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## BIG DEMOCRATIC RALLY IN LUMBERTON SEPTEMBER 9 GREAT TIME EXPECTED

Speaker of National Reputation Will be Secured and the Democratic Hosts Will Gather—Ex-Sheriff McLeod Makes Rousing Speech at Gathering of Executive Committee and Other Democrats to Make Plans for Rally—Cameron Morrison Will Speak in Robeson August 29 and 31—Democrats of Robeson Determined to Roll up Big Majority in November

At a meeting of the county Democratic executive committee in Lumberton Friday it was decided to hold a big Democratic rally in Lumberton on Saturday, September 9. The rally will be held on that date unless it is found that a speaker cannot be obtained for that date but that some other near-by date will suit better. That date may be changed, a few days later or a few days earlier, but if that date suits the big speaker that Chairman McNeill and the committee that has the matter in charge will secure, September 9 will be the date.

But the important thing is that a big Democratic rally is to be held in this town on or near the date above given. And besides some suitable speaker there will be other attractions. It is proposed to make this the greatest rally ever held in the county and all the people of the county who can travel in any way whatsoever, from walking to a seat in an auto, will want to be in town on that day.

It was expected that Mr. J. O. Carr of Wilmington, recently appointed United States district attorney for the eastern district of North Carolina, would be present at the meeting Friday to make an address. Mr. Carr advised Chairman McNeill Thursday that he would be present unless something happened to prevent, and it was announced in Thursday's Robesonian; but Mr. McNeill explained at the meeting that Mr. Carr called him over long-distance phone Thursday night and told him that he had just received his commission and that other matters had come up which made it impossible for him to come.

Mr. McNeill explained this after ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod had spoken in response to invitation from the chairman to explain the object of the meeting. While expressing regret that he and all present felt that Mr. Carr could not be present, Mr. McNeill expressed the opinion that Mr. McLeod had risen nobly to the occasion and had made a capital speech. Which the same he had done. Mr. McLeod called attention to some of the beneficial laws the Democrats have placed on the statute books since they have been in power during the past three years and declared that as a result of wise Democratic administration this country is on the verge of the greatest era of prosperity it has ever known. As a result of the wise Federal Reserve law, it is now no longer possible for a few men in Wall street to bring about a panic, as they formerly could do at will, and the speaker declared that if the Democratic party had done nothing else but pass this law it would be a record of which to be proud. The Rural Credits law is another law the enactment of which makes this administration stand out as a friend of the farmer, a law which in itself makes a record to be proud of, a law that means prosperity to Southern farmers.

Neither of these laws did the Republican candidate for President dare to criticize, though he tried to condemn everything connected with the Democratic administration. Mr. McLeod touched briefly upon the President's Mexican and foreign policies, showing that he had pursued the only possible wise course. He expressed the opinion that a great Democratic majority would be polled in the nation and in the State in November, and appealed to the Democratic workers of Robeson to see to it that Robeson wins the banner for the greatest Democratic majority in the State.

He declared that there is political ammunition a plenty with which to fight the enemy, and all that is necessary is to get the information to the voters. He made an appeal for harmony within the ranks of the party. No matter how hard one may have fought to have the candidate of his choice nominated, after nominations were made the thing to do was to stand by the nominee and help roll up a big majority for the party.

Chairman McNeill announced that Chairman Warren of the State committee had assured him that he would send Mr. Cameron Morrison of Charlotte, known as one of the best campaigners in the State, to Robeson for two days and that he would speak at St. Paul on August 29 and at Maxton on August 31.

In discussing plans for the Democratic rally, it was the consensus of opinion that September 9 was the best date that could be selected, and this date was decided upon definitely, subject to change if necessary to accommodate a speaker. Chairman McNeill is going to find out as soon as possible about a speaker. It is the purpose to get a speaker of national reputation and to have other attractions that will make it well worth while for every citizen of the county to come to Lumberton on that day, aside from the interest Democrats feel in the success of the party.

Each township chairman was requested by Chairman McNeill to call a meeting of his township executive committee for Saturday of this week.

## HEALTH CONDITIONS GOOD

3 Special Improvements in Health Conditions in Robeson Over Last Year—Those Who Use Open Wells are in Danger—Anti-Typhoid Vaccination Appointments

Speaking of health conditions in Robeson county Dr. B. W. Page, county health officer, says there are three noted improvements in health conditions over last year. These are the decrease in deaths from pellagra, the cases fewer and milder; the drop-off in number of cases and deaths from colitis; and mildness of the cases of typhoid reported.

Dr. Page says, however, that he is uneasy for the people who are still using water from open wells. The heavy rainfall of the past few months Dr. Page thinks, makes open well water more unfit for use than it has been heretofore. When asked about the interest the people are taking in anti-typhoid vaccination, Dr. Page says many are taking the treatment. While the number who are taking the vaccination is not quite so large as last year, Dr. Page thinks this is due to the fact that most of his appointments this summer have been in the rural districts and the people do not live so close together as they do in towns, where most of his work was done last summer.

Dr. Page goes to Fairmont and Barnesville today where he will vaccinate all who wish to take the treatment. Thursday of this week he will be at Ten Mile school house at 3:30 p. m. and at Tolarsville at 5 o'clock p. m. Friday he will be at Philadelphia at 2:30 p. m. and at Red Springs at 4 p. m.

Dr. Page will go to any place in the county where as many as 15 people desire to be vaccinated. He can be found in his office in the court house every Saturday.

## A LITTLE MORE CIDER DID IT

One Indian Dangerously Wounded and Two Others in Jail as Result of Drunken Row

In a general drunken row Saturday night Gaston Cummins, Indian, was dangerously wounded by Duncan Locklear, another Indian. Locklear, who struck Cummins on the head with a piece of scantling, surrendered to Sheriff R. E. Lewis yesterday and is in jail here. Richard Cummins, another Indian, was also arrested and placed in jail, charged with taking a live part in the affair. The Indians live near Pembroke. The men were drunk on cider; it is said.

## Cumberland Court Begins September 20 and Not 29th

In Monday's Robesonian, in giving the names of Robeson county jurors drawn to serve in Cumberland county in the case of the International Harvester Co. vs. Daniel Carter, it was stated that the term of court at which this is to be tried would begin September 29. This was an error. The term of Cumberland court will begin September 20 instead of 29.

## Confederate Veterans' Reunion September 14

The annual county reunion of Confederate veterans will be held in Lumberton September 14. Mr. T. W. Bickett, Democratic candidate for Governor, has been invited to address the veterans on that occasion.

August 19, to appoint a chief marshal for each township, and as many other marshals as will serve.

A motion was made by Mr. M. W. Floyd, seconded by ex-Sheriff McLeod and put by Mr. Floyd and carried without regard to the protest of Chairman McNeill, that Mr. McNeill be elected grand chief marshal for the rally.

The meeting was well attended by township chairmen and quite a number of other Democrats, and there was plenty of evidence that the Democrats of Robeson have set their faces toward victory by a large majority in the November election.

## Committee Begins to Prepare for Big Rally

Chairman McNeill appointed the following committee to assist him in preparing for the rally: A. E. White, chairman; R. D. Caldwell, G. B. McLeod, J. A. Sharpe, W. K. Bethune, M. W. Floyd, E. M. Johnson, H. E. Stacy, R. C. Lawrence, K. M. Barnes, J. Dixon McLean. This committee met Friday evening in the office of Register of Deeds Floyd and discussed plans for the rally. Messrs. McNeill and McLean were appointed a committee to secure a speaker for the rally. They have already gotten in communication with leaders of the party and hope soon to be able to announce that they have secured a speaker of national reputation whom the people will be glad to hear. Other committees were appointed as follows:

Finance committee, to secure funds to defray the expense of the rally—W. K. Bethune, E. M. Johnson, J. A. Sharpe.

Committee on decorations—Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, Mrs. D. D. French, Miss Irene McLeod, Messrs. W. O. Thompson, J. P. Townsend, J. P. Newman.

Advertising—W. K. Bethune, Frank Gough.

Music and entertainment—Frank Gough, M. W. Floyd, G. B. McLeod, R. D. Caldwell.

Another meeting of the rally day committee will be held as soon as Messrs. T. A. McNeill and J. D. McLean hear something definite from their efforts to secure a speaker.

## TOBACCO SELLING HIGH IN LUMBERTON

Farmers Pleased With Prices Received at Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse—Sales Daily Except Saturdays

Tobacco continues to sell high at the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse of Lumberton. One of the biggest sales of the season was held Friday and prices were high. They ranged from \$10 to \$40 the hundred. Those who sold tobacco were highly pleased with the prices received. Mr. E. O. (Billy) Bransford, the well-known manager of the house, says in his opinion the farmers should sell their tobacco as fast as it is ready for market. Sales are held every day in the week except Saturday and the doors are kept open Saturdays. If you have not already tried the Planters Warehouse with a load, bring one along. There are plenty of buyers and they are anxious for the tobacco.

## TOBACCO PRICES CONTINUE HIGH

Some Who Got Big Prices Last Week Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Aug. 12—Tobacco prices continue high. Among those who sold tobacco this week for "biggest" money were Mr. W. O. Sellers, who sold 385 pounds in the Robeson County Warehouse for \$48 the hundred; Mr. J. S. Floyd, who sold 550 pounds in the same house at \$46 the hundred. Mr. C. M. Stone sold one barn for \$401.27. All grades of tobacco are selling high and in many instances farmers are getting just twice as much for their tobacco as they anticipated.

## Robeson County Soldiers Among the Best-Trained in Camp

Mr. Frank Gough returned Friday night from Morehead City, where he went the first of last week. He saw all the Robeson county soldier boys at Camp Glenn and says they are getting over their home-sickness and are having a fine time and enjoying good health, except that a few have not gotten well from being vaccinated. The Lumber Bridge Light Infantry has the distinction of being one of the best-drilled companies in camp.

Mr. Gough's daughter, Miss Lina, and son, Master Frank, and Miss Amelia Linkhauer, who accompanied him to Morehead City, returned last night. Morehead City is a lively place now. Mr. Gough says, with 4,000 soldiers there.

## Big Excursion to Myrtle Beach

Perhaps the biggest excursion ever conducted over the Elrod-Conway division of the A. C. L. was run from Elrod to Myrtle Beach Wednesday of last week. More than 1,000 people made the trip and many who were anxious to go could not find room. Aside from being badly crowded, the day was one of pleasure for the many who made the trip. One man who with his family met the train at Proctorville with the intention of going failed to get room and he just "cranked" his Ford and went to Conway, S. C., arriving there before the train did. More cars had been added by that time and the gentleman and his family boarded the train and went on to the beach. "A little Ford shall lead them."

## Charged With Burning Barn Full of Tobacco

Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy A. H. Prevatt went yesterday to Pates, near Pembroke, to look for Asbury Oxendine, Indian, who was charged with burning a tobacco barn filled with tobacco belonging to Chesley Locklear, another Indian. There was around \$200 worth of tobacco in the barn, which was burned about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. The county's "man-chaser" was carried to where he boarded a buggy. Oxendine was not found. The two men had had some trouble before, it is said.

## "Aunt" Sarah Taylor Has Passed Away

Never again will "Aunt" Sarah Taylor be seen walking along the streets of Lumberton, which sight has been familiar for many years. "Aunt" Sarah, who lived about 5 miles west of town, died one day recently and was buried. She has been coming to Lumberton every week, usually twice each week, for a long, long time. When she came she went about town asking her friends for aid.

## Prevatt's Mill Dam Went Out Last Night

Mr. Colon Prevatt's mill dam in Raft Swamp township broke last night and went down. It is supposed the dam was undermined during the recent floods in this section. Those who have been about the pond today say fish are plentiful there. This may cause the river to rise considerably.

## Lots of Cotton Open

Mr. W. B. Nye, who lives on R. 2 from Fairmont, says he has lots of cotton open. He thinks he will have a bale ready for market in a few days. His cotton crop is fairly good.

## Further Gains by Allies on 3 Fronts

Hard fighting in the Somme region of France, in Galicia and in the Italian theatre with further gains for the Entente Allies in all three regions, marked the operations of Saturday night and Sunday.

## BELLAMY BRIEFS

Death of Mrs. Frank Wilkins—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bellamy, Aug. 14—Rev. W. R. Davis filled his regular appointment at Antioch Sunday.

Mr. I. J. Wilkins spent Saturday at Wilmington on business.—Mr. and Mrs. Will Gerrell of Lumberton spent the past week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch.—Mrs. Cora Lytton and children spent several days last week with her mother, Mrs. Lewis Pitman.—Messrs. Dan Pitman and Dougald Todd spent a short while at the capital Saturday.—Miss Nona Phillips returned home Saturday after spending the week-end visiting friends at McMillan's.—Mrs. J. B. McLean visited relatives at East Lumberton Sunday.—Messrs. Roland and Agrippa Mercer were Lumberton visitors Saturday.—Mrs. Sue Blake of Lumberton spent several days in this section last week visiting relatives.—Miss Ava Todd returned home Saturday after spending the past month visiting her sister Mrs. D. C. Quick at Clo, S. C. She was accompanied home by Mrs. Quick and two children, Miss Eva May and D. C. Jr.—Mr. Frank Mercer was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.—Mr. and Mrs. Bob Small and little daughter Clara of Lumberton visited at the home of Mr. Rince Britt Sunday.—Mrs. M. J. Todd was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.—Mrs. Annie Stephens and three children and Miss Margaret Wetmore of Lumberton spent several days last week at the home of Mr. P. A. Todd.

The death angel visited the home of Mr. Frank Wilkins Friday morning at 8 o'clock and took beloved wife and mother. She had been in failing health for some time, but had only been down 4 days with typhoid fever and pellagra. She leaves to mourn their loss, her husband and two children, the youngest 3 months old; father, mother, five sisters and two brothers, and a host of friends and relatives. She was loved by all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the family cemetery in Howellsville township near Smith's bridge, Saturday at 10 o'clock. Surely a good woman has gone to her reward.

## TEACHERS' INSTITUTE OPENS

2-Weeks' Institute Began This Morning With About 100 Teachers Present—Public Invited to Opening Exercises Every Morning in Sunday School Room at First Baptist Church—Sssions at Graded School Building

The Robeson County Teachers' Institute opened this morning for a two-weeks' term in the graded school building with about 100 teachers in attendance. Ninety-five teachers enrolled before the opening exercises began and several came in later. Others are expected tonight and tomorrow.

The institute will be conducted by Prof. Joe S. Wray, superintendent for the city schools of Gastonia. Mr. Wray is being assisted by Miss Mary Arrington of Rocky Mount. Supt. J. R. Poole of the county schools, will leave nothing undone in making this institute one of the most instructive and interesting ever held in this county.

The public is invited to attend the opening exercises, which will be conducted each morning in the Sunday school room at the First Baptist church at nine o'clock and will be found of great interest. Following the opening the teachers adjourn to the graded school building for the regular work of the day.

## Father and Two Small Daughters Recover From Typhoid

Mr. D. W. Parnell of Tolarsville, who was able to leave the Thompson hospital on the 4th inst. after a case of typhoid fever, came to town this morning with Mr. T. W. Maxwell, in the latter's auto, and carried home this afternoon Mr. Parnell's 7-year-old daughter Eva, who with her 5-year-old sister Irene went to the hospital at the time her father did but has only just recovered sufficiently to be taken home. Little Miss Eva was able to return home on the day her father went home.

## Rabbits and Squirrels Accused of Eating Corn and Cotton Bolls

Mr. Henry Ivey, who lives on R. 7 from Lumberton, and who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, says the rabbits and squirrels are eating his corn in the field and also eating the cotton bolls in his cotton field. While it is not an unusual thing for squirrels to eat corn, this reporter never before heard rabbits accused of eating corn. Neither has he ever heard before either squirrels or rabbits accused of eating cotton bolls.

## Sunday School Excursion to Wilmington

As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, the Seaboard will operate a Sunday school excursion from Maxton to Wilmington and Wrightsville Beach Saturday of this week. The train will leave Maxton 6:30 a. m. and pass Lumberton at 7:20. The fare for the round trip will be \$1 for adults and 50 cents for children.

## Dr. R. S. Beam Spent the Week-end at Wrightsville Beach

Mr. P. H. Quick of R. 5 from Lumberton was in town Saturday.—Messrs. C. W. and A. R. Bullock of the Baltimore section, near Fairmont, are among the visitors in town today.

Mr. J. L. Stephens left this morning for High Point, where he will spend a few days on business.

Messrs. J. P. Newman, T. S. Golden and Roney High spent yesterday at Wrightsville Beach, returning to Lumberton this morning.

## GADSDYSVILLE GRIST

Those Awful Mosquitoes—Crops—Roads and Bridges in Bad Shape

—Protracted Meeting Begins 4th Sunday—Quick Work of Recorder's Court—Other Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), Aug. 8—These mosquitoes get worse. They are just awful to us. When we sit up curing the weed, from every odd stagnated pond and muddle come the alluring sounds of the legions that swarm these places. We would not be surprised if the malaria rate in Robeson is increased because of these innumerable pests. Well, Tuesday night there came one more down-pour and people declare a heavier never fell in these parts. Since, the weather has been ideal.

We Tar Heels like to go into other States and look around and see the tar sticking on heels; we also like to boast that we have built a new school house every time the sun sank in the west for twelve years. But can we say that all these school houses are painted?

Some crops are not injured as bad by the floods as was first thought, but they are short. Where cotton was four and five feet tall last August now on the same land it's not over four to ten inches.

For the past two or three months the water in Ashpole swamp has broken all records and you may be sure the negroes are letting the fish alone.

Your Uncle Thomas Marshall, the next Vice President of the United States, weighs only ninety pounds and his head half of that, so the newspapers say. But that doesn't make any difference. He's a Democrat. Well, it does give us lightweight dyspeptics a little consolation.

We notice in an advertisement where the Allies hospitals are calling to Americans for money. They contrast Europe with America. The Americans are living in a land of paradise as compared with Europe, with her desolation, death, destruction and her multitudes slain on the battlefields, thousands maimed for life. Those that are living are perishing with famine and disease. The Americans have so far contributed 30 cents per person to aid stricken Europe.

Farmers are selling tobacco and feeling good over the prices. Several from the Pleasant Grove Sunday school will join the Fairmont and other Sunday schools on the excursions to Myrtle Beach Wednesday, Aug. 9. A splendid time is expected.

The roads and bridges are in awful shape from the recent rains.

The protracted meeting will begin at Pleasant Hill the fourth Sunday in August.

The Beaufort railroad hands are now grading the road out to Hamer, S. C. It is hoped that this road will be made permanent when they get through.

A large crowd attended the convention at Iona Friday and report a good time.

Applications for the Gaddysville school are coming in on every hand, but the teacher has not yet been elected.

Your correspondent attended the Sunbeam and other exercises at Baltimore Sunday and lost his coat on the way back home.

Recorder's court is a popular thing in Robeson county. A negro near Rowland knocked his wife over right after dinner and ate supper in the chain gang. Now that was a speedy trial and the county didn't have to feed him while in jail.

## See "Happy Jack" at Fairmont

"Happy Jack" of The Robesonian wishes to thank all who have handed him their subscription money during the two weeks he has been at Fairmont. He will be at Fairmont again this week. If you owe the paper anything he will be pleased to give you a receipt for the money due. If you don't take The Robesonian, the paper that gives all the county news, and much besides, twice each week—hand him \$1.50 for a whole year's subscription. You'll not regret it.

## An Automobile Collision Occurred at the Corner of Fifth and Elm Streets

late Saturday afternoon when Mr. C. B. Skipper and Mr. John B. Meares ran two Fords together. Mr. Skipper was entering Fifth street and driving to the right, while Mr. Meares was entering Elm street. A light was broken off Mr. Skipper's auto and Mr. Meares' car was somewhat broken up. The front axle was badly bent and the radiator rod was broken.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelius Martin, who live on R. 2 from Fairmont, were among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Martin sold a load of tobacco at the Planters Tobacco Warehouse and was highly pleased with the price. He says that Mr. Billy Bransford, one of the proprietors of this warehouse, is a man who has the interest of the farmers at heart and is always on the job to see that the farmers get a square deal. Mr. and Mrs. Martin reported that to Mr. and Mrs. Sam Strange, who are now neighbors of theirs but who formerly lived in Lumberton was born a 9-pound girl on the 29th ult.

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

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. L. H. Caldwell underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital Saturday morning. He is getting along nicely.

—Mr. G. M. Tucker, local painter, has the contract for repainting the court house both inside and out. He has already begun the work.

—License has been issued for the marriage of B. Harvey Todd and Ada Branch; Felton Mitchell and May Floyd; D. H. M'White and Charity Wilson.

—A certain Robeson county citizen who was in town Saturday says he saw a toad frog catch a "lizard" and eat him alive some time ago. Even lizzards have enemies.

—Rev. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, who, as stated in last Monday's Robesonian, is off on a vacation for the month of August and went last week to Durham, has gone to Connelly's Springs, Burke county.

—Mr. W. H. Edwards, who lives near Pembroke, was among the pleased farmers who sold tobacco in Lumberton Friday. Mr. Edwards says the farmer who would grumble at present prices of tobacco ought not to have any.

—A Lumberton business man who ran a page ad in both Monday's and Thursday's issues of last week's Robesonian says that his salesmen and salesladies were just as busy and his store as much crowded Saturday as it was the day before Christmas. "There's a reason".

—Mr. F. G. Branch of Hamlet began work last week as cashier at the local Seaboard freight depot. Mr. Branch says he was surprised to find a town like Lumberton is when he arrived here. Didn't even expect to find any paved streets. He says the town is one that evidently has civic pride.

—A barber shop conducted by a colored man and where colored people get work done has been opened up right in front of the court house, corner of Elm and Fifth streets. While the man who conducts the shop is considered a highly-respected colored man, many think that the shop is in the wrong place.

—Rev. D. C. Barnes returned Friday from Oak Grove, Marlboro county, South Carolina, where he conducted a series of meetings. He reports a most successful meeting with several additions to the church. Mr. Barnes says he saw numbers of acres of cotton on his route that will not make a pound of lint. He found corn crops very good.

—Mr. Roney High, who has held a position in the McMillan pharmacy for several months, has tendered his resignation, effective September 1. Mr. High has made many friends since he came here who will be sorry of his decision to leave Lumberton. He says, however, that he doesn't like the idea of leaving town and may decide to stay here.

—In a recent issue of The Robesonian mention was made of the fact that a buzzard wearing a bell spent a few days recently in the Orum section. Since that notice appeared in the paper a citizen who lives on the Big Swamp says that same buzzard, or another wearing a bell, spent a short time in his section just before going to Orum.

—Grady Hooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hooks of Lumberton, left Wednesday of last week for Charlotte to join Uncle Sam's army. Just as he had reached the recruiting station and was in the act of "joining" the army the young man's father sent in a phone call protesting against his son's enlistment because he was only 17 years old. The young man was then turned down and sent back home to his parents.

—Maxton Scottish Chief, Aug. 11: The sad news came about 10 o'clock this forenoon that Mrs. Thomas, mother of Mrs. J. M. Armstrong, had died at her home in Ridgeway, S. C. The bridge at Camden being down, instead of motoring over, Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong and children will go on the 1:35 p. m. train to Columbia. Mrs. Thomas had been in precarious health for a long time and the end was expected at any time.

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