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## READY FOR WOODMEN PICNIC

Large Crowd Expected at Woodmen Picnic in Lumberton July 5—Greatest Fraternal Order Celebration in History of County Expected—Dinner for Members of the Order and Their Families.

Indications are that a large crowd will attend the Woodmen picnic in Lumberton Monday of next week. It is expected that 2,000 or more Woodmen, including their families, will be here for the occasion.

Dinner will be served to members of the order and their families, and no doubt this will be by far the greatest fraternal order celebration ever held in the county.

A grand stand and seats have been erected in the park beside the river at the foot of Sixth street, on Mr. J. P. Townsend's place, at the overflow well. In order to make sure of plenty of water to drink, water from another overflow well, near the power house, has been piped to this park, so that now there are two overflows.

The Parkton band has been secured to make the music for Monday. All the camps in the county are requested to send 2 mounted marshals. Every one attending this picnic is expected to bring his or her dinner. It has been rumored that there would be dinner served to all free of charge but this is not true. Every one is invited to come and bring a well filled basket.

This is an elegant place for a picnic and no doubt the day here will be thoroughly enjoyed.

While this is going to be a Woodmen's day, there will be many here who are not sons of the order, and the town extends a hearty welcome to one and all.

The following programme will be carried out:

### Programme

- 10:30 a. m.—Parade of Woodmen.
  - 11:00 a. m.—Addresses.
  - 12:30 to 1:30 p. m.—Dinner.
  - 1—100 yard Foot Race.
  - 1st prize, Gold Button, 2nd, \$1.00.
  - 2—300 yard Bicycle Race.
  - 1st prize, Gold Button, 2nd, \$1.00.
  - 3—One-half mile Motorcycle Race.
  - 1st prize, \$2.50, 2nd, Gold Button.
  - 4—50 yard Wheelbarrow Race.
  - 1 sack of Flour by Gilmore & Martin.
  - 5—Broad Jump, prize \$1.00.
  - 6—High Jump, prize \$1.00.
  - 7—Family present with largest number members in the Order.
  - Porch Rocking Chair by Lumberton Furn. Store.
  - 8—Poetry on Woodcraft by girls under 12 years of age.
  - 1 pair nice Slippers by John Thomas Biggs.
  - 9—Best Cake by girl under 15 years of age.
  - Nice picture by Stephens & Barnes.
  - 10—Oldest Member of the Order present.
  - \$1.00 by C. B. Redmond.
- All participants must be members of the order.

## HEARING IN AN OLD CASE

Trying to Determine Surplus of Fund Created for Liquidating Bond Indebtedness.

The hearing in an old case, that of the bond of audit and finance vs the town of Lumberton, was begun before Mr. L. R. Varsar, referee, Tuesday. The hearing will be continued Tuesday of next week. The suit is to determine the amount of surplus over what was used of a fund created for the liquidating of the bond indebtedness of the town and was collected from the year 1898 to and including the year 1906. A part of the amount collected was paid out, but there is a balance and the suit is to determine the amount.

Messrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr., and R. E. Lee represent the board of audit and finance, of which Mr. Frank Gough is chairman, and Messrs. Woodberry Lennox and E. J. Britt represent the town.

Early Morning Fire Destroys Residence.

Fire of unknown origin practically destroyed with its contents, the residence of Mr. Charles M. Prevatt, Cedar street, this morning about 3 o'clock. The loss was about \$1,500, with \$1,300 insurance. The alarm was turned in from box No. 36, Second and Cedar streets, but the house was burning all over when the fire company reached the scene.

Mr. Prevatt was sick, having been confined to his room since Saturday of last week, and when he awoke the kitchen and dining room were falling in. The flames were quickly extinguished after the fire-fighters arrived.

## FARM PRODUCTS EXHIBIT IN LUMBERTON NOV. 10, 11, 12.

Committees Are Soliciting Premiums for Best Exhibits of Farm Products, Poultry and Live Stock in Lumberton Next Fall—Exhibits Will Be Held in Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse—Corn Club Boys Are Expected to Hold Annual Exhibit in Connection With This Event.

A farm products, poultry and live stock exhibit will be held in Lumberton Wednesday, Thursday and Friday November 10, 11 and 12.

The committees recently appointed by the Robeson County Poultry Association and the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union to solicit prizes and look after the business end of the farm products, poultry and live stock exhibit for Robeson county, met Monday afternoon and lined up for business proper. The committees are already at work soliciting premiums to be offered for various farm products, poultry and live stock exhibits and should receive the hearty co-operation of all the people.

At a called meeting of the committee held yesterday afternoon the following officers were elected: president, W. P. Barker; vice-president, Frank Gough; secretary-treasurer, L. B. Townsend; assistant secretary, F. Grover Britt.

Any one desiring to offer a premium for any kind of exhibit would do well to see or write any member of the committee, as somebody might be overlooked.

A premium list will be gotten out in pamphlet form at an early date showing the different premiums and what they will be offered for. Premiums will be offered for a large number of exhibits and you had better begin to prepare for taking some of the prizes.

The officers of the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse have consented to let the tobacco warehouse be used for the exhibit free of charge. The warehouse is plenty large and will exactly fill the bill.

It is expected that the Corn Club boys will hold their annual exhibit in connection with this event, and taking all together it is an assured fact that Robeson will have a well-grown-up fair next fall—one that will grow no doubt, into one of the best county fairs in the State.

The committees are: Poultry committee—Messrs. Frank Gough, E. B. Freeman, V. D. Baker, J. A. Carlyle, M. F. Caldwell, J. Q. Beckwith, and Mrs. H. T. Pope; Farmers' Union committee—Messrs. W. P. Barker, F. Grover Britt, L. B. Townsend, and Mrs. Jno. T. Singletary.

The purpose of course is to stimulate interest in farm products, thorough-bred poultry and stock. Mr. Robertson, who has charge of Boy's Corn Clubs for the State, and Mr. L. E. Blanchard, county farm demonstrator, have promised the committees to co-operate in making the exhibits a success.

## Never Such a Wedding in Missouri.

Bowling Green, Mo., Dispatch, June 30.

Miss Genevieve Clark, 20 years old, daughter of Champ Clark, was married today to James M. Thompson, publisher of the New Orleans Item.

Never before in the State has there been a wedding like that of the Speaker's daughter.

A general invitation had been issued to the people of Missouri and from all parts of the State they came by train, carriage or automobile. Thousands of Missourians mingled on the lawn with social and political notables from all parts of the country.

## Two Convicts Escape.

Shing Green, colored, and Sandy Hunt, Indian, county convicts at chain gang No. 1 made a dash for freedom this morning and were successful in their attempt. The chain gang has been busy grading the Elizabeth road for some time and were working about one mile from town this morning near Mr. Sandy Barker's place when the convicts escaped. They were near a corn field and ran into the corn. A posse is busy hunting them but has not found them yet. Both of them had served about 6 months of a 3-year term.

## Outstanding Features of Day's War News.

London Dispatch, June 30.

The British advance on the Gallipoli peninsula and continued Austro-German progress in Galicia and across the Polish frontier are outstanding features of the day's war news. The armies in the West continue deadlocked.

## MORE AMERICAN VICTIMS

Nearly Score Americans Lost Lives When British Freighter Lumber was Sunk by German Submarine—First Case of U.S. Citizens' Lives Since Sinking of Lusitania.

Washington Dispatch, June 30.

The Dominion freight liner *Armenian*, flying the British flag and carrying mules from Newport News, Va., to England, was torpedoed and sunk Monday night by the German submarine U-39, off Cornwall, England, and nearly a score of American muleteers aboard are reported lost, according to messages to the State Department today from John S. Armstrong, Jr., consul at Bristol.

Twenty-nine men in all were lost and ten injured.

The news created a sensation in official quarters, as it was the first case of loss of American lives since the sinking of the *Lusitania*. The action of the Washington government, however, depends almost entirely on whether the *Armenian* was chartered by the British government and was, in fact, a transport of war, aboard which Americans would sail at their own risk, or whether she was an unarmed merchantman. In the latter case, even though carrying contraband, the ship should have been subjected to visit and search and those aboard transferred to a place of safety before the destruction of the vessel was attempted, officials hold.

## Yadkin River Power Co. Will Submit Proposition for Current Soon.

Mr. C. N. Rackliffe, manager of the power department of the Yadkin River Power Co., was in town yesterday. He said that his company would submit soon, in reply to request made by Mayor A. E. White, a proposition to sell Lumberton electric current wholesale. The fixed rate for business of this kind, he said, for towns that use the amount of "juice" Lumberton uses, is 2 1/2c per kilowatt hour. To manufacture the same unit it would cost the town, it is estimated, 5 or 6 cents. The proposition of the power company will include an estimate of what it will cost the town to make the changes necessary to take the current wholesale and retail it to citizens.

The Yadkin River Co. is preparing to move the sub-station built on the outskirts of the town four years ago to Laurinburg. This will in no way interfere with the service that will be given here, however, but on the other hand Mr. Rackliffe says it will mean that the service here will be improved.

## Crops Not Good in Saddle Tree Section.

Mr. J. J. Humphrey, who lives in the Saddle Tree section, 10 miles from Lumberton, dropped into The Robesonian office yesterday to say that the reports men have made to The Robesonian recently about good crops don't apply to the Saddle Tree section. Cotton is mighty small, he said, and bushed out like it was done growing—so small, some of it, that one covers it up in plowing. Tobacco, too, is small and sorry. Mr. Humphrey says, and on the way to Lumberton yesterday, all along the Carthage road, he noticed sorry crops all the way. Mr. Humphrey does not look for much more than half a crop in his section, but he thinks the crops have improved very much in the past few days.

## Danger—Steps at Foot of Sixth Street Need Repairing.

The long steps at the foot of Sixth street, leading to the overflow well and the park where the Woodmen picnic will be held Monday of next week, are in mighty dilapidated condition. They are liable to break down under extra strain. If new steps are not built at this place before Monday of next week, when the Woodmen will gather for a picnic at this point, the steps are sure to break down under the heavy work that will be demanded of them and somebody will be hurt and maybe the town will have to pay heavy damages. If these steps are not repaired or new ones built before Monday then of course it will be necessary to put up a danger sign at this point and forbid people from using these steps.

## First Watermelons and Cantaloupes.

Mr. Hector Stephens of route 1 from Orrum brought in this morning a two-horse wagon load of watermelons and cantaloupes. He is the first to drive in with any of either for sale.

## IN PHILADELPHUS SECTION

Rowland Boy Scouts Camping Out—Aunt Becky's Hospitable Home—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Philadelphia, June 30—Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brown and Misses Amanda Brown and Mary Bell McMillan visited Lumberton Monday.

Messrs. John McLeod and W. H. Brown visited Aberdeen Thursday, attending district conference, which convened there last week. One of the best sermons that was delivered there was by Mr. S. E. Mercer of Carolina College.

Mr. Paisly McMillan, and Misses Laura Jones and Janie Humphrey visited Lumberton Tuesday.

The Boy Scouts from Rowland are spending this week at Philadelphia camping out near the pond.

A crowd of Lumberton people came up to Philadelphia Tuesday evening to enjoy a moonlight picnic. We are always glad to see the Lumberton people up our way. They are the very best people. And a cordial welcome will always await them at Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. I. T. Brown and their little daughter, together with Willie Brown and Misses Laura and Maitz Jones, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Jim Pate of Clio, S. C. On our way down there we had the pleasure of making a short but most interesting stop at the home of Aunt Becky, who is known far and near for her kind hospitality, and by the number of friends she has. It is nothing unusual to find this home full of visitors. We hope to have the pleasure of seeing these good people again before long.

Among the best cotton that we have seen is on the farm of Mr. Paisly McMillan.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McLeod of Buie are spending the week-end visiting relatives in Richmond county.

Mr. and Mrs. James Ray of Laurinburg visited Mr. Ray's brother, Mr. I. P. Ray, Sunday.

Miss Kitty Jones returned to her position Monday after spending the week-end with home folks.

Misses Mary C. and Nonie Bell Brown are spending today in Lumberton.

## Postoffice at Bellamy Discontinued.

Mr. W. B. Parnell of the Bellamy section was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Parnell says the postoffice at Bellamy has been discontinued, the office being closed last night. Mr. Rowland Mercer was postmaster at Bellamy, and tendered his resignation May 1. The Postoffice Department authorized him to appoint somebody to look after the office till somebody could be persuaded to accept the postmastership, and Mr. Arren Branch was appointed by Mr. Mercer to keep the office. The Department advertised for applications for the office, but none went forth, so the office was discontinued for that reason. To be sure a postoffice is not much needed where no one will even accept the postmastership.

## Notice of New Advertisements.

Notice of trustee's sale of bankrupt stock of goods—Geo. M. Whitfield.

New supply of Waterman fountain pens. Anything in jewelry line—Holmes Jewelry Co.

Several lots of choice summer goods on special sale at greatly reduced prices at R. D. Caldwell & Son's next Saturday, July 3.

Good corn meal, mill near Dresden Cotton Mill—J. A. Boone, Sr.

Northrop Cottage, Wrightsville Beach. Comfortable rooms and best table board.

Welcome W. O. W.—Carte's. Spend Monday at Pastime.

"Master Key" at Star today. Big feature Monday. Electric fans.

## Almost a Flyless Town.

Mr. C. N. Rackliffe of Raleigh, who holds a prominent position with the Yadkin River Power Co., was in Lumberton yesterday and remarked upon the absence of flies. He said that Lumberton struck him as being almost a flyless town as compared with other towns, and his work carries him to a number of other towns each week. It is a fact that the large fly-traps on the streets in front of business houses have materially reduced the number of flies. Continued use of these traps and eternal vigilance in the matter of cleanliness will make Lumberton a flyless town.

## UP RAYNHAM WAY

Death of Mr. Ed Thompson—Preaching Sunday—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Raynham, June 29—Mr. Ed Thompson died at his home last Tuesday, June 14, at 12:15 o'clock. He had been sick ever since last September, in bed most all of his time. He had been in poor health for about three years. He was 73 years old. He had been living around here for 18 years. The remains were laid to rest in the family burying ground near his home. The funeral was conducted at the residence by Rev. Mr. Carson. Deceased is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons.

Misses Viola Scott and Hattie Stone spent Sunday with Miss Bertha Hall.

Mr. Graddle Huggins has returned to his home at Marion, S. C., after spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Zanie Harper.

Miss Naomi Ivey spent Sunday with Miss Bertha, Beatrice and Jessie Stone.

Miss Dovie Ivey is visiting her brother, Mr. L. J. Ivey, this week.

Messrs. Thomas and Hubert Culbreth spent Sunday afternoon at Fairmont.

Sorry to report Mrs. Joel Ivey very sick at present; hope to see her up again soon.

There will be preaching at Raynham next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. J. J. Scott of Orrum will preach.

## Elrod Echoes—Movement of the People.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elrod, June 30—Miss Leila Culbreth of Sellers, S. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Jim Clark.

Mrs. R. H. Poole is quite sick at this writing.

Miss Rosa Skipper returned home to Sellers, S. C., Sunday afternoon after spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Jim Clark.

Mrs. Haddon McLean of McDonald spent a few days here with her mother, Mrs. R. H. Poole, last week.

Mrs. J. M. McCall spent Saturday night with her brother Mr. Luke Paul.

We were saddened to learn of the death of little Vera Clark, which occurred at Shannon last Tuesday. The remains were buried at Ashpole church near Rowland Wednesday afternoon. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the community.

Miss Daisy McNeill of Rennert passed through Elrod Monday en route to Fairmont to visit friends for a few days.

Mr. J. H. Jones spent Tuesday afternoon in Fairmont to attend the ball game between Fairmont and Lumberton and reports a nice game.

## Presbyterian Sunday School Will Picnic Tomorrow.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will picnic tomorrow on the left bank of the river just above the residence of Mrs. F. J. Thomas. Supt. M. G. McKenzie wants every member of the Sunday school, and all members of the family of each member to meet at the church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock. Conveyances will be provided from the church to the picnic grounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunnie of Fairmont passed through town Tuesday afternoon en route to New York and Baltimore, where Mr. Dunnie will buy fall goods for his department store.

Mrs. W. B. North and daughter, Miss Martha Lee, and son, Mr. Paul, returned Monday evening from St. Marys, Granville county, where they had been visiting since Trinity College commencement, when Mr. Paul was graduated, at the home of Mrs. North's parents. Rev. Dr. North returned Monday night from Aberdeen where he attended the annual conference of the Rockingham district.

Mr. Paul North began work Tuesday as stenographer in the law office of Messrs. McLean, Varsar and McLean, taking the place of Miss Eva Mace while she is away attending the exposition.

The Pastime theatre offers this evening "The Prince Party," a 2-reel Essany picture, featuring Mr. Francis X. Bushman and Miss Beverly Bayne, and "The Making of Him," a 2-reel Lubin. Mr. Bushman and Miss Bayne are Lumberton favorites and should be greeted by a large crowd this evening. Beginning next Monday, the Pastime will resume Paramount service, running two features each week. "That Texas Quartet," one of the greatest musical attractions on the road, has been secured for the Pastime for the week beginning July 12th.

## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, June 30, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: A shower period during the first three days of the week will doubtless be followed by a period of generally fair weather with occasional scattered showers. The temperatures tendency will be upward.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Huckleberry pickers say the crop is fine, but not many have been brought in for sale.

—The new front at the Pastime theatre makes that place of amusement look much better.

—The Star theatre's 6 big electric fans, which were ordered some time ago and lost in transit, will arrive tomorrow.

—Mrs. L. W. Edwards of Abbottsburg was among the visitors in town Tuesday. She was here to have some optical work done by Dr. W. W. Parker.

—Mr. W. K. Fields, a live merchant and farmer of Boardman, was among the visitors in town Tuesday. He reports crops good in his section, also on the road between Lumberton and Boardman.

—State Senator Geo. B. McLeod has been appointed by the State Highway Commission a delegate from Robeson to the Good Roads Convention which will be held at Asheville July 13, 14 and 15.

—Dr. W. W. Parker will leave Sunday for Salisbury to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Ophthalmic Society. Dr. Parker is secretary of the society. The meeting will be held July 6th and 6th.

—There are the most, and the largest, potato patches in the country I ever saw," observes a man who has been out in the rural districts. Raising something to eat is what Robeson county farmers are doing this year.

—Inez Dean, 2-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Caswell Dean, died at the home of her parents in Britt township Tuesday evening at 8:30 of colitis. Interment was made in the family burying ground, near Center church, yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—"I have the brightest prospect for a bumper corn crop I ever had," is the remark made by several farmers who have been in town recently. That sounds good, even better than to hear them say that have the best prospect for a bumper cotton or tobacco crop. May the prospect grow brighter.

—The first cotton blossoms were sent in two weeks ago today. Daniel W. Ellis, who lives on route 2 from Buie, found a blossom on his farm yesterday and sent it to The Robesonian under the impression that it might possibly be the first, in which event he wanted The Robesonian sent to him.

—Mr. Garland Conner of the Barnesville section is among the visitors in town today. He says Mr. John S. Herring of that section killed a large alligator one day recently. The 'gator was walking along a path in the woods when Mr. Herring came upon him and took his life, using a hoe to hit the trick. The 'gator measured 7 feet and 8 inches.

—Mr. Fred Townsend returned Monday from Baltimore, Md., where he went two weeks ago with Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Townsend. Mr. L. H. Townsend underwent an operation—not a serious one—two weeks ago in the University hospital in Baltimore and is getting along nicely. He and Mrs. Townsend are expected home next week.

—The Lumberton Male Quartet went Sunday to Maxton and Alma, where they furnished music for special church services. The quartet is composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, J. P. Stephens, E. B. Freeman and C. B. Skipper. Miss Lina Gough accompanied the quartet and presided at the organ. They report a most pleasant trip, and say they were most royally entertained.

—Mrs. A. Nash, who lives on east Fifth street, has been enjoying nice well-grown red and juicy tomatoes from her garden since June 15. She has also been feasting upon her own bantaloupes for the last ten days, and Monday enjoyed a good ripe watermelon from her garden. Florida truckers have not got much on her when it comes to early trucking.

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