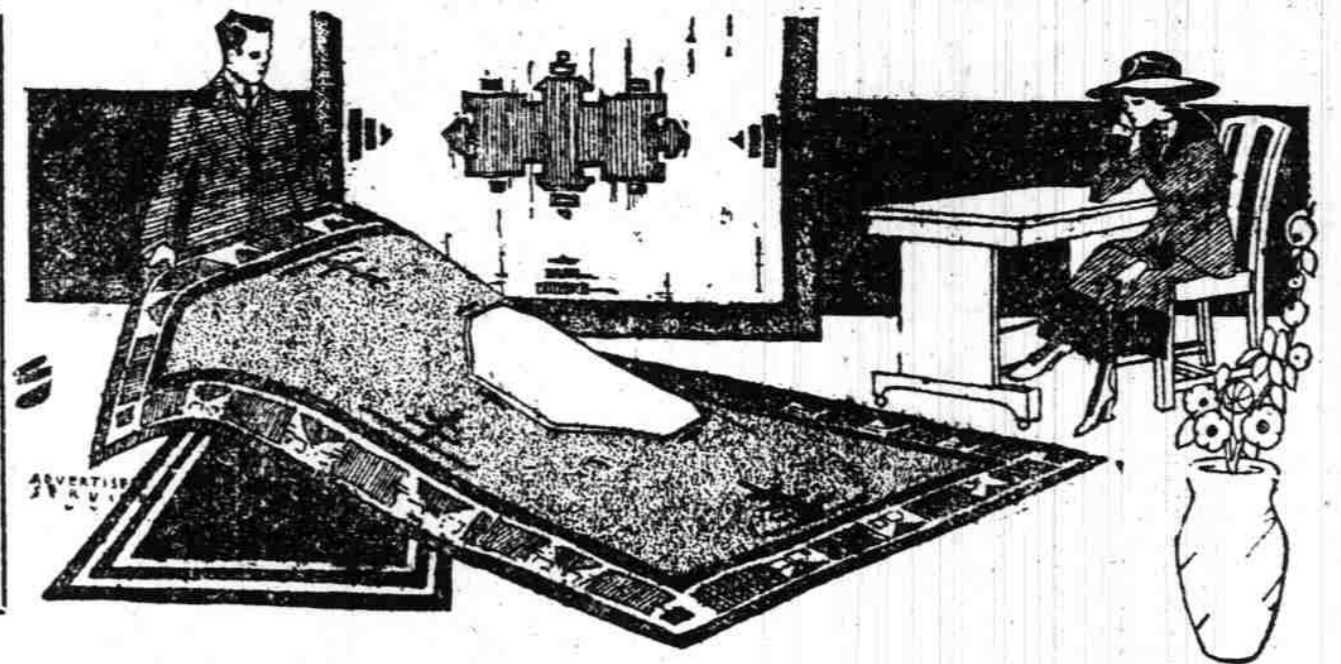


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SACRIFICE SALE OF HOUSE FURNISHINGS

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Purchased from Estate of A. D. Brown

Who Will Discontinue This Department and Devote the Space to Enlarge Their Dry Goods and Ready-to-Wear Departments. We Have Had a Busy Week With the Two Combined Stocks of \$25,000.00. We are Still Prepared to Offer for a Limited Time Exceptional Bargains in House Furnishings.

TERMS CASH: An Opportunity You Should Not Let Go By. Below We Give a Partial List of the Many Bargains. Beach Property Owners Would Do Well to Invest During This Week.

Table listing various rug and matting items with prices, such as 'Art Squares and Rugs at a Big Sacrifice' and '27x54 Straw Matting Rugs'.

Lace Curtains and Nets

Never before in the history of Wilmington has there been assembled such an assortment of Lace Curtains, Scrim Curtains and Nets as we are showing at our Sacrifice Sale.

SPECIAL—100 pairs of Colored Bordered Scrim, ready-made curtains, suitable for bed rooms and cottages, worth \$1.00 a pair priced special for sacrifice sale, a pair \$0.50

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The assortment represents nearly \$2000.00 worth of Curtains from \$1.00 to \$8.00 a pair; every pair has a sacrifice price.

75c Sunfast Draperies in all shades, 36-in. wide; special sale, per yard 55c. Cretones Stock that would do credit to a New York store, will be found on our shelves.

Table listing cretones and draperies with prices, such as '75c French and Linen Cretones, 36 inches wide' and '60c French and Fancy Cretones'.

Can you use one odd pair of Lace Curtains? We have from Brown's stock about seventy-five pairs of odd Lace Curtains in one pair lots; worth \$1.50 to \$6.00 a pair. We have marked them one-half their value for this sale.

Furniture Tapestry Covering—Never again will this opportunity be offered you to have your furniture re-covered as now. We have priced Brown's and our own stock at one-fourth to one-third off regular price.

Blankets and Comforts—A few broken lots of these at Sacrifice prices, to close out during our Sacrifice Sale.

Trunks and Bags and Suit Cases—a complete stock and you will find the reduction from twenty to twenty-five per cent lower than the regular price.

This Sale Is a Money Saving Event. With the Advancing Prices and the Sacrifice Prices We are Making on Stock Purchased From the Estate of A. D. Brown Should Attract Every House Keeper in Wilmington and Surrounding Country. MAIL ORDERS PROMPTLY FILLED

Brown's Stock House Furnishings Sacrificed THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY Brown's Stock House Furnishings Sacrificed

LUMBERTON RED CROSS CHAPTER IS ORGANIZED

Total of 386 Members Enrolled Friday Evening

Meeting to Address Veterans Next Saturday—High School Re-opens Tuesday—Other News of Lumberton.

By F. GROVER BRITT Lumberton, Jan. 12.—A Red Cross chapter with 386 members was organized here last evening. In spite of the raging storm a large number of people gathered at the court house and participated in the organization.

At a meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' union held here Wednesday the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, D. H. Britt, Sr.; vice-president, W. P. Barker; secretary-treasurer, F. Grover Britt; chaplain, W. K. Culbreth; door-keeper, E. C. Watson; conductor, Sandy Paterson; executive committee, Dr. G. M. Fife, N. A. Townsend, Spurgeon Jones and H. H. Stanley.

Members of the union made application for around one hundred tons of nitrate of soda to be furnished by the government. The union also made application to the state department of agriculture for a farm demonstrator for Robeson. The board of county commissioners made an appropriation for this work, and no demonstrator has been furnished by the department.

At the organization of Mr. R. D. Caldwell, temporary chairman, and it was expected that Hon. J. W. Bailey, of Raleigh, would be present to make an address, but on account of a late train, he failed to get here.

ited this section in a long time raged here throughout last night. Early in the night rain and summer-time thunder and lightning accompanied the wind. Many of the telephone wires were put out of commission and the town was in darkness most of the night. No serious damage has been reported this morning.

Two thousand of the 2,068 army registrars in Robeson had filled out their questionnaires last night. High School Difficulties. On account of the cold weather and fuel shortage the date for the opening of the Lumberton graded and high schools was postponed from Tuesday of this week to Tuesday of next week, January 15. It looked at one time as if it would be impossible to secure teachers for the high school, three of the teachers having offered their resignation. However, Prof. R. S. Taylor, principal of the high school, agreed to come back for a while and arrangements have been made to supply the number of teachers needed in the high school department and both the graded and high schools will open Tuesday morning.

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Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, and Dr. A. J. Ellington, of the state board of health, are meeting with encouragement in their "keep well" campaign in the county. Quite a number of people are taking advantage of the opportunity to undergo the free physical examination and no doubt the campaign will mean much to the people of the county generally.

Annual Bank Meetings. Annual meetings of the stockholders and directors of Lumberton's three banks—the National Bank of Lumberton, The First National Bank and the Planter's Bank & Trust Co.—have been held this week. The reports of the active officials showed that deposits were the best in their history. Deposits in the banks have increased around 100 per cent during the last year and many people now have money in the banks, that never had a bank account before. A great deal of the money belongs to farmers.

Practically all the old officers were re-elected. Sale of Lots. A successful sale of business lots was conducted in Lumberton Wednesday when a number of choice lots were sold on West Fourth street. Some of the property brought around \$65 a front foot. Those who purchased the lots were Messrs. H. B. Jennings, P. C. Critchton, F. P. Gray, C. C. Deese and the Robesonian Publishing Co. The sale was conducted by Mr. W.

K. Bethune. A part of the property sold belonged to Mr. A. T. McLean, while the other was a part of the estate of the late S. A. Edmund. Jewelry Business Changes. Mr. A. J. Holmes, of Dunn, has purchased the jewelry business of Messrs. Bell & Jordan and will continue the business. Mr. Holmes formerly lived here and has many friends who were pleased at his decision to return to Lumberton to live.

Mr. Jno. S. Holman, manager of the Lorraine hotel, reports business good, and judges from the remarks heard from those stopping at the hotel, Mr. Holman is giving splendid service. Mr. W. S. Britt has returned from Rock Hill, S. C., where he spent some time with Mrs. Britt, who is sick in the Pennell Infirmary at that place. Mrs. Britt was taken sick while visiting relatives at Kershaw, S. C., and has not been able to return home.

At their regular monthly meeting the board of county commissioners employed the following as rural policemen for Robeson: Lumberton district, A. H. Prevatt; Fairmont district, W. C. Britt; Rowland district, J. H. Carper; Red Springs district, W. A. Smith; Maxton district, W. W. Smith; St. Paul's district, C. L. Beard. The policemen are paid \$75 each the month. Mrs. Chas. Storm, the last of those hurt in the fatal automobile wreck at Richardson Christmas day to leave the hospital went home Friday. Mrs. Storm was the worst hurt of any of the occupants of the auto except Mr. and Mrs. Colonel Hester, both of whom died as a result of their injuries.

Only 13 cases of contagious diseases were reported to Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, during the month of December. Of this number, two were typhoid fever, one smallpox, one diphtheria, eight measles and one cerebro-spinal meningitis. Mrs. L. C. Townsend is preparing to open up business in the store building, Elm street, formerly occupied by Messrs. Townsend Brothers. The building is being remodeled and a new front put in, which will add much to its appearance.

The condition of Mrs. J. C. Maxwell, who recently underwent an operation at the Rex hospital, Raleigh, is reported as improving. Mr. J. F. Flowers has returned from Baltimore, Md., where he underwent an operation for appendicitis at Johns Hopkins hospital just after Christmas. Mr. Williamson Beasley, of Apex, has accepted a position as salesman in the Pope drug store. Miss Mamie Jones of Route 1, from Lumberton, has accepted a position as stenographer in the office of the Lafayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. Miss Ruth James, of Clinton, this state, has accepted a position in the office of the county board of health.

For several winters past a number of farmers have complained that their pork spoils on account of warm weather. However, no such complaint has been heard as yet this winter. Miss Mary Sneed, who seven weeks ago underwent an operation at the Cumberland general hospital, Fayetteville, has returned to the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, here.

BRITISH DESTROYER AND ALL HANDS LOST

The Racon Foundered Wednesday Off Irish Coast

Twenty-Two Bodies Have Been Recovered—The Vessel Was Built in 1910 and Normally Carried a Crew of 105 Men.

London, Jan. 12.—British destroyer Racon struck rocks off Irish coast Wednesday and foundered, it is announced officially.

All those on board the Racon when the vessel sunk were lost. Nine of the crew were left behind at the last port of call and those are the sole survivors. Seventeen bodies have been picked up by patrol craft and five more bodies were washed ashore. The statement issued by the admiralty says: "H. M. S. Racon, Lieutenant George Napier in command, struck on the rocks off the north coast of Ireland at 2 o'clock in the morning on Wednesday during a snow storm and subsequently foundered with all hands."

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LAURINBURG SLOWLY GETTING OVER FREEZE

Pipes Frozen as Deep as a Foot in Ground—Installing Fire Box System—Town in Darkness.

By W. S. WISHART. Laurinburg, Jan. 12.—This section is slowly recovering from the recent freeze, but the indications are that it will be some time before the plumbers succeed in restoring water conveniences, though they are at work night and day. It is said that in many places the ground was frozen a foot deep, and few water pipes escaped bursting. Fuel seems to be sufficient to supply the demand—at fancy prices.

From the badly disfigured appearance of a whiskey still in one of the large windows of the McLaurin & Shaw Grocery company, it is plain to be seen that somebody's playhouse has been invaded and at least a part of the equipment taken away. Neither the still nor worm would hold just plain water or anything else now. Fire Box System Being Placed. A force of men is now engaged in installing the Gamewell fire alarm sys-

tem in Laurinburg. Fifteen boxes will be put in.

It is our pleasure this week to meet Mr. D. M. Tedder of Charlotte, who with Mrs. Tedder is spending some time here with their daughter, Mrs. R. E. L. Carrell. Mr. Tedder is an old time Seaboard engineer but has not run any for several years. He is well past his three score and ten and is very feeble. Minnie Harnett, whose name appeared in The Star this week in connection with the white slave case story, arrived here Monday night and stopped at a leading boarding house but disappeared next day as suddenly as she came.

From what we have seen and heard of the hard freezing weather of the past several weeks it does not seem to have injured to any great extent the winter turnips and collards. If indications hold good there will be plenty of spring greens. Why Haven't Town Free Delivery? The government census of 1910 gave Laurinburg about 100 more population than Lumberton. For the past four or five years Laurinburg has had free mail delivery but Laurinburg has not reached that point yet. We can guess why, but not so as to be heard. A railroad official told your correspondent yesterday that hundreds of dollars were paid out here monthly in demurrage, partly on account of labor shortage and then on consignees not having sufficient storage room, two good reasons.

Storm Put Out Lights

Laurinburg was visited last night by a severe wind and rain storm the wind at times almost reaching the velocity of a cyclone. There was a very little thunder but the lightning was fierce. The electric lights failed about 8:30 and for several hours the town was in darkness. The wind is blowing a stiff gale this morning and while late yesterday evening fires were hot necessary to comfort, this morning the ground is frozen and ice is plentiful in exposed places. Not in many years have we seen so many robbers as we saw this morning from 7 to 8 o'clock and hundreds of these once numerous birds were fighting their way through the wind going in a westerly direction. We had seen the robbers were so many robbers in the state as we saw this morning. As it is now against the federal laws to kill these birds, perhaps their protection for the past year or so explains their numbers.

SAYS WILSON IS GREATEST HYPOCRITE IN ALL HISTORY

Petrograd, Friday, Jan. 11.—The Bolshevik newspaper, Pravda, in commenting on President Wilson's address to congress, describes the president as the head of a rapacious American imperialism and as the greatest hypocrite history has ever known.

German Subject Arrested.

Pensacola, Fla., Jan. 12.—E. O. Sigmond, said to be a German subject, is under arrest here charged with being an enemy alien. He was arrested on information furnished from Santa Rosa county. Sigmond is said to have been employed recently as a structural iron worker at Birmingham.

SPRING HIGH SCHOOL DEBATE ON COMPULSORY EDUCATION

Over 250 High Schools Now in University Debating Union.

(Special Star Correspondence.) Chapel Hill, Jan. 12.—More than 250 high schools over the state have now enrolled in the high school debating union for 1918, declared Mr. E. R. Rankin, secretary of the union. Handbooks are being mailed out this week to all the member schools, giving a full treatment of the query for the spring— "Resolved, that congress should enact a law providing for the compulsory arbitration of industrial disputes." This booklet contains 84 pages of helpful discussion, pro and con. Statistical tables, briefs on both sides of the question, speeches, public documents and editorial comments are all given for the guidance of the discussion. The debating union for Alabama has ordered 200 copies of the booklet to use with its high school debaters.

The University News Letter is planning to issue several war-time specials during the coming months. Some of the special numbers will be as follows: (1) Food and Fuel; (2) War Taxes; (3) The Army Y. M. C. A.; (4) The Red Cross; (5) Liberty Bonds and Savings Certificates; (6) American Democracy; (7) Our Allies—a special number each to France, England and Canada. (8) What women are doing to win the war. The News Letter has been mailing out about 5,000 copies weekly to readers throughout the state and nation.

Violent Artillery Actions TAKE PLACE ON VERDUN FRONT

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he held on next Tuesday. Special examinations will be also held for the officers' positions in the battalion. Regular drill has gone on without interruption this week. After the examination period specialized training will be provided in military engineering, musketry and firing on the range, bombing, bayonet fighting, trench raiding and attacks, field maneuvers and signalling, in addition to the usual drill. The attendance in the military course has kept up remarkably well. Capt. Allen thinks. The twelve hours a week of training will be continued throughout the remainder of the year. Dr. Edwin Greenlaw has just returned from Washington, where he met with the educational section of the Red Cross council. Dr. Greenlaw is on one of the important committees. The Red Cross educational work will make use of the ideas of the Lafayette association, announced some time ago, and special educational features will be later announced.

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