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## COUNTY FAIR SUCCESS

Exhibits Are Fine and Large  
Crowds Are Attending—Live  
Stock Day Tomorrow.

LASTS THROUGH SATURDAY

Robeson's third annual fair is now on in full blast. The fair opened Tuesday morning and the weather man has furnished ideal weather for the occasion. Large numbers of people from all sections of the county and many from other counties are visiting the fair each day and all are favorably impressed with the exhibits, which represent everything grown on the farm.

Splendid Exhibit of Canned Goods. One of the first things that attracts the attention of a visitor to the exhibition rooms is the splendid exhibit of canned goods. Around 1,000 cans of fruits and vegetables are on display. It is a beautiful sight—the fruit of all kinds and the vegetables—and shows what the women of Robeson were doing during the hot summer months.

**Philadelphus Booth.**  
While there are only 4 individual or community booths, these are most attractive. The Philadelphus community booth is a sight to behold. In that booth one finds some of practically everything that can be grown or made on the farm, all sorts of farm products, fruits, etc. Then there are good things to eat, which were prepared by the girls of the farm-life school at Philadelphus. Besides this, one finds all sorts of needlework, crocheted and ready-made garments, which were made by the girls of the farm-life school.

**Philadelphus Booth.**  
The booth is a most creditable one—one of which any community in the world could feel justly proud.

**Raft Swamp Booth.**  
The Raft Swamp community booth is also most attractive and contains many number of farm products and things made in the homes. There are home-knit socks, home-made clothes and canned goods of every description. This, too, is a most creditable booth. The Raft Swamp community is well represented at the fair.

**Lumberton Booth—Edwards' Booth.**  
The Lumberton booth and the individual booth prepared by Mr. B. Sam Edwards of Lumberton are also attracting much attention. In the Lumberton community booth are a variety of hand-made articles, hand paintings, etc. In Mr. Edwards' booth are 50 different kinds of home-grown and home-canned edibles.

**Old Relics.**  
In the old relics department one finds things that make them think of days gone by. There are the old-time spinning wheels with which the mothers of the sixties made thread with which to knit and weave cloth to make clothes worn by the family. There is in the display one blanket which belongs to Mrs. J. R. Poole and which was made more than 100 years ago. There can be seen the pants worn by the late Thos. L. Todd of Wishart township when he was married 56 years ago. One also finds in this department old guns, powder horns and other things that will take his mind many years back.

**Attractive Individuals Displays.**  
There are a number of attractive individual displays. Among them is one sent in by Mr. W. O. Blake of R. 5 from Lumberton. In this display Mr. Blake has 76 different things which he has grown or made on his farm. It is a sure-on display variety that Mr. Blake has on display. It would be a difficult task to mention a thing which the average farmer should have about his home that Mr. Blake has not got in his display. Another display which is attracting special attention is a display of 24 different varieties of canned goods which were canned by Mrs. E. J. Barfield of Howellsville township. Mrs. Barfield is more than 75 years old. Mrs. J. Neal Regan of R. 1 from Lumberton also has a splendid display of canned goods. She has 72 different sorts of edibles which she prepared during the summer for winter use.

**Poultry Exhibit.**  
As has been the case heretofore, the poultry exhibit has outlasted every other department of the county fair. This year the poultry exhibit is up to the usual high standard and perhaps better than ever. There are 130 coops of chickens on display, besides many coops of turkeys, ducks, etc. Here one finds chickens of every breed known. It is perhaps safe to say that there has not been a better poultry exhibit in the State this year than can be seen at the Robeson county fair. If you enjoy looking at chickens—fine chickens—take a trip through the poultry department of the fair. They are there.

**State Board of Health Exhibit—Cause, Symptoms and Treatment of Tuberculosis.**  
One of the most instructive features of the fair is the display showing the cause, the symptoms, the treatment, etc., of tuberculosis, sent here by the State Board of Health. Miss Vera Herring of Raleigh has charge of this exhibit. In this one is told or shown what are the allies of tuberculosis. Among the things named are the allies are: roller towels, tobacco, snuff, cigarettes, patent medicines and whiskey. Then one can see how tuberculosis is spread. This is done by careless spitting, using the public drinking cup, kissing, coughing and sneezing with mouth unshielded. The showing also teaches the importance of fresh air and the free use of the sleeping porch. A design is on display showing how to construct the sleeping porch. A placard reads, "Every home should have a sleeping porch."

## U. S. MISSION IN ENGLAND

Col. House Heads Mission for First Great War Conference in Which United States Will Participate—To Map Out Campaign Plan to End War Speedily and Satisfactorily.

Washington Dispatch, Nov. 7. An American mission landed in England today on the eve of the opening of the first great war conference in which the United States will participate.

Col. Edward M. House, President Wilson's personal friend and adviser, is the officially designated representative of the United States. He is accompanied by a staff representing every war agency in the United States, including Admiral Benson, chief of naval operations, and General Bliss, chief of staff of the army.

Announcement by Secretary Lansing tonight of the arrival of the party at a British seaport released American newspapers from a pledge of silence as to the personnel of the mission and its movements. The departure of this group of the most distinguished men in the government's war councils, was a carefully guarded secret until they were safely through the submarine zone. Even many army and navy officials were not aware that their chiefs had sailed.

The date and place of the conference has not been made public, though the understanding here is that the sessions are about to begin.

Only a War Conference. In a statement accompanying his announcement, Secretary Lansing emphasized the fact that this gathering is to be a war conference and nothing else, charged with mapping out a plan of campaign against Germany "to bring this conflict to a speedy and satisfactory end."

There have been many indications that the conference was called at the request of the United States. In selecting its representatives the United States has provided in advance against becoming involved in any discussions of peace terms or political questions. There is no diplomatic representative with the mission. The business at this time of every member of Col. House's staff is war making and there can be no discussion of any matters not having to do directly with the prosecution of the war.

**Meeting of Robeson County Teachers' Association Tomorrow.**

The first meeting of the Robeson county teachers' association of the school year will be held in the high school auditorium here tomorrow. Dr. Cooper of the State Board of Education will address the teachers.

The music teachers of the county will also meet here tomorrow for the purpose of organizing a separate association.

**porch.** The importance of those who are suffering with tuberculosis sleeping in fresh air is also plainly shown. Among the things shown that prevent tuberculosis are: living in fresh air, following health laws, out-door exercise, etc. The things mentioned as the cause of tuberculosis are: overwork, poor or insufficient food, badly cooked, intemperance, poor ventilation, filth and dust. The things named as symptoms of tuberculosis are: run down condition, loss of weight, slight fever in afternoon, a cough lasting more than three weeks.

A look through this exhibit is well worth the dime charged for admission to the fair. Miss Herring is giving away pamphlets on how to keep well, etc., and is anxious that the folks ask for these pamphlets.

**Baby Contest Today.**  
The baby show is on today and 33 babies are in the contest. The judges began their task about noon today. Some of as fine babies as could be found anywhere are in the contest and the mothers are taking great interest in the show.

**Tomorrow is Livestock Day.**  
Tomorrow is livestock day. Already more than 25 fine hogs of various breeds have been brought in and indications are that the livestock department will be a leading feature tomorrow.

**National Aid Serving Dinner.**  
The ladies of the National Aid society are serving dinner in the warehouse where the exhibits are displayed each day. After paying the expenses, all the money cleared will be spent in buying things to be sent to the boys at the front.

When one has gone through the exhibits one can pass on to the midway. The midway is composed of shows of various kinds, all sorts of chance games going on, the ferris wheel is running and the hobby-horses are making their rounds.

All indications are that the fair this year will eclipse all former fairs. More entries have been made and more people will visit the fair than have been coming to the fair heretofore.

If you have not been to the fair, come along. Tomorrow is the last day.

**Fist and Skull Fight.**  
One of the most exciting features yesterday was a fist and skull fight in which Furman Freeman of Lumberton and one of the carnival employees took part. They fought a bad fight and only used their fists. They were parted by Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod before either of them had given it up. Freeman's wife was riding on the ferris wheel and wanted to get off. The manager did not let her off and she tried to spit in his face. The show man then cursed her and Freeman took it up and the fight was soon on. Neither of the combatants was badly hurt.

## SUPERIOR COURT ENDS

Term Closed Yesterday—One to Roads and One Hired Out—Disposition of Cases.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases closed yesterday afternoon after being in session since Monday. The following cases were tried:

Lathrop Leach, distilling liquor. Defendant plead guilty of attempting to manufacture liquor and was sentenced to 5 months on the roads. Leach has already spent three months in jail.

Mathew Leach, bigamy, plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

John McNeill, retailing; \$50 fine and cost.

Nathaniel Jones, simple assault; judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Mathew Leach vs. Lizzie Leach; divorce granted.

Simon Blue, assault with intent to rape. Defendant plead guilty of simple assault and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost, defendant to appear at the February and July terms of 1918 court and show good behavior.

Ben Jones, house-breaking. Defendant plead guilty and was hired out to Mr. E. T. Taylor for 2 years and 4 months.

Mary Jane Oxendine, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant plead guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Conroy Ransom, J. P. Strickland, Alex. Baker, Sr., and Humphrey Jones all plead guilty of failure to list taxes and judgment was suspended in each case upon payment of cost.

Judge W. M. Bond, who presided, left today for his home at Edenton.

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## Success of Second Liberty Loan

Distinct Triumph, Says McAdoo—Third Loan Not Necessary in January.

Washington Dispatch, Nov. 7. Americans responded to the call for a second Liberty war loan by subscribing \$4,617,532,300, an oversubscription of 54 per cent of the \$3,000,000,000 asked, and only \$383,000,000 less than the \$5,000,000,000 maximum fixed by the treasury.

Tabulations completed tonight, eleven days after the close of the nationwide bond-selling campaign, showed that every Federal Reserve district exceeded its quota and \$9,400,000 persons subscribed in the big war financing operation, which Secretary McAdoo described as the greatest ever attempted by any government.

Half of the over-subscribed sum will be accepted, making the actual total of bonds to be issued \$3,808,766,150. Ninety-nine per cent of the subscribers will receive the amount for which they bargained, all subscriptions for \$50,000 or less being allotted in full and those above that amount being pared down in varying proportions, ranging from a 90 per cent allowance on subscriptions between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to 40 per cent for the largest single subscription of \$50,000,000.

**Distinct Triumph, Says McAdoo.**  
"The success of the second Liberty loan, like that of the first is a distinct triumph for the people of the United States," said Secretary McAdoo, announcing the loan results tonight. "It not only demonstrated their ability, patriotism and resources, but argues the certain success of any future loans that may be offered by the government."

The secretary added a denial of reports that a third loan would be solicited in January, 1918.

"In view of the large over-subscription of the second Liberty loan," he said, "I am glad to state that this will not be necessary."

It has been generally understood that the third loan will be sought in late February or early March, next year.

The New York Federal Reserve district subscribed nearly three times as much as the second district on the list—Chicago.

## ANOTHER BRITISH VICTORY

Capture Town for Which Much Bitter Fighting Has Taken Place Recently.

Press Summary, Nov. 7. The British forces in Belgium have won another notable victory over the Germans in the region of Ypres, having captured in one of their intrepid dashes, after a rain of shells of all calibres, the town of Passchendaele, about five miles west of Roulers, for which much bitter fighting has taken place recently.

The new advance of the British throws the apex of their salient in dangerous proximity to Roulers, the fall of which would cut Germany's communication from her submarine bases of Ostend and Zeebrugge with the south.

The indications from the meager dispatches so far at hand, are that the Canadians, who bore the brunt of the operations, extended their line 800 yards beyond Passchendaele. Numerous German prisoners were taken.

**Justifiable Homicide.**  
"Justifiable homicide," was the verdict rendered by the jury which held the inquest over the body of Ernest Hunt, the Indian who was shot and killed Sunday night by Rev. N. J. Page, an account of which was published in Monday's Robesonian.

## SUMMARY OF WAR NEWS

Italian Armies Continue Their Retreat—Aid of Allies is Required—Canadians Holding Gains—Ship Losses Dwindle.

Press Summary, Nov. 8. The Italian armies are continuing their retreat westward over the Venetian plain from the Tagliamento river, and southward from the Dolomites and Carnic Alps region toward the plain. The retreat is declared by the Italian war office to be an orderly one, with the rear guards on both fighting fronts holding back the enemy and with airplanes also playing an important part in harassing the invaders, destroying bridges that have been thrown over the Tagliamento and bombing troops trying to cross the stream.

Although the Berlin official communication asserts that the Germans have reached the Livenza river on the Venetian plains along which it had been expected Gen. Cadorna would fight a retarding action, it is believed that the greater portion of General von Below's forces still is negotiating a passage of the Tagliamento or working its way westward over the float country harassed by the Italian cavalry.

There has been no indication as to where the line of Italians retreating from the hills southward has reached. Nor is there any information concerning where General Cadorna reinforced by the British and French, will make his stand, but the belief still prevails that the Piave river will be chosen for this purpose.

That aid by the Allies is required—and in no unstinted measure—has been asserted in semi-official quarters in Rome. The Teutons are declared to have staked everything on their attempt to crush Italy and the Allies must rush up assistance with the utmost speed if Cadorna is to check the enemy.

**Teutons Left Behind.**  
Thus far since the retreat from the Tagliamento and the north began it is evident that the invaders have not come in close contact with the main Italian forces, for the Berlin war office tells of no battle having been fought anywhere and does not dilate on large numbers of prisoners having been taken, merely saying that several thousand troops have fallen into Teuton hands.

**American Mission Lands.**  
Of great significance to the Italian situation and to that of the Allies generally is the announced arrival in British port of the American representatives of the inter-allied conference which is to discuss and lay plans for the successful carrying on of the war. Col. E. M. House, long known as President Wilson's confidential adviser, heads the mission.

**Canadians Holding Gains.**  
On none of the other fronts than the Italians have there been any engagements of great importance. The Canadians are holding their gains of Tuesday before Passchendaele without the Germans offering serious interference. On the greater portion of the remainder of the western front there have been only small encounters in which the French obtained the advantage over the Germans. Gaza, on the Mediterranean coast in Palestine, has been captured by the British and the column operating north of Beer-sheba has made an additional advance of eleven miles.

**Ship Losses Dwindle.**  
Twelve British merchant vessels sunk by mines or submarines last week marks the minimum losses for any week since Germany began her unrestricted campaign last February.

## SINGLETARY'S X ROADS

Baptist Pastor Resigns—Will Observe Thanksgiving—A Dangerous Practice—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Singletary X Roads (Lumberton, R. 5) Nov. 6—Rev. J. M. Fleming filled his regular appointment at Singletary Cross Roads Sunday p. m. with very interesting services. We reluctantly accepted his resignation, offered to the church. Hope we may obtain the services of another good pastor soon.

Mr. McKay Byrd attended the Robeson association at Proctorville. It seemed to be greatly enjoyed by him. We noted at church Sunday Mr. Charlie Falton and wife of Ten Mile, Mr. and Mrs. Emory Kinlaw of Tabernacle.

Mr. Hoke Parnell and Miss Alma Singletary of Bladen county were married Sunday p. m. Wish them a very smooth sail on the sea of life and may no German submarine be met on the voyage. Many good wishes attend them.

The public school at Sand Hill will open Monday, Nov. 12. It will be taught by Miss Viola Boone. Let all the children be on hand.

We are going to observe Thanksgiving day. Preaching at 11 a. m.; a collection for the orphans; lunch served. In the afternoon we expect Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton to make an address, after which there will be a nice quilt sold. The proceeds will go to the organ fund.

An automobile filled with young men and grape juice, or something not as good, is a dangerous thing, especially on these rough roads of Wishart township. Hope the sight will not meet our eyes any more.

President Wilson went to Princeton, N. J. Tuesday to vote in the State legislative election.

## REX COMMUNITY ORGANIZES

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Country Life Club Formed for Purpose of Building up School and Community Interests—Other Similar Organizations Are to be Formed in Robeson.

Reported for The Robesonian. In accordance with a plan made at a preliminary meeting called at Rex about ten days ago, a second meeting was held Tuesday night of this week for the purpose of effecting the organization of a permanent country life club which shall look to the building up of their school and community interests.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. J. Shaw and after a song by the school children, Mr. L. E. Blanchard, county farm demonstrator, made a strong address on "Community Progress," and outlined a policy for the development of the several phases of rural community life thru the concerted activity of its people. Following this, Miss Lulu Cassidey, home demonstration agent, directed the formal organization of the club, which contemplates working committees along educational, health, agricultural and home economics lines under the direction respectively of the county superintendent of schools, the county health officer, the farm demonstrator and home demonstration agent.

The officers for the club are: Mr. T. C. Lewis, president; Mr. J. J. Shaw, vice president; Miss Etta Williams, secretary-treasurer. The club will hold monthly meetings and special programs dealing with country life problems, and at the same time incorporating some recreational features will be prepared, for it is the purpose of these good people of Rex to set the pace for rural progress in the county. The meeting was characterized by splendid enthusiasm and a strong purpose to achieve success in this undertaking. More than forty adults and a large number of school children composed the audience. We congratulate the people of Rex on taking the initiative in this forward looking movement in the county and assure them of our confidence in their ability and purpose to put Rex on the map. We understand several similar organizations are to be effected in Robeson at early dates, among them being Centenary and Oak Dale.

## FROM PEGAN COMMUNITY

School Begins—No School Tomorrow and the Folks are Coming to the Fair—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Regans (Lumberton, R. 7), Nov. 6—Our school began Monday, Oct. 29, under the efficient management of Miss Fannie E. Britt of Ten Mile as principal and Miss Blanche Thames of Parkton as assistant. We had Miss Thames with us last year, therefore, we know her worth. Both students and patrons are glad to welcome her back in our midst. We are to have music and domestic science introduced in our school this year. We are glad to have a chance at these two subjects, music most especially. Already our basket ball team has been practicing and we hope to have a game with some other school soon. Our teachers think we need some new blackboards, therefore have begun planning an entertainment for Thanksgiving night. Further announcement will appear later.

Rev. J. S. Parker of St. Paul preached an able sermon to his congregation here Sunday afternoon. He was accompanied by Misses Odum and McLean, teachers of the St. Paul graded school.

Miss McLean of the Lumber Bridge faculty, and Mr. Hall attended church here Sunday.—Mr. J. B. Regan made a business trip to Fayetteville last week.—Sorry to report Miss Ellen Mercer on sick list.—Mrs. J. B. Regan expects to go to Parkton Saturday and hence, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. A. B. Williamson, will motor to Duke Sunday to visit another sister, Mrs. Smith.—Miss Ida Graham of Raeford spent Sunday at the home of her grandfather, Mr. N. C. Graham.

Owing to the fact that quite a number of our people expect to attend the fair Friday and that the Robeson county teachers' meeting will be held in Lumberton there will be no school here on that day.

## MORE MEN FOR CAMP

Eleven Selected Men Notified to Report in Lumberton Saturday—Farm Demonstrator Among Them.

The army exemption board in Robeson district No. 1 mailed notices yesterday to the following selected men to report here Saturday afternoon for army service:

L. E. Blanchard, Furman M. Powell, Lawrence Freeman, Walter Grady Davis, Meade H. Mitchell, Odie P. Walters, Ira L. McGill, S. Davis Duncan, James D. Strickland, Worth Floyd, Robt. H. Elwanger.

They will leave Lumberton for Camp Jackson Saturday evening at 6:19.

## Box and Oyster Supper at Barnesville Nov. 16.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Barnesville, Nov. 7.—There will be a box and oyster supper at Barnesville school building Nov. 16, the proceeds of which will be used for the benefit of the school.

—A new flag has been placed on the flag staff at the court house.

—Ladies of the National Aid will serve oysters in the fair building this evening from 5:30 to 8 o'clock.

—Miss Carrie Dunn of Charlotte has accepted a position as stenographer in the law office of Messrs. Johnson & Johnson.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Bernard P. Carter and Emily Everett; John Mason Mohorn and Elizabeth Boyce; John Long and Loretta Marlow.

—Miss Maude Hoyle of Charlotte, State grand matron of the Order of Eastern Star, arrived this morning and tonight will install officers of the Lumberton chapter, No. 116, O. E. S.

—Buster Brown and his dog Tige entertained a large crowd of children at Messrs. White & Gough's department store Tuesday afternoon. Buster presented the children with souvenirs and the children apparently had a great time.

—Mr. A. K. Robertson, of the State Department of Agriculture, spent yesterday here attending the county fair. Mr. Robertson judged the farm products at the fair. He spent last night at Rowland visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Giles Robertson, and went this morning to Wilmington to attend the Wilmington corn show.

—Mr. C. C. Lewis of Moultrie, Ga., has been a Lumberton visitor since Monday. He is a son of Mr. J. H. Lewis and moved 20 years ago from Lumberton to Georgia. He had not been back to Lumberton in 12 years until this visit and of course notes many improvements. He is a cousin of Sheriff R. E. Lewis. Mr. Lewis will leave for home tomorrow night.

—Mr. W. F. Adams and son, Mr. W. F. Adams, Jr., and the latter's wife and two sons, Louis and Euclid, of Elrod, are Lumberton visitors today. Mr. Adams Sr. says he was struck with the fact this morning that everything they had for breakfast at his home was raised by them on their farm except the sugar and coffee, and he rightly thinks that folks could reduce the h. c. l. to a point where they would never feel it by raising food stuffs at home.

## GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Recommend Increased Allowance for Keeper of County Home—Difficult to Get Witnesses.

The grand jury which served at the term of Robeson Superior court for the trial of criminal cases which adjourned yesterday made the following report to his honor Judge W. M. Bond: Passed on 10 bills, finding seven true bills and 3 not true. Visited court house and county offices by committee and found them in good condition, offices kept in good order and county officers courteous and efficient in the discharge of their duties. Visited county jail by committee and found it in good condition; prisoners seemed well satisfied with their treatment and the food they receive. Visited county home by committee; found 9 inmates—2 negro men, 1 negro woman, 2 Indian women, 1 Indian boy, and 3 white women; found the home in satisfactory and clean condition; all inmates seemed contented, with no complaint to make. Found allowance to Mr. Flowers, the keeper, does not seem sufficient to take care of inmates and allow keeper an excess for his time and trouble and recommend that the allowance be increased or that Mr. Flowers be allowed a straight salary in addition to the present allowance. Visited chain gang by committee; found 28 prisoners; all seemed well cared for and well fed. Found one prisoner sick but getting along nicely, the county health officer having visited him Sunday and given necessary attention.

In its general work on all bills brought it the jury reports that it was badly handicapped on account of witnesses not being present when called. Some witnesses called the jury was not able to get before it at all. This delayed the jury's work considerably. Mr. J. A. McMillan was foreman.

## U. S. PATROL BOAT

SUNK BY GERMAN SUB.

21 Men Missing—First American War Vessel to Go Down in the War.

The American patrol boat Alcedo was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone early Monday morning and one officer and 20 enlisted men are missing. The Alcedo, a converted yacht, carried a crew of seven officers and 85 men.

The navy department Tuesday night issued this statement: "The navy department has been advised by Vice Admiral Sims that at 1:30 a. m. November 5, the American patrol boat Alcedo, a converted yacht was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine in the war zone. One officer and 20 men are missing. The ship sank in four minutes after being struck. Several vessels were searching for possible survivors at the time the report was made. The Alcedo carried a crew of seven officers and 85 men."

The Alcedo is the first American war vessel to go down in the war. The destroyer Cassin, on patrol duty, was torpedoed recently, but she was port safely with the loss of only one man.

No details of the engagement were given in the brief dispatch announcing the yacht's loss.