Eleven hundred square yards of concrete base were poured yesterday on North Elm street, between Tenth and Twelfth. This was the first base laid in connection with the paving program here in two weeks, owing to difficulty in getting gravel shipped. Fifteen carloads of gravel are now on the road and ten more carloads are expected at an early date.

It is planned to begin applying the asphalt, or finishing touch, on East Fourth, between Chestnut and Walnut, Monday of next week. When this section has been completed the spreading of asphalt will be begun on North Elm. The paving on Elm will be completed before the opening of the county fair on October 10, according to Mr. E. W. Carey, resident engineer, who is supervising the work. The newly-paved streets will be opened to traffic the next day after the asphalt has been applied.

EXCITING TIMES DOWN MARIETTA AND LAKE VIEW WAY

Masked Men Throw Scare Into White Man at Lake View and He Departs—Negro Exits Via Back Door When Masked Men Visit Him—And Bones Murdered Man Found.

At Marietta the other night ten autos loaded with masked men visited the home of a negro, according to a Marietta citizen who was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon, but when they entered the house by the front door it was found that the negro had made a quick get-away via the back door and was not to be found. A citizen of the near-by South Carolina town of Lake View, according to the same authority, the other day was warned that he must not tarry in either of the Carolinas; and he has departed those coasts.

These happenings, in addition to the finding in woods near that town Monday of the remains of Manning Ford, murdered last February, as related in The Robesonian, have furnished citizens of that section plenty of excitement recently.

Tariff Bill Now Goes to President

Washington, Sept. 19.—Final legislative action on the tariff bill of 1922 was taken today with adoption of the conference report by the senate. The measure now goes to President Harding and will become effective the day after he signs it. Under the law he has 10 days in which to attach his signature.

The Senate vote was 43 to 28 and came exactly one year, eight months and thirteen days after the work was started on what will be the first Republican protective tariff law in nearly 10 years.

Five Republicans voted against the conference report and two Democrats supported it.

New Cotton Receipts Average 100 Bales a Day.

New crop cotton receipts on the local market have averaged around 100 bales for the last several days. Some cotton is being sold direct, while much of it is being pooled by members of the Co-operative Cotton Marketing association, and some non-members are storing their cotton. Mr. N. A. Townsend of R. 1, Lumberton, a member of the association, pooled 12 bales here this morning.

Mrs. T. A. McNeill went today to Wilmington to visit at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Hall.

Statements of Summers and His Wife Do Not Agree

Summers Says Fatal Blow Was Struck in Fight Following Quarrel About Whiskey—Mrs. Summers Says Blow Was Struck While Ford Was Asleep—Trial in November.

Frank Summers, who confessed to Augustus, Ga., officials ten days ago that he killed Manning Ford on February 19, last, and who Monday of this week led a posse to the place where he left the body of the man he killed, will be tried at the November term of Robeson criminal court. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, the larger bones and clothing of Ford were found in woods a short distance from the house in which Summers lived and in which Ford was killed on the farm of Mr. Jim Oliver, near Marietta.

In a sworn statement to the Georgia officials Summers admitted killing Ford with a club axe. He says that Ford cursed him and struck at him with a lightwood knot and that he then struck Ford on the head with an axe. According to Summers' statement, he then carried Ford about 300 yards from the house and laid him down. It was while laying there on the ground that Ford breathed his last. Summers then carried the dead body into the woods and left it where the scattered remains were found Monday. The killing followed an argument about some whiskey which Ford carried to Summers' home, he says.

Mrs. Frank Summers, wife of the man who killed Ford, in a sworn statement says that her husband killed Ford while he was lying on a bed in their home and that her husband told her that Ford was asleep when he struck him with the axe. Her husband, she says, told her that he was going to kill Ford. She pleads with her not to do it, she said, but her pleading was in vain. Summers asked her to leave the house before he struck Ford and she heard the lick that ended Ford's life. After Summers had carried Ford's body into the woods and returned to the house he told his wife, according to her statement, that Ford "would never steal another of his (Summers') stills."

In her statement Mrs. Summers says that he husband told her he saw Ford's body two weeks after he was killed and that it had turned purple. Ford was drinking, according to Mrs. Summers.

Although the killing occurred seven months before, nothing was known of it until Summers' wife reported it to Georgia officials. After Summers was arrested he confessed and agreed to show Robeson officials where he left Ford's body. Even after Summers' confession, Sheriff R. E. Lewis had difficulty in finding out anything about the matter. In fact, there were doubts about the murder until the remains were located by the man who committed it.

Reduced Rates To County Fair

All Railroads Will Give Rates to Robeson Fair Next Month—Many Visitors Are Expected.

Reduced rates will be given on all railroads leading into Lumberton for the eighth annual Robeson county fair to be held here October 10 to 13. All indications are that the fair this year will eclipse all previous fairs and thousands of visitors are expected from this and adjoining counties.

Fair officials are busy perfecting plans. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the poultry department is expected to be a feature of the fair. Many additional coops have been provided in the poultry building, enough to take care of all the chickens to be entered. Attractions at the fair will be numerous in every department. This is not a Lumberton fair, but a Robeson county fair, and every citizen of the county should be interested in making it what it should be. Don't fail to have something on display at the big show.

Still Captured, Indian Teacher Arrested.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis and several of his assistants captured a whiskey still while in operation in the river swamp, near Harper's Ferry, Tuesday afternoon. "Pikey" Brooks, Indian school teacher, was at the still, was arrested and placed in jail. Several barrels of beer found at the still were destroyed. The still was made of a 60-gallon gasoline drum with a copper worm attached.

Contract Let for School Building at Orrum.

Contract was let yesterday to Gasque & Courtney, contractors of Florence, S. C., for the erection of a two-story brick school building at Orrum for the Orrum consolidated public school district. The contract price is \$21,498.32 and work is to be begun immediately. The building is to be modern in every respect and will contain 11 class rooms.

Best Remedies for Boll Weevil Hurts

Hog, Cow and Chicken Are Prescribed—Weevil Destruction Must be Made Up—How to Do It Discussed by Speakers at Court House.

The hog, the cow and the chicken were prescribed as the best remedy for the boll weevil by Mr. N. G. Bartlett, secretary of the Eastern North Carolina Chamber of Commerce, in an address at the court house Monday evening. In beginning his timely address Mr. Bartlett stated that the chief purpose of the organization he represented is to fight the boll weevil in Eastern North Carolina. The organization, he said, is not trying to dictate to the individual farmer how he shall operate his farm, but is endeavoring to suggest plans that will prove for the best interest of the farmers of this section.

Forewarned is Forearmed. This section, said the speaker, has an advantage over the cotton-growing States further South because the history of the weevil is known to the farmers here. It is up to the farmers of this section to make preparation in time. The speaker appealed to his hearers to stop importing foodstuffs and grow them at home. For the last 50 years, he said, the farmers of this section have paid no attention to growing foodstuffs, but have put all their attention to cotton. No section can make money on the one-crop system. Cotton should not be grown as the only money crop, but as a surplus. The speaker pointed out the fact that the one-crop system had run the boys off the farms, and to the towns to accept \$40 jobs.

Mr. Bartlett called attention to an article which recently appeared in the Literary Digest, in which it was stated that last year the boll weevil destroyed more than 6,000,000 bales of the South's cotton crop. Something must come in to fill this decreased production of cotton, he continued. The importance of providing markets for other crops was stressed by the speaker. He named hogs and chickens as the quickest and easiest money producers for the farmers of Eastern North Carolina.

In closing the speaker appealed to those present to make Robeson county a leader in Eastern North Carolina for diversified farming.

Raising Hogs for Market. Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, who presided at the meeting, told something of the work his department is doing along the line of diversified farming in this county. Mr. Dukes thinks raising hogs for market is the thing for Robeson farmers. Under the plans upon which he is working it will require but very little capital for a farmer to go into the hog-raising industry. Too, the hog promises quicker cash returns than almost any other adventure.

Mr. Dukes outlined the plans of the Robeson county board of agriculture, which is composed of one member from each of the 25 townships. To begin with, a few farmers in each township will be asked to try out the raising of hogs for shipping. The hogs are to be shipped co-operatively. March and August were named by the speaker as the best months for marketing hogs. A number of Robeson farmers are now growing hogs for shipping and it is expected that several carloads will be shipped from the county next March.

Permanent Pastures. Mr. Dukes urged the importance of securing thoroughbred hogs to replace the scrub-stock now being raised on many farms. The importance of permanent pastures for growing hogs was also stressed by the speaker. There are in the county now around 150 permanent pastures. Mr. Dukes stated that he was ready at all times to assist the farmers of Robeson in starting permanent pastures. This meeting was attended by around 50 farmers and business men. It was one of eight like meetings held in the county this week. Other places where Messrs. Bartlett and Dukes have spoken this week are: St. Pauls, Fairmont, Rowland, Maxton, Red Springs, Lumber Bridge and Parkton.

Senate Sustains Veto of Bonus Bill

Washington, Sept. 20.—The soldiers' bonus bill failed of enactment late today, the Senate sustaining President Harding's veto. Previously the House had overridden the veto by large margin.

The Senate roll call showed 44 yeas to 28 nays, or less than the two-thirds majority necessary to enact the measure without the President's approval. The vote in the House was 258 to 54, or 50 more than the required number.

Although it was reported that a new bonus bill might be introduced tomorrow, it was certain the bonus bill would not be renewed at least until the next session of Congress, which will begin December 4.

Mr. R. T. Gaitley of Parkton is a Lumberton visitor today.

British And Turkish Forces Preparing for Clash

But Assurance Comes From Paris That There Will be no War in Near East.

Constantinople, Sept. 20.—Hamid Bey, the Turkish nationalist representative here, informed The Associated Press correspondent today that he was certain the Turkish army would declare war on the British if the British attempted to interfere with movement of the Turkish troops across the straits to Thrace. The British are mobilizing every available warship, man, horse automobile, cannon an drifle within reach of the trouble zone. They are preparing to deal a tremendous blow by land, sea and air if provoked by the Kemalists army, which according to the latest reports, is concentrating feverishly around Ismid and Chanak.

Paris, Sept. 20. (Associated Press.)—Definite assurance that there will be no war in the near east and the calling of a peace conference for the settlement of the Turkish problem were the chief results of the allied meeting this afternoon. Premier Poincaré, Lord Curzon and Count Sforza were the participants in the conference.

Maxton News Letter

Death of Mr. J. A. McGregor and Mrs. Paul Steed—Betting on Results of Co-op Marketing of Cotton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Maxton, Sept. 20.—Mr. J. S. Bowling, formerly of Badin, passed through Maxton Saturday on his way to Alma, where he will be employed in the store of the Alma Lumber company. He expects to move his family to Alma, where he will be employed in the increasing its stock of goods and will do a more active business.

Mr. J. P. Stansel has been appointed receiver by the Co-operative Cotton association, to receive cotton brought to Maxton, as well as to Raemon. Maxton is one of the largest cotton markets in the state and there is much interest and speculation as to the success of the co-operative movement. Some doubt is expressed by the old cotton buyers and one of them has offered to bet five dollars on every bale turned over to the cotton association that the owner will not receive as much proceeds from the bale as he would had he sold it on the street at the time he turned it over to the association. This proposition has been taken up in some cases and the result will be watched with much interest.

Mr. J. A. McGregor, who lived in Maxton for many years, died yesterday from a stroke of paralysis. He will be taken to Wadesboro for burial.

Mrs. Paul Steed, who has for many years been an invalid, died yesterday at her home in Maxton.

Mr. J. G. McCormick of Wilmington was in Maxton yesterday on business.

Mr. Henry A. McKinnon expects to leave for New York Thursday night on a business trip.

BULLET FIRED AT RANDOM LODGED IN WOMAN'S LEG

Arthur Leggett Gets 4 Months on Roads for Toting Pistol and Firing it Careless—Other Cases in Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of by Assistant Recorder L. J. Britt this week:

Jesse Whittington, assault upon A. J. Brown; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

John Pope, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

C. A. McArthur, stopping payment on check; not guilty.

Dr. J. D. Quick, colored, selling pistol to Arthur Leggett, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Arthur Leggett, colored, purchasing pistol; judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Leggett was found guilty of carrying a pistol and sentenced to 60 days on the road in this case. He was given an additional 60 days on the charge of assault upon Teddy Pate, a white woman, who was struck in the leg by a bullet which Leggett fired at random. The lady lives at the Jennings cotton mill village and the pistol was fired in a field some distance away.

James Berry and Fannie Layton, both colored, fornication and adultery; not guilty.

Kluxers Poured Out Wine.

Members of the Ku Klux Klan poured out a quantity of wine belonging to a farmer who lives near Fairmont one night recently, it is said.

A fight in which several young men engaged and in which a number of blows were dealt took place on the McLean lot in front of the municipal building about 10 o'clock last night, it is said. No serious damage resulted.

Mrs. W. L. Norwood has returned from Wake Forest, where she spent some time visiting Mrs. D. F. Fort.

St. Pauls News

6-Months-Old Child Meets Accidental Death While Alone—Club Activities Resumed—Rally Day and Linen Shower—Personal.

By Bess G. Johnson. St. Pauls, Sept. 19.—Since Sunday morn we have been enjoying some real pleasant cool days. Seems like fall, sure enough.

Messrs. Carl H. Howard and J. M. O. Denmark are attending in Buffalo, N. Y., the national association of rural carriers, the latter going as a delegate. Mr. Howard, you will recall, was elected president of this association when they met last spring. Quite a little honor to be proud of.

Mrs. J. M. Johnson and daughter of Lumber Bridge spent a few days last week at the home of Mrs. Lilly Sykes.

Mr. Locke McInnis, Mrs. J. A. McGeachy and Miss Sallie Hughes were Fayetteville shoppers last Wednesday.

Little Miss Myrtle McCormac has been ill with malaria the past few days but is convalescing, we are glad to note. A little friend, Ruth Porter of Fayetteville, spent Friday in the McCormac home. Susan the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Browne Evans, was real sick last week with colitis, but is improving.

Mr. Willie McLean and daughter, Miss Mary, went over to Raeford Thursday of last week where they attended the funeral of a cousin of Mr. McLean's, Mr. Jno. Sinclair. Deceased was an aged Confederate veteran, 73 years old. A quartette from St. Pauls went over for the funeral.

The many friends of Miss Margaret Fisher were glad to have her spend Sunday with home folks here. She now holds a position with the Atlantic Fire Insurance Co. of Raleigh and seems to be delighted with her work.

Mr. Duncan Malloy of Quitman, Ga., who has been visiting the "old North State" again, came over from Lumber Bridge last Wednesday accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Annie Belle Smith, and spent a couple of days at the home of their brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Johnson who reside on Fayetteville street returning Thursday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom G. Balfour, their infant daughter, Alice Audrey, and Mrs. Balfour's mother, Mrs. Neill Shaw, of Lumber Bridge, visited relatives in our home Sunday afternoon. Miss Sallie Lennon of Columbus is visiting at the home of Mrs. Neill Baldwin. Mr. Lee Baldwin and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lennon of Clarkton were also Sunday visitors in the Baldwin home.

Mr. N. A. McEachern spent Sunday in Sanford, Mrs. McEachern who was visiting her people in Sanford at the time, returned home with him Sunday night accompanied by her sister Miss Margaret Wicker, who will be here a few days.

At a recent meeting of the Cape Fear Dental society, held in Benson, Dr. L. J. Moore of our town was elected secretary and Treasurer, which will be learned with interest by his many friends over Robeson, where he is so widely known.

Dr. E. C. Murray is home again after spending last week in Cumberland where he very ably conducted a revival at Sherwood church.

A number from here attended the American Legion convention which met in Greensboro on the 8th and 9th. A number also attended the Sunday school convention at Parkton last Sunday afternoon, reporting quite a nice time.

Mrs. Worth Martin's mother, Mrs. Kinlaw of Ten Mile, spent Sunday in town.

Death of Miss Mitt Cobb. Friends here were grieved to learn of the death of Miss Mitt Cobb of Lumber Bridge, who died in Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville on the 14, where she underwent a very serious operation some weeks ago. Miss Cobb was a good lady and the large crowd who gathered at her grave on Friday afternoon to pay a last tribute of respect to her memory proved in a small way the esteem in which she was held. We note the following, from our town who attended, viz., Mr. and Mrs. L. A. McGeachy, Mesdames Sallie Hartman, S. M. Davis, L. I. Grantham, W. Alford McCormac and Mr. Locke McInnis.

Mrs. Roxie McMillan and brother, Mr. Currie, accompanied their sister Mrs. W. R. McKenzie home last Wednesday for a few days visit. Mrs. McKenzie having spent a few weeks in St. Pauls, her home being in Sampson.

Mrs. Ida Holland delighted the members of her S. S. class on last Tuesday night by taking them up to Midway, where they enjoyed a nice repast in "picnic style."

A young bunch chaperoned by Mrs. Sallie Hartman and Mable McDonald, also enjoyed a hay ride up to Arduless on Thursday evening of last week. A little accident occurred, while returning when some one "bumped into" them which gave some of them a "mere" fright, but all have survived we believe, with no "broken necks," much to the delight of all.

Woman's Club

Club activities were suspended the past few months, until last Thursday p. m., when the first meeting of the (Continued on page Eight)

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 20 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Stores of local Jews will be closed Saturday on account of Rosh Hashanah—Jewish New Year. They will be open as usual Monday.

—Misses Anna Lawrence and Lillie Epps left Tuesday morning for Coker College, Hartsville, S. C., where they will be students this year. —Mrs. Alex Sessoms broke her right arm just above the wrist Monday when she fell off a box while picking grapes at her home, Willow street.

—Misses Rosa and Lois Caldwell left Monday afternoon for Nashville, Tenn., where they entered Ward-Belmont College. This is Miss Rosa's last year.

—Mr. H. A. Oliver of Marietta passed through Lumberton Monday afternoon on his way to Trinity college, Durham. He is a member of the junior class.

—Mrs. J. M. McCallum left this morning for Charlotte to be with her husband, who is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium. Mr. McCallum's condition continues to improve.

—A special meeting of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school will be held in the Sunday school auditorium at 8 o'clock this evening. All members are urged to be present.

—Mrs. J. B. Boyd and daughter, Miss Mabel, who had been guests for some time at the home of Mrs. Boyd's son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Boyd, left this morning for their home in High Point. They are making the trip across country in their automobile.

—Ned Morris and Clayton Stephens, two young white boys from the Marietta section, charged with breaking into Mr. T. C. Parham's store at Marietta, have been sent to the Stonewall Jackson training school at Concord by Mr. C. B. Skipper, judge of the juvenile court.

—Mr. W. F. Fuller has resigned the position he held for some time as salesman in Mr. K. M. Biggs store and he and Mrs. Fuller and small son, W. F. Jr., left this morning for Bessemer City, where they will make their home. Mr. Fuller having accepted a similar position there.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman received a message this morning advising that the condition of his sister-in-law Miss Sarah Clements, who has been desperately ill at her home at Henderson since Saturday night, is decidedly worse and that little hope is entertained of her recovery. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mrs. Beaman left Sunday to be with her sister.

—The special sale of merchandise which began at the department store of Mr. R. D. Caldwell & Son last Friday has attracted an unusual number of shoppers. "The sale has been even more successful than I anticipated," said Mr. S. F. Caldwell to a Robesonian reporter. The sale was advertised extensively, a double-page ad having been run in The Robesonian in addition to the distribution of thousands of circulars.

—A mule owned by Mr. K. M. Biggs was badly hurt Tuesday afternoon when struck by an auto driven by Mr. Spurgeon Jones of R. 1, Lumberton. The accident occurred at the corner of Elm and Fifth streets and the mule was being led down the street by a colored man. The mule was thrown down and dragged several feet by the car. The accident was unavoidable, according to eye-witnesses.

—Mrs. C. F. Thomas and sister, Miss Besie Huggins, left this morning for their home at Canton, N. Y., after spending several weeks here visiting at the home of their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Huggins, Pine street. They were enroute from Toccoa, Ga., to New York and were detained here longer than intended on account of the serious illness of Mrs. Thomas. Her condition is very much improved.

Mr. E. Odum of R. 1, Buie, is among the visitors in town today.

REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY TO KEEP IT HOLY. Parents, are you really interested in your children? Is their future welfare and happiness any concern to you? Do you shudder at the thought of their ever having to be punished for disobedience to God? If so, you will try earnestly to teach them to obey and worship Him. You will not desecrate His Holy Day. You will keep His Day holy and set your children a good example. The church is God's appointed place of worship. You are invited to come and bring your children and friends to all the services at the First Baptist Church next Sunday.