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## VETERANS' REUNION

**Annual County Reunion of Veterans Will be Held in Lumberton Thursday of This Week**  
Lumberton is looking forward with pleasure to entertaining the Confederate veterans of Robeson at their annual reunion on Thursday of this week. Every veteran will be doubly welcome and it is hoped that no one will miss the occasion who can possibly come. Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill, the veteran and well-known minister of Maxton, will deliver the address of the occasion, which is ample assurance that the address will be a treat.

## AUTO SMASHES INTO BUGGY

**S. P. Allen's Buggy Torn Up by Auto of A. G. Johnson of Elizabethtown**  
While returning to his home about six miles from town on the Elizabethtown road from Lumberton Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock Mr. S. P. Allen's buggy was torn up and his mule slightly hurt by an automobile running into his buggy. Mr. Allen was about one mile from town when the auto struck his buggy. The machine was only dimly lighted with one light and was so near him when he saw it he did not have time to get out of the way. He drove the mule out of the road, but the buggy was struck by the auto. Mr. Allen says he was driving on the right side of the road when he met the auto. Mr. Allen himself was thrown out of the buggy and slightly hurt. The men in the car proceeded on without stopping to offer any assistance. Mr. Allen came back to town and with the assistance of Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod and Policeman J. B. Boyle found the auto in a back lot. On the side of the auto were found two cabbage heads which Mr. Allen had in his buggy. The number had been cut off the auto, but was found inside the car. The car was locked up to await the return of the owner, and about 11 o'clock the party who were in the auto showed up. The driver of the car, who gave his name as A. G. Johnson of Elizabethtown, at first denied striking the buggy, but later confessed to Chief McLeod. Upon promise to come back today Mr. Johnson and two other men, who accompanied him, were allowed to go. Mr. Johnson came to the home of Mr. Allen yesterday afternoon, but it is not known whether or not the matter has been settled.

## HARVESTER CO. LOSES CASE

**Robeson County Jury Serving in Cumberland Decides Corporation is Not Entitled to Recover Money on Notes Given by Carter—Lumberton Lawyers in Case**  
Fayetteville Dispatch, Sept. 24.  
The Robeson county jury trying the case of the International Harvester company vs. D. W. Carter in the Superior court here brought in a verdict late yesterday that the plaintiff was not entitled to recover \$2,350 on notes given by the defendant for a gasoline tractor. The defendant successfully fought the collection of the notes on the contention that the tractor would not do the work the company had promised it would do.

The case was one of the hardest fought actions in the legal history of Cumberland county and the verdict came towards the end of the fourth day of the hearing. Twenty lawyers were retained by the parties to the suit, among them being some of the most eminent attorneys of the State.

Carter was also given back a cash payment of \$100 but the jury refused to allow him \$600 damages asked for an offset to time alleged to have been lost in trying to run his cotton gin with the tractor.

Lumberton law firms engaged in this case were McLean, Varner & McLean and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor for the plaintiff and Johnson & Johnson for the defendant. Messrs. L. R. Varner and T. L. Johnson were among the 9 lawyers who addressed the jury.

The Robeson jurors, drawn from a venire of 36 men from this county, were W. K. Culbreth, W. L. Baxley, Stinson Powell, B. D. Brown, Giles Prevatt, W. S. Baxley, Robert Miller, Ed Lowe, Sam Edwards, George Sealy, J. O. Tedder and W. H. Stuart.

**North Carolina Soldiers Off to the Front**  
The first North Carolina soldier boys left Camp Glenn for the Mexican border in a special train Saturday. The first regiment boys were scheduled to leave the camp today.

**Ice Cream Supper at Orrum Sept. 29**  
By "Phone to The Robesonian."  
Orrum, Sept. 25—There will be an ice cream supper in the auditorium at the Orrum High School Friday night, Sept. 29. Save up your nickels and dimes and come and bring your friend.

## WIFE FOLLOWS HUSBAND

**Mrs. Caroline Stephens Dies in Less Than 3 Days After Death of Husband—She Had Been Critically Ill for Months—Funeral Yesterday**  
Mrs. Caroline Thompson Stephens, widow of Mr. R. M. N. Stephens, whose death by suicide was reported in Thursday's Robesonian, died Saturday morning at 9:25 o'clock at the home, Walnut and Fifth streets, after long months of illness. As stated in Thursday's paper, it was long brooding over the hopeless condition of his wife's health and over his own health that unbalanced the mind of Mr. Stephens and caused him to take his own life. When that occurred Wednesday evening of last week it was considered doubtful if Mrs. Stephens would last through the night, but she lingered until Saturday morning, without ever knowing that her husband had preceded her to the spirit world. Mrs. Stephens had been an invalid for about ten years and had been critically ill for more than 6 months. About a month before her death her physician, Dr. T. C. Johnson, pronounced her malady pellagra, though there were no reuptions or outward signs of the disease.

The funeral took place yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the residence, a large crowd attending, conducted by Rev. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which deceased was a member. Sweet music was never heard at a funeral here. It was under the direction of Mrs. L. R. Varner, and those who sang with her were Mrs. R. R. Carlyle, Miss Mildred McIntyre, Messrs. R. R. Carlyle and C. B. Skipper. "I Shall See Him Face to Face" and "Peace, Perfect Peace" were sung during the service at the house, and "The Christian's Good-night" was sung at the concluding service at Meadowbrook cemetery, where interment was made. There were many beautiful floral offerings.

Among the out-of-town people here to attend the funeral, besides those mentioned above, were Mr. D. F. McNeill and Miss McNeill of St. Paul, and Messrs. J. P. Stephens of Wilmington and C. G. Stephens of the Orrum section, brothers of the late Mr. Stephens.

The pallbearers were Messrs. B. M. Sibbey, M. W. Floyd, J. L. Stephens, H. L. Pope, M. G. Lee, J. T. Biggs.

Mrs. Caroline Thompson Stephens was born in the Back Swamp section of Robeson on August 12, 1860, and was 56 years old. She was the daughter of the late Leobard Thompson and wife. About 30 years ago she was united in marriage to R. M. N. Stephens, of the same section of the county, the couple having lived in Lumberton some 25 years. One daughter, Mrs. A. M. Hartley, and one son, Mr. L. Rexford Stephens, (survive); also an adopted daughter, Mrs. D. P. McNeill of St. Paul; two sisters, Mesdames E. D. Pittman and Robt. Inam, both of Back Swamp, and two brothers, Messrs. J. A. and G. L. Thompson of Lumberton.

**SKULL CRUSHED BY FALLING LIMB**  
Mr. Samuel P. McDonald Dies as Result of Injuries Received When Struck on Head by Limb of Tree He Cut Down—Funeral Yesterday

Mr. Samuel P. McDonald, aged about 19 years, died at the Thompson hospital Saturday morning at 6 o'clock as a result of being struck on the head by a falling limb Thursday afternoon. Mr. McDonald was cutting cross-ties in the woods near his home about two miles from town and it was after the tree upon which he was working had been cut down that the limb, which was caught in another tree just over him, fell upon him. The limb fell without any warning whatever and crushed the young man's skull in two places and also cracked his skull several inches. Mr. Howard McDonald, a brother of the unfortunate young man, was near by, and he was taken at once to the hospital. Dr. R. S. Beam, assisted by Drs. John Knox and T. C. Johnson, performed an operation and found that the broken skull was pressing against the brain. Deceased was unconscious after he received the fatal blow except about two minutes a short time after he was hit.

The funeral was conducted from the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald, parents of deceased, yesterday at 10 o'clock a. m. by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, and interment was made in the family burying ground near the home.

## AUTO KNOCKS TRAIN OFF TRACK

**Small Saxon Car Causes Wreck of Logging Train—The Auto Was Knocked Around and Hit the Other Way But Remained Right Side Up and Its Occupants Were Not Hurt to Speak of—Conductor Ammons Was Pulled Out of Mass of Wreckage and Escaped With Only Scratches and Bruises—Messrs. O. C. Norment and M. N. Folger Were in the Auto**  
What came near being a serious wreck occurred Friday afternoon about 5 o'clock when the logging train of the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation struck Mr. M. N. Folger's automobile where the V. & C. S. Railroad crosses the Elizabethtown road in the north-eastern part of town. The engine was backing twelve log trucks out to the woods and it was the truck upon which the conductor's cab was built that struck the auto. The front wheels of the automobile, a two passenger Saxon, were struck by the truck and knocked around out of the way. The three trucks were completely demolished and the most miraculous thing about it all was how Mr. Judd Ammons, conductor on the train, who was in the caboose, escaped death. The caboose in which Mr. Ammons was riding was completely torn up and the other three trucks piled upon it. Two other trucks were knocked off the track. While Mr. Ammons was caught under the wrecked trucks he escaped with a slightly scratched face and arm. He had to be pulled from under the wreckage by other members of the train crew.

Neither Mr. Folger, who was driving the auto, nor Mr. O. C. Norment, one of Lumberton's oldest citizens, who was in the auto with Mr. Folger, was hurt more than slightly scratched, but both had what might be considered a miraculous escape.

Mr. Folger said he never saw nor heard the approaching train until he was within a few feet of the track. When he saw the train he reversed his gears to back off the track, but just as the car was ready to back it was struck by the train. Mr. Folger says he was running slow and as the engine was some distance from the road and the trucks were lower than the weeds by the roadside he failed to see the train and the noise of his auto and that of a cotton gin near by kept him from hearing the train. The front of the automobile was badly wrecked, the front axle being bent and the spokes broken out of the front wheels, but not near so badly wrecked as was the train.

The passengers on the V. & C. S. passenger train due here at 6:20 p. m. were met at the place of the wreck and taken up town in automobiles. The train was about an hour and a half late in leaving on the return trip as it was near 10 o'clock before the track had been cleared. The logging machine of the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation was brought to the scene of the wreck and the wrecked trucks were lifted from off the track. There was no damage done to the track.

Many visited the scene of the wreck and all declared that they could not figure how Mr. Ammons escaped death. It strikes the uninitiated as passing strange how a small Saxon car could cause such a wreck. Capt. Russell of the V. & C. S. says it is mighty easy for logging trucks to be derailed. A wheel of the caboose evidently climbed a little way off the track on to a wheel of the auto, and that put the caboose off the track and caused the other trucks to pile up.

**Jewish New Year**  
All the Jews doing business in town will close their stores Wednesday evening at 5 o'clock and will keep them closed till Saturday morning at the usual opening hour on account of the Jewish New Year—Rosh Heshanah.

**ONE \$5 BILL WORTH \$290**  
How One Five Dollar William Paid \$290.00 Worth of Debts During National Pay-Up Week

Winfield, Iowa, carried on an experiment during the first National Pay-Up Week and demonstrated to the great surprise of the committee, which had it in charge, what one five dollar bill will do when it is kept moving paying up debts. This five dollar bill was marked with a slip of paper stating, "This is a Pay-Up Week five dollar bill. This five dollar bill is to be used only for payment of accounts. Accept it and go at once and pay some one else. Sign your name so we can see how many dollars in accounts it will pay in one week." At the end of the week the bill was found, the names counted and, to the surprise of the committee, fifty-eight names had been signed, showing that the total debts paid were \$290. This shows what money will do when it is kept in circulation and also demonstrates the importance of National Pay-Up Week as a time when accounts are squared and slates wiped clean for a new start.

## KIFFIN ROCKWELL KILLED

**Brave North Carolinian in French Service Lost Life in Battle With German Airman—Cousin of Mrs. T. C. Johnson of Lumberton**  
Winston-Salem dispatch, Sept. 23.  
Kiffin Yates Rockwell, formerly of Asheville and Atlanta, who had been serving with the French aero corps on the western battle front, was killed this morning in a fight with a German aeroplane. Announcement of his death was contained in a cablegram from Paris received here late today by his mother, Mrs. L. A. Rockwell of this city.

Young Rockwell had been serving in the French army since September 1914. He was very active in the fighting around Verdun and succeeded in bringing down four German aeroplanes unassisted. For this feat he recently received a war cross and military medal from the hand of General Joffre, who referred to him as "a bold and courageous pilot." He had been frequently mentioned for bravery in the official reports.

Kiffin and his brother, Paul Rockwell, went to Europe in August, 1914, directly after the war began. Both volunteered for service in the French army. Paul was wounded severely during the first winter while serving in the trenches. He later obtained his discharge and is now war correspondent for American newspapers. Kiffin Rockwell was born on September 20, 1892, at Newport, Tenn. His father was a Baptist minister of North Carolina and his mother was Miss Lula Ayres, a member of a prominent South Carolina family.

The Rockwells are cousins of Mrs. T. C. Johnson of Lumberton. They lived in Columbus county for a period some years ago. Mrs. Johnson was in conversation over long-distance 'phone with Mrs. Rockwell this morning and learned that she had cabled for the body of her son to be sent home. She does not know yet whether it will be possible for her wishes to be carried out in this respect right away or not.

A dispatch from Paris yesterday states "The aerial fight in which Rockwell was mortally wounded took place over the town of Thann, in reconquered territory in Alsace. A few hours previous to the engagement he had been promoted but died without knowing of the new honor. He already had received a German medal for shooting down a German two-seater near Hartmannsweilerkopf in May. He had benten down another before Verdun and had participated in a thrilling combat in which nearly all the Franco-American flotilla was engaged with a strong German force. He was wounded during the fight by a fragment of shell while engaged alone with three adversaries. He was regarded in French aviation circles as an "ace", a name given to the most skillful and daring pilots."

**RECORDER'S COURT**  
6-Months' Sentence to Roads for Beating Wife—Extra Wife Failed to Appear  
Jim McNeill, colored, was given a 6 months' road sentence by Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of beating his wife. The evidence was that Jim beat his wife unmercifully. He gave notice of appeal and was placed under a \$200 justified appeal bond, which he made.

Quince Wilson, the white man who was arrested here two weeks ago Saturday on the charge of having two wives, was released Saturday by Recorder Britt. The trial had been set and the prosecuting witnesses failed to show up. Wilson was charged with having a wife in Columbus county and one in Robeson. It was the alleged Columbus wife who swore out the warrant.

**Items From Last Week's Fairmont Messenger**  
The Fairmont graded school opened here Monday morning with an enrollment of 102. This is an increase over the number enrolled last year and is very gratifying.

Mrs. J. P. Brown left Saturday for Fayetteville, where she will take osteopathic treatment.

Mr. Hal V. Brown left Saturday for Annapolis, Md., where he will enter St. John's College. He was accompanied to Baltimore by his father, Dr. J. P. Brown who was a business visitor at John Hopkins hospital.

**Infantile Paralysis Epidemic Over**  
New York Dispatch, Sept. 22.  
The epidemic of infantile paralysis in this city was declared tonight by health department officials to be at an end and as danger of a recurrence of the plague has passed, members of the department who have been detained here all summer, will start on their vacations, beginning tomorrow.

**Escaped Again, Caught Again**  
Sandy Hunt, Indian, escaped from chain gang No. 1, located near Long Branch, Friday night and was captured Saturday near Rowland by Rural Policeman J. H. Carper. Hunt is serving a term for larceny. This was the second time he has escaped and been caught and carried back to the gang.

**Republican Speaking at Court House**  
This Evening  
Mr. Jake F. Newell of Charlotte is expected to speak in the interest of Republicanism at the court house tonight. The speaking is billed to begin at 7:30 o'clock.

## MACCABEES AT LUMBER BRIDGE

**New Tent Organized Which Promises to be One of Foremost in County**  
Reported for The Robesonian.  
A new tent of the Maccabees was instituted at Lumber Bridge Friday night, September 22nd, by State Supreme Commander H. S. Carpenter, assisted by District State Commander R. Lewis Shelby and Special Deputy R. M. Sanderson.

The following officers were installed: Sir Kt. Chas. Dearen, past commander; Sir Kt. Arch Usher, commander; Sir Kt. Arthur Chason, Lt. commander; Sir Kt. Rufus Bennett, R. K.; Sir Kt. D. B. Monroe, chaplain; Sir Kt. Leighton Graham, sergeant; Sir Kt. Pete Chason, master of arms; Sir Kt. Henry Greenshaw, first master of guards; Clarence P. Dunn, second master of guards; Sir Kt. Marvin Bristow, sentinel; Sir Kt. Ambrose Deacon, picket.

This promises to be one of the foremost tents in this county. There is a great work and large success for this tent in the future.

This tent of the Maccabees will be known as the "Shaw Tent". This name was given in honor of the late Mr. Angus Shaw, one of the founders of Lumber Bridge.

Sir Knight State Supreme Commander H. S. Carpenter made an address to the local tent in which he explained fully what it meant to a man to be a Maccabee.

After the installation of officers and the appointment of various committees the tent adjourned to Monday night, at which time the officers will be instructed in their duties and several additional members will be admitted. Shaw Tent will meet regularly every Monday night, and visiting Sir Knights will always find a hearty welcome.

**An Exciting Runaway**  
An exciting runaway took place in town late Saturday afternoon when a horse belonging to Mr. E. J. Pope ran at full speed through the business streets of town and made a trip more than a mile in the country and came back down Elm street at full speed. The horse was hitched to a buggy and the buggy struck the light stand in the street where Fourth intersects with Elm and knocked the light globe off.

The buggy was badly broken up, but the horse was not hurt. In turning the corner where Fifth streets intersects with Elm the horse fell and was caught before he could get up and get away. It was a sure-enough runaway.

**Among the Sick**  
Mr. Eli Parham, who has been in failing health for some time, has been unconscious since Friday at 8 p. m. at his home on Chippewa street. Mr. Parham suffered a sunstroke 15 years ago and again 3 years ago.

In a 'phone message about noon today Mr. W. B. Beasley learned that the condition of his brother Mr. H. M. Beasley, who is sick in a hospital at Sumter, S. C., is improving. Mr. Beasley, who formerly lived in Lumberton, became sick with typhoid fever 14 weeks ago tomorrow and suffered a severe relapse.

At the Thompson hospital: Mr. Gaston Callahan of Bladenboro underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hospital this morning. Mr. R. B. Giles of Marion, S. C., is undergoing treatment at the hospital. Mrs. Perry Davis of R. 4, Lumberton, underwent an operation Saturday and is doing nicely. Mr. V. D. Brown of East Lumberton underwent an operation Saturday. Mrs. J. J. Jerman of R. 1, Lumberton, underwent an operation Saturday night.

**West Lumberton School Opens—Personal Mention**  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
West Lumberton, Sept. 25—Mrs. A. L. Broadwell and daughter, Miss Dora, have gone to Harrison Valley, Pa., to visit their son and brother, Rev. Kelly Broadwell.—Mrs. Emma Woodell and daughter, Miss Ethel, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Woodell and children of Valdosta, Ga., Mrs. Geo. Deaton and Mr. Raymond Deaton of St. Paul were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Z. R. Lytton yesterday.

School opened last Monday with 35 pupils and several have entered since. Miss Donnie Greyard of McDonald is teacher.

Our sympathy goes out to Mr. Rexford Stephens in the death of his father and mother. He is our efficient Sunday school teacher.

**Pennsylvania May Go Democratic**  
Philadelphia Dispatch, Sept. 21.  
Leaders of the Democratic national campaign now believe Pennsylvania is debatable and that there is a chance to secure the electoral vote of the State for President Wilson, according to Vance C. McCormick, the National chairman and A. Mitchell Palmer, National committeeman from Pennsylvania. The large number of railroad employes and others who favor the eight-hour law passed by Congress are among the reasons Mr. Palmer advanced for believing that the State may swing to the Democratic column.

## COTTON AND COTTON SEED

Middling cotton sold on the local market Friday and Saturday for 15 1-2 cents the pound and is selling for that price today. Cotton seed has sold for 76 cents the bushel since Friday.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McNeill, yesterday, a 9-pound boy.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Willoughby Calder and Dollie Wilson.

—St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., will have a special meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Degree work.

—The new filter plant which has been in operation since the 16th inst was tested Saturday and found to be working perfectly.

—Ladies of Chestnut Street Methodist church will have a booth in the fair building and will serve lunches during the three days of the coming county fair.

—Mr. A. Weinstein returned Friday from New York, where he spent two weeks buying goods for his large department store. The goods are already arriving. Watch for ad.

—Mr. J. A. Thompson has accepted a position as salesman in the grocery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store. He began work this morning.

—Among the last to join North Carolina Kennel No. 1 of the Order of Yellow Dogs was Mayor A. E. White. He says he is no longer an ordinary pup, but a full-fledged Yellow Dog.

—If the person who carried The Robesonian's last week's Literary Digest away from the residence of the late R. M. N. Stephens yesterday will send it to The Robesonian office it will be appreciated.

—Mr. T. R. Britt returned Friday from a short visit to Chincopin and Kenansville, Duplin county. He went to Kenansville to accompany Miss Emily Bryan, who went to enter the James Sprunt School for Girls.

—The fire company was called out Friday afternoon about 2 o'clock on account of a blaze on the roof of a dwelling on West Second street occupied by negroes. The fire was extinguished before any damage was done.

—Mrs. W. W. Carlyle and daughter, Miss Janie, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Freeman and Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Combs left this morning for New York. They will make the trip in automobiles and will be away about two weeks.

—Miss Dovie Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Britt of Ten Mile, passed through town Friday en route to Cerro Gordo, where she will teach this year. School opens there today. This is Miss Britt's second year as teacher at Cerro Gordo.

—Mr. Enoch McConnell returned last week from Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he spent two weeks taking treatment for stomach trouble. His condition is greatly improved and he is able to be back at work in the store of Mr. J. H. Wishart.

—Mr. P. S. Oliver, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver of Marietta, who was a student at the A. & M. College, Raleigh, had to give up his studies last week on account of one of his eyes going bad. Mr. Oliver went to Baltimore to consult an eye specialist.

—Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White returned Friday morning from the North, where Mr. White went to buy goods for the large department store of Messrs. White & Gough, of which he is senior member. Watch for a large ad telling about the goods in Thursday's Robesonian.

—A Ford auto belonging to George Smith, colored, and driven by Hedy McLean, colored, was ditched near Meadowbrook cemetery on the Fayetteville road Saturday night. No one was hurt and the car was not badly damaged. Some part of the gear broke, causing the wreck.

—Ransom Lee and wife, Lizzie, colored, who live near town, and Corrie Currie and Jas. O. Bore, both colored, who live near Buie, were before U. S. Commissioner W. H. Kinlaw last week on the charge of retailing. There was not sufficient evidence to convict any of the accused and cases were all dismissed.

**Business Slow for Doctor and Undertaker**  
A Lumberton undertaker and a Lumberton doctor in conversation yesterday said that business had been the mullest with them during August and September of any time they remembered. There have been fewer deaths and less sickness in this section during the last few months than has been known in a long time, according to the conversation of the undertaker and doctor.

W. L. Walker, a country merchant of Wake county, was found guilty at Raleigh Thursday of burning his store to collect excessive insurance. Judge Bond imposed sentence of 3 years on roads but appeal was taken and Warren undertakes to raise \$2,500 appeal bond.

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