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INSTITUTES WILL ATTRACT INTEREST

Series of Farmers Meetings Will Be Held Over the County Soon.

WILL BEGIN AUGUST 30

To Be Under Direction of A. & M. College Farm Extension Department.

Plans are being worked out to hold a series of one day farmers' institutes in this county during the week of August 30th, to September 4th. These Institutes will be conducted under the direction of the Co-operative Farm Extension Department of the A. & M. College. The schedule as at present planned, but which may be changed, is as follows:

Mt. Vernon, Monday, Aug. 30; Rural Hill, Tuesday, Aug. 31st; Woodlawn, Wednesday, Sept. 1st; New Salem, Thursday, Sept. 2nd; Lone Oak, Friday, Sept. 3rd.

The Saturday meeting will be held either in Columbus or at some convenient place in the prairie.

Prof. E. R. Lloyd, director of the extension work, will have a definite program worked out in time for publication in next Sunday's issue of this paper.

Great interest is being manifested in each community and the people are getting ready to make the most of the opportunity. As these weekly Institutes will be held all over the State as rapidly as practical, it is expected that Lowndes county will set the pace for other counties for the interest taken and in the way the work of the Institutes are followed up.

There will be several speakers from the A. & M. forces at each Institute and an opportunity will be given for anybody to ask any question about this work. After each address a period will be given to a discussion of the subject and it is expected that the audience will ask questions of these experts and thus get exactly the information wanted.

The attendance at these meetings should not be limited to the communities in which they are held. Everybody is invited to be present at any or all of the institutes.

Business men of Columbus should show their interest in agricultural development by attending all these institutes. It will be easy to leave Columbus even as late as 9 o'clock and get to the meeting place in time and then get back by 6 o'clock. Here is a good chance for our merchants, lawyers, bankers, doctors, etc., to show their interest in the development of Lowndes county if they really are interested.

Make your plans to attend all these meetings if you can, some of them anyhow; shake hands with your friends. Get to know them better and bid them God-speed in their work. Every citizen of this city makes much talk about his great interest in the development of this wonderful section and we sometimes wonder if its all just "talk." Join hands, brothers, and let's make our county all it ought to be.

Mr. Jake Kaufman will leave today for New York, where he goes to purchase fall and winter stock for the "People's Money Savers." Mrs. Kaufman and children who have been spending the summer in Far Rockaway, N. Y., will accompany Mr. Kaufman home.

Mr. R. P. Hairton who has been visiting Mr. Gains Whitfield at Demopolis, Ala., has returned to the city.

TO NEW BALES OF COTTON RECEIVED

First Bale Sold Here Yesterday by A. G. Cunningham, of Togo.

BRINGS SUM OF \$82.39

Second Bale Was Raised Near Columbus by J. R. Wilson, a Negro

Two of the first bales of cotton to be received in Columbus this season arrived here yesterday. The first one to reach the city was brought here by Mr. A. G. Cunningham, of Togo, a small place about nineteen miles south of Columbus in Noxubee county. The second bale was from the farm of J. H. Wilson, a negro, who lives about two miles southeast of the city.

Mr. Cunningham's cotton which weighed 567 pounds, was sold to Mr. T. O. Burris for 8 1-2 cents a pound, the grade being strict middling. As a premium for the first bale of the season the local merchants subscribed \$13.25. The seed from Mr. Cunningham's cotton brought \$20.10, being sold to the Refuge Cotton Oil Company. In all, for his cotton and seed, he received \$82.39. The bale was stored at Gardner and Smith's Warehouse.

Wilson brought the first bale of cotton raised in Lowndes county to the city shortly after the arrival of Mr. Cunningham's bale. His cotton, which has not yet been sold, is stored at the Farmers' and Shippers' Warehouse, on South Fourth street.

HAPPENINGS OF INTEREST

GATHERED HERE AND THERE

Chat of the News From Over the Country Given in a Brief Form.

Business conditions throughout the country showed marked improvement at the beginning of the month, according to reports made to Comptroller of the Currency John Skelton Williams by 100 national bank examiners.

The Panama canal was reopened Thursday, permitting the passage of 10 ships, including the steamer Finland with many passengers aboard. The slide blocked the Gaillard Cut August 7.

The latest American note to Germany concerning the sinking of the William P. Frye by a German commerce destroyer has been received at Berlin and was presented to the German foreign office yesterday.

The American submarine D-2 ran aground during maneuvers near Newport, R. I., but yesterday a tug pulled it off undamaged. The White Star Line steamship Adriatic, which sailed from New York on August 4, arrived at Liverpool Thursday afternoon.

Haiti Plea to Washington.

Washington, Aug. 11.—Revision of the Haitian constitution to provide for the election of a president by the people rather than by the national assembly, which has set tomorrow as the date for the choice of a successor to President Guillaume, is urged in a communication cable to the State Department today by a group of Haitians signing themselves "district committees."

Dr. Bobo, leader of the revolution, the communication declared to be the people's choice for president.

Secretary Daniels said today that reports from Rear Admiral Caperton said quiet prevailed at Cape Haitien and Port Au Prince.



UNION COUNTY BOOSTERS UNABLE TO VISIT CITY

Bad Weather Prevented Autoists From Coming to Columbus Thursday

The Union County Good Road Boosters, in about 50 automobiles, visited several surrounding counties the middle of the week but were unable to come to Columbus Thursday as had been planned on account of uncertain weather conditions.

Preparations were being made by Columbians to highly entertain the boosters during their stay of one night in the city.

The New Albany autoists are now planning to make a trip direct to Columbus within a short time, the date of which will be announced in the Commercial.

Big Program at the Princess for Monday and a Paramount Tuesday.

The feature at the Princess for Monday, August 16th, is the Vitagraph Broadway feature, "The Confession of Madam Barastoff," an elaborate three reel production of aristocratic Russian army life, telling a story of love, honor and intrigue, with beautiful settings and a cast of thirty-five Vitagraph stars. It was a big success at the Vitagraph theatre.

Essanay presents Richard Travers and Lillian Drew in "Jane, of the Soil," a comedy drama in two reels. Admission 5c and 10c.

For Tuesday, August 17th, we offer the famous dramatic success by Edward Peble, "The Love Route," produced by the Famous Players with a big cast, featuring Harold Lockwood and Winnifred Kingston. An excellent production that is worthy of the name "Paramount."

The admission for Tuesday is 5c and 15c.

Change in Positions.

Mr. Charles Hopkins, who for some time past has been bookkeeper at Simon Loeb and Bro., has resigned his position and expects to leave shortly after the first of September for Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where he will take a business course. Mr. W. L. Dyer, who is now runner at the National Bank of Commerce, will succeed Mr. Hopkins, and Prof. Frank Drake, a former Columbus boy, who has been teaching school in Yazoo county the past two sessions, will accept the position now held by Mr. Dyer. These changes will be made September 1.

Mr. Henry Sherrard is spending several days in Biloxi.

BLEWITT LEE TRANSFERS PROPERTY TO HIS WIFE

Assignment Names Various Property in Lauderdale and Forest Counties.

Meridian, Miss., Aug. 13.—An interesting document has just been filed in the chancery clerk's office, in which Blewitt Lee, in an instrument dated at Chicago, Ill., July 8, 1915, transfers property valued at \$38,000 to Mrs. Delia F. Sneed, of Atlanta, Ga., the consideration named being "in consideration of marriage agreed to between herself and the undersigned, and of her agreement that this assignment shall be treated as an advancement out of my estate. I hereby assign to my intended wife, Mrs. Delia F. Sneed, of Atlanta, Ga., the notes hereafter described."

The assignment names various property owned by various persons in Lauderdale and Forest Counties, Mississippi.

IMPROVEMENTS BEING MADE AT THE COLLEGE

Things Being Placed in Shape for Opening of L. I. and C. September 21.

The main dormitory and other buildings at the Industrial Institute & College are being repainted and various repairs are being made.

The 1915-16 session will begin on September 21, and already many letters of inquiry for admittance are being received from new pupils from over the State by the secretary, Mr. D. T. Gaston.

Notice to Veterans.

The Confederate Veteran camp of Lowndes county, will meet at the court house on Saturday, the 21st day of August, to name the date for their annual barbecue. W. E. Pope, Sec'y.

Your Last Chance

In order to close out the balance of our summer wash goods—to make a clean sweep of them all—we have cut the price far below the cost of production. Note the following for the first three days of this week. We offer balance of our stock of colored dress crepes, raitines silk poplins Ramielike, mercerized stripe poplins and 40 inch flowered and figured voiles at the one price of 10 cents the yard. These are wash goods that sold at 25, 35 and 40c. Be quick, for best pick. The Woman's Store.

TWO FUNERALS ARE HELD FROM SOUTHERN DEPOT

Remains of Mrs. Gaston and Mrs. Meeler Brought Here From Birmingham.

A double funeral was held yesterday upon the arrival of the noon train over the Southern R. R., when the remains of Mrs. Emma P. Gaston and Mrs. Bettie Meeler, both of Birmingham, reached the city. Funeral services were held at Friendship cemetery, Rev. J. L. Vipperman, pastor of the First Baptist church conducting the services over the remains of Mrs. Gaston, and Rev. J. C. Richardson, pastor of the Second Baptist church conducting the services over the remains of Mrs. Meeler.

Mrs. Gaston, who was the noble wife of Mr. Luther C. Gaston, died at her home in Birmingham Thursday afternoon after a lingering illness from a complication of diseases. She was 54 years of age.

She was a consecrated Christian woman, and her many noble deeds will be a monument to the loved ones she leaves behind. She was reared in this city and numbered her friends by her acquaintances, all of whom join the Commercial in extending sympathy to the family.

Besides her husband, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Louise Orr, and many close relatives, to mourn for her.

Mrs. Meeler, who was formerly Miss Bettie S. Speed, is a daughter of Mr. A. J. Speed, of this city. For some time past she has resided in Bessemer, Ala. She was a sweet Christian woman and loved by all who knew her. Besides a devoted husband she is survived by six children, and many relatives, all of whom have the heartfelt sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

Waives Examination.

Mr. C. E. Shackelford, who on July 25, shot and painfully wounded Frederick F. Wilbanks, an eighteen year-old boy was brought before Justice of the Peace Beverly Matthews Friday morning, and waived examination. He was placed under a bond of \$500 to await the action of the grand jury.

Wilbanks went into Mr. Shackelford's water melon patch east of the city, but instead of getting a melon he was fired upon from ambush, one of his eyes being nearly shot out. Mr. Shackelford was placed under arrest charged with the shooting.

SLAVS EVACUATE STRONG DEFENSES

Statement Claims Czar's Men Drive Germans Back Near Riga.

KOVNO YET UNCAPTURED

Field Captain Von Hindenburg Placed in Personal Command of That Region.

London, Aug. 13.—Russia officially admitted tonight that the Russian troops had evacuated Sokolow, Siedice and Lukow to the east of Warsaw, but claim to have driven back the Germans near Riga and that near Kovno under Prussian pressure, the Germans abandoned their attacks. Berlin, however, reported new successes in the region of Kovno.

Field Marshal von Hindenburg, Germany's national hero, has been placed in personal command of that region, showing the importance the German general staff attaches to its plans to capture Kovno, which stands between the Germans and Vilna and the Warsaw-Petrograd railway.

The Germans continue to drive the Russians back northeast and east of Warsaw, and with the capture of Seidice, Sokolow and Lukow, are within a short distance of the Bug river, a main support of the Brest-Litovak line where it was thought the Russians would make a stand.

Mr. Cicero Wood, who recently underwent an operation in Birmingham, was reported much improved yesterday.

GIRL WATCHES BROTHER KILL HER SWEETHEART

After Witnessing Shooting Young Lady Tries to Commit Suicide.

Mantee, Miss., Aug. 12.—Prostrated over the death of her lover C. E. Wilson, who was killed by her brother, W. A. Thomas, because she persisted in seeing the man she loved despite parent's objection, pretty 18-year-old Roma Thomas to-day was discovered in the act of swallowing poison to end of her grief. She is still prostrated but will recover from the shock of her sweetheart's death and attempt at suicide, the physicians say.

The girl's brother was placed under arrest following a coroner's inquiry.

The tragedy was the culmination of the persistent attention of Wilson to Miss Thomas, the pretty 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Thomas, one of the most prominent families of the village.

Wilson came to Mantee some time ago and procured employment on the farm of Mrs. Eccles widow, and by his pleasant disposition and excellent demeanor was thrown among the people who received his company.

The dead man is a brother of T. H. Wilson, who killed Lock Lann last month at a political rally at Aberdeen.

Bids Wanted.

Bids will be received for the college swill for 1915-16 session up to September 1st.

D. T. Gaston, Sec. and Treas.

Maj. E. G. Peyton, of the Eleventh Infantry, U. S. A., who is at home for a visit, has been confined to his bed with a severe attack of rheumatism. His many friends were glad to see him out yesterday.

STRONG ARMY SENT TO MEXICO

Urge Mexicans to Join Movement to Restore Government.

CARRANZA STILL DEFIANT

Now Hoped That Many of His Adherents Will Respond Favorably.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Pan-American appeal, urging all Mexicans to cease fighting and join the movement to restore a constitutional government, began to go forward tonight by telegraph. The state department intends to send the appeal to every military chief it can reach, and also to civic officials.

That Carranza will remain defiant is expected, although it is hoped that many of his adherents may be induced to join the movement.

In this connection it has been reported that Gen. Hugh L. Scott is expected to perform important missionary work on the border.

German Demands for Peace.

Berne, Aug. 14.—The Tagwacht the texts of a Manifesto issued by a group of German professors and intellectuals enumerating their ideas of the only acceptable peace terms.

These according to the manifesto must ensure the free expansion of German culture, industry, commerce. Belgium for military and commercial purposes must be subject to Germany. France must cede to Germany all territory north of a line from Belfort to the mouth of the river Somme and pay a large indemnity. Russia must cede Poland and the greater part of the Baltic provinces, and other territory in lieu of indemnity which she could not pay.

The manifesto is signed by Professors Meinecke, Seeberg and Schaeffel, of Berlin university, Director Kirdolin of the Gelsenkirchen mines and Imperial minister Von Schwerin, mayor of Frankfurt-on-the-Oder.

Comment on Ordinance.

Several local citizens who recently returned from Memphis, St. Louis and Chicago have commented on the traffic laws in these three cities, stating that in none of these places as they could notice are vehicles required to go to the end of the block in order to make a turn. "Of course they are required to turn to the right as in all cities," they state.

It seems that a majority of all the citizens here feel that the new traffic law passed several weeks ago requiring all vehicles to go to the end of the block in order to make a turn is out of the question, but they are much in favor of that part of the ordinance requiring all vehicles to go to the right.

To Make Improvements.

Quite a number of improvements will soon be made on the large three story building occupied by The Woman's Store, corner of College and Market streets. On account of the big Housekeeper's Sale, which is to begin at this store next Tuesday the work will hardly commence before the first of the coming month.

The walls of the building will be redecorated and other work will be done which will greatly add to the appearance of Leigh's store.

The many friends of Mrs. W. G. Zwinple are glad to learn that she is much improved after a serious illness of several weeks.