

BUY LIBERTY BONDS

Campaign Starts in Earnest in Robeson—Amount Allotted to County is \$400,000—Strenuous Campaign to Sell That Amount Will be Carried on This Week and Next—Rally Evening of Oct. 24.

Robeson county people are asked to buy \$400,000 worth of bonds of the second Liberty loan. That is the amount allotted to the county of the \$27,000,000 that North Carolinians are expected to take, and a determined, earnest, never-say-die campaign to put it across and see that the county does its duty and stands by the government in this all-important matter has been launched. Lumberton and vicinity are expected to take \$200,000 of this amount.

Already good work has been done. Good reports come from St. Paul, Lumber Bridge, Parkton, Rowland and McDonda, showing that active work is being done in those sections. Mr. A. W. McLean, chairman of the county Liberty Loan committee, addressed a very enthusiastic meeting in the school auditorium at Rowland Tuesday. The committee there, consisting of B. A. Edens, W. L. Buck and Rev. H. J. Mills—and others are actively at work, making a house-to-house canvass. It is evident that patriotic spirit is very much alive in Rowland town and section. That section sent a goodly number of volunteers to the army, and the people are determined to loyally support their soldier boys. Rowland and vicinity will take around \$50,000 of Liberty bonds.

The committee appointed by Chairman McLean for Lumberton and vicinity—committees for the ten districts into which the county has been divided were published in last Thursday's Robesonian—met at the court house yesterday afternoon and outlined plans for a vigorous campaign, which will know no let-up until October 27, when this sale of bonds closes. It was determined at that meeting that men actively connected with each of the three banks of Lumberton should begin this morning active work among their customers, in an effort to get every man who is able to buy a Liberty bond to do so.

Rally October 24.

Next Wednesday evening, October 24, at the court house in Lumberton, a rally will be held for the purpose of giving a final boost to the sale of bonds and to raise whatever subscriptions may be lacking of the county's allotment at that time. October 24 is the day that President Wilson has set aside by proclamation, published elsewhere in this paper, as Liberty Loan Day, when people the country over are urged to come together in their home communities and pledge to each other and to the government their fullest financial support.

In addition to personal solicitation, at the places and times given below speakers will present at public meetings the supreme duty of the hour, to see to it that Robeson county does its full duty in purchasing Liberty bonds.

APPOINTMENTS FOR LIBERTY LOAN SPEAKERS

- Parkton, Saturday, Oct. 20, 4 p. m.—H. E. Stacy & J. McKinnon.
- Red Springs, Monday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p. m.—H. E. Stacy, T. A. McNeill, Jr., Lumber Bridge, Monday, Oct. 22, 5 p. m.—H. E. Stacy, T. A. McNeill, Jr., Pembroke, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p. m.—T. A. McNeill, Jr., W. S. Britt, St. Paul, Monday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p. m.—Stephen McIntyre, J. S. Butler.
- Marietta, Saturday, Oct. 20, 2 p. m.—Stephen McIntyre.
- Proctorville, Monday, Oct. 22, 7:30 p. m.—L. R. Varsar, W. S. Britt.
- Barnesville, Tuesday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p. m.—L. M. Barnes.
- Maxton, Monday, Oct. 22, 8 p. m.—A. W. McLean, G. B. Patterson.
- Fairmont, Friday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p. m.—J. A. Brown.
- McDonalds, Saturday, Oct. 20, 11 a. m.—J. A. Brown.

U. S. Destroyer Damaged by German U-Boat.

Although American torpedo boat destroyers have covered nearly a million miles since the United States entered the war, crossing the ocean, conveying vessels and chasing submarines, only recently has a German submarine succeeded in damaging one of them.

The attack occurred somewhere within the war zone Tuesday, but though the destroyer was badly damaged, she was able to make port. One man, a gunner's mate, Osmond Kelly of Pratt City, Ala., was killed, being blown into the sea by the force of the explosion of the torpedo. Five other men were wounded.

2 Persons Killed in Wreck at Spartanburg.

Two persons were killed at Spartanburg, S. C., last night when a freight engine and 4 cars crashed into the rear of an electric train carrying laborers and soldiers from Camp Wadsworth to Spartanburg. Those killed were Corporal Arthur C. Wright of Buffalo, N. Y., and W. Jesse Edwards of Cavins, S. C. Nine persons were injured. The dispatch from which this is taken stated that it was reported that still another body was in the wreckage and that possibly others had been injured and not reported. The engineer of the freight train was put under arrest by the military police.

More than 40 coal mines in central and southern Illinois, representing between 12,000 and 15,000 miners, were shut down Tuesday and the coal mining industry of the State faces practical paralysis, operators faces practical paralysis, operators stated as a result of the spreading strike of miners, who demand immediate wage increases.

H. C. WILL MAINTAIN

5 ROBESON ROADS

Maintenance Supervisor of State Highway Commission Arrives to Take Charge of Work—Roads Selected to be Worked With Auto License Money.

Five public roads from Lumberton to the county line will be taken over by the State Highway commission the first of next month and maintained under its direction and without expense to the county. These roads are: Fayetteville, Whiteville, Elizabethtown, Raeford via Red Springs, and the Rockingham road via Pembroke and Maxton.

About \$3,000 is available for this work from automobile license taxes paid to the State by Robeson, 70 per cent of which, by act of the last Legislature, comes back to the county to be spent under the direction of the State Highway commission.

Mr. M. E. Miller, maintenance supervisor of the State Highway commission, will have charge of this work in this district, which is district 6, the State being divided for this purpose into 10 districts. This district includes Robeson, Moore, Lee, Harnett, Hoke, Scotland, Cumberland, Bladen, Sampson, and parts of Richmond and Montgomery. Mr. Miller started on the work last week. He has headquarters at Fayetteville. He was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and went from here to Elizabethtown yesterday afternoon.

Verdict of Jury in Carlyle Will Case Sets Aside Will in Favor of Mr. K. M. Biggs—Appeal Taken to Supreme Court.

Trial of the case involving the will of the late Miss Athesia Carlyle was concluded late Monday afternoon when the jury rendered a verdict setting aside the will in which Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton was made the chief beneficiary. Judge Bond ordered that Mr. Biggs pay all the cost in the case. Counsel for Mr. Biggs made a formal motion Tuesday morning before Judge Bond to set the verdict aside, but this the judge refused to do. Notice of appeal to the Supreme court was given.

Owing to the prominence of the late deceased, the size of the estate, and the number of people directly concerned, rarely has a suit attracted more general interest throughout the county. This was the second time the case has been tried here. In May, 1916, exactly the same verdict was rendered by a jury, but Judge F. A. Daniels, who then presided, set the verdict aside. It is said that more than \$25,000 is involved.

It was alleged by the caveators that Mr. Biggs unduly influenced the deceased in making the will which bequeathed to him the major portion of her property. The will that stands now divides the property among a number of heirs, Mr. Biggs sharing with others.

The caveators were represented by Ex-Gov. W. W. Kitchen of Raleigh, Messrs. Bland & Bland of Burgaw and Messrs. Britt & Britt of Lumberton, while Mr. Biggs was represented by Messrs. McLean, Varsar & J. D. Proctor of the law firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor, and Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton.

FOR MILITARY SERVICE

More Men Certified to Local Board as Accepted for Military Service—3 Men Exempted.

The exemption board for the eastern district of North Carolina has certified to the local board as having been selected for military service the following:

- Cornie Lewis, Fairmont r2; Richard A. Dial, Lumberton; Wash. McKay, Elrod; Ben Jones, Fairmont r3; Mosley Page, Fairmont; Worth Floyd, Fairmont; Jim Bellamy, Longs, S. C.; Robt. H. Elwanger, Fairmont; Ambrose Fulmore, Lumberton; Robert Cromartie, Lumberton r4; Julius E. Bryan, Lumberton; Johnnie Collins, Orrum; Thomas G. Collins, Lumberton; James Code, Lumberton r2; Joseph C. Cook, Lumberton; Mem Griffith, Fairmont; Will Ford, Marietta; Jim McBryde, Lumberton r1; Alex. Meares, Fairmont; Duncan C. Ratley, Fairmont; Henry C. Pitman, Boardman; Claud E. Floyd, Barnesville rfd.

Three Exempted. The district board reversed the local board and has exempted from military service on account of having dependents, the following: Coon Miller of Raynham, Clarence G. Townsend of Lumberton, C. C. Burnett, Indian, of Lumberton R. F. D.

MEN OF 21ST CO. SWORN IN

Men Selected for Home Guard Sworn in and Elect Officers—Major J. B. Malloy Elected Captain.

The 50 men selected to make up the 21st company, North Carolina Reserve militia, met at the court house Tuesday morning, were mustered into service by Chairman H. E. Stacy of the county council of defense, and elected the following officers: Major J. B. Malloy of Parkton, captain; C. V. Brown of Lumberton, first lieutenant; W. O. Bennett of Maxton, second lieutenant. Commissions will be issued to the officers by the Governor.

Members of the county council—H. E. Stacy and A. E. White of Lumberton, A. J. McKinnon of Maxton, A. R. McEachern of St. Paul, Dr. J. L. McMillan of Red Springs, J. B. McCormick of Parkton, J. S. Oliver of Marietta—met Tuesday with the men they had selected at a meeting on the 8th inst. to perform the last duty in connection with the company. Their duty was to swear in the men and conduct the election of officers.

Officers were elected by ballot. Only those who had received some military training were considered for officers. The following were placed in nomination for captain: C. V. Brown, who attended a military school; Major J. B. Malloy, for a long time captain of the Lumber Bridge military company, who has done more perhaps than any other man in the county to keep the company alive, who served with the company on the Mexican border and was there promoted to the rank of major; W. O. Bennett, who received military training at the A. and E. college and was formerly captain of the Goldsboro company; T. A. McNeill, Jr., who received military training at school.

Major Malloy tried to have his nomination withdrawn on the ground that the captain ought by all means, he said, to be in Lumberton, since Lumberton is headquarters of the company. But the majority of the men thought his argument and Malloy received a majority of the votes on the first ballot, which resulted as follows: Malloy 22, McNeill 8, Brown 6, Bennett 2. Brown and Bennett were elected first and second lieutenants, respectively, by acclamation.

Similar companies have been organized in every county in the State under the Governor's recent call to take the place of the nation guard and they will be subject to call for duty by the Governor at any point in the State. The main object is for them to protect women and children and preserve law and order in their own counties. Those selected for this duty by the county council at their meeting on the 8th were: C. V. Brown, J. S. McNeill, W. P. McAllister, Jesse McCallum, T. A. McNeill, Jr., Frank A. Wishart, L. B. Townsend, E. L. Hamilton, Alf. H. McLeod, A. T. McLean, J. A. Sharpe—Lumberton; Wade Lamb, Lumberton rfd; D. D. McLaurin, C. D. Smith, Wm. Currie—Rowland; John Smith, Allenton; T. S. Greyard, McDonalds; W. O. Bennett, J. P. Wiggins, Dr. J. O. McLelland, S. H. McKinnon, C. W. Henderson, Murdock McLean—Maxton; Marvin V. Floyd, W. T. Sledge—Fairmont; J. T. Hamilton, C. K. Morgan—Marietta; C. W. McArthur, Rowland rfd; C. W. Walters, Barnesville; Frank Shepard, Orrum; J. B. Humphrey, W. A. Bullock, S. E. Leonard, H. B. Ashley, Jr., Fulton Watson, N. A. Smith—Red Springs; J. A. McGeachy, L. McInnis, J. A. Johnson, Chas. Cardell, J. C. Lindsay, C. H. Howard, L. H. Townsend—St. Paul; Dr. D. C. Currie, Maj. J. B. Malloy, P. H. Fisher, E. K. Campbell—Parkton; A. T. Council, Parkton rfd; Oscar Currie, Shannon; Robt. Monroe, Lumber Bridge.

Of these, all reported and took the oath either at the meeting or later except the following: T. S. Greyard, J. P. Wiggins, Dr. J. O. McLelland, Murdock McLean, W. T. Sledge, C. W. Walters, Frank Shepard, E. K. Campbell, Dr. D. S. Currie, A. T. Council; and the following were appointed in their stead, in the order named: D. P. McKinnon, Rowland; C. H. Whitlock, Maxton; Ben S. Barnes, Maxton; J. M. Armstrong, Maxton; G. W. Thompson, Fairmont; J. P. Townsend, R. H. Crichton, both Lumberton; Chas. Pate, Parkton; J. F. Pittman, Lumber Bridge; E. C. Birmingham, Lumberton. These have taken the oath today.

No Community Will Suffer for Coal, Says Garfield.

Communities really in need of coal can get it at Government prices, Fuel Administrator Garfield announced Monday night, and the supply is ample to meet immediate needs, even in the Middle West, where an acute condition arose through failure, he said, of cities to specifically state their needs.

Appeals should be made to the fuel administrators in each State, Dr. Garfield said, but where there is no State administrator, communications should be directed to the fuel administration at Washington.

School District Chairmen for Save-Food Campaign.

On page 2 of this issue is an article about the save-food campaign, and in this article are given the names of committees appointed for every white school district in Robeson. The first named of each committee is chairman. To the chairmen will be sent pledge cards and other literature, and as soon as a list is received each chairman is expected to call his committee together.

AN APPEAL TO PATRIOTISM!

As chairman of the Liberty Loan committee, I appeal to the patriotic spirit of every man and woman in the county to do their duty by subscribing to the Liberty bonds now! Robeson county has never failed to respond to the call of country. To fail now would be to her everlasting disgrace! Approximately four hundred thousand dollars has been apportioned to the county. It will be over-subscribed if all do their duty. The farmers particularly should subscribe. The high prices of tobacco and cotton are due largely to the war, and those who benefit by these prices are under peculiar obligation to help the government win the war. So far the farmers have subscribed practically nothing. This should not be so.

The Germans say we can't fight, and that we do not amount to anything in this war. Let's show them a thing or two.

A. W. McLEAN, Chairman.

RED CROSS RALLY

Godwin Speaker at Rally at Red Springs—Interesting Features of the Day—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Red Springs, Oct. 17—Among those attending the Raleigh fair are Misses Susie Moore and Hannah Townsend, Messrs. G. H. Hall, A. B. Pearsall and E. F. Townsend—Mrs. W. H. McKinnon and daughter, Miss Wyatt, spent Wednesday in Fayetteville. Miss Jessie Singleton has returned to Baltimore, after a pleasant visit home.—Mrs. J. G. Williams is visiting in Washington, D. C., and Virginia. She expects to be away several weeks.—Mr. and Mrs. Bartram Robeson and children have returned to their home in Bladen county after a pleasant visit to Mrs. Martin McKinnon.

Monday the annual Red Cross rally was held in the auditorium of the college. The parade was led by a wagon in which was a soldier of '76, a minute man, a sailor, and a boy scout. Next came the girls of Flora McDonald, 200 strong, dressed in Red Cross costumes. This was followed by veterans, daughters of the Confederacy and numerous others in automobiles decorated with Red Cross emblems and many flags. The speaker for the day, Hon. H. L. Godwin, was introduced by the mayor, Mr. J. H. McKay. Mr. Godwin gave a very interesting history and outline of the great world war. The orchestra played two beautiful selections. The following officers were elected for the year: chairman, J. S. Jones; vice chairman, Lucius McRae; secretary, Miss Bessie Jones; treasurer, A. B. Pearsall; executive board—J. C. Snoddy, A. T. McCallum, Dr. J. J. Hill, Rev. H. M. Dixon, Rev. A. J. Parker, B. W. Townsend. About \$250 was raised to carry on the work in the work rooms. The meeting closed with "America", sung by Miss Gertrude Courtney, voice teacher at Flora McDonald.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

Chautauqua Begins Saturday—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Oct. 17—Mr. Farrese Lewis, who held a position in Wilson, is home visiting his parents. The first lyceum attraction was given here Monday night at the school auditorium. A large crowd attended and reported it quite a success. The Fairmont Hardware Co. is moving into the building joining Pittman Drug Co., which has been recently rebuilt.

Mr. Pete Ward and sister of Rowland were Fairmont visitors Wednesday.—Mr. T. C. Barnes of Lumberton was a visitor in Fairmont Wednesday.—Quite a crowd from here attended the fair at Philadelphia last week.—Miss Janie Grantham left Wednesday morning for Raleigh, where she will attend the State fair. Much interest is being manifested in the Radcliff Chautauqua which will begin Saturday afternoon and continue through Tuesday, two entertainments being held each day during this time. Judging from the large sale of season tickets, there is every indication that the Chautauqua will be well attended this season.

Organized Effort to Defeat Liberty Loan.

Pro-German agents in the United States have directed their efforts toward defeating the Liberty loan, according to reports to the U. S. Treasury Department, states a Washington dispatch of last night. Their organized propaganda has borne fruit from Minnesota to Texas, it is asserted, in scattered localities where weak efforts have been made, not openly but by indirect methods, to discourage subscriptions. The work of the pro-German agents, officials assert, has been carried on for more than 2 weeks.

Hallowee'n Party.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, Oct. 17—Orrum high school will give a Hallowee'n party at the school building Friday night, October 26th.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. A. Weinstein is buying cotton on the local market this season.

—Mr. W. C. Sessoms has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. N. P. Andrews' store.

—Quite a number of Lumberton people are attending the State fair at Raleigh this week.

—Mr. W. F. French left last evening for the West to buy mules and horses for his sales tables.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Thomas Walters and Sarah Margaret Carver.

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis began his tax collecting rounds Monday. He reports the folks "coming across" in a satisfactory manner.

—Banners advertising the county fair, which will be held in Lumberton November 6, 7, 8 and 9, have been placed on many local automobiles.

—Regular quarterly meetings of the directors of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mill companies were held in the offices of the companies here yesterday.

—Mrs. C. M. Britt of the Mt. Elijam section passed through town yesterday en route to Charlotte, where she will enter a hospital. She was accompanied by Dr. W. L. Grantham.

—All packages mailed to soldiers in France must be censored by the postmaster where the package is mailed. Letters are not censored, however, at the local office, but in Washington.

—Several Lumberton boys around 10 years old have recently left home without the knowledge of their parents. Some have been located at Badin, some at Hamlet and others in Virginia.

—Messrs. B. Tolar and Frank Hall of Rennie are Lumberton visitors today. Mr. Tolar says he has the best crop of corn he has had in many a year, and that there are others rejoicing over the same good fortune.

—Mr. D. L. Whitting of Gibson has accepted a position in the hardware department of Mr. L. H. Caldwell's department store. He began work Monday. Mr. Whitting will move his family to Lumberton at an early date.

—Mrs. L. R. Varsar left this afternoon for Kinston, her former home, where she is on the program to sing two solos at a recital which will be given at the First Baptist church of Kinston tomorrow evening in celebration of the installation of a new pipe organ. Mrs. Varsar intended to leave this morning but missed the train and Mr. Varsar drove her to Fayetteville this afternoon in her car.

—The Lumberton postoffice has been made central accounting office for all the other postoffices in the county. The reports from all these offices are sent to the office here, where they are audited and then sent to the Postoffice Department at Washington. Heretofore each office has mailed reports direct to the department at Washington. Stamps, postal cards, etc., are distributed to the various offices in the county by the postoffice here.

—Among the witnesses summoned from a distance for the Carlyle will trial was Mrs. Mary H. Klarrp of Statesboro, Ga., who nursed the late Miss Athesia Carlyle during her last illness. Mrs. Klarrp went Monday evening to Red Springs to visit Mrs. Geo. Ratley. On her way to Lumberton she visited at the home of Mr. Dennis Ratley at Florence, S. C., and during the trial she was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Carlyle at Rozier. Miss Ethel Carlyle of Rozier was in town with her Monday.

—Mr. and Mrs. Angus H. McLean of Vera Cruz, Mexico, arrived this morning from New York, where they spent some time, and will be guests for a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean. Mr. McLean is the youngest son of the late Hector R. McLean, who was a brother of the late Col. Neill Archie McLean, Sr., of Lumberton. Mr. Hector R. McLean was born and raised near Red Springs, in Robeson, and went to Texas shortly after the Civil war. His son Mr. Angus McLean has been living in Mexico for the past 25 years and is a big coffee and sugar planter.

Tolarsville Topics—School Begins.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. —Tolarsville, Oct. 17—School opened here Monday under the efficient management of Miss Flossie Owens of White Oak. Mr. H. H. Stanley of the Ten Mile section attended preaching here Sunday.—Mr. Carey Lewis of this place and Mr. Harry Fisher of Tar Heel left Tuesday for Raleigh, where they will attend the State fair this week.—Mr. Wright Leggett and son and daughter of near Proctorville, attended preaching here Sunday.—Mrs. Claude Barnes and brother, Mr. Thomas Lewis, of Back Swamp visited relatives here last week-end.—Mr. S. E. Humphrey visited relatives at St. Pauls last week. Mr. Humphrey has been suffering with a broken leg for some time but it is somewhat improved now.

Ring Resolutions of Loyalty.

The executive committee of the North Carolina Farmers' union met in Raleigh Tuesday and adopted resolutions preliminary to the approaching annual session of the union in Winston-Salem, declaring that the State Farmers' union "should adopt a ringing resolution of loyalty to the national government and to our Allies in the prosecution of the war," also that "further discussion be eliminated, leaving all matters of detail or policy concerning the conduct of the war and its termination to the individual judgment of members without official action or pronouncement by the State union."

Meatless Day Observed.

Tuesday was observed as "meatless" day in Baltimore and was pronounced a success. No meats of any kind were served in hotels, clubs and leading lunch rooms. Hotel managers said the plan would be made permanent. A "wheatless" day will be introduced next week. New York city's principal hotels and restaurants will institute "meatless Tuesdays" in place of "beefless Tuesdays", beginning next week. Other cities are expected to take similar action.

Mr. A. D. Brown, Wilmington's oldest retail merchant and probably the oldest in the State, died at his home in that city Tuesday. He was 81 years old and had been engaged in business in Wilmington 50 years.