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TOWN BOOSTERS ON THE JOB

Party of Lumberton Boosters Left This Morning in Battered Autos to Visit Various Places in Robeson—They Will Make Another Trip Tomorrow

About a dozen automobiles decorated with streamers telling about what a good town Lumberton is, what a good tobacco market, the very place to get the high dollar for the weed and to get the most for one's money, et cetera and et cetera, left Lumberton between 9 and 10 of the clock this morning loaded down with members of Lumberton's Booster club, Prof. Whiteley of the East Lumberton band blowing a bugle and Mr. R. D. Caldwell beating a drum to beat the band.

Today they will visit the following places: Orrum, Proctorville, Barnesville, Marietta, Fairmont, McDonald, Rowand, Raynham, taking dinner at Fairmont.

Tomorrow the boosters are scheduled to leave Lumberton at 9 a. m., arrive Pembroke 9:30, Maxton 11, Red Springs 12:30 and dinner, Shannon 2 p. m., Lumber Bridge 2:45, Parkton 3:40, St. Paul 4:40.

Recent heavy rains have made roads an uncertain quantity and no doubt some who would have been on hand for the trip this morning with autos stayed at home for fear of the roads. If the weather is favorable no doubt a larger crowd will go on the trip tomorrow.

SUIT OVER DRAINAGE DISTRICT FUNDS

County Commissioners and National Bank of Lumberton Have Filed Suit Against Sheriff Lewis and First National Bank for Deposit of Drainage District Funds

The board of county commissioners and the National Bank of Lumberton have filed suit against Sheriff R. E. Lewis, the First National Bank of Lumberton and the board of drainage commissioners of the Back and Jacob drainage districts asking that a peremptory writ of mandamus be issued by the court directing the defendant bank to pay over to plaintiff bank all the funds of the Back and Jacob Swamp drainage districts now on hand with interest at 6 per cent since May 18, 1917. Also that a peremptory writ of mandamus be given against the defendant sheriff commanding him to deposit in the plaintiff bank all funds belonging to the Back and Jacob Swamp drainage districts now on hand and all hereafter collected. The plaintiff bank was elected as depository for the county's funds and it is from that fact that the above suit has been started.

Enjoying an Auto Trip Through Virginia—Young Ladies to New York

Mr. W. K. Bethune returned this morning from a business trip to Washington and New York, partly in connection with his duties as secretary to Congressman Godwin's committee on reform in the civil service and partly in connection with his auto "No-Skid" invention, for which application for patent is pending. Mr. Bethune left Lumberton Tuesday of last week and at Richmond the next day joined Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNeill and Miss Cammie McNeill of Lumberton and Mrs. McNeill's sister Miss Lucy Williams of Red Springs, who are traveling in Mr. McNeill's auto. The party went together to Washington—getting stuck on impossible roads beyond Fredericksburg and pulling out easily on one dose of Bethune's "No-Skid"—where they spent two days, returning Saturday to Culpepper, Va., where Mr. Bethune left the party and went back to Washington. Misses Williams and McNeill left Culpepper yesterday for New York and were joined in Washington today by Miss Agnes McLean, who left Lumberton last night for New York. Misses Williams and McLean will spend some time in New York studying music. Miss McNeill will spend a few days in New York and return home. Mr. and Mrs. McNeill expect to arrive in Lumberton Saturday. Their two children are at their home here with Mrs. McNeill's mother, Mrs. Williams of Red Springs.

Superior Court Next Week

A week's term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will convene Monday of next week, July 9. Judge W. M. Bond of Edenton will preside. There are 49 cases on the docket. Harrison Sinclair, colored, is in jail awaiting trial on the charge of committing rape on a negro woman, and Roll Mitchell, colored, is in jail awaiting trial on the charge of burglary. He was bound over from the Fairmont recorder's court on the charge of stealing hams from another negro. Henry Bullard, colored, is on the docket charged with murder, but he has not been captured. He is charged with killing his wife out Purvis way. The officers were not notified of the crime until several hours after it had been committed and Bullard departed for parts unknown.

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Paris Dispatch, July 4.

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SUMMARY OF THE WAR NEWS

Russians Capture Thousands of Germans—Throwing Fresh Troops Against Teuton Positions—Two German Airplanes Brought Down Abaze

The soldiers of revolutionary Russia maintained their attempts to break through the Austro-German lines in eastern Galicia. Cheered by the results of the fighting during the first three days of July, General Brusiloff's men continue their efforts, especially in the region of Brzezany, and are throwing fresh forces against the Teuton positions.

During Sunday and Monday, the first two days of the new drive, the Russians captured 300 officers and 18,000 men and on Tuesday and Wednesday probably added several more thousand to the total. Twenty-nine guns and thirty-three machine guns were taken from the Austro-Germans.

Violent artillery duels have been in progress on the Konichy-Zlochoff sector, on the Stockhod, in Volhynia and at Brody, on the Galician-Volhynian border.

In the Champagne on the western front the German crown prince has made another desperate and fruitless effort to break the French lines north-west of Rheims. Attacking in force along an 11-mile front, the Germans especially strong efforts around Cerny and Allies and against the Calonne plateau. The French repulsed all attacks with losses.

After checking the Germans, the French took initiative in a small operation east of Cerny and captured a strong German salient. German attacks on the left bank of the Meuse were repulsed.

Raid and patrol engagements have occupied the German and British further north. Several Austrian attacks on the Carso south of Gorizia were checked by the Italians, Rome reports.

German airplanes have again raided the English coast, this time attacking Harwich. British airmen pursued the raiders and two enemy machines were brought down abaze. Eleven persons were killed and thirty-six injured by bombs dropped by the raiders.

LUMBERTON WON THE CANDY

First Baptist Church of Lumberton Won in Attendance Contest at Seaside Assembly—Little Lillie Snead Varner Got the 10-Pound Stick of Candy

Reported for The Robesonian.

On Tuesday night the attendance contest closed. The contest bids for a prize given to the church having the largest number of representatives at the assembly. The registration closed at 12 o'clock Wednesday. Up on the final count the First Baptist church of Lumberton was declared the winner, with an attendance of 31, and Dunn had the next highest with 26.

The conditions of the contest were that the winners should select the prettiest girl from their number, who should be the recipient of the prize. And the Assembly was assured that the prize would be a sweet one.

When the news was given out, the winning contestants retired to a committee and selected Miss Lillie Snead Varner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, as the recipient of the prize. Then, just before the lecture of the evening by Dr. H. M. Whorter, of Baltimore, Dr. John Jeter Hunt, whose church gave the prize, called to the platform Rev. L. McB. White, pastor of the First Baptist church of Shelby, who presented the prize.

The presentation was timely, and most happily expressed. He referred in pleasing terms to the Lumberton church as an organization and a working unit in the denominational life of the State. Then he turned to the delighted and happy recipient and presented a big, patriotic ten-pound stick of candy, all colored in the national red, white and blue.

The audience let itself loose in a genuine cheer that lasted some time.

WITHOUT LOSS OF MAN, SHIP OR ANIMAL

All Ships of First American Overseas Expedition Made Trip Safely—Twice Attacked by Submarines—At Least One U-Boat Sunk—Work of Spies

Washington Dispatch, July 3.

Safe arrival at a French port of the last ships of the first American overseas expedition was announced tonight by Secretary Daniels in a statement revealing that twice on the way across the Atlantic German submarines attacked in force and were fought off by convoying warships.

The Americans did not lose a man, a ship or an animal. At least one of the under-sea enemies was destroyed.

The work of spies through whom the Germans knew secrets of the expedition is disclosed by the news that the first attack was made far at sea before the transports and their convoys reached the point at which a rendezvous had been arranged with the American destroyer flotilla operating in European waters. The submarine commanders apparently knew where and when to expect the Americans bound for the fighting lines in France, and were assembled in force to meet them.

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THE DEATH RECORD

Rev. E. M. Hoyle, Former Pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist Church of Lumberton, Passed Away in Statesville Tuesday—Remains Interred at Cornelius Today

A special of the 3rd to the Charlotte Observer gives the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. E. Marvin Hoyle at a sanatorium in Statesville Tuesday morning following a serious operation, news of which operation was given in a special from Statesville published in Monday's Robesonian. Deceased was for four years pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton, leaving this charge five and a half years ago, and he had many warm friends here. He was 38 years old and is survived by his wife and four children—Ruth, Marvin, Jonathan and Robert—the oldest barely 12 years old.

The funeral and burial will take place at Cornelius, at Mount Zion church, today. The Statesville dispatch states that Bishop Jno. C. Kilgo of Charlotte, Revs. W. R. Ware and L. D. Thompson of Statesville, Rev. L. A. Falls of Mooresville and Rev. Mr. Jenkins of Davidson will assist in the services.

E. Marvin Hoyle was born and reared in Cleveland county and was a graduate of Trinity college, Durham. He had served charges at Durham, Lumberton, Asheville and Cornelius, serving Mount Zion at Cornelius for 18 months prior to his death.

A dispatch from Cornelius to The Observer states that deceased was universally loved and esteemed in that town and community and that news of his death fell like a pall over the entire community.

The parents of the deceased, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Hoyle, live at Carthage. During the pastorate of the deceased here his parents lived for a while with him and during a part of the time they lived on a farm in Bladen county.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Kinlaw of Howellsville

Wilbur, 3-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Sandy Kinlaw, who live in Howellsville township, died Monday. The child had been sick for some time with colitis.

NEW BRIDGE NEEDED

Committee Appointed to See About New Bridge Beyond Iron Bridge at Foot of Fifth Street—Collect All Taxes

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Tuesday evening Mayor Jas. D. Proctor and Messrs. J. B. Bowen and E. M. Johnson, members of the board, were appointed a committee to meet with the county board and make some arrangements about putting in a new bridge just beyond the river from the double iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street.

This bridge was washed out last summer when the water in the river went above high water mark, and while a temporary bridge was put in, it is a dangerous affair.

The clerk and treasurer was asked to write Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod a letter urging him to collect all taxes due the town for the year ending May 31, 1917.

China is in the Throes of Civil War

San Francisco Dispatch, July 4.

China is in the throes of civil war and a battle is being fought today between the troops of the preservation of the republic and the northern forces of the young Emperor, according to cable advices received here today by the Chinese Nationalist league.

The first clash was announced as having occurred yesterday by officials of the league, who claim the sources of its information is unquestionable.

The advices today state that President Lo Yuan Hung is safe in Peking and Vice President Fung Kuck Jung is directing troop movement in Nanjing.

Japan to Adhere to Policy of Non-Interference

Tokio Dispatch, July 3.

General Chang Hsun, says a dispatch from Peking, asked Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, on June 22 whether Japan would support a movement for the restoration of the monarchy in China. Baron Hayashi replied that Japan would adhere to its policy of non-interference.

Should the restoration appear to succeed, it is believed here, it may precipitate a decisive struggle between the northern and southern provinces. The opinion has been expressed there that should serious disorders arise Japan and the allies might be forced to take protective action.

Baptists Plan Campaign to Raise a Million Dollars

The board of education of the Baptist State convention held its annual session at Wrightsville Beach Tuesday and outlined its plan of organization for a campaign to raise a million dollars for the endowment and equipment of the educational institutions under the control of the denomination.

The wisest and most judicious man that can be found, one whose leadership will inspire confidence in all the churches, is to be selected by the executive committee of the board, and he is to direct the campaign, organizing each district association and each church, and to enlist, as far as may be possible, all the 270,000 Baptists in the State in this gigantic effort to advance the interests of all the denominational schools.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS

Hearing on Consolidation of Oakton and Proctorville Schools First Monday in August—Appropriation for Home Demonstration Agent—\$5,000 to be Borrowed—Supt. Poole Re-elected for Term of 2 Years—Petition for Bond Election for Building

The county board of education held its regular monthly meeting Monday in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole. The following business was transacted:

W. N. Gibson was appointed a member of the board of trustees of the Red Springs graded school, in place of J. H. Turner, who failed to qualify.

Mr. W. R. Surles, representing the Proctorville school, appeared before the board and asked that a hearing be granted on the first Monday in August for the purpose of consolidating the Oakton school and the Proctorville school, and same was granted. The superintendent was instructed to notify the committee of both schools to be present at that time for the consideration of same.

Ordered that an appropriation of \$300 be made to the Indian Normal for the purpose of paying teachers' salaries for teaching 80 children in the primary department.

C. T. Pate was appointed a committee to investigate the condition of the school building in district No. 4, colored, Alfordville township, and report at the next meeting.

J. R. Davis was appointed school committee in district No. 2, Britt township, in place of A. S. Thompson, who failed to qualify.

An appropriation of \$200 was made for paying the expenses of a whole-time home demonstration agent.

Ordered that \$2.50 be allowed district No. 4, Britt, part payment on pump.

Robert Galbreath and D. H. Chambers were appointed school committees in district No. 3, Smith township, colored, for terms of 2 and 3 years, respectively.

District No. 6, Thompson, Indian, was allowed \$75 for building purposes, provided the district contribute an equal amount and complete the building.

Superintendent Poole was instructed to sell the old public school house in district No. 2 Britt township, at public auction on Friday, July 27th. The chairman and secretary were instructed to issue a note for \$5,000 to the National Bank of Lumberton, payable 90 days from date, account of necessary expenses, teachers' salaries, etc.

Ordered that a note for \$2,000 be paid the Bank of Red Springs, account of money borrowed.

The resignation of Mr. J. H. Chason as school committeeman in district No. 9, Lumber Bridge township, was accepted and Mr. A. W. Johnson was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

The resignation of W. H. Kelly in district No. 1, Sterling township, colored, was accepted, and Robt. Farely was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

The resignation of Mr. Alex McGirt as committeeman in district No. 2, Alfordville township, was accepted, and Mr. John Thompson was appointed to fill out the unexpired term.

An application for a loan of \$750 was ordered made to the State Loan fund for the purpose of building in district No. 2, Britt township, the district and county to contribute an equal amount.

The annual statistical and financial reports of the county superintendent and the county treasurer's high school reports were presented, and it was ordered that a copy be filed in the office of the superintendent and a copy mailed to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Supt. Poole was unanimously re-elected for a term of two years at the same salary—\$1800 the year—and L. R. Stephens was re-elected as clerk for the same term at a salary of \$75 the month.

A petition was presented signed by over one-fourth of the freeholders residing in White Pond public high school district No. 1, Gaddy township, asking that an election be called to ascertain the will of the people in voting on the question of issuing \$3,000 in bonds for the purpose of building a suitable school house in said district and same was ordered approved.

Recorder's Court

T. A. Norment, Jr., and B. H. Wallace were given a hearing before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Tuesday on the charge of an affray. Judgment was suspended upon payment of cost. The affray took place Saturday night, mention of which was made in Monday's Robesonian.

W. N. Smith was given a hearing on the charge of assault upon his wife. Prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost and the defendant was placed under a \$200 bond and must pay his wife \$20 the month until her young baby is 21 years old.

Sewing Unit of National Aid Will Meet July 9

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

The sewing unit of the National Aid will meet on Monday afternoon, July 9th, at 4:30, in the usual room at the high school building. A full attendance is requested, as there are new patterns to be cut.

Any old counterpanes, table cloths, doilies or old soft white scraps that the ladies will bring will be very much appreciated, and can be used to great advantage in our work.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

A Glimpse of the Passing Through Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, July 4—Messrs. H. V. Brown, Furman Floyd, D. G. Rouse and Jim Floyd spent the 4th at Wrightsville Beach.

Rev. B. E. Stanfield left Tuesday afternoon for Mt. Gilead to attend the district conference.

Rev. J. R. Miller and Mr. F. H. Pittman returned home Monday night from Wrightsville Beach, where they attended the Baptist Seaside assembly.

Miss Dorothy Shocket of Baltimore, Md., arrived Wednesday morning to spend a while visiting her uncle and aunt Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunie.

Mr. Crawford Ratley left Monday morning for Rockingham, Ga., where he will visit his sister Mrs. H. McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dunie returned home Monday afternoon from Charlotte, where they had been visiting Mrs. Dunie's sister Mrs. Goldstein.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Bowman of McDonald were Fairmont visitors Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson and Mrs. Eliza Smith returned home Wednesday morning from Jackson Springs where they spent some time.

Messrs. George Grantham and Vernon Lassiter, Misses Mary Belle Ricks and Jeddie Mae Bristow spent Wednesday at Lake Waccamaw.

Mr. W. S. Ivey and two sons, William and Courtney, of Americus, Ga., spent Tuesday with his sister Mrs. C. B. Thompson. They made the trip in their car.

Mrs. W. C. Ashley and children, Mr. Ross and Tola Ashley, of Wake Forest, are visiting friends and relatives in town.

Miss Penelope Ashley returned Tuesday evening from Wrightsville Beach. Before going to the beach Miss Ashley attended a house party at Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Floyd, P. R. Jr., Mrs. A. J. Floyd and daughter, Nell, Mr. W. B. Ratley and daughter, Chat, left Wednesday morning for Jackson Springs. Mr. Floyd and Mr. Ratley returned Wednesday evening.

Dr. J. P. Brown spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Miss Ruth Stanley of Whiteville is visiting her brother Mr. S. R. Stanley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Baker were Lumberton visitors yesterday.

Mr. J. H. Stubbs spent a few days this week in Parkton.

Mr. J. D. McLean spent the weekend at Wrightsville Beach.

Mr. Geo. Grantham and Misses Mary Belle Ricks and Jeddie Mae Bristow were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS

Protracted Meeting at Baptist Church Closes—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, July 4—Mrs. J. D. Callahan is visiting her daughter Miss Nellie in Greensboro. She was accompanied by little Miss Frances Gibson, who will visit her aunt Mrs. Frazier.

Misses Annie Johnson and Hannah Townsend are attending a house party at Beaver lake, near Fayetteville.

Messrs. J. G. Williams, Jimmy Williams, Billy Williams and Phil Bragg left today for a visit to Culpepper, Virginia.

The meeting which had been in progress in the Baptist church for the past ten days came to a close today. Mr. Rollins of Benson conducted the meeting and was a very able preacher. The church was strengthened by his preaching and several members were added to the church.

Miss Ethel Council is visiting her sister Mrs. Charles Hyatt in Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Raymond Corbett is visiting friends in Ivanhoe.

Mrs. George Bullock and children and Miss Mary McEachern are visiting Mrs. Bullock's mother-in-law in Henderson.

Dr. C. G. Vardell was in town Wednesday on his way to Montreat to join his family for the summer. Dr. Vardell has been to New York in the interest of the college.

12 Applications for Pensions Passed

The pension board of Robeson county met in the office of Clerk of the Superior Court C. B. Skipper here Monday. The board met for the purpose of passing on applications for pensions and 12 applications were passed—4 men and 8 widows of Confederate veterans. The board will meet again the first Monday in August for the purpose of passing on applications that may be made at that time.

Best Year in History of Baptist Orphanage

Last year was the best in the history of the Baptist orphanage at Thomsville, according to the report brought back by Mr. Stephen McIntyre of Lumberton, who is a member of the board of trustees of the orphanage and who attended the annual meeting of the board at Thomsville last week. The contributions and incomes at the orphanage last year were more than \$112,000, of which \$64,000 was voluntary contributions. There are more than 500 boys and girls at this institution and the orphanage is full to the brim, Mr. McIntyre said. However, another building will soon be added and more room made. There were 19 girls and 5 boys who graduated from the high school this year.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. L. F. Cary of Atlanta, Ga., has accepted a position in the DuBois bakery. Mr. Cary is an experienced baker.

—Mr. M. C. McIntyre of R. 3 from Lumberton has been a patient at the Thompson hospital since Saturday. He is seriously ill.

—It will be well to remember that 20 per cent will be added to the privilege taxes due the town that are not paid before August 1, 1917.

—Miss Ethel Pittman, saleslady in the dry goods department of Mr. John T. Biers department store, is attending the Madam Grace corset school in Raleigh this week.

—Cornelia, 10-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Stephens, who live about 3 miles east of town, broke her right arm between the elbow and wrist yesterday afternoon when she slipped and fell on the wet ground.

—Fire of unknown origin started in the waste house at the Lumberton cotton mill Tuesday night about 8 o'clock, but was quickly extinguished. Slight damage was done by the fire and water used in stopping the fire.

—Mr. M. A. Odum, formerly of Lumberton, but who has been making his home in Philadelphia, Pa., for several months, has returned to Lumberton and will keep books for the Banner tobacco warehouse during the coming season. Mr. Odum is a son of Mr. E. Odum of the Raft Swamp section.

—Mr. D. R. Rhodes of the Bloomington section, below Orrum, who was a Lumberton visitor this morning, says that during recent heavy rains in his section water has flowed over a bridge over which water never flowed before. It rained and rained, and then some, but Mr. Rhodes does not think the crops have been damaged yet.

—The auto-excursion Messrs. Bullock Bros. ran to Wrightsville Beach for the Fourth was very much of a success. They operated 5 cars, carried around 25 people, and made the trip both ways without a puncture or trouble of any kind. The autos left Lumberton at 1 p. m. Tuesday and left the beach at 5 p. m. yesterday, arriving safely last night.

—Thirty-one Lumberton people attended the Baptist Seaside assembly at Wrightsville Beach and, as will be seen from an item reproduced from today's Wilmington Star elsewhere in this paper, Lumberton won the candy, a 10-pound stick, for being represented by the largest number. Practically all who attended from Lumberton have returned home.

—The Fourth passed off quietly in Lumberton. Banks and stores, except drug stores, were closed, Sunday hours were observed at the postoffice, and the letter carriers had a day off. A Sunday air prevailed and nobody seemed at work except at the drug stores and The Robesonian office, at which office work had to go on as usual in order to get out the paper today.

—A cow belonging to Mr. F. M. Townsend of McDonald recently gave birth to a calf that had two well-developed heads, according to Mr. J. V. Faulk of McDonald, who was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. Faulk says the two heads looked perfectly natural and both heads were equipped with eyes and the other things that make up a calf's head. The calf died.

—Not a single quart of the "old familiar juice" has been received at the local express office since June 30, when the "bone-dry" law went into effect. The memory of the oldest inhabitant runs not back to a time when it could be said that none of the O be joyful had come into Lumberton by the express route during the same length of time. These be new days.

—Mr. W. H.