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LIBERTY BOND PURCHASERS

Liberty Loan Bonds to Amount of \$37,600 Have Been Purchased So Far by Lumberton Citizens and Institutions—Any Bank in Town Will Take Your Subscription and Attend to Details for You

Directors of the Planters Bank & Trust Co. decided at a meeting this morning to purchase Liberty loan bonds to the amount of \$2,500.

Since the list published in Monday's Robesonian the following purchasers have been reported: Planters Bank & Trust Co. \$2,500; N. J. Wessel 100; Others Thru First National 5,800; R. C. Lawrence 2,000; K. M. Biggs 1,000; L. T. Townsend 200; E. M. Sibley 100; T. A. McNeill, Sr. 100; Others previously reported thru Nat. Bank of Lumberton 27,600

\$51,000 REFUNDING BONDS

Town Will Borrow That Amount to Pay for Improvements in Water and Lighting Systems—To Borrow Money to Pay Teachers Salaries—Hogs Must Get Out—J. B. Bowen Succeeds S. K. Nash on Town Board

At a meeting of the mayor and board of town commissioners Monday night it was ordered that all ordinances and resolutions passed up to that time with reference to the issuance of \$51,000 in bonds to pay for improvements in the lighting and water systems be rescinded.

It was reported to the board that a number of hogs are being kept within the incorporate limits of the town and the sanitary officer was directed to see that all hogs now being kept in town be removed from within the limits.

SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

The battle front from Gorizia southward toward the head of Trieste remains the only theatre where for the moment hard fighting is in progress where the Italians are hammering the Austrian line.

Villa Followers Seize Border Town of Ojinaga

A dispatch states that at 5 a. m. May 30 some 200 Villa followers dashed into the little border town of Ojinaga, opposite Presidio, Texas, shouting Viva Villa, shooting right and left as they rode, and after a battle lasting two hours they were left in possession.

Soldier Took Nap on Track and Had Narrow Escape

According to the story told by Conductor Berry of the Seaboard, the quick application of the emergency brakes on east-bound passenger due here at 10:05 a. m. was all that saved the life of a soldier on guard duty at McNeill's bridge, a few miles west of Lumberton, this morning.

RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS

New Police Officer—Boy Scouts Have a Band—Wedding Invitation—New Baptist Church is Completed—Local Talent Play Will be Given Soon—Social and Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, May 30—Miss Marie Beale of Washington, D. C., is visiting Miss Dickson Vardell.—Mrs. W. B. Robeson and children, Lillian and Bartram, Jr., are visiting Mrs. Robeson's sister-in-law, Mrs. Martin McKinnon.

Dr. John Robeson and family of Savannah will move to Red Springs in the near future and occupy the Bartram Robeson cottage.

Mr. R. F. de Vane has returned to his work after being slightly indisposed for several days.—Messrs. Tom Lovin and Rufus McQueen left Monday night for Norfolk to join the navy.—Mr. Montague Williams will leave this week for Virginia to spend the summer with his uncle Mr. Louis Wood, at Brandy Station.

Miss Alice Hall will return from Spartanburg, S. C., this week, where she has been a student at Converse college the past winter.—Mr. Will Muse visited his sister Mrs. J. S. Jones last week.—Miss Helen Dean of Jacksonville, Fla., is visiting Mrs. J. A. Love.

Mr. D. M. McMillan has opened a Ford garage and sales room next door to Red Springs Drug Co.

Mr. Malcom McQueen has accepted a position with the J. J. Thrower Co.

Miss Frances de Vane has accepted a position in the Carolina Bank & Trust Co.

On Wednesday a fishing party went to Lake Grantham for the evening. Supper was furnished by the ladies, delightful fish were cooked. The party motored back to town in the moonlight, declaring it one of the most enjoyable events of the summer.

Mrs. R. B. Lindsey has returned from a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Powell of Shannon.

Mr. E. L. Hanna from Wadesboro has accepted the position of town policeman. He takes the place of our former policeman, R. B. Lindsey.

Mrs. J. D. Edens is visiting her daughter Mrs. Jack Thompkins of Columbia, S. C.—Miss Catherine Dixon is visiting her sister Mrs. Thomas Davis of Augusta.

The Boy Scouts have gotten up a band that would do credit to a much larger place.

The following invitation has been issued: Mr. and Mrs. Paisley McMillan request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter Georgia Elizabeth to Mr. Olin Orin Dukes on Thursday evening, June the fourteenth, at eight o'clock, Philadelphia Presbyterian church, Red Springs, N. C.

Miss Lillian Austin of Maxton, who is so pleasantly remembered here and who has been a missionary in Korea for the last five years, is expected home in the next few days.

Mr. A. J. Hodgkin is visiting his home people.

Little Miss Frances Gibson charmingly entertained Tuesday afternoon in honor of little Miss Rozelle, McKinnon of Wake Forest. Delightful refreshments were served, consisting of cream and cake. Many games were enjoyed during the afternoon.

Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, preached a very able sermon Sunday night, his subject being "The Search for Heaven".

The beautiful new Baptist church is completed. Services will be held in it in a few Sundays. Great credit is due Rev. Mr. Miller and his efficient wife for their faithful efforts.

Miss Eunice Pearsall has returned from a very delightful visit to Greenville.—Mrs. Satterwhite is visiting her sister Mrs. Fowle in Washington, N. C.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McKay spent the week-end with Mrs. F. W. Vaughan at her home, Ardussia.—Mr. A. T. McCallum left today for Raleigh to attend a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture, of which board he is a very efficient member.

HAIL STORM AT PARKTON

Crops Cut Up to Some Extent But No Serious Damage Done—Irish Potatoes Sold \$2.775 Worth One Day—Man Jumped From 27 Years Old to 32 in One Year—Personal and Other Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, May 29—Our town was visited Monday evening by severe find, rain and hail storm.

The hail was large and while it did not last but a few minutes, it cut up cotton and corn and gardens, but no serious damage. Some window panes were broken out by the hail. The wind was strong blowing down trees in most every direction. The telephone wires suffered considerably in this section. The hail seems to have been worse in our town than any other section, and it followed the railroad up to Fayetteville.

Farmers that planted Irish potatoes in this section are quite busy this week, as most of them are digging and selling. Quite a rushing time, around the station. Prices are high. We were advised tonight that one farmer sold \$2,775.00 worth yesterday, and the prices are somewhat better today than yesterday.

We have men right on the spot ready to buy your potatoes. Every farmer that did not plant potatoes for market is mourning because he failed to plant. The same can be said in regard to wheat. Plenty of farmers in this country that did not see fit to plant wheat last fall and now they are troubled over their mistake.

Judge A. A. Wright and T. W. Thompson made a business trip to Clinton one day last week, purchasing 9,000 pounds of home-grown meat—hams, shoulders and sides—and it is just about all gone. Home-made meat does not stay long in our town.

Messrs. Henry Culbreth and John D. McCormick left early this morning for Wilmington prospecting for the navy.

We hear of one man in our town that registered on his tax list last year at 27 and this year he registered at 32. That's going some fast. My advice to such, better straighten things up before June 5.

The little girl of Rev. and Mrs. H. B. Porter has been quite sick for several weeks with Miss Smith, trained nurse, is reported much better. One of the little twin boys of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Butler is very sick and his death is expected any moment. Miss Ruby Council is reported somewhat better today. We are glad to learn she has no fever.

Mr. A. M. Stubbs is still in bed, but somewhat improved and we trust he may soon be out.

Mrs. Janie Stanton of near Clio, S. C., returned home this morning after visiting relatives in town.—Rev. F. D. Collins of Clinton is spending the night in town.—Miss Nellie Thomasson is on a visit to her uncle Mr. C. B. Thomasson of Lumberton.—Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Fisher and babe and Mrs. I. O. Hall and children left Monday for Raleigh. Miss Hall and children will stop over in Benson with relatives, making the trip in Mr. Fisher's car.

Whortleberries are coming in at last and we have already observed that the blue tongue is raging. No better fruit grows.

We hear of lots of our people going up to Fayetteville Wednesday evening to hear the Armstrong murder trial.

Special music at the Baptist church here Sunday. Everybody invited to attend.

GADDYSVILLE GRIST

Crop Prospects Were Never Brighter—Reducing Old H. C. L.—Loyal and Patriotic—General Health Above the Average

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Gaddysville (Fairmont, R. 1), May 28—Right while we write this a much-needed rain is falling and crops are looking their best. Really we have never seen brighter prospects for great crops in our life.

Crops are cleaner than ever before. Tobacco is especially fine. Well, the farmer fixed his land and planted his crop and is working it mighty right, and it seems as if his diligent efforts are going to bring him great reward.

People are applying the fertilizer to corn now. This year they are putting more than of late years because they had planted most all of the land before they realized the necessity of a great corn crop. Oats and wheat will soon be to harvest. The fall-sown oats that survived the mid-winter killing is finest ever. Wheat is just common. A large acreage of potatoes is being set out, but a scarcity of plants prevails.

The h. c. l. is materially reduced among the farm folks who have been cautious to get in large gardens. It seems as if some of the boys are getting serious as to the war situation. But with it all they are loyal and patriotic—especially in the corn fields, and that's a very good place to put patriotism and loyalty on display. While it's ennobling to fight for justice for mankind it is ennobling to help to avert a famine. Rev. Mr. Powell is expected to fill the pulpit at the Grove on Sunday, June 3rd, at 11 a. m.

ROZIER NEWS NOTES

Sorry to Lose Rev. J. F. Davis—Social and Personal Items

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Rozier (Lumberton, R. 2), May 29—Rev. J. F. Davis filled his last appointment at Rozier last second Saturday and Sunday. He preached able sermons both times and as usual a large congregation heard him on Sunday.

Mr. Davis has been pastor of the church here for 3 years and he will be greatly missed. His resignation came as a shock to his many friends here, who wish him success in his new field. He has accepted a call near Danville, Va. Rev. Mr. Sentelle of Lumberton will preach at Rozier next second Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Lagon of Raleigh and Mr. Barker of Lumberton came out to Rozier one day recently and made excellent speeches on help Robeson answer the call. The meeting was well attended. We were sorry Mrs. Eubanks of Durham could not be with us, as we expected to have a lecture on canning.

Misses Ethel and Pearl Carlyle delightfully entertained a large number of young folks last Friday night at their home. The home was beautifully decorated for the occasion with U. S. flags, magnolias and pink roses.

After many games had been played the guests were invited into the dining room, where Misses Mae Martin, Fannie Britt and Ethel Carlyle served pineapple and cake. The guests departed at a late hour declaring a most pleasant evening. Among those who attended the entertainment from a distance were Messrs. Joe and Worth Hall of King Hiram, Misses Mae and Eva Martin of Ten Mile, Misses Sallie Mac, Anna, Ella and Addie Lee Johnson and Mr. Roy Johnson of St. Pauls, and Messrs. Hayes Collins and Richard Kinlaw of Lumberton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ratley and family of Red Springs spent the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Barker.—Mr. D. S. Carlyle and Misses Flora, Pearl and Ethel Carlyle and Fannie Britt and Mae Martin attended preaching at St. Pauls Sunday. They made the trip in Mr. Carlyle's auto.—Mr. K. E. Harrell attended preaching at St. Pauls Sunday.—Mr. D. McWicker, who holds a position at Atkinson, Pender county, is spending a few days with his family at Rozier.—Mr. Richard Kinlaw of Lumberton was a visitor in this section Sunday.—Mr. Durham Rice of Long Branch visited in this section Sunday.—Misses Mae and Eva Martin spent the week-end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlyle.—Sorry to report Mr. Miles Baxley on the sick list.—Mr. and Mrs. Willie Lowe spent Sunday p. m. at Saddletree.—Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lowe and family spent the week-end visiting at Back swamp.—Mr. J. C. Carlyle attended preaching at the M. E. church Sunday at St. Pauls.—Messrs. W. S. Rozier and Carey McDonald spent the week-end near Lumberton.—Miss Pearl Carlyle left yesterday for Charlotte, Kings business college, where she expects to take a business course.—Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Willis spent Sunday at St. Pauls, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Townsend.—Sorry to report Miss Lillie Rozier very sick.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kinlaw and family are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McDonald.—Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier and family and Mrs. Lizzie Herring spent Sunday at St. Pauls.

We are listening for the wedding bells to ring soon. But oh, that sad parting when the man has to go to war!

Missouri Village Wiped Off Map by Tornado and 4 Persons Killed

A dispatch of the 30th from St. Louis, states that a tornado twisted into Mineral Point, Mo., a village of about 300 inhabitants, yesterday afternoon, killed 4 persons and injured 30, demolished the town with the exception of the school house, and then moved southward to Eye, where a farmer was killed by flying debris. Two coaches of an Iron Mountain local running between Mineral Point and Pototsi were blown from the track and the conductor and flagman were killed.

Carl and Arthur Armstrong on Trial for Killing Uncle

Fayetteville Dispatch, May 30. Carl and Arthur Armstrong, young men of good family, were placed on trial in Superior court here today on a joint indictment for murder of their uncle, Neill Averett, at Stedman, on March 28. A jury was empaneled and several State witnesses examined before adjournment this afternoon. One of these was an eye witness while others testified as to statements made by the defendants before and after the shooting, intended by the State to prove first degree murder. The case will probably be concluded tomorrow.

Amendments Became Effective January 10

The State Supreme court yesterday fixed January 10 as the date on which the constitutional amendments went into effect, sustaining the city of Durham in its effort to sell its bond issue of \$250,000 for water. This hinged upon whether the acts rushed through the Legislature before January 10 were valid. The decision settles the matter for all time.

Fayetteville Hopeful of Getting Military Camp

Business men of Fayetteville are trying to have located there one of the big military training camps and a telegram yesterday to The Observer advised that the camp and site had received favorable recommendation.

NATIONAL SPECIAL AID

Plans on Foot for Good Working Girls Unit to be Organized—Patriotic Penny Fund—Next Meeting June 20

Reported for The Robesonian. On Monday afternoon, May 28th, at 4:30, the National Special Aid society met in the high school auditorium, there being a good attendance. Mrs. E. L. Holloway, the general chairman, presided. Mrs. R. H. Crichton and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence, chairmen of the membership campaign, reported that almost every lady in town had been seen personally and asked to join the National Aid. It was found that a general vice chairman was needed and Mrs. James Proctor was elected to fill this office. The chairmen of the different units made splendid reports, which showed plans were afoot to accomplish much good along every line of our work.

Mrs. E. I. Pool found that it was necessary to resign as chairman of the canning unit and Mrs. J. D. McAllister was asked to fill this vacancy. Mrs. R. C. Lawrence was appointed vice chairman of this unit and other officers were elected as follows: Mrs. A. Nash, vice chairman of Knitting unit; Mrs. T. C. Johnson, vice chairman of Camp Proctor unit; Mrs. L. T. Townsend, vice chairman of sewing unit; Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell, vice chairman of High School Girl's Sewing unit; Mrs. B. W. Page, vice chairman of First Aid unit.

Mrs. L. T. Townsend reported that her committee has partly canvassed the men of the town and that \$23.50 had been collected in this way. The treasurer reported that dues amounting to \$48.50 had been handed in. It was decided to organize a unit for the working girls who cannot attend the meetings in the day time. Mrs. F. J. Thomas was elected chairman and their meetings will be held at night.

One of the most interesting features of this organization will be a Patriotic Penny fund. All the ladies of the town—and any others who so desire—will be asked to contribute a penny a week in order that supplies, etc., may be purchased. Mrs. A. T. Parmelee, Mrs. W. W. Parker, Mrs. Ira Townsend, Mrs. J. V. Williamson, Mrs. J. A. Sharpe, Mrs. Stephen McIntyre, Mrs. John Knox and Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod were appointed district leaders to secure subscriptions for this fund and the high school girls will be requested to volunteer their services as district messengers or collectors of the pennies every Saturday morning.

The next meeting of this society will be held on the third Wednesday in June, which is the 20th, at 4:30, in the high school auditorium. All wishing to become members are requested to notify the secretary.

MRS. SANDY McLEOD, Secretary.

Recorder's Court

Tracy and Howard Odum and Norman Bullock, all of the Moss Neck section, were before Recorder E. M. Britt yesterday afternoon charged with an affray. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

—Mr. Irvin Jenkins continues critically ill at his home on Caldwell street.

—The condition of Mrs. Frank Gough, who suffered a stroke of paralysis several weeks ago, continues to slowly improve.

—The children's chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will meet in the directors' room of the National Bank of Lumberton at 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

—Miss Vashti White is expected home tonight from Lynchburg, Va., where she has been a student at Randolph-Macon college. She will be met at Fayetteville by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White, in their auto.

—Mr. J. W. Bryant, town mail carrier, is taking his annual 15-day vacation. Mr. J. E. Gilmore is substituting for him. Mr. Vance Skipper, the other town carrier, will take his vacation just as soon as Mr. Bryant's is over and Mr. Gilmore also will substitute for him.

—Mr. W. P. McAllister received this morning a letter from Mr. R. C. Lewis, formerly of Lumberton, which was mailed at London, England, May 15. The letter had been opened by a government censor. In the letter Mr. Lewis stated that he was working on the steamship Manchuria and was getting on fine.

—Mr. L. H. Caldwell has let the contract to Mr. Sam Branch for the erection of a brick garage building 50 x 140 feet on the west side of Third street, in rear of the National Bank of Lumberton building. The building when completed will be occupied by Mr. H. A. Page, Jr., local agent for the Ford automobile.

—The children's hour of the Child's Conservation league will be observed Saturday afternoon at 4:30 at the graded school auditorium, and will be in charge of Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell. Miss Caldwell has rare talents in entertaining and those who attend have a rich treat in store. All of the children of the town are invited.

—Mr. W. H. Humphrey and family have moved into their handsome new home, Pine and Twelfth. Mr. Humphrey moved his old house across the street and remodeled so extensively that it is practically new. The house Mr. Humphrey and family vacated on Chestnut street, was purchased from Mr. Humphrey some time ago by Mr. K. M. Barnes, who will have it remodeled before moving into it.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Indications are that there will be a wedding in Lumberton before many hours.

—Mr. J. G. Grantham of Fairmont has accepted a position as salesman in the department store of Messrs. White & Gough.

—Mr. Abner Nash has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. K. M. Biggs' department store. He began work Monday.

—At the regular meeting of the local tent of the Maccabees next Tuesday night officers will be elected and other important business will be transacted. All members are urged to be present.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune returned this morning from Washington, D. C., where he made final arrangements for entertaining those who go with him on his annual educational tour of Washington next week.

—Mr. H. H. Stanley of the Ten Mile section was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Stanley reported a good rain and some hail in his section Monday afternoon. The hail did not damage crops, however.

—Mr. E. V. McDaniel, a merchant of Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. Mr. McDaniel reports crops growing and looking well down his way. He says the prospect for a good tobacco crop is very bright.

—According to reports received by home folks of young men who went from Lumberton to the officers' training camp at Fort Oglethorpe, life at the training camp is strenuous. The men drill from 5 a. m. till night and then have to spend a while studying.

—Mr. G. E. Rancke, proprietor of the Jennings beach, which is located about two miles west of town, just beyond the McMillan mill pond, says that the road to the beach has been worked and put in good condition and that autoists need not hesitate to make the trip now.

—Dr. C. S. Dietz will go tomorrow to Conway, S. C., to visit his three sons there. Two of them will register in accordance with the army draft bill on June 5 and another, who is under 21 years old, will join the U. S. navy at an early date. Dr. Dietz expects to return on June 7.

—Miss Eunice Britt will leave this afternoon for Mansfield, La., after spending two weeks visiting at the home of her father, Mr. D. H. Britt, on R. 6 from Lumberton. Miss Britt is choir leader at the First Baptist church at Mansfield, which position she has held for nearly a year. She also teaches vocal music.

—Rev. J. F. Davis and family left Tuesday for Milton, Caswell county, where they will make their home. Mr. Davis having accepted a call as pastor of several Baptist churches near Milton, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian. Mr. Davis resigned recently the pastorate of Pembroke, North Lumberton, Rozier and Oak Grove churches.

—A man with a trick horse that figures and does other stunts visited Lumberton Monday and a small crowd of folks gathered at the corner of Chestnut and Third streets about 6 of the clock in the evening to see. That looks like a might precarious way to earn eats for a man and a woman and a horse—but maybe that was a side line only.

—National Committeeman A. W. McLean of Lumberton introduced Hon. Henry Morgenthau, former United States Ambassador to Turkey, when the latter delivered the commencement address at the State college of agriculture and engineering at Raleigh Tuesday. In introducing the speaker Mr. McLean paid a splendid tribute to the service Mr. Morgenthau has rendered the country and the Democratic party.

—Wilmington Star, 30th: Mr. R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton was in the city yesterday, a guest of the Orton. Mr. Caldwell is the head of the firm of R. D. Caldwell & Son, one of the biggest mercantile concerns in Robeson county, and is also president of the Lumberton Cotton Mills company and is prominently connected with the banking and industrial life of Lumberton.

—Incidentally, he is superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school of his town, having been elected for life, after having served in this capacity some twenty years or more.

—Mr. W. K. Scott of Alamance county, who spent two weeks in Robeson lately helping in the food conservation campaign and addressed a number of audiences about over the county, won the medal for the best senior oration at the commencement Tuesday of the State college of agriculture and engineering at Raleigh. His subject was "Government Ownership of Railroads". The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News wrote his paper that Scott "won without serious debate among the people and received a beautiful gold medal."

—The sun was shining bright and all was calm and peaceful thereabouts, but still tears fell from four eyes. Two of those eyes were those of a beautiful young girl and the other two belonged to her sweetheart. The time had arrived when they must part and there was love, true love, which could not be hidden. This all happened at the union station recently when a young man took his sweetheart to the station, where she boarded a train to go somewhere. Others who saw the sad sight asked this reported what caused it all, but he knew no more than is set forth above.