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## WOODMEN PICNIC TODAY

Several Thousand Woodmen Celebrating Fourth in Lumberton Today—Spectacular Parade This Morning—Rev. J. M. Hester and State Senator Geo. B. McLeod the Speakers—Foot and Motorcycle Races and Ball Game This Afternoon.

In spite of the inclement weather, several thousand people are here today to attend the Woodmen of the World picnic. Most all the business houses in town are decorated with flags and pennants and the Fourth of July spirit is being demonstrated in beautiful style.

The Woodmen parade at 11 a. m. was the most striking thing to take place up to the time of going to press at noon today. The parade, in which were several hundred sons of the order, was headed by several marshals mounted on "fiery" steeds. Next came the Parkton Concert Band, playing patriotic music, which greatly added to the spirit of the occasion. A float prepared by the local camp of the W. O. W. was very attractive.

After the parade, which formed on West Sixth street, marched down Sixth to Chestnut thence down Chestnut to Second, then across to Elm and up Elm to the court house, a crowd that filled the court room to its capacity gathered to hear addresses on Woodcraft by Rev. J. M. Hester and State Senator G. B. McLeod.

After the speaking the members of the Woodmen order will enjoy a picnic dinner beside the river at the foot of Sixth street.

The afternoon will be taken up with foot races, jumping contests, a motorcycle race and a ball game.

## M. T. BOBBITT PASSES

Young Attorney of Rowland Succumbs to Typhoid—Practiced Short While in Lumberton—Remains Interred This Morning at Hillsboro.

Mr. M. T. Bobbitt, whose serious illness has been mentioned in recent issues of The Robesonian, died Saturday night at 9:30 o'clock in the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, of typhoid fever, with which he had been suffering for three weeks. Interment was made at Hillsboro this morning.

Mont Thomas Bobbitt was 26 years of age and was well known in Lumberton, where he practiced law during the year 1914, being associated with Mr. R. E. Lee. Early this year Mr. Bobbitt opened up an office in Rowland for the practice of his profession. He was later appointed solicitor of the recorder's court for the Rowland district. Deceased was a loyal member of the First Baptist church here, an active Sunday school worker, and his pleasant unassuming disposition won for him many friends wherever he went. He is survived by his parents and several brothers and sisters, besides a large number of friends throughout Robeson and other sections of the State. In his death Robeson loses an adopted son whose future seemed most bright and useful.

## TOWN AFFAIRS

Old Town Ordinances to be Revised and Amended—Ordinance Against Distributing Hand-Bills Amended.

The town commissioners were in session Friday evening and ordered that the town ordinances be revised and the new ordinances passed, which have been published in The Robesonian, be added, and that a new list be printed.

The only other matter of interest transacted was the rescinding of the ordinance passed some months ago which says no hand-bills shall be put out in town. All persons doing business in town will be allowed to put out circulars and hand-bills in town, but must either place them in the hands of the people or in houses, and must not tack them up on posts, throw them on the streets or in the yards around homes.

Examinations For Public School Teachers This Week.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian before, Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, will hold teachers examinations Thursday of this week for white teachers, Friday for colored and Saturday for Indian. In connection with the regular examinations, those wishing can stand the high school, five-year State and A. & M. examination at the same time. The examinations will be held in Prof. Poole's office.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean and son, Maste, A. W. Jr., returned last evening from Maxton, where Mrs. McLean and son spent some time visiting relatives. Mr. McLean went to Maxton Saturday night.

## CAPITAL DYNAMITED

Senate Reception Room Wrecked by Same Man Who Later Shot Morgan—Havoc Terrific.

Washington Dispatch, 3d.

Investigation of the explosion late last night which wrecked the Senate reception room of the National Capitol was interrupted tonight by the confession in New York of Frank Holt, the man who shot J. P. Morgan at his home in Glen Cove, L. I., this morning that he also had been responsible for the Washington crime.

The havoc wrought by the bomb was terrific. In the reception room telephone booths lined the wall near the window where the bomb was placed behind a telephone switchboard. The frame work around this window was of iron and was shattered by the concussion. The telephone booths were blown into splinters and bits of metal were imbedded in the splinters gathered up by the investigators.

Directly in front of the switchboard no vestige of which could be found save a few pieces of the metal, was a mantle on which stood a large gilt-framed mirror admired by Capitol visitors for years. It was shattered into thousands of pieces and souvenir hunters, seeking these fragments, had to be restrained by the police while the inquiry into the explosion progressed.

An onyx clock, a fixture of the reception room for 20 years, was ground almost into powder.

Experts declared that the destruction would have been more complete had the reception room been entirely closed, but a window was open and at the opposite end of the room is an arch leading to the Senate hallway. Notwithstanding this outlet for the force of the explosion it wrecked a portion of the arched ceiling. The doors leading to the office of the Senate were wrecked and doors to the office of the Vice President were sprung from their hinges. The floor of the room was sprinkled with bits of glass from the great chandeliers. The damage to these will be difficult to repair.

## J. P. MORGAN SHOT BY CRANK

Financier Wounded by Frank Holt—Wanted Morgan to Stop the War.

Glen Cove, N. Y., Dispatch, 3d.

J. P. Morgan, head of the banking house of J. P. Morgan & Co., was shot twice today at his country home near here by Frank Holt, a native American, a former student and instructor at Cornell University, who was to have become the head of the department of French in the Southwestern Methodist University at Dallas, Tex., next fall.

Both shots took effect in the region of the hip. A bulletin issued by specialists at his bedside late today stated that there were no unfavorable symptoms and that Mr. Morgan was resting easily.

Holt was overpowered by Morgan and Henry Fiske, the butler in the Morgan household, who grappled with him in the hallway. He was locked up in jail here and from his cell issued a written statement saying that he had intended no harm to Mr. Morgan, but had come to Glen Cove to persuade the banker to stop the shipment abroad of munitions of war from this country. He went into the Morgan home, he said, with a pistol in his hand and a stick of dynamite in his pocket, intending to remain there till Mr. Morgan "did something."

Another loaded pistol was found in Holt's pocket and more dynamite was in a suit case which he had taken to the Morgan house. In addition there were numerous newspaper clippings in the suit case, all bearing on the European war.

Mrs. Morgan and Children Were to be Held as Hostages.

Glen Cove, N. Y., Dispatch, 4th.

Mrs. J. P. Morgan and Morgan children were to be held as hostages in their own home and killed with dynamite if J. P. Morgan refused to use his influence to stop the exportation of war munitions, Frank Holt, who yesterday attempted to assassinate Mr. Morgan at his home near here, told Police Commissioner Arthur Woods in a cell at Mineola today. Holt said his plans miscarried; that he planned to send Mr. Morgan out to stop the exportation of munitions while he held the other members of the family in an upstairs room.

Mr. Morgan, the victim of the bullets which Holt fired, continued to show improvement today.

## GERMANS STILL ADVANCING

In Another Week Russians May Have to Give Up Warsaw and Whole Line.

London Dispatch, 4th.

At a rate estimated at five miles a day, General von Mackensen's German forces are still swinging northward in Galicia and Poland in a colossal and daring endeavor to drive a wedge into the Russian center and dislodge the Russians from the Vistula river and force them back over the Bug, thus splitting the Grand Duke's forces into two sections, with thousands of acres of swamp and marsh land between them.

If the Austro-Germans can continue their progress another week even the British press admits the Russians will have to give up Warsaw and with it the whole line. Meanwhile, the Germans are massing more troops in the Baltic provinces and the recent encounter in the Baltic seems to suggest that they contemplate co-ordinate naval action, but it is possible that the sea operations only were a feint.

In Southwest Galicia the Russians are fighting tenaciously and have the advantage of a remarkable series of parallel rivers beyond the Gnila Lipa and the Austro-German advance is likely to be costly.

Thus, on their two extreme wings the Russians appear to be firm, and where they are retreating it still is claimed, their retirement is orderly and accompanied by vigorous rearguard operations.

## STATUE OF GREENE UNVEILED

Unveiling Statue of "Savior of South" Principal Event Annual Celebration at Guilford Battleground.

Greensboro Daily News, 4th.

The unveiling of an equestrian statue to the memory of General Nathaniel Greene, the man who in 1780 was placed in command of the Continental forces in the South for the campaign against Lord Cornwallis, commander of the British forces, and on whom has been bestowed the sobriquet "The Savior of the South" was the principal event of the 26th annual celebration of the historic field of the battle of Guilford court house here yesterday.

It was the greatest of all the celebrations ever held here, and possibly the greatest the State has ever seen. It was conservatively estimated that over 10,000 people were in attendance. A military aspect that added much to the splendor of the occasion was the presence of a large number of State and Federal troops.

## TWO DEATHS

Mrs. Exia Ivey of Raynham—Small Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Britt, Jr., of McDonalds.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

McDonalds, July 3—Mrs. Exia Ivey, 83 years of age, died Thursday July 1, at Raynham and the remains were buried at Raynham Baptist church, services being conducted by her pastor, Rev. D. P. Bridges, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpath of Lumberton. She had been in failing health for several weeks.

Master Clifford Bowman, 11-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Britt, Jr., after a brief illness died Wednesday p. m. The funeral services were conducted at McDonalds Thursday morning by Rev. D. P. Bridges and interment was made in family cemetery near McDonalds.

No Noise of Guns Along British Front.

British Headquarters in France, July 3.

One might have gone miles along the British front this week without hearing a gun. It seems as if both sides were taking a holiday out of respect for beautiful summer weather, or else the silence was significant of preparation and accumulation of shells by one side or the other, for some great effort.

Beyond the occasion explosion of a mine or routine shelling there has been no action. Soldiers in reserve have been swimming in the canal, resting under shade trees, playing cricket and football and tending their flower gardens about their quarters which have been made to look like those one sees in front of cottages at this season in England.

## PARTY NEEDS FUNDS

Loyal Democrats Asked to Contribute to Help National Committee in Publicity Work.

Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton was appointed last year by the Democratic National Committee to raise funds in North Carolina for the publicity work the committee is carrying on all the time. The old idea of inactivity all the time except just before an election, when Herculean efforts were put forth, has been abandoned and the new idea now is to keep up the work of the National Committee all the time. Mr. McLean makes the following appeal to loyal Democrats all over North Carolina to contribute to this cause:

"You will no doubt recall the decision of the Democratic National Committee, made immediately after the last Presidential election, to maintain permanent headquarters, all the year round in Washington, for the purpose of carrying on the publicity work. The work done by the National Committee along this line has been of very great benefit to the party and it has been determined to continue this publicity work, not only during the present year, but during next year also.

"We realize that to maintain its present position, the Democratic party must put up an aggressive fight all the time. It is not sufficient to prepare for a campaign just before an election. I think you will agree with me that not only regular Democrats, but all fair-minded people, irrespective of former party affiliations, have great confidence in the constructive achievements of the present administration, led by our able President. Great good for the country at large is being accomplished, notwithstanding the fact that the difficulties which have to be met are world-wide, and almost overwhelming.

"If we have faith in the wisdom of the present administration, we ought to have courage to fight for Democratic success in 1916. We cannot win without constantly displaying a militant party spirit. The opposition is becoming very active. They hope to take advantage of the present unprecedented war conditions to persuade as many people as possible into voting against the Democratic party. Preparing to wage an elaborate and expensive campaign, and, as evidence of this, they have already created and are now maintaining three separate organizations. Our Democratic National Committee desires to continue its campaign of national education and publicity. Immediately funds are necessary to do this work. Unlike our opponents, we propose to appeal to individual Democrats who conscientiously believe in the principles of the Democratic party to furnish the campaign funds, instead of relying upon special interests who expect favors in return.

"If you believe the Democratic party deserves to remain in control of this Government and that it is to the interest of the American people that Woodrow Wilson should remain President, in 'these times which try men's souls,' then, we confidently expect you to help us in our effort to raise sufficient funds to maintain our headquarters and carry on our campaign of education and publicity.

"The National Committee has apportioned the amount necessary to be raised among the various States on the basis of the electoral vote of each State. Last year North Carolina did her part faithfully, although the amount was subscribed by a comparatively small number.

"I earnestly appeal to you to make as large contribution as possible for this great work. Just at the present time the committee is urgently needing a considerable amount. A check for such amount as you feel that you can give, will be greatly appreciated. I should also like to have any suggestions that you may be able to make with reference to the work."

Notices of New Advertisements.

Maxwell touring car for sale—T. A. Ramsaur.

Terra cotta pipe for sale—Dresden Cotton Mills.

Large second-hand refrigerator for sale.

Four room cottage for rent—W. J. Prevatt.

Reason why the First National Bank of Lumberton has grown.

Notice of meeting of county board of equalization July 12.

Welcome Woodmen—Pastime theatre.

Robesonian's Reports of Sermons During Baptist Meeting Appreciated.

At prayermeeting service at the First Baptist church Wednesday evening of last week a resolution was passed unanimously extending to The Robesonian a vote of thanks for the full reports given in this paper of services during the series of meetings held at that church recently.

## ELROD ECHOES

Many Farmers Disappointed When Health Officer Failed to Keep Appointment—Preparing for New Presbyterian Church—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Elrod, July 3—About fifty people met at Elrod Friday morning expecting to take the treatment against typhoid, but Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, failed to meet his appointment. The farmers and others seemed very much disappointed and after waiting here until twelve o'clock, a message was wired to Dr. Page inquiring if he would come. The answer received was that he was out of typhoid vaccine and would make another appointment. We hope that he will be able to come the next time or let the people know in time to prevent the farmers losing half a day in their crops at the very busiest season.

Mrs. John Bridgers returned home Thursday from a few days' visit to friends in Dillon. She was accompanied by her little granddaughter, Margaret Bridgers. Miss Della May Smith, of Rowland spent Friday with Mrs. D. H. McCall. Mr. Frank Sinclair and sister, Miss Alice, were in Elrod Friday. Mrs. Toon Pate and children visited Mrs. John McCall Friday. Mr. J. H. Jones paid a flying visit to McDonald Saturday. Mr. Norman Bridgers of Rockingham is visiting at the home of his father, Mr. John Bridgers. Mrs. R. H. Poole, who has been right sick for the past few days, is improving.

Rev. Mr. Smith of Fayetteville preached for us Friday night and will hold services here Saturday night, Sunday morning and Sunday evening. He will elect and ordain officers in the Presbyterian church, which is expected to be built here in the near future.

ABBOTTSBURG NEWS

Fine Crops and Plenty of Vegetables Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Abbottsburg, July 2—Quite a little storm came just at day light this morning, blowing down corn and cotton, but no serious damage. Crops are fine and the farmers are smiling. The war does not hurt when a man has his home supplies, when the ladies go to the garden and have so many things to cook they hardly know what to cook for dinner.

Master Robert M. Owen and sister, Miss Mary Kate, visited near Elizabethtown Sunday.

Several are expecting to celebrate the 4th at the lake tomorrow.

Mr. A. S. McEwen has been catching some fine fish for the last week. He knows how.

Rev. R. A. Lapsley and little daughter, Jane Campbell, and Mrs. Abenathy were pleasant visitors at Mrs. McEwen's this week.

We are sorry to say that Professor Howard of the high school will not be here this year. He has been offered more salary but he will carry the good wishes of the Abbottsburg school, as there's no better teacher in the county. He is in summer school at Chapel Hill now.

Miss Katie McLeod of Elizabethtown passed through town a few days ago en route to Chapel Hill to attend the summer school. Mrs. Wilton McCallum spent last week with her mother, Mrs. Kate McEwen.

Rev. W. M. Shaw preached at Presbyterian church Sunday at Clarkton. Rev. Mr. Oaksley preached for Dr. Wells in Wilmington.

The Robesonian gets better and better as each copy comes out. The 45th anniversary edition was good history and will be preserved with care.

## BOARDMAN NEWS BATCH

Crops Very Good—Tobacco-Curing Time Near—Death of Mr. James Cooper.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Boardman, R. F. D. 1, July 3—Mr. Pedro Sandstrun, who was called to the bedside of his mother in Michigan, returned to Boardman yesterday morning.

Mr. Haynes, machinist for Butters Lumber Co., who is known as "Daddy Haynes", and son, Robert, will start this p. m. for Sadeville, Pa. They will be accompanied by Mr. Ezra Hewing, who has a brother in Pennsylvania.

Mr. Geo. Brown, who was reported very ill in a Richmond hospital, is reported as doing very nicely and will soon be at home.

Boardman has started up a moving picture show.

Farmers are about ready to begin curing tobacco and crops are very good. We are having nice rain in this section, which will insure a good corn crop.

James Cooper of Boardman died Friday p. m. after being sick with typhoid pneumonia for about 4 weeks. He leaves a wife and 2 little girls.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Oscar Berry and Lucy Berry.

—St. Albans lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., will hold its regular meeting tonight in the lodge hall.

—A week's term of criminal court will convene next Monday, with Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville presiding.

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

—Mr. S. G. Williamson of the Smyrna section was in town Saturday. Mr. Williamson says crops are good out his way.

—Congressman H. L. Godwin passed through town this morning on his way to Bladenboro, where he speaks today at a celebration of the Fourth.

—Mr. W. H. M. Brown, who runs an auto livery from Buie to Lumberton and is The Robesonian's valued correspondent in the Philadelphia section, was in town Thursday. Mr. Brown says cotton is as good as it was last year out Buie way and in the Philadelphia section, but that corn is not so good.

—As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the Lumberton baseball team will cross bats with the Rockingham team on the local diamond here this afternoon. Game will be called at 3:30; admission, 25 cents; ladies admitted free. Rockingham has a good team and it is expected that it will be a close game.

—Mr. Jos. E. Little of Wilmington is in town today. It has been stated that Mr. Little would deliver the principal address for the Woodmen here today, but as he is a candidate for Congress it was decided that it would not be fair to other candidates to ask Mr. Little to deliver the address, since the Woodmen are not in politics as an order.

—A very attractive window display can be seen in a show window in the hardware department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store. Mr. C. Guy Townsend was the designer. In this window is a small tobacco barn—one that looks just like the original—and all round the barn is placed all kinds of supplies needed in harvesting and curing the "weed".

—In sending a check for \$1.50 for his home paper, The Robesonian, for twelve months, Mr. Gordon P. McMillan, a native Lumbertonian, now manager of the Western Union Telegraph office at Harrisburg, Va., writes that he likes Virginia, which is a mighty good State, inhabited by mighty good people, but he never forgets North Carolina, nor The Robesonian.

—Mr. Giles Davis, who lives out Buie way, waked up one morning last week to find that he had gone blind in his left eye. He had gotten so he could see a little bit out of that eye when he was in town Saturday, but not enough to do any good. The doctors tell him that it is affection that is very rare and that they do not know just what it is that ails him. Sight in his right eye is not impaired.

—Mr. Hector Stephens of the Orrum section brought a 2-horse load of watermelons and cantaloupes to town Saturday, his second load, having brought to town Thursday the first load of watermelons of the season. Mr. Stephens sold the load of watermelons at 25 cents around. He has had melons since June 17 and has been hauling them to Boardman for more than two weeks. Mr. Stephens manages to have ripe melons sooner than anybody. How he does it he says is his secret.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell have just received a photograph taken June 17 last on top of Pike's Peak, Col., altitude 14,147 feet, showing their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Simeon Caldwell, who are on their wedding tour, and who arrive Saturday night at San Francisco, from which place the following telegram, received by Mr. Caldwell this morning, was dated last night: "Arrived here last night and was glad to hear from you. We are stopping at St. Frances, the finest hotel. Bryan is here also. We have just spoken to him. Went to church tonight but it was closing our trip greatly. Love to all."

—People From Canada Come to Lumberton for Health.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Boggs and son, Albert, arrived here yesterday from Canada to spend some time. Mr. Boggs has been in bad health for several months and was attracted to Lumberton through theatrical people who declare it the best town of its size on the map. Mr. Boggs is a railroad man.