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## TROOPS CROSS INTO MEXICO

Gen. Pershing With More Than 4,000 Troops Begins Pursuit in Mexico of Villa  
San Antonio, Tex., Dispatch, March 15.  
Brigadier General Pershing, with more than 4,000 troops, today began pursuit in Mexico of Francisco Villa, whose raid across the border last week caused President Wilson and his Cabinet to decide to use the United States army to run him down.  
General Pershing's report that he and his command had crossed the international boundary line just south of Columbus, N. M., reached Major General Frederick Funston, in charge here of general operations, late today. Reports of progress in the country where the search has been begun will be made by General Pershing to General Funston, but it is not anticipated that these will be frequent or deal with any but the more important developments.

## WILL WORK FOR GOOD ROADS

County Farmers Union Appoints Good Roads Committee—Good Roads Rally Will be Held—Locals Will Work for Success of County Fair

A most interesting meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union was held in the court house here yesterday. Perhaps the most important step taken by the Union was that of appointing a good roads committee. This committee is composed of Messrs. W. P. Barker, J. E. Carls and F. Grover Britt.

It is the purpose of the Union to make a vigorous effort for good roads in the county. A good roads rally will be called by the county Union some time during the year, at which time well-informed speakers will be invited to speak.

The Union went on record as favoring the idea advanced that each local in the county work for the best interest of the county exhibit, or fair, to be held in Lumberton next fall. Delegates from some of the locals intimated that their locals were considering the idea of having a booth at the fair.

Another meeting of the Union will be held in Lumberton the third Wednesday in June.

## POSTOFFICE THIEF ARRESTED

Robbed Postoffice at Allenton, This County, and Arrested in Far-Away California—Also Robbed a Postoffice in New Jersey

The man who broke into the postoffice at Allenton, this county, on the night of February 6, last, an account of which appeared in The Robesonian at the time, has been arrested at Santa Barbara, California. Since his arrest the man, who had given his name in some places as P. C. Armstrong, and as A. A. Hardy at others, has owned up that he is the right man. He also owned breaking into another office in New Jersey before he robbed the office at Allenton. The government and railroad companies succeeded in rounding up the man. He stole a pad of blank postoffice money orders from the Allenton office and had been filling them out and passing them for merchandise and cash along the route. He says he walked to Lumberton the night after he robbed the office at Allenton and boarded a train the next day. From here he went to Washington, D. C., thence to points in Maryland and then started his trip West. It is said that when arrested the man had some of the things stolen from the Allenton office on his person.

It is expected that he will be brought back to this State for trial.

## JURORS FOR APRIL TERM OF COURT

The following jury list was drawn today in the presence of Justices E. L. Whaley, F. Grover Britt, County Attorney E. J. Britt and Sheriff R. E. Lewis to serve at the two weeks' term of civil court which will convene Monday, April 5:

First week—G. W. Lennon, J. D. Purvis, C. L. Floyd, C. L. Johnson, J. O. Tedder, C. E. Zedaker, S. L. Adams, J. D. Davis, C. B. Oliver, Lawrence Britt, R. W. Shelby, D. V. Walker, Arch Bue, Thomas Britt, E. L. Ivey, H. S. McCallum, D. O. Currie, Neill Lovett, Jas. D. McNeill, A. E. Bryne, R. E. Walters, I. M. Thompson, R. D. Caldwell, J. D. McLean, T. O. Evans, A. C. McKinnon, M. M. Rozier, J. C. Everitt, F. A. Humphrey, C. J. McCallum.

Second week—D. M. Bue, F. W. Walters, O. W. Williamson, J. M. Love, J. C. Lindsay, O. P. Chitty, John Warwick, D. D. McCall, J. E. McDonald, B. J. Britt, F. F. Townsend, A. L. McLean, J. W. Barnes, R. R. Prevatt, Jr., G. M. Whitfield, Andrew Freeman, P. B. Thompson, A. M. McLean, E. T. Burns, S. A. Humphrey, W. I. Gaitley, W. A. Wilkes, R. T. Gaitley, J. J. Bell, T. B. Pace, J. M. Sparkman, J. G. Nye, R. D. Graham.

Messrs. J. I. and N. A. Townsend of the Ten Mile section were among the visitors in town yesterday.

## FUNERAL OF DR. L. NORTHPROP

Remains Interred at St. Paul Tuesday With Masonic Honors—His Death Removes a Prominent and Valued Citizen of Robeson  
The funeral of Dr. Thomas L. Northrop, whose death Monday morning in Charlotte was recorded in Monday's Robesonian, was conducted from the St. Paul Presbyterian church Tuesday at 12 o'clock. The services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Murray, pastor of the church, of which deceased was a loyal and devout member. He was also a deacon of this church. Interment was made near the church with Masonic honors, many people from far and near attending the funeral. A large crowd from Lumberton was present. The physicians of the county, a great number of whom were present, served as honorary pall bearers. The floral offerings were many and beautiful.

Deceased was 42 years old and is survived by his wife and six children. His mother, Mrs. Laura Northrop Rich of Laurinburg also survives.

The body was brought to Lumberton over the Seaboard from Charlotte where deceased had been in a sanatorium for treatment for Bright's disease for some time, Monday night. A special train was operated over the Virginia & Carolina Southern road from Lumberton to St. Pauls Monday night immediately after the arrival of the Seaboard for the purpose of taking the body on to the Northrop home.

Dr. Thomas L. Northrop was born and reared in Laurinburg, Scotland county. He was educated at the University of North Carolina and completed his medical training at the University of Maryland, where he graduated in the year 1897. After this he took special hospital training and was considered one of the best equipped and most capable physicians in the State. He enjoyed a large practice. He was frequently called in consultation in difficult cases. He was also a man of large affairs and extensive business interests. He was at the time of his death president of the Bank of St. Pauls, also a director of the St. Pauls cotton mill, and was interested in various other enterprises.

Besides the members of his family, a number of close friends from St. Pauls were with Dr. Northrop when the end came.

In his death the town of St. Pauls, where he had made his home for many years, the county of Robeson and the State at large loses a most valued citizen.

## Mrs. Stephen Hedgpeth Passes at St. Pauls

Mrs. Stephen Hedgpeth, aged about 80 years, died Monday at 11 o'clock a. m. at her home at St. Pauls. Deceased is survived by her husband and three children, the youngest only three days old. The funeral was conducted from the Baptist church at St. Pauls Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Otis Johnson. Interment was made in the Great Marsh cemetery.

Death of Miss Louise M. Howell of Havelle Township  
Miss Louise M. Howell, aged 58 years, died at the Thompson hospital Monday night of cancer of the stomach. Deceased had been at the hospital a week. The funeral was conducted from the Howell home in Havelle township Tuesday afternoon and interment was made in the family burying ground.

## NEW BANK OPENS MARCH 20

Planters Bank and Trust Co. Will Begin Business Monday Next Week—Farmers & Merchants Bank Will be Merged Into New Institution—Authorized Capital \$150,000

The Planters Bank & Trust Company, which was organized some months ago will begin business Monday of next week, March 20, in the banking rooms of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Fourth and Chestnut streets. The Farmers & Merchants Bank will be merged into the new institution just as soon as the proper interest can be transferred from books of the old company to that of the new. The authorized capital of the new institution is \$150,000. The stockholders embrace many of the leading citizens of several counties.

The acting officers of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. are: president, C. B. Townsend, Lumberton; first vice-president, R. R. Barnes, Barnesville; second vice-president, W. B. Fletcher, McColl, S. C.; treasurer, K. M. Barnes, Lumberton; secretary, O. C. Spaulding, Maxton.

Many deposits have already been sent in from various places for the opening of this new enterprise.

Miss Mildred McLean of Maxton is a guest at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Smith. She arrived yesterday. Miss Estelle Steed of Maxton spent yesterday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith, returning home last evening.

Miss Gladys Laney, who had been a guest for ten days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Boyd, left Tuesday for Maxton, where she will be the guest of Miss Lena Barnes for a week or ten days before returning to her home at Monroe. Miss Laney is a niece of Mrs. Boyd.

## GLENNWOOD-GLEANINGS

Farmers on the Go—Mr. W. K. Culbreth Returns From Johns Hopkins Improved in Health—Narrow Escape From Damage by Fire—Personal Mention

### Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Glennwood (Pembroke, R. 1), March 14—Messrs. Lacy Beasley and Carr Powers of Pemroke were visitors in this section last Sunday night.—Mr. D. C. Bue and son Mr. John visited at Bue last Sunday. Mr. D. C. will spend a while in that section.—Prof. Edgar Bandy was a Lumberton visitor last Saturday.—Mr. Law Gregory visited at the home of Mr. R. M'White last Sunday p. m.—Mr. R. M. Gaitley with Misses Annie Culbreth and Fannie Jones visited Miss Annie Campbell at Carolina College at Maxton last Sunday p. m. They went through the country in Mr. Gaitley's car.—Miss Ruby Stubbs will leave Friday night for her home at Parkton, where she will spend the week end visiting home folks. She will return Sunday afternoon.—Mr. W. A. McNeill and daughter, Ila, were Pembroke visitors today.

It is beginning to feel like spring. Today has felt more like it. The trees are budding and blossoming. It will not be long before everything will be green and in bloom. The farmers are a little behind with their work on account of a recent cold spell we had. They are making use of the time now. It seems like they are all on the go.

To the delight of many readers of The Robesonian, Mr. W. K. Culbreth returned from Johns Hopkins hospital at Baltimore, where he had been the second time for treatment. Glad to report he is greatly improved, and hope he will continue to improve.

There was a wood-sawing at Mr. R. M'White's last night. A large number of "sawyers" were present and did a great deal of sawing.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt filled his regular appointment at Moss Neck, preaching one of his able sermons. They had some special music, a quartette, "The Sinner and the Song," sung by Misses Sallie M'White and Stelle McNeill, soprano, Ruby Stubbs alto, and Blanche M'White, tenor. It was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Dan Bue had a very serious accident last Sunday when he fell out of a car. He was bruised up right bad. Hope he will have a speedy recovery.

There was a narrow escape yesterday afternoon when one of Mr. E. L. Odum's tenant houses caught on fire. Alarm was made and soon a crowd had gotten together and put it out. Not much damage resulted.

Miss Patty Bracc has returned home after spending a while at Purvis visiting relatives and friends.

## Red Springs News Letter—Personal and Other Items

Red Springs, March 14—Mr. J. H. Townsend, proprietor of Townsend pharmacy, has added quite a good deal to the general appearance of his store, both internally and externally. He has enlarged and remodelled the offices of Dr. H. H. Hodgins and now both store and offices would be a credit to Lumberton or Charlotte.

Messrs. L. Z. Hedgpeth, T. W. Broke and C. S. McCall of Rowland were business visitors in Red Springs Monday.

Judge and Mrs. D. P. McEachern and daughter, Miss Mary, and Col. A. T. McCallum attended in Fayetteville last Sunday the funeral of Mrs. Sallie Bue who died Friday in Jacksonville, Fla. Mrs. Bue was an aunt of Col. McCallum and a sister of Judge McEachern. The funeral was conducted by Rev. W. M. Fairly, pastor of First Presbyterian church of Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McEachern and grand daughter, little Miss Mary Watkins Bullock, have returned from Jacksonville, Fla., where they spent a few days most pleasantly with relatives.—Rev. H. M. Eure is spending a few days at Wilson attending a meeting of the church extension board of the M. E. Church.

Mr. Junius J. Godwin of Lumberton was a Red Springs visitor Sunday.

Man Reported Shot from Ambush at Pembroke  
The Robesonian received this morning an unsigned communication from Pembroke to the effect that J. R. Cummings, 21 years old, son of Richard Cummings, who lives 1-1/2 miles from Pembroke, was shot from an ambush Monday night. It is stated that when he went to another house and called that at the second call he was answered from inside the house and that some body from outside the house shot him with a shotgun, the shot taking effect below his knees; that then Cummings ran till he reached the woods, where he gave up and crawled to the nearest house, some 200 yards, where he was rescued by N. P. Cummings and his parents notified. The communication was signed "Subscriber" but since The Robesonian does not know who is responsible for it this is printed for what it is worth merely as a rumor. Sheriff R. E. Lewis says he has heard nothing of it.

## BUIE AND PHILADELPHUS NEWS

Looking Forward to Great County Commencement April 7—Not Much Fertilizer Being Hauled—Frequent Trains—New Telephone Line Completed From Buie to Philadelphia—Much Complaint About Taxes Being Higher—Personal Mention

### Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, March 15—We hear that there are being great preparations made by the students and teachers of the Philadelphia and Farm Life high school to attend the county commencement which comes off April 7. We are confident that Philadelphia will be well represented in every respect, and no doubt all the schools throughout the county are looking forward to the greatest county commencement that old Robeson has ever had.

There has been very little fertilizer hauled from Buie up to the present. For the past few years we have noticed more wagons loaded and hauling fertilizers in one day from this point than we have seen all during this year. Mr. W. M. Pate, who recently sold his farm and mercantile business near Clinton has moved to Buie, where he will be engaged in the insurance and real estate business. Their many friends are glad to welcome Mr. and Mrs. Pate to town.

For nearly every half hour there has passed here a train of some sort, for the past two or three weeks. One passing by here last week had 150 box cars, empties going South.

Mr. L. H. Holt is the latest purchaser in town of a Ford, having bought one of Mr. J. H. Felts' Lumberton.

Messrs. Charlie and J. L. McNeill are spending today in Fayetteville. Their brother Mr. Sandy McNeill was taken to Highsmith's hospital last week. We are glad to report he is much improved.

Messrs. R. J. Brown and Payton McMillan spent Wednesday in Maxton on business.

There is much sickness through here for the past several weeks, mostly crrippe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Townsend and Misses Cleis and Vera Britt went down to Raft Swamp school recently to attend an entertainment given by the school.

Messrs. I. T. Brown and C. C. Baxley spent Monday in Lumberton on business.

Prof. Mills and Miss Janie Humphrey, teachers at Tabernacle, spent the week-end with relatives in the Philadelphia community.

Messrs. J. B. Humphrey and Mack McArthur spent Monday in Lumberton.

We are having some beautiful spring-like weather for the past few days and if this continues there will be corn planted around here within the next 3 or 4 days.

Messrs. Duncan and Daniel Buie, Robeson's oldest twins, are spending today with relatives in and around Buie. They also spent part of the day in Red Springs.

The new telephone line which was recently organized is now completed from Buie to Philadelphia. Nothing happening, within the next week it will be completed to Red Springs.

Misses Blue Bell and Willie May McCallum are spending today in Red Springs.

There is much complaint among the people throughout this community about wrong assessments being put on their property. Some are taxed a great deal more this year than the past few years, in some instances 1-3 more than heretofore, on their lands. We would like to ask the question through the columns of The Robesonian, why this can be done, and who is responsible?

Rev. N. L. Seabolt of Lumberton filled his regular appointment at the M. E. church here Sunday.

Mr. W. R. McNeill has added to his already well equipped farm a modern saw mill outfit, which will begin operation in a few days.

## OUT SMYRNA WAY

Expecting Grand Time at County Commencement April 7—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Smyrna (Lumberton, R. 4), March 15—Rev. J. M. Fleming filled his regular appointment Saturday and Sunday. Those who attended preaching here Sunday from Lumberton were Messrs. Rowland Britt, Lester Rowan, and J. R. Davis.

Miss Lucy Stephens, our teacher spent the latter part of last week in Lumberton.—Miss Reddin Britt spent the latter part of last week with her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Britt, of this section.

Messrs. Henry Lamb, James Britt and Wesley Small spent a short while Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Carter.

We would like to hear from the soldier boys. We enjoy reading their letters.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Small of Lumberton spent Sunday with Mrs. Small's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Britt.

We are expecting a grand time April 7th. Old Smyrna will be right on the job.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS

Death of Mr. Jerry Jackson—Prohibition Lecture—Baseball—Great Singing Convention Will be Held Fourth Sunday—Farmers Hauling Some Fertilizer—Personal Mention Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, March 15—Mr. Jerry Jackson died at his home near town on the Cobb farm Monday morning and was buried at Ephesus church Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Mr. Jackson was 77 years old and was one of those true soldiers and veterans, a consistent member of the M. E. church. The funeral was conducted by his pastor, Rev. H. B. Porter. Deceased's wife preceded him only a few weeks ago.

The prohibition lecture at the auditorium last Friday night by Dr. Gray was greatly enjoyed by all present and will no doubt go lasting good.

A good many of our town people attended the funeral yesterday of Dr. Northrop at St. Paul. His untimely death has cast a gloom over our town and community.

Rev. Fred Collins of Clinton preached an able sermon at the Baptist church here last night and left for his home today.

The baseball season has opened up in our town. The boys were on the diamond yesterday evening for a good practice. Their first game is with Fayetteville team Friday evening. Parkton is expected to put up a good team for this season.

Mrs. Maggie Small who had been spending some time visiting her sister Mrs. Annie Haywood, returned to Fayetteville Monday.

The singing convention which will convene in our town on Sunday evening promises to be the greatest event since the last school commencement. Some live speaking and wide-awake singing is promised. Some special selections from each school will be enjoyed, such as solos and duets. The Parkton choir and conservatory of music was organized some four or five weeks ago and has made a most wonderful progress. It consists of about 25 of the voices from the different churches of our town, strictly undenominational, and they are taught to sing scientifically and strictly up to date, as will be demonstrated on the fourth Sunday evening. The visiting choir is from Roslin, few miles away and is considered the best choir in this county and will number 25 or 30. We hope to give a brief program in next week's issue. There will be no admission charged whatever, and a cordial invitation is extended to one and all. The program will start at 2:30 p. m.

The farmers are busy hauling fertilizer at last, but we hear that but little will be used this year, not much more than half the quantity that was used last year.

Mr. Sam Thomason leaves this evening for Mecklenburg county to purchase another car load of cows and he says he will deliver this car at Goldsboro. He is some cow man, as well as a progressive farmer.

Mr. Wm. Muse is the only fisherman we know of that can go out most any old and come back with a fine string of fresh water fish; and this is no joke.

We hear of some sickness with the children of our town, but no contagion.

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

Church Oyster Supper Successful—Baseball—Social and Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marietta, March 14—Mr. L. M. Oliver spent Monday in Lumberton.

Mr. Nosh Stubbs of Fairmont was in town Monday.

Mr. H. H. Anderson of Lumberton was in Marietta Saturday of last week.

Mr. D. J. Oliver and family visited at the home of Mr. S. W. Williamson, near Lumberton, last Sunday.

Several out-of-town visitors were here for the oyster supper Friday night. The ladies of the missionary society were very much pleased with the sum realized from the sale of the oysters.

Among the visitors here from Pages Mill Sunday were Messrs. Ford and Townsend, Messrs. Floyd and Grantham.

In the baseball game with Oak Dale Friday afternoon the Marietta boys were easily the winners, the score being 17 to 1 in their favor.

Mr. Claud Floyd of Barnesville was here on business Monday.

Mrs. D. N. Oliver, who had been visiting relatives here for some time, left Tuesday of last week for Dillon, S. C. After spending ten days or two weeks with friends there she will return to her home in Montreat.

Misses Ada Henley and Florine Rogers spent the week-end with the Misses Graham of Proctorville.

The G. W. Club met at the home of Mrs. W. M. Oliver Saturday afternoon, March 11. Eight members were present. This meeting was given over to the transaction of business entirely. Pink carnations was chosen as the club flower and green and white the club colors. This being the regular time for the election of officers the following were elected: Miss Rachel Oliver, president; Mrs. J. M. Wells, vice president; Miss Ada Henley, secretary; Mrs. W. M. Oliver and Mrs. G. C. Farham, reporters. After the business meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostesses assisted by Miss Mae Oliver.

## Come to Lumberton APRIL 7TH. County Commencement

### BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Tomorrow (Friday) will be St. Patrick's day.

— Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 1-4 cents the pound, strict middling 11 1-2 cents.

—Mr. J. P. Newman, manager of Newman's 5, 10 and 25 cent store, returned yesterday morning from New York where he spent two weeks buying goods.

—The work of putting in a concrete floor at the union station will soon be completed. A new coat of paint is also being applied on the woodwork of the station.

—Miss Burnett Owen of Wilmington, an experienced trimmer, arrived Monday and will be in charge of the millinery department of the Lumberton Bargain House.

—Report of Rev. Sam Small's lecture here Monday evening must be held over for Monday's paper in order to give room for other matter that could not wait. Same way with some correspondence.

—Miss Josephine Breece's millinery opening began Tuesday and will last through the week. Many ladies both from the town and surrounding country are expected to open.

The new spring millinery is lovely and many have already made their purchases.

—Messrs. John Rhodes, Wilton and Knox Barnes are very sick with grippe at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, Chestnut street, and it has been necessary to have two nurses with them for the past few days. Mrs. Barnes is just recovering from a severe attack of grippe.

—Mr. Jas. D. Proctor lost his hat in what he thought a mysterious way Tuesday afternoon. He went into a barber shop and hung his hat on a rack prepared for the purpose. After he had received his shave his hat was gone. Nobody could tell where. There were owners in the shop for every other hat to be found, and one man over. The matter remained a mystery until yesterday morning when a certain man carried Mr. Proctor's hat back to the shop. That certain man had gone to the shop bareheaded and as Mr. Proctor's hat looked somewhat like his he put it on and walked out while Mr. Proctor was getting his shave.

—A certain man who lives several miles from town came in Tuesday night for the purpose of hearing Rev. Sam Small lecture. When he arrived here he learned that Mr. Small had delivered his lecture on Monday night and gone away. The gentleman declared that his Robesonian, which he received Tuesday, said that Dr. Small would lecture "tonight". He was right, for The Robesonian did say that same thing. But he had forgotten that The Robesonian he printed Tuesday was printed Monday afternoon and dated that day—March 13. After the gentleman saw his mistake he smiled and went back home. References in Robesonian news item to "today", "tomorrow" and "yesterday" are with reference to the date of the paper.

INFANT HAS FRIGHTFUL FALL

15-Months-Old Child Rolls Off High Abutment of Iron Bridge and Rolls Down Embankment to Ground Some 30 Feet

One would not think it possible for anybody to fall off the high abutment of the iron bridge across the river at the foot of Fifth street, across the river from town, bounce down the logs of the uneven embankment to the ground some 30 feet below and escape without serious injury, yet that is just what a 15-months-old girl did the other day.

Helen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. McNeill, had that experience Sunday morning. Mrs. McNeill was rolling the baby in a carriage. When she reached the far end of the bridge, right-hand side as you go west, the carriage uncoupled and spilled the baby out. Before Mrs. McNeill could possibly catch the child she rolled under the guard rail and took the plunge down the high embankment while the horrified mother was helpless to prevent. Mrs. McNeill ran down the near-by steps and gathered up her baby and called medical aid as soon as possible. Beyond some scratches the baby seems to have sustained no injuries.

That narrow escape ought to serve as a warning to the town and county to make it impossible for such an accident to happen again. That is a fearfully dangerous place and all along that embankment and the bridge ought to be walled in so that it would be impossible for a child to fall through.

My classes were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIES

## County Commencement IN LUMBERTON APRIL 7TH.