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BOARD PASSES ON MORE MEN

Exemption Board of Robeson District 1 Calls Six More Men Into Uncle Sam's Service and Exempts 29

Six additional men were called into the service of the United States by the local board of Robeson district 1 Thursday and 29 additional men were exempted or discharged.

This makes 253 men that the local board has passed in all, including 39 who failed to report for examination.

Called Into Service

Lawrence Freeman, Orrum. Will Ford, colored, Marietta. John McBryde, colored, Lumberton. Alexander Meares, colored, Fairmont.

Exempted or Discharged From Service

Joseph T. Bullock, Barnesville. Claud Woodell, Lumberton. John H. Lee, Lumberton r4. Wm. Henry Newton, Lumberton. Clifton C. Blake, Lumberton. Zora J. Wilson, Lumberton. Arthur Hedgpech, colored, Fairmont. Thos. McNair, colored, Lumberton. Hosey Jacobs, Indian, Fairmont. Wm. M. Ward, Lumberton. John David Hammons, Indian, Lumberton r1.

Around 20,000 Cans Put Up

14,997 Cans of Foodstuffs Reported From Homes Canvassed in Lumberton—It is Estimated That Number Will Reach 20,000

Fourteen thousand nine hundred and ninety-seven cans of vegetables and fruits canned in Lumberton during the summer is the astonishing total by actual count from reports made to Mrs. J. D. McAllister, chairman of the canning unit of the National Special Aid society, in a partial canvass of the homes of the town, and it is estimated that a complete record would reveal that the number of cans of foodstuffs put up in Lumberton homes would total around 20,000.

Mr. J. A. McAllister, in mentioning this surprising count, called attention to two other ladies whose products were not counted in this total, who had put up 500 and 300 cans, respectively.

Congress Starts on Home Stragth—Money Bills Center of Interest

Washington Dispatch, Sept. 23. Congress begins tomorrow what members hope is their home-stragth in a race toward adjournment. Results of the week probably will determine whether the special war session can end, as is the general aim and understanding, between October 5 and 12.

Both houses are having difficulty in keeping a quorum for the final clean-up, despite the congestion of important legislation, so the leaders are anxious to hurry their program through.

Money bills are the center of interest. During the last week Congress sent the \$11,538,000,000 bond bill to the President. Tomorrow conferees hope to finally agree on the war tax bill, and the Senate appropriation committee meets to increase the seven billion dollar war deficiency appropriation measure between \$900,000,000 and \$500,000,000. Prompt enactment of the latter is expected, but disagreement on the tax bill, all leaders agreed, would disrupt adjournment plans.

Declaration of War by Argentina Postponed

Buenos Aires Dispatch, Sept. 23. Just as the Argentine Chamber of Deputies early this morning was preparing to vote on the question of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany, an official communication was received from the Berlin foreign office. The note disapproved of the ideas expressed by Count Luxburg, the German minister here, regarding Germany's "cruiser warfare."

Can all the peas you can.

People living at the cotton mill villages about town have reduced the h. c. l. considerably this year by planting gardens. Mr. I. S. McManus, superintendent of the Lumberton cotton mill, raised 26 bushels of corn on one-third of an acre this year. He brought to town Friday six ears of corn under one shuck which he gathered from his patch.

GOVERNOR PROPOSES TO DRAFT 5,000 MEN BETWEEN AGES OF 31 AND 45

Not Less Than 25 Men in Any County

Raleigh Dispatch, Sept. 23. In a proclamation issued tonight Gov. Bickett invokes active service of the "unorganized militia" as constituted by an act of the last General Assembly ratified March 6 and consisting of all male citizens of the State between the ages of 18 and 45, the call including those 31 to 45. The Governor proposes to draft 5,000 men from this unorganized militia with not less than 25 men to any county and bigger companies for the larger counties.

The regulations for the selective draft are to be immediately framed and the draft accomplished with the least possible delay in all the counties. Conditions now prevailing in the State, the Governor declares, make this move necessary at this time. The plan is one that was worked out by direction of the Governor some days ago and approved by the State Council of Defense. Among the conditions that are speeding up the formation of the militia companies are the crimes committed the past few days in Wake, Vance, Harnett and Durham counties, all of which stirred hundreds of people to mob violence if the criminals who committed the outrages can be gotten at.

The State's prison here is the "place of safety" to which criminals are brought to keep mobs from them and a particularly large special military force is contemplated for Raleigh and Wake on that account to deter combinations of mob movements from different counties to force even the State prison under some circumstances.

Already there is formed a formidable special company of selected citizenry here for service of this sort to be ready for any emergency. The organization was perfected tonight in the State house with Adj. Gen. Lawrence W. Young and Maj. W. F. Moody directing the movement. The men were called to the service through special letters and telephone the past few hours and they are understood to be ready for any emergency.

SOME MORE OF THE SAME

How Germany "Shamefully Abused and Exploited" Protection of U. S. at Bucharest

Washington Dispatch, Sept. 23. How Germany "shamefully abused and exploited" the protection of the United States by secreting in the German legation at Bucharest after the American government had taken charge of Germany's affairs at the Rumanian capital, quantities of powerful explosives for bomb plots and deadly microbes, with instructions for their use in destroying horses and cattle, was revealed today by Secretary Lansing.

It was another of Mr. Lansing's series of disclosures of German intrigue, made public without comment in the same manner as the von Luxburg telegrams which have brought Argentina to the verge of war with Germany, the von Eckhardt letter from Mexico City and the von Bernstorff telegram asking the German foreign office for authorization to spend \$50,000 to influence Congress.

Preacher Charged With Immoral Conduct

Rev. J. H. Bennett, pastor of Centenary Methodist church in Greensboro, a church having a membership of 500, has given up his pastorate and left the city because he was confronted with a charge of immoral conduct which he could not deny, according to a dispatch of the 23rd from Greensboro. Police officers, the dispatch states, found him in a house of prostitution in a room with a negro woman, and it was charged that his visits to the place had been frequent. Saturday night Bennett and his wife left the city. The dispatch states that Mr. Bennett had made a fine impression in Greensboro and was regarded as about the best preacher there. He is a native of western North Carolina. For many years he preached in the State of Washington and returned to North Carolina a few years ago. He had been in Greensboro 2 years.

Both Legs Cut Off in Sawmill

Mr. Frank McDonald, superintendent of Johnson's sawmill at St. Paul, had both legs cut off at the mill Friday afternoon, his presence of mind alone saving him from a horrible death. A dispatch from Fayetteville, to a hospital in which town the injured man was taken, says that Mr. McDonald was on the log carriage making some adjustment when he accidentally touched the lever which starts the carriage. Seeing that he would be thrown on the saw before he could stop the carriage, he managed to save his life, but both legs were cut off, and it was necessary to amputate both limbs higher up. Mr. McDonald has a wife and 5 children.

Mr. McDonald is a brother-in-law of Mr. J. C. Maxwell of Lumberton.

—Miss Emilie Woodward, stenographer for the National Bank of Lumberton, will leave tomorrow for her home at Morganton, where she will spend some time. Miss Woodward has been sick for several days and will go home to take a rest. She is being relieved by Miss Nora Leigh Pope of the Long Branch section.

EXCURSION RATES ELIZABETH TOWN TO LUMBERTON

Low Rates Proposed for First Week in October—New Schedule on V. & C. S. Makes it Convenient to Spend Day in Lumberton

There is a move on foot for arranging with the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Co. to offer excursion rates from Elizabethtown and all points between that point and Lumberton throughout the first week in October. If the plan is carried out, a special rate of \$1.50 for the round trip from Elizabethtown to Lumberton will prevail during the entire week. The regular fare is \$2.10. Rates from all other points would correspond with the Elizabethtown rate.

If the special rate is given it will be for the purpose of giving people living in Bladen a cheaper way of getting to Lumberton to shop.

Since the new schedule went into effect on the V. & C. S. people living at Elizabethtown can leave home early in the morning, spend the day in Lumberton and return home the same night, leaving Lumberton at 6:25 p. m.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Mr. Henry Pittman, Aged Citizen of Wishart Township

Mr. Henry Pittman, aged 93 years and 4 months, died at his home in Wishart township Thursday. The funeral was conducted Friday by Rev. L. E. Dailey and interment was made in the family burying ground. Deceased is survived by his wife and a number of children.

Mr. Pittman was one of the oldest men in the county and was well known. He was a member of Antioch Baptist church and his neighbors say he was a mighty good man.

Mrs. Mariman M. Watts of Broad Ridge

Mrs. Mariman M. Watts, aged 38 years, died at her home at Broad Ridge Saturday morning following a stroke of paralysis, which she suffered three days before her death. She is survived by her husband and several small children. Deceased was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Lawson of Orrum.

Recorder's Court—Case Dismissed Because Ordinance Had Not Been Recorded

The following cases have recently been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt:

John Roach, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Dave McDowell, colored, drunk; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Perry Campbell, two charges, drunk and driving auto while in drunken condition; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost in each case, which amounted to \$16.15.

Wesley Herring, using profane language on public highway; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

E. L. Holloway, letting bull dog run at large in town; dismissed. While it was proven that Mr. Holloway had been letting his dog run at large, it was found that the ordinance recently passed relating to letting bull dogs run at large had not been recorded by the town clerk and treasurer. The reason that the clerk, Mr. Ira B. Townsend, had not recorded the ordinance was the fact that his typewriter was out of commission.

Negro Draft Men to be Called October 3rd

A majority of the negroes of the national army will be called out for mobilization at the training cantonments summoned for October 3. In making this announcement Saturday, Secretary Baker added that the negroes called would be from States with the largest percentage of negro population. Those from States with few negroes will be mobilized later.

The policy of organizing separate colored and white army units will be strictly adhered to. Where a subdivision has not sufficient negro drafted men to make up a company or other unit, the men will be assigned to complete units at another cantonment.

The percentage of drafted, white or colored, to be called October 3 will vary in accordance with the degree of completion of cantonments to which they are assigned.

Carey Known in Robeson—At One Time Arrested as Deserter From Navy

The E. D. Carey referred to in a news item on page seven as having been arrested on a charge of desertion from the army and as having married a girl and deserted her at Fayetteville, with a wife and child living at Charlotte, is well-known in Robeson, having lived at Orrum several years ago when his mother taught music in the Orrum high school. It was while his mother was living at Orrum that he enlisted in the U. S. navy. He was advertised at one time as a deserter from the navy and was later arrested.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, left this morning for Fairmont and Orrum, where they will visit the school at each place today. Prof. Poole and Dr. McPhaul will visit the schools of the county as fast as possible.

PHILADELPHUS SCHOOL NEWS

Fall Term Begins Under Auspicious Circumstances—The Faculty Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Philadelphia, Sept. 22—On the morning of September 11 the Philadelphia school opened with an enrollment of 95 students. Even the elastic step of the pupils as they marched in order into the school auditorium showed the enthusiasm and the determination with which both pupils and teachers were entering this new school year.

Many patrons and friends of the school were present at the opening and when all were assembled Mr. O. O. Dukes gave a Scripture reading, a prayer followed; then he introduced Mrs. Ethel Reeves, who is principal of the Philadelphia school. She responded with a very fitting talk and when she had finished Rev. H. M. Dixon addressed the student body in his usual impressive way.

The school year is opening with unusually bright prospects. Already the two high school literary societies have been organized. Misses Marjorie Humphrey and Margaret Brown have been elected first-term librarians.

Both the junior and senior tennis clubs are planning for their autumn games.

The corps of teachers in charge of the school this year are: Miss Ethel Reeves, Latta, S. C., principal; Mr. O. O. Dukes, principal of farm life school; Mrs. D. C. McNeill, Red Springs, assistant in high school; Miss Nena Rhyne, Gastonia, domestic science; Mrs. J. P. Ashley, Norfolk, Va., grammar grades; Miss Mary Tiddy, Red Springs, intermediate grades; Miss Katie Buie, Red Springs, elementary grades; Miss Mary Burke Cooper, Red Springs, music.

Means Charged With Murder of Mrs. King and Arrested—Hearing Today

Gaston B. Means was arrested at his home at Concord Saturday on a warrant charging him with the murder of Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy New York and Chicago widow who was mysteriously killed near Concord on the evening of August 29. His preliminary hearing before a magistrate was set for this morning.

The arrest of Mrs. King's so-called business manager followed a long conference Saturday between Solicitor Hayden Clement and representatives from the office of District Attorney Swann of New York, who took to Concord many documents seized in a raid upon Means' New York apartment several days ago. After swearing out a warrant for Means, Solicitor Clement announced that the coroner's inquest would not be reopened Monday as planned. As a preliminary move before having the warrant issued for Means' arrest, Solicitor Clement made a demand that Means deliver to the authorities the clothes, firearms, cartridges and other effects of Mrs. King when she was killed and which are said to be in Means' possession. Means refused to comply with the demand.

Means has asserted all along that Mrs. King accidentally shot herself. When the body reached Chicago, where it was sent for interment, an autopsy was performed and it was asserted that there were no powder burns on Mrs. King's head and that she could not have shot herself. The ball entered the back of her head. A pistol expert of New York who has investigated the case has stated that it would have been impossible for the woman to shoot herself in the manner she was killed.

Body of Mrs. Robt. Bingham Secretly Exhumed

Louisville Dispatch, Sept. 23. The body of Mrs. Robert Worth Bingham, formerly Mrs. Henry M. Flager, secretly was exhumed at Wilmington, N. C., shortly after midnight last Thursday at the instance of Mrs. Bingham's relatives, an autopsy performed in the presence of a detective of national reputation and several physicians, some of the vital organs removed and sent to New York and the body presumably re-interred, according to a statement given out here tonight by attorneys for Judge Bingham.

All of this was done surreptitiously, the statement declares, the secret being closely guarded, until the object was accomplished, and adds: "It belongs to the public to form its own opinion of this ghastly drama."

"When, if ever," the statement concludes, "whispered suspicion shall be an admissible charge, such charge will be met with facts."

Negro Rushed to Charlotte From Raleigh

Earl Neville, the negro whom a mob sought to take from Wake county jail Thursday night, was sent to Charlotte in an auto Friday night. He is charged with committing a capital offense Wednesday night against the wife of a Raleigh street car conductor.

Gov. Bickett Friday ordered a special term of Wake Superior court to convene October 8 to try Neville. Judge Geo. W. Connor of Wilson will preside.

To be Tried on Charge of Retailing Dock and Norman Hardin, Indians, who live at Pembroke, were arrested Friday by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt on the charge of retailing. They were brought to jail and will be given a hearing before Recorder E. M. Britt Wednesday of this week.

RED SPRINGS NEWS NOTES

Engagement Announced—Movements of the People

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Sept. 22—Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Dixon announce the engagement of their daughter Catherine Fitzsimmons to Lieut. Thomas A. DeVane, the wedding to take place in October.

Miss Alice Hall has returned to Spartanburg, S. C., where she will be a member of the senior class at Converse college.

Miss Myrtle Rodwell has returned from a visit to friends at High Point and is the guest of her cousin Miss Elizabeth Sikes.

Mrs. T. G. Frazier of Greensboro is visiting her mother, Mrs. Fannie Marsh.

Mrs. Gaddy and daughter, Miss Mary, arrived last week and are guests of Mrs. J. S. Jones.

Miss Delena Gibson has returned from a visit to friends at McGoll. Mr. Leak Lovin left Saturday for Durham, where he will be a student at Trinity Park.

Dr. and Mrs. Robeson of Georgia are the guests of Dr. Robeson's sister Mrs. Mary Eliza McKinnon.

Mrs. James H. Townsend has returned from Mocksville, where she visited her parents.

Mr. K. C. Denny spent the weekend in High Point with relatives. Miss Elizabeth Frye spent Tuesday in Lumberton.

Leut. Wm. B. Townsend spent the weekend here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Townsend.

Miss Louise Dixon returned to Laurinburg Sunday, after visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. H. M. Dixon.

Mrs. J. H. Merritt and small son are guests of Mrs. Merritt's mother, Mrs. E. L. Cox.

Misses Eunice Pearsall and Wyatt McKinnon have returned from Lumberton, where they visited Mrs. Junius Goodwin.

Mrs. T. E. Lovin is visiting her mother, Mrs. King, at St. Paul. Miss Nell DeVane is visiting relatives in Raeford.

Miss Harriet Baker of Jacksonville, Fla., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum.

Miss Janie Williams was the guest of Mrs. J. E. Purcell last week.

Mrs. Seavy Highsmith and daughter, Ethel Johnson, are guests of Mrs. Highsmith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Johnson.

Mr. Ed Williamson and daughter of Fayetteville were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Vardell.

Mr. Angus Hodgkin left last week for Atlanta.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roseboro of Jacksonville, Fla., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum.

Misses Kate R. Brown and Gertrude Bostick have returned from Baltimore.

Mrs. Wm. Horne of Fayetteville is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Callahan.

Mrs. James Morgan was the guest of Miss Ida Morgan a few days last week.

Mr. Henry Graves of Carthage spent Friday in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Corbett have returned from Charleston, S. C.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

Lecture on Red Cross Work—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Sept. 22—Solicitor H. L. Lyon and Mrs. Lyon, Mrs. G. W. Burkhead, Misses Pauline Toon and Loula High of Whiteville were Fairmont visitors Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. P. Andrews, Mrs. Pool and Miss Artimesia Rozier were Fairmont visitors Thursday.

Dr. J. P. Brown left Saturday night with Mrs. C. M. Oliver, Mrs. Haynes Ivey and Mr. R. R. Barnes, Jr., for Baltimore, Md., where he took them to Johns Hopkins hospital for treatment.

Mrs. A. Nash, Mrs. C. B. Skipper, Misses Sadie Datt, Margaret and Janie Russell and Mr. Shepard Nash of Lumberton spent a short while in town Friday.

Mrs. Florence Andrews and Mrs. Leroy Girmsley returned Friday from McGoll, where they visited relatives.

Mr. H. V. Brown left Saturday night for Baltimore, Md., where he will enter the university school of medicine.

Mrs. E. Fisher, Mrs. B. E. Stanfield and Miss Chat Ratley spent Friday in Fayetteville.

Mrs. Jim Alford, who had been visiting her parents at Enfield, returned home Friday night.

Mrs. E. J. Pittman, Miss Elizabeth Baker and Mr. H. V. Brown spent a while in Lumberton Friday.

Mrs. W. P. Webb of Rockingham lectured on the Red Cross work at the school auditorium Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Webb made a splendid lecture which was enjoyed by every one present.

Summary of War News—Another German Stroke on Russian Front

This morning's summary of the war news states that on none of the battle areas of Europe has there been any marked activity in the last 24 hours.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—K. O. T. M. meet tonight. Special business.

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Blake, at their home, East Fifth street, Saturday, a boy.

—Mr. D. R. Bullock has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. John T. Biggs' store. He began work this morning.

—License has been issued for the marriage of George West and Nora Norris; Walter D. Thompson and Cora Justice.

—Amelia Suggs and Jim Jenkins, a colored couple, were married Saturday afternoon at the home of the officiating officer, Justice M. G. McKenzie.

—Miss Bertha Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Barker, left Friday morning for Madison, Rockingham county, where she will teach in the graded school.

—Quite a number of Lumberton people went to the "fishing" at Atkinson's mill pond, near Proctorville, Thursday. They report quite a number of fish caught.

—Miss Sadie Thompson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Thompson, will go tomorrow to Greenville to resume her studies at the East Carolina teachers training school.

—Mr. Lee Stone, who had been employed at Hopewell, Va., for several months, returned home Thursday night and expects to be in Lumberton two or three months.

—Masters Anthony and Bernard Redmond left yesterday for Charleston, where they will enter the Bishop England high school. Master Anthony will finish his work there this year.

—Gen. and Mrs. F. A. Bond, who spent the summer at their cottage at Fort Fisher beach, near Wilmington, have returned to their winter home at Hunters' lodge, R. 6 from Lumberton.

—All Jewish places of business in town will be closed from Tuesday 6 p. m. to Thursday 6 a. m., on account of Yom Kippur, Day of Atonement, which orthodox Jews observe as holiday.

—Messrs. Grantham Brothers have installed a Darnall steam sterilizer at their drug store and will future sterilize all glasses, spoons, etc., after they have been used before they are used again.

—Mr. W. J. Wilkerson of the Center section is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Wilkerson informed The Robesonian that a new Baptist church to cost around \$3,000 would be erected at Center at an early date.

—Mr. Ed Taylor of Howellsville township was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Taylor says he has repaired the road crossing the Big swamp at Smith's bridge so that people can drive across all right.

—A live rattlesnake was on exhibition on front of the court house Saturday and many took a look. The snake, which has 15 rattles, was caught by Mr. F. A. Wishart at his farm, about 3 miles from town on the Fairmont road, Friday.

—Mr. M. O. Register, who has held a position for several months with the Pope Drug Co., left this morning for Raleigh, where he will enter Page's school of pharmacy.

—Mr. Register expects to return to Lumberton and resume his duties at the Pope store about November 1.

—Messrs. A. V. G. Wishart and J. W. McCallum and Miss Flora Wishart will leave this evening for Deland, Fla., where Thursday afternoon of this week Mr. Wishart will be married to Miss Ruth Virginia Jackson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Jackson. Mr. McCallum will be best man. Miss Wishart is a sister of the groom-to-be.

—Mr. V. B. McMillan has been confined to his room for several days as a result of being burned when he walked into a bed of hot ashes near the Jennings cotton mill one night recently. Mr. McMillan had been up the river in his gasoline launch and the engine got wrong and he left the boat and went to the mill shop to get some aid. While returning to his boat he walked into the bed of live coals. Mr. McMillan was wearing a pair of high top shoes, which saved him from being burned much worse than he was.

Woman Shot From Ambush—Armed Citizens Hunt White Man

Miss Nellie Ball, daughter of Dave Ball, was shot from ambush at her home in the Bahama section of Durham county Friday night. While the young lady was in a stooping posture lifting coolers of milk from a spring near her home a bullet from a 44 Winchester rifle penetrated across her back and touched the cavity of her chest. It is thought she will recover. John Long, a 34-year-old white man of Bahama, who had been employed by Mr. Ball and had been discharged, is charged with the crime and a dispatch of the 22d from Durham states that 15 men, armed with rifles, were hunting Long.

Messrs. W. M. Andrews and Lawrence Wilson of Fairmont are among the visitors in town today.

—Mr. David F. Britt of R. 4 from Lumberton was among the callers at The Robesonian office Saturday.

—Mr. J. W. Ward of Rowland, a member of the board of county commissioners, is a Lumberton visitor today.