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That LENOIR is the Best town in the State when you have once tried living within her borders. "COME AND ABIDE WITH US."
Caldwell County also abound in rich and fertile fields and valleys that yield abundantly.

The Lenoir News.

A PESSIMIST IS THE MAN
who takes an upper berth on an airplane and hangs his clothes on the wrong side of the porter's press. The food floats away so he comes to us FOR HIS NEXT JOB OF PRINTING and becomes an OPTIMIST. Is it cloudy out your way?

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PATRIOTIC RALLY FRIDAY RED CROSS ORGANIZED

A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, Chief Speaker. One hundred fifty members enlisted. Fine program of services. Mayor Lenoir presided, introducing speaker. Parade was a big feature. With brass band.

(By L. J. Hampton)

Not since ante-bellum days has Lenoir seen such a patriotic demonstration as that of last Friday afternoon and evening, when hundreds of people gathered for the purpose of launching formally the local branch of the Red Cross society. The occasion recalled vividly to the minds of gray haired veterans the days immediately preceding the Civil War, the only difference being that "rebel yells" were mingled just as heartily with the stronger tones of the younger men when the Star Spangled Banner was played as when the band struck up Dixie.

Mr. Brooks' Speech

Hon. A. L. Brooks, of Greensboro, one of the state's distinguished barristers, was the speaker of the evening. The city auditorium was filled to its capacity to hear the exercises, many people standing in aisles and other places of vantage. The great world war, its issues and the probable outcome were some of the matters discussed by the speaker in the early part of his address. He declared his belief that the war was one of purification; that out of it would come a cleaner civilization; a larger liberty and a world peace that would endure. He described the pledging of 10,000,000 American citizens on June 5th as a parallel to the handwriting on the wall, and declared that the Kaiser must have felt like the famous Biblical character, when he read on the morning of June 6 how the American people had unqualifiedly endorsed the action of the Government in its stand for the perpetuation of democracy. In this connection Mr. Brooks stated that he believed the entering of the United States spelt defeat for the Hohenzollerns and the downfall of the house of Hapsburg.

Military Despotism Doomed

"Military despotism," stated Mr. Brooks, "and autocracy are doomed. Mr. Balfour, prime minister of England, during his recent visit to this country and Canada, some time ago stated that 'England has staked her all on the victory of democracy, and if democracy is defeated England is bankrupt.' Out of a government that several generations ago was looked upon as despotic, England has evolved an almost complete democracy, and today its people are standing for even greater liberties and more privileges. Russia has overthrown the Romanoff dynasty, and today is struggling in the throes of the birth of a democracy. The entire world is looking forward to the coming of a time when the people shall rule." In speaking of the bloody conflict in which the United States is now engaged, Mr. Brooks voiced his belief in the direction of God, stating that out of it would come glory to the Divine Ruler of things.

"Over one hundred years ago," declared the speaker, "our forefathers fought and won

their independence, and promulgated the creed that 'all men are free and equal.' Washington freed three million people; Lincoln freed ten million slaves; Woodrow Wilson will free the world." At this juncture the speaker departed from the principal theme of his address to commend to the people the purchase of the Liberty Loan bonds.

Tribute to Women

The speaker's tribute to the women who are sharing their part of the burdens of the war, was a brief stretch of oratory and a conception of their real worth, seldom heard by an audience anywhere. Beginning with the Crucifixion of Christ he pictured to his hearers how the women, ever faithful, had lingered, and were the only members of their Master's household, who witnessed the sufferings on Calvary. It was a woman also, declared he, who carried the first news of the Resurrection. In Grecian and in Roman history the women played an important part. It was during the carnage of the Crimean war that Florence Nightingale organized a band of women to care for the wounded prisoners. This was the inception of what later developed into the organization on a world basis of the Red Cross society. The speaker told his audience that the burden of the war could be evenly distributed; that those who stayed at home could do their "bit."

In concluding his address the speaker stated that the thistle was the emblem of the Red Cross in Scotland, the shamrock in Ireland; rose in England and the lily in France, but, declared he, the thistle will die; the shamrock will wither; the rose will fade and the lily will lose its splendor, but the insignia of the noble order, the red and white, borne by the women of the United States, "will live forever. As the speaker spoke the last words he drew from his pocket a handkerchief adorned with the colors of the national emblem.

Mr. Brooks Introduced

The people of Lenoir believe they have cause for congratulation on their choice of a mayor. The program Friday night was the first public meeting since the election. Mayor W. J. Lenoir presided over the exercises with ease and dignity, reflecting credit on the municipality of which he is the official head. In introducing the speaker of the evening he told his audience that they were indeed fortunate in securing Mr. Brooks, who, he stated, was a speaker of national reputation as well as one of the most prominent barristers in the state, being at this time president of the State bar association. In concluding his remarks of presentation Mayor Lenoir declared the audience might well think that they were listening to the future representative of the west in the United States senate.

Candidacy Not Mentioned

Mr. Brooks did not mention

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\$50,000 HOSEIERY MILL FOR LENOIR

A charter was granted Monday for the LENOIR Hosiery Mill, a \$50,000 corporation, organized by Mr. Jos. C. Moore of this place, Dr. Claude Moore of Mortimer and Mr. F. P. Moore of Globe.

ABSENT CALDWELL CITIZENS MAY REGISTER AND VOTE

The last general assembly enacted a law giving all absent electors the right to exercise their voting privilege through the mails. A copy of this act has been forwarded by the State Board of Elections to Mr. J. C. Seagle, chairman of the county board of elections, together with a letter which is printed below.

There are a great number of Caldwell citizens who are away from home, and want to continue to exercise their voting privileges in this county, who will take advantage of this opportunity. These citizens should get in touch with Mr. C. E. Rabb, secretary to the county board of elections, who has the registration books open at all times for parties to register by mail. The letter to the chairman reads: Mr. J. C. Seagle, Chairman, County Board of Elections, Lenoir, N. C.

Dear Sir:—I beg to advise you that in compliance with the act "to allow absent electors to vote" the Secretary of State has forwarded to you a book in which the names of electors who expect to be absent at the next primary and general elections are to be registered.

In consideration of the probable absence of many electors in consequence of the pending war, I will thank you to give as much publicity as possible to this act, and take note of your duty to keep your registration book open at all times for registration except during the usual registration period. Also note that those electors who register under this act will not be required to register again.

Most respectfully,

Wilson G. Lamb, Chm.
State Board of Elections.

N. C. REGISTERS MORE THAN ESTIMATE

The Government's estimate of eligibles for the selective draft was 194,060, nearly six thousand less than the state registered.

The total registration give North Carolina 200,082, divided as follows: White, 434,699; black 64,706; alien, 560; alien enemies, 73. Indicated possible exemptions 133,614.

The absence of any evidence of purposeful interference with the registration was everywhere reported. On report came from Johnston county that a "preacher was shooting off his lip" as the irreverent expression went, but the ecclesiastic was not named and the product of the lip was not given. Some suggestions of a similar move among certain negro failed when the examination was made. The slogan, "not a negro slacker in North Carolina" worked well here and here is where it started. There was not one black who did not get up like a man and sign the card.

BOYS AT TRAINING CAMP GET HOLIDAY

Clyde Sudderth, one of the Lenoir boys at the officers' training camp, Fort Oglethorpe, writes the following letter home: "Everything is just fine here.

We have a little town of our own. There are 2,500 men living in 45 houses, which are about 20x60 feet in size. There are about 60 to 70 men living in each of these houses. There is no doubt but we have to work. Still it is enjoyable. We get off Saturday at 2:30 o'clock, then we are free until 10 o'clock Sunday night. During this time we can go sightseeing and enjoy all the beautiful things around here—and this is a beautiful place.

"Last Wednesday we had a holiday from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. This was Decoration day. We had to march over to the drill grounds and listen to several talks, but this was an interesting ceremony. There were about 7,000 troops or soldiers there. We had three bands. Then there were about 1,000 cavalrymen. It is a beautiful thing to see all these mounted men. In the afternoon we had a baseball game between the Sixth infantry and the officers' reserve camp, in which the latter won 12 to 5. There is always something to do, so you see they are making it interesting for us.

"I have forgotten whether or not I told you of the prisoners we have here. There are about 400 Germans here at the army post and it is very interesting to go around and watch them. They usually give a concert Sunday night which consists of music by the German band and songs in German. It is something beautiful to listen to, for they can make excellent music.

"Besides our camp there are about 5,000 soldiers stationed here and still more are coming. They are building barracks for 30,000 more men to be stationed here. Then this place will be a large town within itself, yet Chattanooga is just fifteen miles away. It is a place of about 90,000 people and there are street cars running every half hour and automobiles run all the time. If they ever pay us off I am going to travel around some.

"Friday my company, which has about 150 men in it, had a physical examination. This examination was almost like the one I had before. I will not know what they did until about a week. I hope that I passed it, though I do not know and will not know until notified by the army doctors here. This was a very strict examination. If we do not pass I suppose we will be sent home. There is no use troubling, for we either pass, or we do not."

69 TELEPHONES PUT OUT BY SATURDAY'S STORM

The forces of the local telephone company have been kept busy since Saturday getting their phones and lines repaired and into service again. The storm put 69 phones out of commission.

According to reports coming in from the country considerable damage was done to wheat and rye.

Capt. Lovill of Boone passed through Lenoir Sunday.

OPPORTUNITY PERIOD OF CAMPAIGN IS ALL THAT ITS NAME IMPLIES

First Period Not up to Expectations. Few Candidates Did Their Best. Good Chance for Live Wire to "Cinch" Maxwell in One Week.

Votes Reduced further After June 16th.

The present period of the Automobile and prize campaign will close June 16th at nine p. m. During this period those who have done little to date will have the chance to place themselves among the leaders during the next week, as the number of votes given have been only slightly reduced. The next reduction will be a larger one and it is now up to the candidates who want to be among the prize winners on July 11th to make a good showing for this period. Refer to the vote schedule in the ad. today.

The period just closed fell far short of the expectations of the Campaign Manager and the average amount of money turned in by candidates is very low.

Probably this was largely due to the very bad weather that marked the closing day, as all candidates interviewed have said that they had a number of subscriptions promised that they were unable to collect. These candidates should lose no time now in collecting their promises before next Saturday. Subscriptions will never again count for as much as at present.

This period will probably decide who is really in the campaign to win; a candidate who wants the Maxwell can "cinch" it by Saturday night.

Those who mean business will not let Opportunity Period slip by and leave them behind in the race. DO YOU MEAN BUSINESS?

CATAWBA BOYS ASLEEP ON TRACK ARE KILLED

Two white boys, Russell Seagle, of Conover, and Hoskey Lane, of Highland, a suburb of Hickory, are dead and Millard Mooney, of Newton, is badly cut on the face as a result of an accident at Hickory Saturday afternoon when a Carolina and North-Western shifting engine backed some freight cars over the boys while they slept on the railroad track. The accident occurred in the western part of the city at what is known as the Sixth street crossing.

Dewey Pritchard, of Highland, a fourth boy, was not injured and he ran after the accident. Seagle's head was badly crushed and Lanes body was almost severed at the waist. He survived a little more than an hour, but Seagle's death was almost instant. Lane was struck by a train two years ago and his foot severed and another brother lost a leg being hit by a train.

The lads had no excuse for sleeping on the tracks, according to Mooney. They were simply whiling away the time, apparently oblivious of the danger that threatened. The community was shocked by the accident, as it followed a series of tragedies on railroad tracks in and around Hickory in the last few months.

NEW DATE FOR ROAD CONVENTION

Owing to the fact that quite a number of the members of the North Carolina Good Roads Association are also members of the Press Association, which, meets at Wrightsville Beach, June 27 to 29th, it has been decided by the Good Roads Association to change the dates for the road convention to Monday, Tuesday day and Wednesday, July 9, 10 and 11.

YOUNG LOFTIN BOY'S

LEG BROKEN
Gordon Loftin, about twelve years old, had his leg broken late yesterday, when he fell from one of the wagons hauling stone for the street work. One of the wheels passed over the boy's left leg just below the hip, breaking the bones short in two. Young Loftin is the son of Pat Loftin.

BLOWING ROCK

Messrs. T. H. Coffey, and J. B. Johnson left Friday for Hickory, on business.

Dr. O. L. Moore, of Lenoir, is up for a few day days.

Mr. Hal Hayes, and a number of young men from Mooresville, were visiting friends in the village Sunday.

Mr. D. S. Bollinger, left Friday for Richmond, Va. to visit his father who is very ill.

Mr. C. Kelley, of Greensboro, is spending a few days with his sister, Mrs. C. D. Mackey.

Mrs. J. A. Gamewell, of Spartanburg, S. C., is up for the summer.

Mr. H. F. Ingle, made a flying trip to Boone, Monday, being accompanied by a number of young ladies.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond, of Chicago, were guests at the Watauga Inn several days last week.

Mr. T. I. Holloway, made a business trip to Lenoir, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Knox, of Salisbury, arrived last week and will occupy their cottage near Green Park.

The Blowing Rock Transfer Co. has opened a Garage on main street, Messrs. J. F. and Grover Robbins, proprietors.

Mr. J. T. Plott and family, of Greensboro are staying at the Ingle House.

Mrs. Bessie Patterson and daughter, Miss Mildred, who have been staying at the Watauga Inn, for several weeks, have moved to their cottage at "Hidden Waters."

The "Busy Bee" Restaurant, which has just been opened on North Main street by Misses Eunice Holshouser and Marjorie Williams, is a very neat and attractive place, where you can get all kinds of good things to eat.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Todd, of Lenoir, were visiting Mrs. Todd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Martin, Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Essie Ransom, of Hickory, is organizing a company of Boy Scouts here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Jr., of Concord, are spending a few days at the Watauga Inn.