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THE ROBERSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL IS MAKING PROGRESS

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT RHODES SHOWS FORWARD STRIDES BEING MADE

We invite public attention to a brief statement of progress made by the school this year:

(1.) We have added a small laboratory for the teaching of general science. With the approval of the board of trustees, together with the interest and liberal support of our county superintendent of schools, this great improvement has been made. With this small laboratory, we are working wonders. Pupils, who had little interest in literature and history, become intensely interested and almost thrilled at glimpses into the mysteries of the universe through experiments in this laboratory. To witness the actual making of table salt or to prove that a floating body displaces its own weight in water, or to examine, under the microscope the three kinds of soil found on the campus, becomes all absorbing to the fellow who has not yet seen the beauty in Latin verbs and in problems to be stated in Algebra. Some students who do not take this course have asked permission to attend recitations, while others who do, have been guilty of wanting to come to the same recitation twice on the same day.

(2.) We now have a very good, though small, library, one hundred books having been added to the two hundred that we had already. This, too, has been made possible by the interest of the county superintendent and by a small fund belonging to the Betterment association.

(3.) Some little interest, too, has been aroused in the important school activity of debating. Two debating societies, organized this school year, will be represented in the commencement exercises by a debate on the subject debated in the State Triangular Debating contest.

(4.) Furthermore, in our quiet way, we have been following the trail of the best schools and leading educators in the state in the matter of school athletics. With people who have studied and understood the purpose and necessity for school athlet-

INDEPENDENTS CAUSE OF OIL COMPETITION SAYS TEXACO CO.

That real and genuine competition exists between the so-called Standard Oil companies and the various independent oil companies is affirmed in an editorial in the current issue of the "Texaco Star," official house organ of the Texas Company, producers of Texaco petroleum products, and one of the leading independent oil companies in the world.

The editorial is entitled, "The Senate Investigation" and reads as follows: "Whatever may be said of the investigation of the petroleum industry recently conducted by the sub-committee of the committee on manufactures of the United States senate, under the leadership of Senator LaFollette, and regardless of the conclusion stated by the committee in its report, one outstanding development is the present state of competition between the so-called Standard companies that were included in the dissolution decree of 1911 on the one hand and the various independent companies on the other hand. The fact is that every succeeding investigation, whether by the Federal Trade commission or by committees of congress, discloses an increasing loss in percentage of business by the Standard companies and an increasing gain by independents. True, the volume of business transacted by the former has increased, but the volume of business transacted by the latter in proportion has increased much more; the enormous expansion of the industry has made

it clear, there is no question as to its value.

We have two wonderful basketball teams. The boys' team, with everything unfavorable, for once, lost by only one point in only one game of the season. The girls' team has never known defeat. Everything that has gone up against it simply got "exposed to basketball."

(5.) Finally our school has about met the requirements necessary to place it on the list of accredited high schools. When this is done, ours will be the only school in this county enjoying that distinction.—G. W. Rhodes, superintendent.

possible existence of both facts. "There can be no failure to read the signs aright. The independent companies are gaining ground. The free-for-all among the independents, has not altered the situation. Even if the Standard companies do stop at state lines, and do not, except in a few cases, compete with each other, there is independent competition from one source or another everywhere in the United States. Compare the present with twenty years ago. Just stop and think. Recall the business as it was transacted in all of its branches in 1903. To those who rejoice in competition, the reflection should be useful and the comparison between then and now most gratifying. To those who say there is no competition, the answer is that they do not know what they are talking about; they are not in the oil game.

"When we speak of competition, it is not merely competition in the sale of a single product, such as gasoline, but competition in numerous products, including lubricants and fuel for railroads, steamships, and factories. And where is another and no less important kind of competition, namely, the race for leases. If anyone has the idea that the money which represents the net profits of oil companies in this day-and time is hoarded or poured into the coffers of a few, he is badly mistaken. The fact that the stock of the successful companies is widely distributed and is becoming more widely distributed every day, thereby enabling all who will to participate, is not the only feature of the matter. Millions of dollars are being paid to landowners for leases

in those sections where the production of oil is probable. If these investments result in the production of oil, royalties will also be paid to the landowners. But even if there is no production, landowners will have reaped a harvest. The bonuses and rentals run into vast sums, and thoughtless persons do not realize the extent of the territory, to which this applies. "In some sections the money is so paid, despite the fact that a barrel of oil may never be produced, amounts to more than the gross proceeds of all crops. It is as if the land owners and does not interfere in the slightest with the customary use of the land. If and when the government decides to boss the job, the story will be different. Is it then that the industry will shrivel?"

WAS FORCED TO COOK WHILE HUSBAND SLEPT

Mr. Susan Johnson was arraigned before Captain Bridget O'Brien in police court this morning on charges brought by his wife to the effect that he could not cook and that he refused to clean up the house and would sleep until 11 o'clock in the morning. The angry wife told the court that she always had to get up in the morning and cook her own breakfast before going down town. Mr. Johnson was found guilty and sentenced to six months in the cooking school.—Bridgeville Pilot.

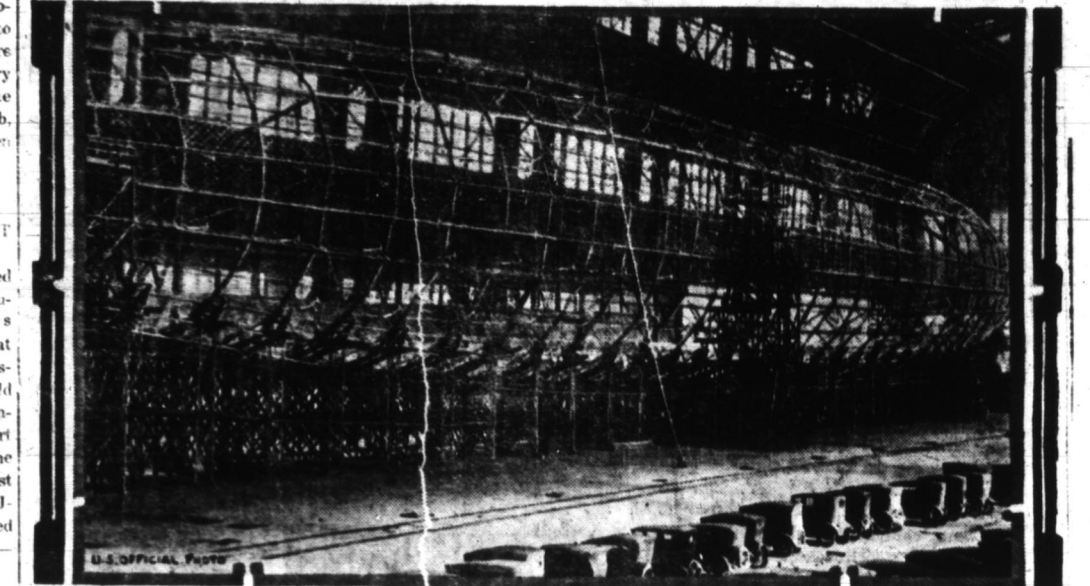
French invaders in the Ruhr are evidently striving for coin of van-tage.

NOTICE OF SALE
Under and by virtue of the authority contained in a certain deed of trust, executed on the 9th day of April, 1919, by B. F. Godwin and recorded in the public registry of Martin county in book F-2 at page 213, to secure the payment of certain bonds of even date therewith, and at the request of the holder of said bonds the

undersigned trustee, will on the 16th day of May, 1923, at 12 o'clock, at the court house door in Williamston, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, the following described land:
Beginning at a stake in the corner of lot No. 3 on Washington street, and running along the line of lot No. 5

to Haughton street; thence along Haughton street 20 1-2 feet to a stake at the corner of lot No. 5; thence along lot No. 5 to the stake at Washington street 23 1-2 feet to the beginning.
This the 16th day of April, 1923.
B. A. CRITCHER,
Trustee.
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Huge Dirigible Is Almost Completed



The ZR-1, great dirigible being constructed at Lakehurst, N. J., for the United States navy, is ready for the outer covering or gas bag. The ZR-1 is being built to replace the ill-fated ship which was destroyed near Hull, England, on the day of its trial flight, with a large loss of life. The new ship will be operated with helium gas in the bag, which is non-inflammable.

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Army Scandal to Be Investigated



Mrs. Agnes Karnes Randle with her husband, Capt. Edwin H. Randle (right), have taken their case against Col. Arthur L. Conger (left), all of Fort Sam Houston, Tex., to the highest authorities in army circles. The secretary of war has ordered a thorough investigation of the charge of Captain and Mrs. Randle that Colonel Conger defamed Mrs. Randle's character. It is alleged Colonel Conger read his criticism of the captain and his wife before the whole regiment. Captain Randle also has sued the colonel for \$100,000 damages.