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ROBESONIANS CELEBRATE FOURTH

WITNESS AEROPLANE FLIGHTS

Crowd of at Least 10,000 Gathered in Lumberton—Two Successful Flights by John Kaminski of Milwaukee—Beautiful Exhibition Given by "Boy Aviator"—Excellent Speech by Solicitor Hammer of Randolph County, Filling Place of Senator Overman, Who was Forbidden by Physician to Come—Ball Game and Parade—Events of a Great Celebration Enjoyed by Thousands.

Robeson county's celebration of the Fourth was a day long to be remembered. It brought together in Lumberton perhaps the largest crowd that ever assembled here on any occasion. Best estimates place the number at fully 10,000. Two entirely successful aeroplane flights, a baseball game, a speech and a parade were the features of the day, and there were several minor attractions that engaged the attention of the people between these. The best of order prevailed and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion thoroughly.

Of course the main attraction was the flying machine exhibition, the first ever given in Robeson county. And everybody was entirely satisfied and delighted with the exhibitions given by Mr. John Kaminski of Milwaukee. Mr. Kaminski is only 18 years old, being the youngest licensed aviator in the world, but if he can't handle a flying machine with the best of veterans of the craft the crowd that witnessed his beautiful and graceful flights here Friday would like to know "how come." He circled around in air time and again with the ease and grace of a bird, did "the ocean wave" and other thrilling stunts, flew over the town twice, over the river, over the town stand-pipe—all about and about. His highest flying was at an altitude of about 1,400 feet. He said the air was bad, choppy, full of holes, and that the wind was so strong when he was clipping along at the rate of about 60 miles an hour that his nose was plastered down to one side of his face. But that did not phase him in the least. He had his nerve with him, did this plucky "boy aviator," and as he soared aloft there was nothing to indicate to the crowd below that conditions in the air were not altogether serene and lovely.

Mr. Kaminski says that viewed from the height at which he sailed over it Robeson county's magnificent temple of justice looked like a cardboard house. He says that viewed from the upper air the country around Lumberton is exceedingly beautiful.

Mr. Kaminski is the son of a man who was born in Poland, but his mother was born in America. By their quiet and gentlemanly demeanor he and his machinist, Mr. Jack Knight of Milwaukee, favorably impressed all with whom they came in contact. Those who witnessed some exhibition flights over the city of Baltimore some time ago for a purse of \$5,000 say that Mr. Kaminski's flight was every bit as good. No one could ask to see prettier flying. He used a Curtis biplane.

The flights took place from near the old public school building, north-eastern part of town, and Mr. Kaminski stayed up about 15 minutes each flight.

Senator Lee S. Overman was to have been the speaker of the occasion, but late Thursday afternoon, after Thursday's Robesonian had gone to press, he wired that he could not come. The physician who performed an operation on him some time ago had advised him that a rest of a few days was imperative and that an attempt to fill his engagement in Lumberton Friday would be dangerous. His work as chairman of the Senate lobby committee and in the Democratic caucus has placed him under severe strain recently. Senator Overman, since he himself could not come, sent the best possible substitute in the person of Solicitor W. C. Hammer of Randolph county. Mr. Hammer jumped here on short notice from Asheville, where he was attending the meeting of the State Bar Association, and he had to prepare his speech on the way, but that did not matter; he made a rousing good speech which was enjoyed by all who heard him—and anybody who has ever heard Mr. Hammer speak knows that all within a considerable range could hear him easily. Mr. Hammer was introduced by Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar. After reading Senator Overman's telegram explaining his unavoidable absence, Mr. Stacy presented Mr. Hammer in a neat speech of a few words, closing by referring to

him as the next United States district attorney for the western district of North Carolina.

Mr. Hammer spoke from a stand erected and attractively decorated for the occasion in front of the residence of Mr. A. W. McLean, on Chestnut street, board seats having been placed around the stand for ladies. Before the speech Mr. R. D. Caldwell, chairman of the organization which had the celebration in charge, called on Rev. J. F. Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, to lead in prayer, after which Mayor A. E. White delivered an address of welcome. Mr. Caldwell, in presenting Mr. White, referred to him as a man who fills, in every sense of the word, the important office of mayor of Lumberton.

Mayor White's address of welcome was short, and altogether happy. He referred to some of the things of which the town boasts and assured the crowd that not only were they welcome on that day but on all days.

The parade, which preceded the speaking, was not a very long one but was a success. There were 20 or more marshals, Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton being chief, all mounted and dressed alike in blue coats, white trousers and leggins, the chief and sub-chiefs wearing sashes. The mercantile floats and decorated automobiles and buggies were exceedingly pretty and attractive. The prizes were won by the following:

Best mercantile float, R. D. Caldwell & Son of Lumberton, \$10.

Best-decorated automobile, H. B. Jennings of Lumberton, \$10.

Best-decorated buggy, Mr. Elwood Whaley of Lumberton, \$5.

There were no contestants outside of Lumberton. Mr. Jennings, who is secretary-treasurer of the Lumberton and Dresden cotton mills and president of the Jennings cotton mills, had his machine most artistically decorated with colored cotton from his mills. R. D. Caldwell & Son's float was made up of a most artistic arrangement of merchandise from their department store. Other floats worthy of special mention represented the Lumberton Furniture Store, Boylin's Jewelry Store, and K. M. Biggs.

A surprise feature of the parade was a "suffragette parade," a gay bunch of girls with a few young men falling in line for a few blocks, marching with a banner which bore the legend "Votes for Women."

The parade began the exercises of the day and was followed by the speaking at the stand on Chestnut street, already mentioned.

A baseball game between Maxton and Fairmont drew a large part of the crowd to the ball ground in north-eastern part of town in the afternoon. Fairmont won, the score being 7 to 4. Three of the men of the "Bloomer Girls" team, which team was prevented from playing Lumberton by order of Mayor White, played with Fairmont, and the feature of the game was a ball hit over the fence by one of these men.

Rufus Sanderson of Lumberton won the prize of \$5 in the foot race and a Mr. Tyner who lives near Lowe won the prize of \$5 in the bicycle race. Both races took place on Elm street and there were several in each race.

It was an altogether successful celebration of the Fourth and was thoroughly enjoyed by everybody. There were no dissatisfied people in Lumberton on that day. The crowd and the success of the occasion exceeded the most sanguine expectations of the promoters of the celebration.

Notes.

Messrs. W. G. Barnes and A. M. Hartley, two young men of Lumberton, turned out as amateur photographers on the Fourth and furnished side-splitting fun for some who watched their performances, and had lots of fun themselves. Their equipment consisted of a cigar-box mounted on the end of an old stick and covered with a black cloth—only this and nothing more save a droll sense of humor and the nerve to carry it through. And they got away with it. Mr. Barnes would gravely approach a woman or man, or a bunch of women and men, and ask them to pose for a picture for the Pastime theatre. He would solemnly place his "victims" in whatever absurd posture suited his fancy at the moment, and then he would back away and Mr. Hartley would dive under the black cloth, fuss around a bit with his old empty cigar box and click a disreputable-looking old bulb attached to the end of a tube—and the trick was turned. Mr. Barnes, hiding his merriment behind a solemn countenance, would obtain the names of those who posed.

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MAYOR'S ACTION ENDORSED

Resolutions Passed at Mass Meeting of Citizens — Mayor White's Stand Against Allowing "Bloomer Girls" to Play Ball Here Commended — History of An Affair Which Has Disturbed the Town.

At a mass meeting held at the court house at 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, attended by a crowd of representative citizens of Lumberton that practically filled the court room, quite a sprinkling of ladies being present, the following resolutions, offered by Mr. J. A. McAllister, were passed by a unanimous standing vote:

"Whereas in his recent efforts in the cause of public decency our mayor has been the subject of criticism on the part of some of our citizens; and

"Whereas we consider this criticism wholly unjustifiable and that the position taken by our mayor should be endorsed, approved and supported by our people, and that our mayor should know that he has the sympathy and support of this meeting;

"Therefore, be it resolved by this mass meeting of citizens of the town of Lumberton that we most heartily endorse and approve the manly, steadfast and courageous stand taken by Mr. A. E. White, mayor of the town of Lumberton, in the cause of civic righteousness in our town and that we call upon all good citizens to rally to his support and assist him in the further prosecution of his laudable work.

"Resolved further, that we hereby pledge to the mayor our hearty support and sympathy in his work in the moral upbuilding of our town.

"Resolved further, that the thanks of those present at this meeting are hereby tendered to Mr. A. E. White, our mayor, and to those officials of our government who stood with him in the recent matter that has disturbed our town."

This meeting was advertised Saturday afternoon by means of circulars on which it was stated that it was for the purpose of giving citizens an opportunity to express themselves in regard to some actions of the town officials and that the call for the meeting was with the approval of the pastors of the four churches of the town—Revs. J. F. Gorrell, Presbyterian church; J. W. Bradley, Chestnut Street Methodist; C. H. Durham, First Baptist; and W. H. Combs, Gospel Tabernacle.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, who asked Mr. J. P. Russell to preside. Rev. W. B. Combs led in prayer, after which Mr. Caldwell explained the object of the meeting, which it was considered wise and proper to hold in view of some criticism that had been made of the recent action of Mayor White in forbidding the "Bloomer Girls" from playing ball in Lumberton and in view of the further fact that some loose street talk about "impeaching" the mayor for his action had been given publicly through the Wilmington Star, Lumberton correspondence. Remarks were made by Messrs. J. A. McAllister, R. C. Lawrence, L. R. Varner, T. L. Johnson and H. E. Stacy, all the speakers being heartily in favor of adopting the resolutions offered by Mr. McAllister and speaking in the most complimentary terms of Mayor White's courage and loyalty to the best interests of the town in excluding a performance which was considered not for the uplift and betterment of the town.

Absolute harmony prevailed at the meeting and there was not even a suggestion of criticism of the failure of the town commissioners to take any action when the matter of excluding the game was presented to them last Wednesday afternoon. It was the consensus of opinion that the commissioners, with the light before them at the time, had acted exactly right in refusing to take any action, and that Mayor White had also acted in a manner deserving highest commendation when on the following day, with the light of additional evidence before him, he decided to forbid the game.

Mr. Johnson's remarks were mainly explanatory of his position in appearing for three of the town commissioners and the baseball boys in an attempt to secure an injunction from Judge Lyon to prevent the mayor's orders from being carried out. After hearing the affidavits setting forth the character of the baseball team known as "Bloomer Girls" he was heartily in favor of excluding them. Mr. Stacy explained that as town attorney he had advised the commissioners last Wednesday evening that the town would be liable to a suit for damages if they took any action, as there was no evidence that the "Bloomer Girls"

were an undesirable aggregation, and took the entire blame for the action of the commissioners upon himself.

There was no criticism of the baseball team for making a contract with the "Bloomer Girls."

Just before the meeting adjourned Mayor White was called on and in a talk expressed his deep appreciation of the assurance of confidence that had been expressed in him by citizens of the town in this meeting.

In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that at a meeting Wednesday evening the town commissioners were asked to exclude the game of ball scheduled to be played here on the Fourth between the Lumberton baseball team and the team known as "Bloomer Girls," but that as there was no evidence that the game was undesirable or immoral and as they were advised that the town would be liable to a lawsuit the commissioners refused to take any action. Also it was stated in Thursday's paper that Mayor White received additional evidence that convinced him that the "Bloomer Girls" team was an undesirable aggregation and he issued an order forbidding the game to be played.

This stirred up considerable street talk, some of it mighty loose and irresponsible, and Thursday afternoon an attempt was made to secure an injunction from Judge Lyon restraining the mayor from carrying out this order. A large crowd gathered in the court house Thursday afternoon when this matter came up. Mr. T. L. Johnson was employed by the baseball boys and three of the commissioners and Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor represented Mayor White. In the short time in which they had to prepare the case a number of affidavits were secured to the effect that the "Bloomer Girls" had acted in a disorderly manner at several places, and Judge Lyon refused injunction, holding that the "Bloomer Girls" had ample recourse in a suit for damages if they had not received justice. Mr. Johnson states that he had no interest in the case beyond representing his clients, and that had he known before going into the case the character of the "Bloomer Girls" as revealed in the affidavits submitted he would not have asked for an injunction. Mr. Johnson also stated that he approached Mr. Johnson in regard to bringing suit against the town and he advised them to leave town and refused to be employed.

This is about the history of a case which disturbed the town for four days and ended in a love feast yesterday afternoon. There has been lots of talk but everybody is satisfied now that both the mayor and the town commissioners acted with an eye single to the best interests of the town.

Fairmont Selected As Place For Holding County Reunion.

The committee of veterans appointed to decide the time and place for the next county reunion met here in the court house this morning, and the place decided upon for the meeting is Fairmont, the date to be determined later. The reunion will be held some time during August. Col. S. J. Cobb, of Parkton, has been appointed to act as officer of the day, and Mr. J. A. McAllister, of Lumberton, has been chosen to make the response to the address of welcome. The committee in deciding on a place for this meeting to be held had for their consideration invitations from Rowland, St. Paul, Fairmont and Lumberton.

Negro Killed at Pembroke.

Arch Pitman, colored, Thursday night about 11 o'clock at Pembroke shot and killed Walter Harp, also colored. The sheriff was not notified of the killing until Friday and Pitman made his escape. Coroner G. E. Ranke and County Physician B. W. Page went Friday to Pembroke and held an inquest. It is understood that Pitman and Harp had a falling out over 50 cents, Harp shot Pitman with a gun and then Pitman shot Harp twice with a pistol, both balls taking effect through the heart.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Farm for sale.
Watch lost.
Save you money—W. I. Linkhaw.
Offerings at M. W. Floyd's.
A saying that applies to history of Bank of Lumberton.
Cow and calf for sale.
Your fall suit—Jno. T. Biggs Co.
—At the Pastime theatre this evening Selig will present "The Cattle Rustlers," a story of Western daring and adventure. The second reel will be a Vitagraph containing two pictures—"Bunnie's Suicides" and "She Wanted a Boarder."

SUPERIOR COURT.

Negroes Implicated in Buie Riot Probably will be Sentenced This Afternoon — Judgment of Manslaughter Agreed Upon — Barfield Prevatt Trial Begins Tomorrow.

The trial of Dan and Coot Patterson and Ed McNeill, all colored, for being implicated in the riot at Buie last February when Will Breen, colored, was killed, has occupied the time of Superior Court, Judge C. C. Lyon presiding, since Saturday. A verdict of manslaughter has been agreed upon. Argument before Judge Lyon will be concluded this afternoon and sentence also probably will be pronounced this afternoon. Messrs. McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor are defending, Messrs. Lennon & Stacy and Johnson & Johnson of Lumberton, S. B. McLean of Maxton and E. L. Wooten of Rowland assisting Solicitor Sinclair. The case is being argued for the State by Messrs. Sinclair and Stacy. Considerable feeling has been aroused in this case. Mr. Amos McNeill of Buie, one of the witnesses for the defense, was arrested this morning on a charge of perjury and will be tried this afternoon in the recorder's court.

The trial of Barfield Prevatt on the charge of murdering Emory McNeill will begin tomorrow.

Other cases have been disposed of since Thursday as follows:

Charlie Bell, retailing; plead guilty; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Cynthia Oxendine, retailing; plead guilty; judgment continued on payment of costs.

Nol. Pros. was entered in the case of Wm. Love charged with forgery.

RECORDER'S COURT CASES.

Hold-Up in a Barber Shop Results in a Fine of 75 — Trivial Case Dismissed — Other Cases.

G. L. Norment, who lives near Purvis, submitted before Assistant Recorder McLean Saturday to charges of drunk and disorderly, carrying concealed weapon and assault with deadly weapon and was taxed \$75 and costs. On the morning of the Fourth in the barber shop of John Leach, colored, on East Fourth street, Norment pulled out a pistol, leveled it on Mr. Wm. Lovett, who was in the chair being shaved, and it is said that he had the pistol, a double-action, half cocked when Leach threw up his hands and implored him not to shoot and Lovett also threw up his hands and assured him that he was not the man wanted, that he had done nothing. A few minutes later Chief Redfern arrived and placed Norment under arrest. Norment had put up his gun when the chief arrived and offered no resistance. He was released later in the day on a \$300 bond for appearance before the recorder.

Lula Lawson, colored, was crazy drunk Friday and was locked up until Saturday morning, when Assistant Recorder McLean gave her choice between spending 30 day in jail or leaving town at once, and she elected to vamoose.

F. Gauter, who lives in East Lumberton, was taxed \$25 and costs Saturday for retailing.

Mr. G. S. McKenzie, whose job office is in the same room in the opera house occupied by the Robeson Advance, indicted Mr. C. S. Parnell, proprietor of The Advance, for injury to property—using some of his type after being forbidden to do so. Parnell did not deny using the type once but claimed that it had not been injured. When this case came before Assistant Recorder McLean Thursday he thought it too trivial to bother with and dismissed the case, dividing the costs between them, the share of each being \$1.18. Mr. Parnell gave notice of appeal but changed his mind and paid up.

H. B. McNair, colored, got 11-2 gallons of whiskey out of the local express office Saturday, and that was his undoing. Chief Redfern followed him and found that he had two sacks full of bottles of all sizes, so McNair has cooled his heels in jail since Saturday. He will be tried in the recorder's court this afternoon.

Dock Ivey, who lives near Raynham, failed to appear before the recorder Saturday to answer to a charge of being drunk here on the Fourth and for that reason Mr. Lloyd C. Townsend, who put up a bond of \$10 for Ivey's appearance, had to stand good for a tax of \$2.50 and costs which was put on the absent Ivey.

—Mr. Fred Brown of Antioch, Hoke county, was among the numerous Hokeites in town Friday and he delighted the heart of the editor of The Robesonian by bringing him a delicious watermelon.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 12 cents.

—The county commissioners and board of education are holding their regular monthly sessions today.

—The Robesonian is asked to state that Rev. G. Locklear will preach at the residence of Huey Oxendine, near Buie, next Sunday.

—Miss Mary C. McNeill is sick at her home in the eastern part of town with typhoid fever. She has been sick for about three weeks. Her condition is not thought to be much improved.

—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. G. French, who had been in Richmond, Va., where Mr. French was undergoing treatment at the Hygeia hospital for some time, are now at Virginia Beach, Spotswood Arms hotel.

—Mr. D. D. French received yesterday his commission as postmaster of Lumberton. He will not take charge, however, until he hears further from the Postoffice Department as he has asked for an inspector to check accounts before he takes charge.

—Mr. Robert Dees of Lumberton was 81 years old the Fourth of July, and says that he has been living in Lumberton for nearly 56 years and that the celebration held here Friday was by far the greatest occasion ever held in Lumberton.

—Mr. J. Mack Olliver of Marietta, son of Mr. J. S. Oliver, entered the Thompson hospital Friday for treatment, having suffered a relapse from an attack of malarial fever. His condition is improving. He is not confined to bed all the time.

—Miss Rachel Oliver, daughter of Mr. J. S. Oliver of Marietta, and Miss Edith Ward, daughter of County Commissioner Jno. W. Ward of Rowland, left Friday evening for New York, where they will attend summer school at Columbia University.

—The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Company is holding its fourth annual meeting of stockholders in the company's office here today. The following stockholders and officers from Fayetteville are here attending the meeting: Messrs. A. E. Poole, A. F. McGuire, Q. K. Nimocks, W. J. Beatty, Jr., and Dr. Seavy Highsmith.

—One of the most interesting visitors in town for the Fourth was Mr. J. M. Cross, the veteran printer. He came down from Maxton with Mr. W. B. Harker, for whom he has been working for some time on The Chief. Mr. Cross is 68 years old and has been setting type longer than any other printer in the State. He began 54 years ago at Asheboro.

—Mr. David Smith, who lives on rural route No. 2 from Buie, was among the numerous visitors in Lumberton Friday. He says that he is 65 years old and that this was the first time that he ever came to Lumberton on the Fourth. It is to be hoped that he had such a great day that he will come again next Fourth, along with all the others who were here on that day.

—Mr. J. C. Ausley of Slocumb, Ala., who is visiting at the home of Mr. Edward Currie at Lumber Bridge, where he formerly lived, was among the visitors in Lumberton Friday. He was accompanied by Miss Emma Currie of Lumber Bridge. Mr. Ausley left Robeson county about 40 years ago and has lived in South Carolina, Florida, Georgia, and now owns a large farm at Slocumb, Ala. He was at one time in the turpentine business with Mr. Lock Shaw of St. Paul and Mr. Neill Shaw of Lumber Bridge.

—Mr. C. H. Phillips, who for two years or more has been living in Lumberton, expects to leave Wednesday or Thursday for his home in Edinburg, Scotland. He says that he has not decided whether he will return to America or not. Mr. Phillips has been in the county for about six years, coming here directly from Scotland, and this is his first trip home. Since coming to America Mr. Phillips has devoted most of his time to farming, but for several months he has held a position in the office of County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie.

—It would take a book to mention all the people in town Friday and The Robesonian would not attempt such a thing, but among the visitors who dropped in to pass the time of day with The Robesonian were Messrs. Wm. Walters, of Barnesville; Kelly Bass, of Fairmont, route No. 3; J. S. Oliver, of Marietta; J. C. Thomas, who lives on route No. 1 from Red Springs; J. N. Kelly of Clarkton; C. K. Morgan of Marietta; Harrison Watts of Fairmont, route 1; T. A. Fisher of Maxton, route 1; N. A. Kinlaw of Howellsville and H. B. Lewis of Richardson.