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MEMORIAL DAY IN LUMBERTON.

Confederate Veterans Gathered Saturday — Gen. Bond Tells of an Interesting Experience at a Reunion in Maine — Address by L. R. Varser — Dinner served by Daughters of Confederacy — Graves Decorated.

Early Saturday morning the members of Camp Willis H. Pope began to arrive in town, many of them leaning on sticks because of weakness from old age and warfare, and at 10 o'clock quite a number of the Robeson county braves had gathered in the court house. After a short business meeting was held Gen. F. A. Bond of Hunters' Lodge, Moss Neck, was called on to make a short address. General Bond told in an interesting way of being in Portland, Maine, some months ago on a date when the Union soldiers were holding a reunion in that city, and how the Union soldiers went to him and invited him to their meeting and said when he entered the room where the Union soldiers were gathered the music stopped, and he was ushered to the stage and almost forced to make a speech. He said that all the soldiers and all the great number of ladies present shook his hand, many of the Union soldiers remarking that he was the first Confederate soldier they had seen since the close of the war. He said that the way he was received and treated by those Northern soldiers made him feel that we are now one country undivided.

Mr. L. R. Varser, of the law firm of McLean, Varser & McLean, was on the programme to address the camp at 11 a. m. By this time quite a number had gathered besides members of the camp. Mr. Varser was introduced by J. A. McAllister, who rightly assured his comrades and all others present that they were fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Varser. Mr. Varser said in part that it was ever a pleasure to him to have the privilege of addressing a body of men who played so great a part in making themselves and the younger people of the Southland famous. He called attention to the fact that the American people had ever been ready and willing to defend their country or the rights of their States, and said that the soldiers of South were not fighting for freedom, but for States' rights and for principle. He said that though the South didn't win a victory over the North, she didn't fail, as the Southern soldiers were fighting for principle. President Wilson, who is a Southern man, is conducting the government on a plan that was born in the Constitution of the Confederacy. Much honor, said the speaker, was due the mothers who staid at home and fought a great battle in providing for the children while the fathers were away defending States' rights. Mr. Varser told of going into the Soldiers' Home in Richmond and seeing the horse that General Lee rode into victory. Though this horse, which was owned and ridden by the greatest general the world has ever known, is dead, he is still preserved in the museum there. He said he longed to see a monument erected to the grave of every North Carolinian who lost his life in the great conflict. He asked the question why was it that North Carolina sent 125,000 men to the front, more than any other State, and had less men to return home, and why was it that Robeson county sent 200 more than any other county in the State? He said the cause of this was that our people were a willing bunch that were ever in the front and therefore more of them lost their lives. He said that no people could boast of richer heritage, of braver ancestors, than the people of the Southern States. Mr. Varser's speech was rich, to the point and greatly enjoyed by all who heard him.

After Mr. Varser was through, all the Veterans and their wives present were invited to the commissioners' room, where a sumptuous dinner was served by ladies of Robeson Chapter, U. D. C. There was plenty for all and much more was taken up than was eaten. Fifty-five veterans and 10 veterans wives partook of the dinner. The books showed that five Robeson veterans had died since the last memorial meeting was held May 10, 1913. Quite a number of the Daughters of the Confederacy spent the afternoon decorating the graves of the soldiers who have been buried in the cemeteries in and about town. Manager Wishart of the Pastime theatre passed all the "boys" in to see the show, and they all seemed to enjoy the day immensely. The Pope Drug Company furnished cool drinks for all the Veterans and the McDonald Drug Company served cigars to all that cared to smoke.

A. G. Allen's minstrel show under canvass drew a large crowd to the show grounds near the power plant of the Yadkin River Power Company Saturday night. Those present say it was a clean show that made everybody present laugh.

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RAYNHAM NEWS NOTES.

Plowing and Replanting Corn — Pretty Homes and Well-Kept Yards — Social and Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Raynham, May 8.—Plowing and replanting corn seems to be the order of the day around here. The speaking at the church Friday was fine, enjoyed by all that were there. We hope to have Rev. Mr. Upchurch again soon with us.

There was an ice cream supper at Mr. Chas. Odom's Friday night of last week which was enjoyed by a large crowd and especially by the writer.

Messrs. Pink Page and Spurgeon Small of Lumberton were visitors at Mr. Scott Stone's Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Ivey and the writer spent Sunday in South Carolina down near Pleasant Hill church, with Mr. Henry Wiggins. The people at Pleasant Hill have improved the place by building a nice two-story brick school house. They are not quite through with it yet. They hope to go in one day before school closes. The people all around near and far have the prettiest yards of flowers I've ever seen. — On my trip I saw some lovely homes down in South Carolina and North Carolina especially Mr. P. McIntyre's and Mr. J. S. Stuart's.

Messrs. W. C. and C. H. McCormick of Rowland, route 2, were visitors at Mr. Joe Ivey's Friday afternoon. — Little Miss Dovie Ivey spent Monday night with her little niece Eliza Ivey. — Miss Ether Odom spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Bertha Hall. — Mr. Jim Martin and brother of Center spent Sunday with Mr. Joel Ivey. Messrs. Craton and Shelton Prevatt of Back Swamp spent last Sunday in this section. — Mr. Wm. Gaddy of Gaddy's Mill spent Friday with Mr. J. S. Wiggins.

It was stated in The Robesonian some time ago that school would not close till the fifth of June. It will close in about three more weeks.

Another Hearing in Union Station Matter.

There was another special hearing Friday at Raleigh before the Corporation Commission in the matter of exception by the Seaboard Air Line to the recent order of the Corporation Commission as to the division of the rental and maintenance expense of a union passenger station at Lumberton. Some time ago the Commission made an order designating the Seaboard passenger station as the union station and requiring the Virginia & Carolina Southern to build a track to this station, the Raleigh & Charleston being already a joint user of the Seaboard station. The Seaboard filed exceptions to the terms on which the Commission ordered that the V. & C. S. could have the use of the station.

The Corporation Commission has not yet rendered its final decision. Mr. R. C. Lawrence, of the firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, local counsel for the Seaboard, and Mr. L. R. Varser, of the firm of McLean, Varser & McLean, representing the V. & C. S., appeared before the Commission Friday. It is not thought that there will be any real fight made against the order further than the protest which is now in the hands of the Commission.

Annual Naval Appropriation Bill Carries \$139,560,334

Washington Dispatch, 7th. The House today passed without a roll-call the annual naval appropriation bill, carrying \$139,560,334 and providing for the entire Administration naval construction program. The building program includes two battleships, one to be built in some Government navy yard; six torpedoblast destroyers, one sea-going torpedoblast, 3 coast defense submarines torpedoblasts, to be constructed on the Pacific Coast and four submarines.

Death of J. R. Ellis of Tolarville.

Mr. J. R. Ellis, aged about 25, of Tolarville, died in the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, Thursday after suffering for some time with appendicitis. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church at Tolarville by Rev. Mr. Hester, and interment was made in the church cemetery. Mr. Ellis was a model young man and was held in high esteem by all who knew him.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell and son, Mr. Smeon, of Lumberton attended the funeral.

Dynamiting Fish.

Mr. J. T. Davis, who lives on route No. 1 from Buie and who was in town a Saturday, tells The Robesonian that there is much dynamiting of fish going on. Lately he has seen some fine fish lying dead beside the river bank, the result of this sort of un-sportsmanlike and beastly warfare against the finny tribe. There is a law against this and it is to be hoped that somebody will get what is coming to them.

Most Children's Diseases Start With a Cold.

Restlessness-feverishness-an inflamed throat and spasmodic cough — maybe whooping cough is starting in. Give Foley's Honey and Tar promptly. It helps the children so very much, says Mrs. Shipp, Raymondville, Mo. "I got fine results from it and it is a great medicine for whooping cough." For sale by all dealers.

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U. S. DELEGATES NAMED.

Joseph P. Lamar and F. W. Lehman Will Represent United States in Conference With Mediators—Nothing Has Occurred to Interrupt Negotiations — Four Newspaper Men Released.

Washington Dispatch, 10th.

President Wilson received at the White House today Ambassador De Gama of Brazil ranking member of the South American mediators who are trying to compose the Mexican situation.

Neither the White House or the Minister would make any statement, but the receipt later of a dispatch from Mexico City stating that Foreign Minister Ruiz had protested to the mediators that several United States torpedo boats with a transport and tender had landed a party on Lobos Island, eight miles off the coast and had taken the light house, was believed to have been the purpose of the Ambassador's unusual visit to the White House on Sunday.

The mediators had held an early conference previous to the Ambassador's call at the White House and this meeting — on Sunday — indicated developments of more than ordinary importance. No information was obtainable from the mediators or at the White House concerning Minister Ruiz's telegram but it was understood a reply had been made. The Navy Department had no information about vessels operating near Lobos Island.

The call of the mediators on the Secretary of State last night and their assembling for a Sunday morning meeting led to the belief that developments of the last 24 hours involved something more than preliminaries for the coming conference at Niagara Falls. It was made plain however, at the White House conference that nothing had occurred to interrupt negotiations.

Justice Joseph P. Lamar of the United States Supreme Court, and Frederick W. Lehman, of St. Louis, formerly solicitor, will represent the United States in the conference. This became known from an authoritative source tonight.

A development of the day that served to relieve anxiety was news of the release of four newspaper correspondents arrested at Mexico City — Walter Whiffen of the Associated Press; Richard Harding Davis of The London Times, and A. J. Sutton of The Washington Post. Word of the release reached the State Department through the Brazilian Minister at Mexico City, and dispatches came also to the British, Spanish and Brazilian Ambassadors, each of whom had acted promptly in behalf of the American newspaper men.

Precinct Meetings May 16—County Convention May 23.

A special notice has been published in The Robesonian and a standing notice has been published a number of times of the fact that Saturday of this week is the time for holding precinct meetings to elect delegates to the county convention which will be held in Lumberton May 23. At the county convention delegates will be elected to the State and judicial conventions. The precinct meetings will be held at 3 o'clock next Saturday afternoon. At these precinct meetings there shall, if requested, be a vote taken for the candidates for State and judicial offices whose names may be presented, and if such vote is taken it shall be certified to the county convention along with other returns.

Each precinct shall be entitled to cast in the county convention one vote for every 25 Democratic votes, and one vote for fractions over 12 Democratic votes, cast by the precinct for Governor at the last gubernatorial election, and each precinct may appoint as many delegates to the county convention as it may see fit, not exceeding 3 delegates and 3 alternates for each vote to which it may be entitled in the county convention. Also at the precinct meetings 5 Democrats shall be elected by each precinct as an executive committee. The vote to which each township is entitled — except those formed since the last gubernatorial election — has been published in The Robesonian but will be published again in Thursday's paper.

Master Truman Parmele Again Wins Prize in Pony Contest.

For the third time in succession Master Truman Parmele, son of Mrs. A. T. Parmele, wins the dollar given each week to the boy or girl receiving the most votes in the great Belle Meade Pony Contest. Master Truman is hustling and winning. That's what it takes to win the dollar and what it will take to win the beautiful Shetland pony that will be given to some boy or girl on June 16. It's time to get busy.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases were tried in the recorder's court Saturday: S. T. and J. W. Stone, forcible trespass, judgment suspended on payment of cost; Grady Inman and E. B. Duncan, assault, Duncan guilty, \$5 fine and cost.

—St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., gave its annual banquet Thursday evening of last week. There were 75 present and a party of about 25 from St. Paul's and about the same number from Fairmont were making arrangements to attend, but the storm kept them away. A very pleasant evening was spent. Before the banquet the third degree was conferred on a candidate.

MRS. F. A. BOND WILL SHOOT.

Night Prowlers Around Hunter's Lodge Run Great Risk — An Officer and Posse Surrendered to Mrs. Bond After One Shot.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Having at heart the good name of Robeson county and especially of Raf. Swamp township, I have picked in their praise when I could and discreetly held my tongue when I could not. This induced me to say nothing when a few weeks ago thieves stole 60 chickens one night and at the same time attempted to break into my pantry.

Mrs. Bond and myself were both awakened by the dogs and had firearms handy, but not thinking of thieves we took no action. Since then we have slept with one eye open and rather hoped we might have another chance. Well on Tuesday night we thought we had our wish. An ominous growl of the watch dog awakened us, and without a word Mrs. Bond seized her shotgun and went to the back porch and I went to front one. For several moments all was still and then Mrs. Bond fired a shot and immediately after demanded "What are you doing there?" "Come here at once!" I promptly changed position and found Mrs. Bond, gun in hand, covering three men, one armed with a long gun! It seems she saw the three men near the barn and waited to see what they were doing. When she saw two men enter the hay loft by a ladder and then a match struck up there, she thought it was time to act and fired one shot and demanded surrender.

There was no hesitation and prompt and earnest apologies were tendered. It seems to have been a county officer and posse looking for a criminal! Well Mr. Officer was taking some chance, for I give warning that if I find anybody after bed time entering my barn or chicken house I shall be most likely to fire straight first and accept explanations afterwards.

FRANK A. BOND.

Hunters' Lodge, Moss Neck, N. C.

Recital at Opera House.

A delightful recital was given at the opera house Friday evening by Miss Julia R. Culbreth, contralto, and Miss Elizabeth Saloma Donaghy, reader, teachers of voice and expression, respectively, at Carolina College, Maxton, assisted by Mrs. H. M. McAllister of Lumberton at the piano. It is a pity that a larger audience did not greet these ladies and enjoy the excellent programme, which was rendered faultlessly. The recital was to have been given Thursday evening but was postponed on account of the weather, and the fact that it was not well advertised was no doubt responsible for the small audience.

Misses Lala Browning and Olivia Cheatham, teachers at Carolina College and Mr. Will Currie of Maxton came over Thursday evening in Mr. Currie's auto for the recital and Mr. Currie returned Friday evening for the recital and carried Misses Culbreth and Donaghy back to Maxton Friday night.

Illicit Distillers Captured — 'Fessed Up.

Boyd Thompson and Lawrence Wilkes, 2 young white men, who live near St. Pauls, were arrested yesterday morning just before day by Rural Policeman Lon Townsend, Policeman W. P. Newton of St. Paul's, A. H. Prevatt and Sheriff R. E. Lewis. Boyd and Wilkes acknowledged distilling liquor and offered to go with the officers to the still which they had been running, but when they arrived the still was not there. However, there was plenty of evidence that a still had been operated at the place, as everything was there except the still to indicate that one had been in operation. They said somebody had stolen the still, as they left it at the place to which they took the officers. Both Sykes and Thompson were placed in jail and will be given a hearing in the recorder's court just as soon as some of the State's witnesses return from Wilmington, where they are attending Federal Court.

Wife Beat Him Fishing All to Pieces.

Mr. Arch Prevatt thinks he is one of the fishingest men, but his wife put it over on him one day recently. Mr. Prevatt says they were fishing side by side and his wife was pulling them to beat the band, while he was not doing anything but fish. He asked his wife to change sides with him, but after they had changed places she continued to pull them till she had landed 10 nice ones, while he had only brought one puny little cat not much longer than a man's finger to the shore. Mr. Prevatt don't quite understand.

Wind and aSnd Storm — Grateful Rain.

Mr. W. P. Barker says there was a terrific wind and sand storm out on his farm, near Back Swamp, Thursday afternoon. One out-house on his farm was blown down and crops slightly injured by the sand. He says the rain was light. Reports from many sections of Robeson say the wind was severe and a little much-needed rain fell in many sections.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. G. O. Rhodes, who underwent a serious operation at the Thompson hospital last Monday, is getting along nicely. The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, which has been very ill for several days, seems to be somewhat improved at the time of going to press.

MT. MORIAH NEWS.

Windy and Dry Weather Causing Un- easiness About Cotton — Ditching — Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, R. F. D. 4, May 9.—It is very windy and dry in this section, which is very injurious to crops. People are getting uneasy about the cotton crop. The sand storm which passed through this section Tuesday of last week didn't do much damage.

Mrs. Mary McRae of the Elrod section is visiting friends and relatives in the aSddle Tree section.—Mr. Artemas McLean, Sr., of this section was visiting friends and relatives at Fairmont last week.—Mr. A. J. Williams of this section was visiting friends and relatives near Fairmont and McDonald last week, and he attended the old soldiers' reunion at Lumberton today. — Miss Mary E. McRae of the Elrod section was visiting friends in the Purvis section last week.

There will no danger of being flooded out when it rains, as ditching is the go of the day in this section.

Last Link Blasted Out.

Several Lumberton people went out to the Jacob swamp canal, about 5 miles from Lumberton, Friday to witness the blowing out with dynamite of the last link of land between the canal and Panther lake, which means connecting the canal with Lumber river, into which Panther lake empties. The dredge boat finished its work on this canal more than a month ago and the canal is completed now with the exception of cleaning up along the banks. About 100 yards of earth was blown up with dynamite Friday in order to free the waters of the canal. Mr. F. F. Wetmore, civil engineer in charge of the work in the Back and Jacobs swamps drainage district, spread the word over town that this blasting was to be done and that lots of dynamite was to be used, and more Lumberton people went out than stayed to see the work, as the blasting did not take place as early as expected.

Return from District Conference.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, and Mr. Robert Chafin returned Friday evening from the district conference of the Rockingham district, which was in session Thursday and Friday. They report a large crowd present and a very interesting meeting. Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the St. Paul's circuit, returned from the conference Saturday.

Civil Court.

A two-weeks' term of civil court convened this morning, Judge Geo. Rountree of Wilmington presiding. Nothing of any interest had been done up to the time of going to press.

Killed by Lightning.

Isham McCallum, colored, about 55 years old, was struck and instantly killed by lightning at his home near Barnesville last Thursday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

—The regular monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Thursday evening at 8 o'clock at the court house.

—The Civic Association will meet at 4 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the library of the graded school. All ladies of the town are urged to attend.

—Mr. J. F. Leitner, an architect of Wilmington, was here Thursday and after conferring with the directors of the Lumberton Hotel Company was instructed to draw plans for the proposed hotel, which will be built on the White lot, corner Fifth and Chestnut streets, and present them later.

—At the Pastime theatre Friday afternoon and evening of this week will be shown in four reels Pilgrim's Progress, the greatest religious story ever written, founded on and showing scenes described in Bunyan's wonderful dream. Further mention of this special feature picture will be made in Thursday's Robesonian.

—The town fathers will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock. This will be the first meeting of the new board of commissioners. The board will appoint a member to fill the place of Mr. T. L. Johnson, one of the members elected in the election last Monday, who will not qualify. There seems to be several who would not be angry if appointed, but it lies with the board to say who the man shall be.

—Prof. W. J. McLean, colored, principal of Lumberton's colored graded school, will deliver the alumni address Wednesday of this week at the Mary Patton School at Oxford. The closing exercises of the Lumberton colored graded school will be Thursday evening and Friday evening of this week and will be held at St. John's Baptist church, since the school auditorium has not been completed.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Alex Arnette and Lula Sanderson.

—The banks of the town are closed today, observing Memorial Day, which came on yesterday.

—The front of the Lumberton furniture store has just received a new coat of paint, which adds much to its appearance.

—Quite a bunch of retailers and distillers were taken to Wilmington this morning, where they will be given a hearing this week in the Federal Court. They were taken by U. S. Deputy Austin Smith.

—Mr. Evander Moody and Mrs. Nepsie West were married at the home of the bride's father, Mr. Warren West in East Lumberton yesterday afternoon at four o'clock. Justice J. H. McNeill officiated.

—W. W. Willson, State Deputy G. C. of the Knights of Pythias, who was to have been here tonight to hold a union meeting of the two K. of P. lodges has been delayed and will not be here until tomorrow night.

—Messrs. Frank Gough, M. T. Bobbitt and E. A. Faulk went to Centenary, near Rowland, yesterday morning and to Pleasant Grove yesterday afternoon. Mr. Gough made Sunday school addresses at both places. They made the trip in Mr. Faulk's auto.

—Mr. J. E. Nye of Sterling's township was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Nye, who lives in one of Robeson's best tobacco sections, says the plants are a little late, but he thinks that with good seasons from now on the crop will be an average one.

—Dr. W. W. Parker and Mr. Alf H. McLeod left yesterday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga., where they will attend the annual meeting of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Order of Nobles of Mystic Shrine of North America, which will be in session from the 11th to 14th inst.

—Another candidate for the nomination for recorder of the Lumberton district enters the field in the person of John H. McNeill, Esq. Mr. McNeill is well known and has many friends throughout the district, as also has Recorder J. A. Rowland, who is a candidate for the office again.

—Mr. Walton K. Bethune returned this morning from Washington, where he is clerk to a House of Congress committee, and will be in Lumberton all this week working in connection with an educational tour to Washington which is explained in an advertisement in this issue of The Robesonian.

—Mr. A. S. Wishart of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., arrived Friday night and will spend several months visiting relatives and friends in Robeson. Mr. Wishart is a native Robesonian, having moved to Florida several months ago. He says he likes his new home fine, but he doesn't seem to forget old Robeson.

—Walter Oxendine and Mattie Hunt, Indians, were married in the office of Register of Deeds T. N. Hingley this morning bright and early. Justice E. L. Whaley performed the ceremony, and although he is young in the business, he did the stunt with all ease. There was quite a number in the room to witness the affair, including Judge Geo. Rountree.

—Mrs. R. E. Sentelle returned Saturday night from a visit to the home of her parents near Waynesville, where she attended a family reunion. Her brother Rev. J. M. Terrell, who is a presiding elder in the missionary field in Brazil, was there on his way to the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, now in session at Oklahoma City.

—Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod and Mr. Fred Brown of Red Springs, who spent the week-end in town, attended a missionary lecture at East Lumberton Baptist church last evening given by Miss Mary Livermore, missionary of the Robeson Baptist Association. The lecture was illustrated by radi-opticon pictures. They report a large crowd and say the lecture was beautiful and inspiring.

—At a recent election by the "Phi" and "Eu" societies at Wake Forest College of officers and representatives for next year, Mr. F. M. Barnes, employed in the postoffice at Lumberton for a while before he went to Wake Forest, was elected by the Phi Society as one of the sophomore debaters for the junior-sophomore debate, and Mr. R. L. Brown of Robeson was elected by the Phi Society as one of the Society Day orators.

—Mr. Archie H. West, who lives on route 5 from Lumberton, was among the visitors in town a Saturday. Mr. West does not look his 75 years, but he says there is no mistake as to his being that old. His wife has been an invalid for the past year. Mr. West says they had very little rain out his way — about 5 miles from Lumberton — last Thursday evening when the glorious rain fell here and elsewhere throughout this thirsty section.

—Dr. Onslow Regan of Alexander City, Ala., a former Robesonian, arrived Friday night and will spend some time in the county visiting relatives. Dr. Regan was one of the class of Chapel Hill that would have graduated the year the Civil War broke out, but on account of the war school was closed and it was only about a year ago he received his diploma from Chapel Hill. He is also a graduate of Jefferson Medical College, Philadelphia.