

## GERMAN SHELLS

### KILL MANY AMERICAN SOLDIERS

Special to The Robesonian.  
(Union Associated Press.)  
New York, Nov. 15, 11:34 a. m.—German shells kill many American soldiers in the trenches. The American artillery fire was heavy, inflicting great loss.

## SUPREME COURT AFFIRMS

### Order of Judge Bond That Funds of Drainage District be Deposited in County Depository Upheld—Decision in Townsend vs. Commissioners Also Affirmed.

Among opinions delivered yesterday by the State Supreme court were: Commissioners vs. Lewis, sheriff, Robeson, affirmed; and Townsend vs. Drainage Commissioners, Robeson, affirmed. These cases were argued before Judge W. M. Bond at the court house in Lumberton on the evening of the 13th September. In the former case the county commissioners and the National Bank of Lumberton, which had been designated county depository under the act of the last Legislature abolishing the office of county treasurer, brought suit to compel Sheriff R. E. Lewis and the First National Bank of Lumberton to deposit in the county depository funds of the Back and Jacob swamps drainage district. Judge Bond ruled against the defendant bank and ordered that the funds of the drainage district be deposited in the county depository along with other county funds. The plaintiffs were represented by the law firm of McLean, Varner & McLean and County Attorney E. J. Britt, the law firms of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and Johnson & Johnson representing the defendants.

Townsend vs. Commissioners was a contest between R. C. Townsend and O. G. Calhoun, growing out of a purchase of the S. R. Townsend tract of land near Pembroke by Calhoun at a drainage tax sale by the sheriff in February, 1913. After the other matters in the suit had been settled, R. C. Townsend was notified to come in and set up his claim to this land, or if he failed, the purchaser would apply to the court for a judgment to the effect that he had no interest therein, and when he came in he contended that the purchaser ought to be required to foreclose his tax certificate like a mortgage, but the court held as contended by the purchaser that Townsend had a right to pay off the \$11,000 purchase price at drainage tax sale, with interest, within 90 days from notice, and in case he failed to pay this, that the purchaser would be entitled to a deed to the land. Townsend appealed to the Supreme court, and did not pay within the time allowed, and the Supreme court affirmed the lower court to the effect that it was not necessary to foreclose the tax certificate like a mortgage.

## Robeson Soldiers Heavy Subscribers for Liberty Bonds.

Mr. B. M. Sibley, one of Lumberton's young selected men in training at Camp Jackson, arrived Sunday night and is spending the week here visiting friends. Mr. Sibley says he likes the army much better than he anticipated and is getting along fine. He is doing stenographic and other clerical work for a division surgeon. Mr. Sibley says the Robeson county boys at Camp Jackson were the heaviest subscribers to the second Liberty loan, according to number.

A letter received by The Robesonian from Mr. Fred B. Johnson, one of the first selected men to go to the training camp from Robeson, states that the first 40 per cent of Robeson's elect men to go to Camp Jackson subscribed for Liberty bonds to the amount of \$3,250. Bully for the boys.

## Harder'n Ever to Get "the Old Familiar".

Mrs. Clare Thomas, local Southern express agent, has been instructed not to consign any shipment of whiskey, wine, beer or alcohol for medicinal purposes unless the consignee makes sworn affidavit before a notary public to the effect that same is for medicinal purposes, and the affidavit must be signed by a practicing physician to the effect that he has prescribed such beverage for medicinal purposes. It has been a great deal of trouble heretofore to get "the old familiar" for medicinal purposes, which is the only way one can get it at all, and with the new ruling it will be more difficult to get it. Christmas 1917 promises to be very dry hereabouts.

## Sold Bale of Cotton for \$184.48.

Mr. D. T. Kinlaw, who lives on R. 1 from Lumberton, sold a bale of cotton on the local market Tuesday for \$184.48. The bale weighed 665 pounds. Who would you rather be than a farmer of the right sort?

## These Have Enlisted.

Mr. Joe A. Nye of R. 2 from Fairmont and Mr. Arch T. Stone of Raynham enlisted in the signal corps of the U. S. army at the local army recruiting office yesterday.

## TAXATION PROBLEMS

### Much Real Estate in North Carolina is Under-Assessed, Says Maxwell—All Property Should be Assessed at Full Value or Some Definite Percentage.

Much real estate in North Carolina is under-assessed and at least 5,000,000 acres this year will yield a net profit in excess of its assessed value according to A. J. Maxwell, clerk of the State corporation commission, who delivered an address before the seventh annual conference of the National Tax association in Atlanta Tuesday.

The North Carolina tax commission two years ago undertook a State-wide equalization of real estate as between counties but because of a lack of proper administrative machinery it was only partly successful, Mr. Maxwell said. In his opinion only the State General Assembly can improve conditions and he suggested legislation requiring the assessment of all property either at its full value or at a definite percentage of that value. In no other way will equality between taxpayers be obtained, he said. The speaker also suggested more recognition of the work done by local officials, especially assessors, and the placing of those officers on a permanent basis at increased salaries.

Speaking in general, Mr. Maxwell suggested to the members of the association for their future consideration and discussion, the advisability of taxing the unearned increases in real estate which is taking place steadily where the demand for real estate is continually increasing. This, however, was a matter for the future, he said, the important consideration at this time being proper administrative machinery by which any system of taxation must be measured.

## Deserter Williams Gave Himself Up in Wilmington.

Walter A. Williams, self-confessed deserter from the U. S. army, gave himself up at the city hall in Wilmington Monday night. Williams is the deserter who was with W. S. Canady at the time Canady fired five shots at Sheriff R. E. Lewis the night before he was arrested near Bellamy some two weeks ago. Williams was arrested by policemen El Phillips, but he convinced Mr. Phillips that he was not the man he was looking for and Mr. Phillips let him go. Williams spent some time in Robeson after he left his company at Camp Sevier and told the officers that he went to Wilmington, his former home, on account of the illness of his mother. Williams and Lawrence Thomas, another deserter arrested in Wilmington Saturday night, were taken Tuesday to Camp Sevier.

## Smallest Total of Vessels Sunk Since Sub. Warfare Began.

Germany's submarine campaign is waning as the result of the stringent measures that have been taken to combat it by the British and American naval forces. Last week only six British merchantmen were sunk and only one of these was a craft exceeding 1,600 tons.

This is the smallest total of vessels sent to the bottom during any week since the submarine warfare began, the lowest previous figures having been 12 merchantmen, 8 of them in the category of 1,600 tons and over and four of less than 1,600 tons.

## Jury for December Civil Court.

The following jury list was drawn this morning to serve at the week's term of civil court which will convene December 10:

A. T. Bray, M. D. Pittman, W. H. Chason, Noel Townsend, C. M. West, H. G. McIntosh, W. L. Dow, J. B. Nye, N. P. Willis, Wallace Norment, R. W. Bullock, J. R. McEachern, J. B. Arnette, F. J. Barber, S. W. West, J. B. Malloy, H. C. McNair, H. B. McNeill, S. M. Spears, S. B. Rozier, A. E. Wilkerson, J. A. Price, Troy Baxley, A. G. McNeil.

The list was drawn in the presence of County Attorney E. J. Britt and Justices M. G. McKenzie and F. Grover Britt.

## Maxton Man U. S. Consul to Val Paraiso, Chile.

Mr. A. A. McKay of Maxton has recently been appointed U. S. consul to Val Paraiso, Chile, South America. He will leave the latter part of this month for Val Paraiso. The position pays \$2,500 the year and expenses. Mr. McKay is a graduate of the university of North Carolina and is a young man of sterling worth. He is well and favorably known in Lumberton, having worked in the law office of Messrs. McLean, Varner & McLean here several weeks last summer.

## Business Good With Merchants That Advertise in The Robesonian.

Business is good with Lumberton merchants. The proprietor of one of the leading department stores in town told a Robesonian reporter recently that his store was enjoying the biggest business in its history. It might be added that this store does considerable advertising in The Robesonian.

## Korniloff Troops Occupy Fortress.

Copenhagen, Dispatch, Nov. 14. General Korniloff's troops have taken the famous fortress at Moscow, after a severe fight, says the Berlingske Tidende's Petrograd correspondent.

## "YS" FOR THE SOLDIERS

### Great Campaign for Fund of \$35,000,000 for Y. M. C. A. Work—Officers Elected for Robeson—This County is Asked for About \$4,000—Enthusiastic Speakers About the Work.

A good sprinkling of Lumberton citizens and a few from other sections of the county met in the court house here Monday evening and organized for the purpose of waging a campaign to raise Robeson's allotment of the \$35,000,000 Y. M. C. A. fund which is to be raised this week to provide care and comfort for American soldiers and sailors and those of the Allies.

The following officers were elected: county chairman, L. R. Varner; secretary, W. K. Bethune; treasurer, W. Lennon. The following were elected on the county committee: A. R. McEachern, St. Paul; J. C. Snoddy, Red Springs; A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; R. D. Caldwell and A. E. White, Lumberton; A. L. Bullock, Rowland; R. R. Barnes, Barnesville; A. J. Floyd, Fairmont; Dr. D. S. Currie, Parkton; Dr. T. L. Stamps, Lumber Bridge.

Before the organization Mr. J. G. Shaw, an attorney of Fayetteville, and Prof. A. B. Coe, of the Y. M. C. A., at Camp Greene, Charlotte, made short addresses on the Y. M. C. A. work.

Town Attorney W. Lennon presided and introduced the speakers. Mr. Shaw was the first to speak. He said in part:

"While civilization dates back to the beginning of the Hebrew race, war dates back to Abraham. History shows that it has ever been necessary at times for God to allow the righteous to smite the unrighteous. I have been told that Lumberton already has more than 100 young men in the service of their country. This is about 2 per cent of the population and speaks well for the town. I have a son in the service and I was never prouder before nor since than I was recently when for the first time I saw him attired in a U. S. army uniform. We are sending to the training camps and trenches in France as fine a body of young men as the world has ever known. They are going where temptations are great. It is true that the army has its chaplains, but they are too high up to mean so much to the soldiers. It is the Y. M. C. A. that can and will reach them. Moral cleanliness means strong soldiers. The men we are sending to the front will return, a large majority of them. They will come back to rule our country. Ere long the President of the United States will be a man who wore a uniform in this great conflict. We must surround our soldiers while away with the same influence that they have been surrounded with at home. This can only be done through the work of the Y. M. C. A. The mothers are interested in the Y. M. C. A. work. They know what it will mean to their boys."

The next and last speaker was Prof. Coe, who told in glowing terms of the great work the Y. M. C. A. is doing at Camp Greene, which is typical of the work at all the training camps and also of the work done among the soldiers in France.

At Camp Greene, the speaker said, there are now 35 Y. M. C. A. secretaries but that is not enough. There are 5 "Y" buildings at Camp Greene.

The speaker continued: "Every denomination except the Catholic church is represented in the Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Greene. The work is non-denominational. There is not a man at Camp Greene who knows to what denomination I belong. This is never mentioned. Our purpose is to help all men. We urge the soldiers the importance of saving money and in one day two secretaries wrote money orders to the amount of \$7,500 for soldiers who were sending their money home. We teach foreigners the English language and also teach the soldiers French. The 'Y' furnishes ink and stationery free to the soldiers and when they cannot write we write letters for them."

The speaker told of how mothers would write the "Y" secretaries to look up their boys and look after them. He told of one mother in the West who wrote him while her son was at Camp Greene and asked him to look up her boy, saying that she could not hear from him. He found this mother's son and asked him to write to his mother, which he did. The mother later wrote him a letter thanking him for his services. He told of numerous young men who had never been to church and were shy of the "Y" but who after they visited the building once were regular attendants, even to the religious services. The speaker said that if the \$35,000,000 was contributed, \$11,000,000 would be spent in America, \$11,000,000 among the soldiers in France and the balance in the allied countries.

Prof. Coe is a young man of military age and said that he expected soon to be in the regular army himself; that in his work for the Y. M. C. A. he was trying to feather his own nest when he is drafted into the regular service.

Prof. Coe's address was listened to with interest and gave his hearers an insight into the great work being done by the Y. M. C. A. It was both impressive and instructive.

Miss Lula M. Cassiday, county home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Cunningham, of the State Insurance Department, who is spending the week in the county, offered their services in the campaign, which were gladly accepted.

This district is composed of Robeson, Cumberland, Hoke and Harnett and the district is asked to contribute

## Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN

### Robeson is Asked for a Very Reasonable Contribution—The "Y" Helps "Keep the Home Fires Burning" in the Hearts of Our Soldier Boys.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
The Y. M. C. A. has pledged its service to the government to help "Keep the Home Fires Burning" in the hearts of our soldier boys.

A national war work council of 200 leading citizens has been organized to help direct physical, education, social and religious activities among enlisted men.

Wherever American troops gather, and among French, Russian and Italian soldiers and in prisoner-of-war camps, the Red triangle of the Y. M. C. A. goes to help safeguard the home ideals.

Five hundred huts have been built—warm, cheerful centers of friendliness where the soldiers find pleasant social recreation and relief from the hard, cold, camp life.

The cost of carrying on this work is tremendous. Already \$5,000,000 has been used. But the amount is insignificant compared to the unique service rendered and the present need.

At least \$35,000,000 is needed to conduct this work to July 1, 1918.

You Can Help—Do It Today.

Robeson county has been organized for this work, and the committeemen immediately in charge of the local work at Lumberton and vicinity are Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and A. E. White, and they will handle the raising of funds here in conjunction with the committeemen appointed by them.

Robeson county is expected to raise \$4,000 and the movement is already making good headway. This is a very reasonable share for our county in this work.

L. R. VARNER, Chairman,  
W. K. BETHUNE, Secretary,  
W. LENNON, Treasurer.

## RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS

### Delightful Recital by Scottish Prima Donna—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Red Springs, Nov. 14.—Miss Jeanie Ditcher, the Scottish prima donna, gave a very delightful recital in the auditorium of Flora Macdonald on Monday night. Mr. Charles Vardell, Jr., was the accompanist. Half of the proceeds were given to the Red Cross. The program follows:

Songs—Angus Macdonald, Roekel-Afton Water, Burns; The Pipes of Gordon's Men, Hammond; Ma' Heart's Over the Water, Judge Bennett; Down in the Forest, Ronald; Ye Banks and Braes, Burns; Ishtar, Spross; Tommy Lad, Margaretson; Vissi D'Arte, Vissi D'Amore (Tosca), Puccini; Jean Spross; Over the Sea to Skye, Jacobite; Flora Macdonald's Lament, Jacobite; Cam' Ye by Athole, Jacobite; Bonnie Banks o' Loch Lomon, Jacobite; Auld Lang Syne, Burns; The Star Spangled Banner.

Mr. John Walker Worth, a very gifted musician and composer, who has been visiting in his old home, Fayetteville, spent a night in Red Springs at the home of his cousin Mrs. A. B. Pearsall.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Massie, Jr., have returned from their wedding trip to Natural Bridge and Lynchburg, Va., and are at the home of Mrs. Massie's sister, Mrs. John McKay.

Mr. and Mrs. Richardson of Dover spent Sunday in town. They visited their daughter Miss Byah Richardson at the college.

Mr. Will Townsend of Petersburg has returned to his command after spending the week-end with his parents.

## EXPERT AT PATROL WORK

### American Soldiers Carry it On in No Man's Land Like Veterans.

With the American Army in France, Monday, Nov. 12. (By the Associated Press)—American soldiers are rapidly becoming expert at patrol work and their officers say they carry it on in No Man's Land as if they had been at it for years. This is explained partly by the fact that activity in No Man's Land, along the sector held by the Americans, virtually is open warfare, which is distinctly an American game.

Already stories of the heroism of individual soldiers during trench raids are coming to light. A recent incident involved five privates who rushed from their dug outs as the Germans entered the trenches. Standing, kneeling and lying in front of the entrance they fired on the enemy so successfully that they prevented the Germans, who made several attempts, from entering.

## R. T. Gaitley Files Voluntary Petition in Bankruptcy.

Mr. R. T. Gaitley, a farmer of Parkton, filed yesterday in the Federal court a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, scheduling assets consisting of 498 acres of land, valued at \$31,200, and liabilities at \$45,239, consisting of secured debts, amounting to \$25,788, and unsecured accounts estimated at \$19,451. The usual constitutional exemption of \$1,000 is claimed.

Intervenor, Lawrence & Proctor and H. E. Stacy of Lumberton are attorneys for the petitioner.

\$10,000. Of this amount Robeson is expected to contribute around \$4,000.

## FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

### Best Fair Ever With Exception of Carnival—Social Events in Honor of Bride-to-Be—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Fairmont, Nov. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. Berry Ashley of Boardman, Miss Lillian Baker, Mr. W. R. Taylor and Mr. N. W. Jenkins spent Sunday at Rowland, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grady McCormick.

Mr. Dod Floyd spent the week-end with his mother at Barnesville.

Miss Kate Ratley, who is in school at Rowland, came home Thursday evening and stayed until Sunday with her parents. She was accompanied home by Miss Adele Andrews.

Mr. William Brice of Wallace spent the week-end here visiting his brother Mr. Clayton Brice.

Mr. Jim Andrews, cashier of the Bank of Proctorville, spent the week-end with his mother Mrs. N. T. Andrews.

Mrs. F. C. Jones and Mrs. J. D. McLean spent Tuesday in Marietta.

Large crowds attended the county fair at Lumberton last week, especially Friday and reported the best fair ever, with the exception of the carnival.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Floyd and son, P. R. Jr., and Miss Christine Floyd spent Sunday in Lumberton, guests of Mr. M. W. Floyd.

Miss Lois Hayes, who is teaching at Kemper, S. C., spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hayes.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Thompson entertained the senior Epworth league at their home Friday night from 8 to 10 o'clock. Several songs and a recitation added much to the enjoyment of the evening.

Miss Mary Belle Ricks was at home Saturday afternoon, November 10, to a host of friends in honor of Miss Eva Neill Thompson, a bride of this month. Mrs. J. O. Bobbitt and Miss Mary Belle Ricks met the guests at the door. Mrs. L. E. Ricks led the guests to the South hall, where Miss Lillian Baker asked each one to register in the bride's book, after which Mrs. D. C. Lassiter led the way into the parlor. Mrs. C. D. Baker sang sweetly "You are the sunshine of my smile," and "Memories" as a duet by Mrs. Baker and Miss Lillian Baker. "Cupid favors" were given, and each guest was asked to write a "bitten receipt" for the bride-to-be. Hot chocolate and marshmallow dainties were served by Misses Georgia Kyle and Dorothy Ricks. To the strains of the wedding march, Master Leonard Ricks, dressed in white sailor suit, and little Miss Martha Pittman dressed in white batiste with long veil made cap effect, entered the parlor pulling an express wagon loaded with gifts for the bride elect. Miss Lillian Baker was in the hall at the Edison, which furnished bright bits of opera throughout the afternoon. Each parlor and hall was tastefully decorated with potted plants and yellow chrysanthemums. Miss Thompson was becomingly gowned in soft Burgundy, trimmed with georgette.

The Sidney Linear Book club entertained yesterday afternoon in honor of Miss Eva Neill Thompson, at the home of Mrs. H. H. Pittman. Mrs. Pittman and Mrs. J. L. Watson met the guests at the door. Mrs. Pittman then invited the guests across the hallway to the punch bowl, where Misses Georgia Kyle and Bonnie Grantham presided. Cupid cards were passed, and each one was asked to write "advice" to the bride elect. Waldorf salad and saltines were served by Misses Georgia Kyle, Bonnie Grantham, Meriam Watson and Margaret Thompson, dressed as Red Cross nurses. Master Graham Watson, dressed in white sailor suit, and Little Miss Martha Pittman, dressed as a Red Cross nurse, entered the parlor pulling an express wagon decorated in national colors and filled with gifts for the bride elect. The hall and parlor were decorated in national colors, roses and chrysanthemums. Edison furnished music for the afternoon.

Miss Fannie Thompson, who is teaching in Virginia and Mr. Ben Thompson, who is stationed at the rifle ranges of the U. S. navy, Virginia Beach, are home for the marriage of their sister Miss Eva Neill Thompson to Mr. Elmer Worthington of Rocky Mount.

Recorder's Court.

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

Hunter and Mack Woodell and Neill Jones, Indians, charged with assault upon Daniel Sanderson. Mack Woodell and Neill Jones were found not guilty, while Hunter Woodell was found guilty and judgment was continued upon payment of cost.

Ernest and Nan Yates, colored, assault upon Sarah Jane McLaurin, also colored. Ernest was found not guilty, while Nan, his wife, was found guilty and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of cost. Nan must appear before the recorder the first Monday in each month for six months and show good behavior. The cost in the case amounted to \$10.30.

Durham Deese, assault upon Jack Edmund with a buggy whip; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Lumberton is now beginning to seriously feel the sugar shortage. Mr. W. J. DuBois, local baker, says he has been unable to buy a pound of sugar either in Lumberton, St. Paul, Fairmont or Wilmington.

The government has decided to pay members of exemption boards under the second army draft. The pay will be at the rate of \$1 per hour, not to exceed \$3 per day.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Do your Christmas advertising early.

—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe S. Thompson is critically ill with colitis.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. Preston Smith and Frances Walters.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller is expected to return tomorrow from St. Louis, Mo., where he went to buy mules for his sales stables.

—Mr. John McAllister has been confined to his room for the past few days suffering with a sprained foot. He is slowly improving.

—Mr. W. C. West and family, who have lived on R. 2 from Chadbourne for several years, will move next week back to Robeson. They will live on R. 5 from Lumberton.

—The Lumberton Cycle Co. has moved from the Bethune building, West Fourth street, into the Carlyle building same street, formerly occupied by Mr. C. B. Redmond.

—Mr. M. O. Register returned Sunday night from Raleigh, where he spent 6 weeks at Page's school of pharmacy and has resumed his duties with the Pope drug store.

—Mr. C. V. Brown, cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, has been confined to his room since Monday. He seems to be suffering from malaria and a general rundown condition from overwork. He expects to be out in a few days.

—Mr. S. F. Birthright of the U. S. naval department, formerly of Lumberton, but who has been stationed in Washington for several years, passed through town yesterday en route to Atlanta, Ga., to which place he has been transferred.

—Mr. W. H. Lamb of R. 4 from Lumberton was among the callers at The Robesonian office today. Mr. Lamb sold three bales of cotton for \$420.87. Mr. Lamb sold a 4-acre tobacco crop for \$1,195.25 this year. This has been a good year for Mr. Lamb.

—The condition of Mr. Ed Watson of R. 4 from Lumberton, who has been critically ill at the Thompson hospital since Monday suffering from blood poison, is somewhat improved today. The blood poison resulted from a small scratch on Mr. Watson's hand made by a wire.

—Mr. C. A. Warwick of the U. S. navy will leave tomorrow for his ship, the Louisiana, "somewhere," after spending a week here visiting his mother, Mrs. Mamie Warwick. Mr. Warwick joined the navy about a year ago and says he likes navy life fine. He is a wireless operator.

—Mr. R. S. Bond of Rowland was taken sick while at Wilmington last week while attending the corn show and has not been able to return home. His son Mr. Bond, who was with him, returned home and went back to Wilmington Tuesday night to remove his father from the hotel where he had been confined to a hospital.

—Mrs. R. R. Carlyle arrived yesterday from San Antonio, Texas, and will be here some time at the home of her mother, Mrs. E. K. Proctor. She will sing at the McLeod-Nash wedding Tuesday evening of next week. Mr. and Mrs. Carlyle have been living in Texas for a year or more on account of Mr. Carlyle's health, and Mrs. Carlyle is director of the choir of the First Baptist church of San Antonio.

—Mr. C. B. Townsend has just received a photograph of his nephew Capt. R. Warren Townsend of Hot Springs, Ark., who has just been commissioned in the U. S. army. Capt. Townsend is a son of Mr. J. A. Townsend of Hot Springs, formerly of Robeson county. Mr. C. B. Townsend is proud of the fact that 5 members of his immediate family are now serving in various branches of the army and navy.

—Miss Mary M. Snead is very ill at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, East Fifth street. Miss Snead has been sick for some time and came here Friday of last week from Washington, D. C., where she was teaching when she was taken sick. Miss Elizabeth Snead, who makes her home here with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Varner, and who is a member of the faculty of the graded school, accompanied her sister there several days ago to be with her.

—The Seaboard passenger, Hamlet to Wilmington, due Lumberton 10:10 a. m., did not arrive here Monday until about 2 p. m. Mr. "C." Wishart, who is sojourning at Laurinburg week days now—whereat his Lumberton friends are grieved—sent The Robesonian from Maxton on that same train a note stating that the train was delayed at Maxton on account of a freight engine splitting a switch at the east end of the yard and the wrecking crew had to arrive from Hamlet to replace the freight engine on the track before any train could pass. The mail from that train was opened too late for the item to be used in Monday's Robesonian.

—Perhaps one of the youngest American soldiers in France is Mr. Joseph Blake, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Blake of R. 5 from Lumberton. Joseph joined the army February 23 this year, and left with the first American soldiers for France about the first of June. He was 18 years old on September 29 and thus celebrated his 18th birthday in France. He was anxious to get into the service of his country and after pleading with his parents for a long time they agreed to let him join the army. His parents hear from him each month and in his letters he says he is getting along fine "somewhere in France."