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## CARRIES ROAD ELECTION

MAJORITY OF 17 ABOVE NECESSARY VOTE.

And a Majority of 41 Against the Entire Registration—This Fills The Missing Link—Nashville Road Expected to be First Worked.

It is with a great deal of pleasure that we can record the fact that on Thursday of last week Cedar Rock township carried a special road bond election with a good safe majority which means that this progressive township will soon have good roads. The election resulted as follows: For Road Bonds, 176 Against Road Bonds, 78, total registration 317. In order to carry the election it was necessary to cast a majority of the registered votes for the road bonds, which was 186, therefore they had a majority above the necessary figure of 17, or 41 majority over the entire registration. The promoters of this election are now busy trying to ascertain as nearly as possible who the majority of the people want for the road commissioners, but will use their influence to get the best men in the township appointed by the Board of County Commissioners. It is expected that work will be begun just as early as the necessary preliminary arrangements can be made and as the Nashville and Louisburg road is one of the most travel it is suggested that will be the first road to receive attention.

Those with whom we have talked, who are interested in the outcome of the movement express themselves as favoring the most common sense methods of building good roads rather than too much scientific ideals. This is surely the proper way as there are numbers and numbers of places that by the proper application of common sense principles the road can be built at a much less cost. The people of Cedar Rock have the opportunity of profiting by the experience gained from Louisburg, Franklinton and Youngville townships, and Castalia township in Nash county. From these they should be able to gather much information that will be of much benefit to them.

There is no doubt in our minds but that Cedar Rock township will set an example that will make it more probable of other townships taking the venture in the progressive field of good roads.

Insanity More Easily Prevented than Cured.

Dr. A. S. Pendleton of the staff of the State Hospital at Raleigh will be in Louisburg on Friday March 31, to give a plain nontechnical talk to the General Public on "The Cause of Mental Disease and How Many of Them May Be Eliminated." The time: 8.15 P. M. The place: Graded School auditorium.

The subject matter should be of vital interest to every citizen of the

County and it is hoped that everyone who can will attend. The Doctors of the County and the School Teachers are not only especially invited, but are urged to be present, if possible. 22 out of them largely falls the burden of carrying out preventive measures. Parents will be given pointers on increasing the mental health of their children.

The State Departments of Health and Education and the Federation of Women's Clubs are cooperating in this campaign.

While in Louisburg the doctor will be glad to see all probated patients and the relatives and friends of patients now under treatment at the hospital.

### MAJOR GENERAL SCOTT



Chief of staff of the United States Army who is in charge of the plans for the pursuit of Villa.

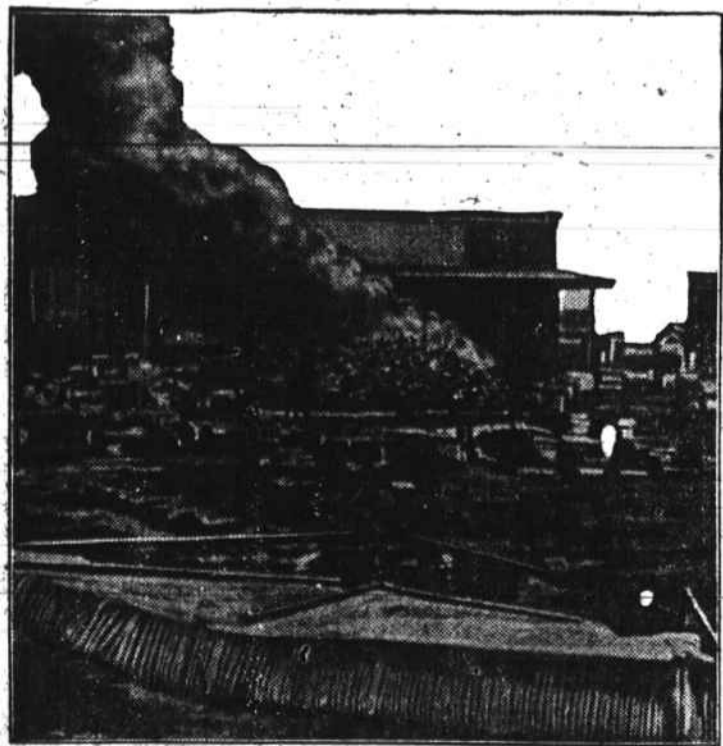
### Singing Class at Bunn.

The Masonic Fraternity of Bunn requests us to express their pleasure in having secured a date for the appearance of the Singing Class of the Oxford Orphanage in their community. They will give this entertainment in the Auditorium of the Bunn High School on Friday night, April 7th. Besides the fact that the entertainment is well worth many times the price of admission, it affords the community an opportunity of witnessing the great work that is being done by this institution and at the same time allowing them to contribute whatever they wish to the furtherance of this good work. Go out and enjoy the entertainment, and make the many little hearts glad by showing your interest in their welfare.

—Don't let's have a bad looking place in Louisburg after next week—from a standpoint of cleaning up.

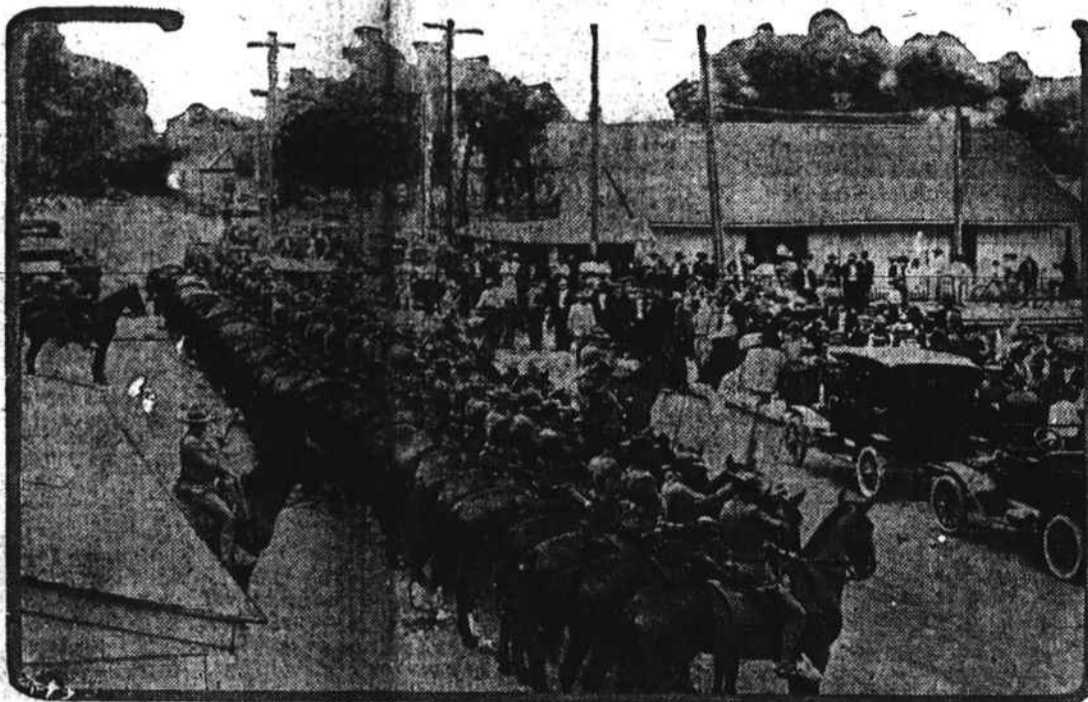
## BURNING BODIES OF VILLA'S RAIDERS

AT COLUMBUS, NEW MEXICO.



The picture shows the burning of the bodies of 27 Mexicans who were killed in the raid. In the foreground is the galvanized coping of the Central hotel, all that remained of the building after it had been burned.

## AMERICAN CAVALRY ON THE MEXICAN BOUNDARY



General Funston, indicated by the arrow, is the figure stepping into the automobile.

### GERMANS FAIL IN VIOLENT ATTACK.

But All Assault Put Down by Curtains of Fire of French Guns and Fire of French Infantry; French Giving Germans No Rest in The Argonne.

Another determined attempt by the Germans to break through the French lines northwest of Verdun has resulted in failure and with heavy losses to the Germans.

After days of intense artillery preparation the assault was launched between the six miles intervening between them and the Paris-Verdun railway and the nine miles still between them and Verdun, the Germans launched a great infantry attack on the Haucourt-Bethincourt sector. In successive waves the Germans were thrown into the fray, but all of their attempts were put down by the curtain of fire of the French guns and fire of the French infantry.

There is still an intermittent bombardment northeast of Verdun, and in the Woevre region the French have been shelling German positions. In the Argonne they are giving the German lines no rest, while in the Vosges the artillery action has been marked on both sides.

On the British front, in the St. Eloi sector, the Germans opened a heavy artillery fire on the British forces holding the ground gained by them Monday. The British artillery replied effectively and, according to the British official statement, these positions are still in the hands of the British.

In the Postavy region of the Russian front Berlin reports that the onslaughts of the Russians against the German lines have been withstood and that the attacking forces have suffered heavy casualties. A semi-official dispatch from Berlin says the Russians have attacked in their new offensive with sixty divisions over a front of 10 kilometers and that their losses have been not less than 80,000 men.

Heavy Italian bombardments of Austrian positions on the Doberdo Heights and along the Sasono continue.

A German air squadron has dropped bombs on the harbor works at Saloniki and the entente allied encampment north of Saloniki.

A German torpedo boat destroyer was rammed and sank by the British light cruiser Cleopatra, in the recent engagement of the German coast. There were no German survivors.

The American government through its ambassador at Berlin, has asked the German government if its submarines were responsible for the damage sustained by the cross-channel steamer Suessex and the sinking of the British steamer Englishman.

Two additional steamers have been sent to the bottom, the Eagle Point, a British vessel, presumably by a torpedo, and the Harriet, a Danish vessel, by a mine. The crews of both vessels were saved.

Of course, mother, you don't want your own dear boy to be a soldier. Send your neighbor's brat, instead.

### PERSHING ALREADY HAS USED ROADS.

Believed That He Did Not Use Lines Without Consent of Those Immediately in Charge Some of Advanced Detachments Troops Acknowledged To Be in Danger.

San Antonio, Tex., March 28.—Confirmation that General Pershing already has been using a portion of the Northwestern Railroad for the transportation of troops was secured by a reliable source.

This information included a report on the overturning of two cars and the injuring of ten troopers of the tenth cavalry and several horses. Three of the men were reported seriously injured.

The accident occurred while the cars were being taken over a temporary track built around Cumbre tunnel, south Casas Grandes. One of the rails gave way and the cars rolled down an embankment.

It was not believed here that General Pershing's use of the railroad prior to receipt of permission from the Carranza government would endanger negotiations being conducted by the State Department, because it was assumed he had gained permission of those in charge of operations of that section of the line.

No reports from General Pershing were received today, but this caused no uneasiness, the chief concern continuing to be the problem of getting supplies into Mexico without a railroad.

Advice that the State Department had prepared a memorandum urging Carranza to decide the question of using the railroad without waiting for the ratification of the protocol re-

ceived the hope that perhaps by Thursday the stores held at El Paso may be forwarded to some field depot more accessible to the troops now operating almost 300 miles from the boundary line.

Exactly where Colonel Dodd's cavalry is now or into how many detachments it has been divided was not known by General Funston.

Full realization of the danger in which some of the advanced detachments must be moving was acknowledged. Villa's known ability as a director of ambushes, and his frank expressions of fear among army officers that he may catch some of the American troops in a mountain trap.

Openly expressed pessimism as to an early capture of Villa now is frequently heard and there appeared no reason today why the chase should cease until Villa had led the Americans through twisting mountain trails and over waterless wastes for another 300 miles and more.

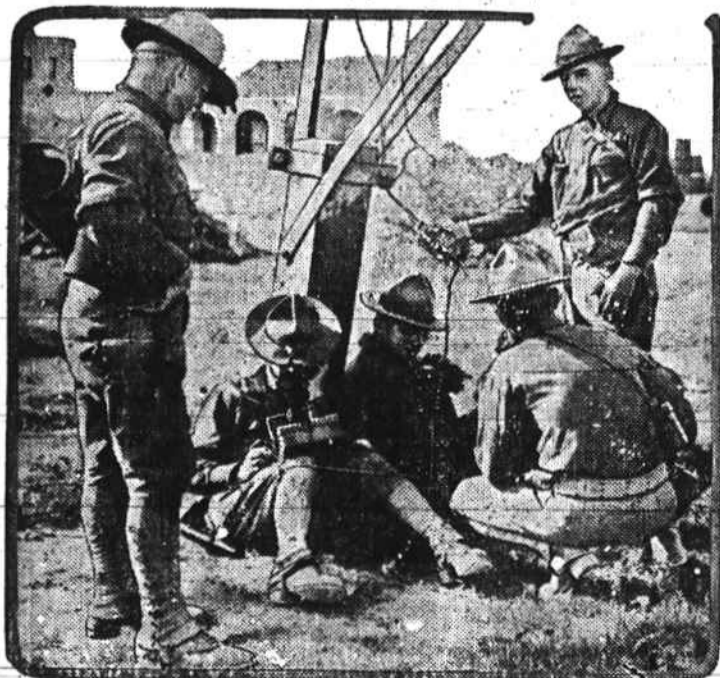
### "Hearts and Diamonds."

The above is the title of a play that will be given at the Auditorium of the Bunn High School on Tuesday night, April 4th, for the benefit of the lighting funds for the school. It will be given under the auspices of the Ladies Betterment Association and a small admission fee will be charged. Everybody is invited to go out and enjoy the evening and assist in raising a fund for lighting the school building.

### Louisburg Baptist Church.

"A Manly Appeal to a Manly Motive for Conservation and Service" will be the pastor's theme Sunday 11 A. M. At night the subject will be "The Touch of Faith." All are cordially invited.

## USING THE FIELD TELEPHONE



Troopers on post along the Mexican border using the field telephone to keep in touch with headquarters.

### HON. T. W. BICKETT SPEAKS.

At Sandy Creek School Closing on Wednesday—Good Crowd and Nice Occasion.

Wednesday was the closing day for the Sandy Creek School, which has been very creditably conducted the past session by Miss Lois Long, Principal, and Miss Maggie Johnson assistant and a neat program was arranged. The exercises were begun with a chorus by the school children. Supt. E. L. Best introduced Hon. T. W. Bickett, Attorney-General, one of Franklins honored and beloved sons whom we all will take pleasure in electing Governor this fall as the Speaker of the Day. General Bickett in his happy and enthusiastic manner as is usual with him when speaking to his fellow countrymen, and also when in the act of standing by the great educational movement, made one of the best addresses heard in this section in many a day. He took for his subject "Cribbs and Cradles" and from it drew the most convincing word pictures of what is being done by educational advancement. "To have the crib full of corn" he said "means to have a pocket full of money." He explained by statistics what the Agricultural education had done, and is doing, for the state. He then took up the responsibility of the parents in rearing of their children, showing that one of their greatest duties to the child is to give it an education. The entire address was filled with the greatest logic and most amusing wit and humor and was greatly enjoyed by all who heard it.

Mr. G. B. West then made the announcements for the afternoon and evening exercises and the morning hour came to a close.

### Oak Ridge School.

Oak Ridge School in Cypress Creek township held its closing exercises on Tuesday and made a most creditable showing. This school has been under the supervision of Miss Lucy H. Wiggs the past session and has made a wonderful improvement. Supt. E. L. Best delivered an address on the "Efficient School" which was both entertaining and instructive. Rev. Mr. Sawyer, of Spring Hope, also delivered an address, after which the exercises by the children were held. The entire occasion was most enjoyable.

### Methodist Church.

There will be services at the Methodist church next Sunday at 11 A. M. and 7.45 P. M., conducted by the pastor. The subject of the morning sermon is "The Unity of the Church." This will be a discussion of the problem of the reunion of all the protestant churches of the world. There will be special music at both services. Sunday School at 9:30 A. M. and Epworth League at 7 P. M. All are invited to attend these services.

### Starts Work on New Bridge.

Mr. Geo. F. Syme, a civil engineer, of the State Highway Department of North Carolina, arrived in Louisburg the past week and has begun the work of surveying and taking measurements for the new concrete bridge. He informs us the Commissioners have decided to raise the new bridge three feet over the old one. It is expected that work will get well under way in a few weeks.

### Family Reunion.

Mrs. Georgia T. Boddie, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Boddie, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Boddie, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Mann and Miss Lucy Perry, of Louisburg, and Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Boddie, of Henderson, were guests of Mrs. D. W. Spivey on Tuesday at a family reunion. Quite an enjoyable occasion was the result.

### Moves to the Country.

The Ricks Grocery Co. Inc., have moved their stock of groceries to the store on the Nashville road near Mr. R. A. Pearce's, about two miles from town. They will close up their Market street store and only run the one in the country.

### Services at St. Paul's Church.

Services at St. Paul's Church Sunday 11 A. M., April 2nd. Rev. N. Collin Hughes, of Raleigh, officiating. Morning Prayer sermon and administration of the Holy Communion. All are cordially invited to attend.

We call attention to the change of advertisement of the I. J. Deitz Co. in this issue. They have many new articles they are offering cheap.