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## CURFEW LAW

**Persons Under 17 Years Old Must Not Remain Abroad in Lumberton at Night.**

## A NEW DOG ORDINANCE

**For 40 Days No Dogs Must Run at Large in Town—The Ever-Present Subject of Taxes.**

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Friday evening the following curfew ordinance was passed, same to go into effect February 22:

That it shall be unlawful for any person under 17 years old to be or remain upon any of the streets or in any of the public places of Lumberton after 9 p. m. from May 1 to October 1 and 8 p. m. at other times, unless accompanied by parent, guardian or other person having legal custody of such minor, or in the performance of an errand or duty of such person, or whose employment makes it necessary to be out after the hours named. It shall be unlawful for any person having legal charge of a minor to permit him to be out after the hours named unless there is a reasonable necessity therefor or unless accompanied by the person having legal custody of the minor. Officers of the town are authorized to arrest without warrant any person violating the provisions of this act, to conduct such person to her or his parent or guardian and to instruct such parent or guardian that a second violation of the law will subject the offender to a reprimand by the judge of the recorder's court; for the second violation the officer shall require the minor and the parent or guardian to appear before the recorder in his private office for a reprimand; for subsequent offenses a fine of \$10 will be imposed. No person who violates this ordinance is to be confined in jail but upon arrest shall be conducted to her or his home. Any parent or guardian who shall allow minors in their charge to be or remain upon or in the streets or public places after the hours named shall be subject to a fine of \$10.

Messrs. A. E. White and K. M. Biggs appeared before the board and asked that the Lorraine hotel be allowed a special rate for lights and current. The matter was referred to Mr. E. M. Johnson, a member of the board, and Town Clerk and Treasurer. Ira B. Townsford, who will make some investigations and report to the board.

**To Open Streets.**  
At the request of Mr. A. E. White it was ordered that Ninth street be opened between Walnut and Pine streets.

Mr. W. M. Burney went before the board and asked that Fifteenth street be opened between Walnut and Elm. The board ordered that the street be opened. Mr. Burney also asked that water and sewer extension be extended on Walnut from Fourteenth to Fifteenth street. This matter was referred to the superintendent of the light and water plant for an estimate of cost.

It was ordered that sewer lines on Elm between Fifteenth and Seventeenth streets be lowered to the proper grade.

An order was passed allowing the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Co. to extend a sidetrack along town common in the southern part of town to Cedar street, near where the new tobacco warehouse will be built.

**Taxes.**  
The town clerk and treasurer was instructed to furnish Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod and Street Foreman J. S. Thompson with a list of those who have not paid their 1916-17 taxes, also the names of such as may be necessary who have not paid their 1917-18 taxes, for collection. He was also instructed to mail notices to all who have not paid their 1917-18 taxes to the effect that within ten days after date of said notice the taxes will be collected by distress.

Cancelled bond interest notes to the amount of \$1,850 were ordered burned.

Mary Love, colored, was allowed a rebate of \$3 sanitary tax.

Stephens & Barnes were paid \$10 partial expense of burying Lia Coleman, a colored pauper.

The clerk and treasurer was instructed to arrange bank accounts with three banks in town commensurate with the obligation of the town to each bank.

**No Dogs Must Run at Large For 40 Days.**  
At a special meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Saturday afternoon an ordinance was passed making it unlawful for any dog to run at large in the town for a period of 40 days from February 16, and all persons owning dogs in Lumberton are enjoined to keep their dogs confined. The ordinance makes it lawful for, and the duty of, every member of the town police force to kill any dog found running at large during this 40-day period, whether the dog be mad or not; "provided, that such officer may, in his discretion, use reasonable effort to locate the owner of such dog, if the dog be not mad, and give the owner an opportunity to take charge of such dog and confine it; provided further, that this provision shall not apply for longer than five days from and after public notice of this ordinance and then only in discretion of said officer or officers."

"Any person allowing his or her dog to run at large in the town of Lumberton shall, upon conviction, be

## CHANCE FOR VOLUNTEERS.

**Registrants Of Robeson District 1 Who Would Rather Go to Camp Now Than to Wait Will Be Accepted Out of Their Order.**

Registrants of Robeson division No. 1 who would rather go to camp now than to wait their turn according to their order numbers will be accepted as volunteers to make up the quota of this district for the first call.

The quota of this division for the call was 181. Only 100 men of those sent to camp were accepted, leaving 81 of the first call yet to be sent. Some men in class No. 1 whose order numbers are far down the list and who might not be called until next fall would rather go now than later. These will be accepted now if they volunteer to make up the men lacking for the first quota.

Chairman T. L. Johnson of the exemption board of this division says that of course men will not be forced to go out of their order but that some men have been to him and indicated a desire to go now rather than later, and that if there are others who want to do the same thing they will be sent to camp at once. If there are not enough volunteers to make up the first quota the deficiency will have to be made up from men of class 1 in their regular order.

## MAY HOLD INSTITUTE.

**Institute for Teachers of Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland and Scotland May Be Held at Red Springs.**

A meeting of the superintendents of public instruction in Robeson, Hoke, Cumberland and Scotland counties is being held at Red Springs today for the purpose of discussing the advisability of holding a month's institute for the teachers of the above-named counties at Red Springs during the coming summer. It is expected that if the institute is held at Red Springs next summer it will be an annual meeting place for the summer institutes for the teachers of the four counties.

Representatives of the State department of education are in attendance at the meeting.

## Anti-Gas Training of Americans Excellent.

A dispatch from the American army in France states that the Germans opposed to the Americans early on the 15th made an unsuccessful bombardment with gas shells. German airplanes in large numbers also were driven off by the American machines and anti-aircraft batteries.

Gas shells fell in considerable number from the German guns within the American sector early that morning, making necessary the wearing of masks in all parts of the trenches for more than three hours. One American was injured by an exploding shell, but so excellent has been the anti-gas training of the men, the dispatch states, that not a single case of gas poisoning was reported. The duration of the shelling was two hours, but traces of the poisonous fumes remained for another hour after the bombardment had ceased.

The American artillery rapidly are attaining a high degree of efficiency. Friday they continually fired shells that exploded so close to the enemy airplanes that the aviators were compelled to dodge and duck and scurry back to a safer area, pursued across the sky by a trail of shrapnel puffs.

## War Savings Campaign in Lumberton Graded School.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
The fifth grade, Miss Lillie Barker, reports total sale of War Savings stamps up to 3 o'clock Friday, February 15, in the sum of \$727.70. This puts this grade ahead and shows a great deal of practical enthusiasm in the campaign. It is desired, and a request is made, that each grade organize itself and sell these stamps and report its total sales every Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Several of the grades are doing fine work, and the enthusiasm shown by every worker in these grades is of the first quality. Let every grade come forth with work of this character and at no time will they have any cause to be ashamed of the part taken by them in helping the Government in this crisis.

L. R. VARSER, Chairman, W. LENNON, Secretary.

—Mr. P. J. West and family moved last Tuesday from the Eli Phillips place on R. 1 from Lumberton to a farm owned by Mr. R. E. Lee on R. 1 from Elrod.

—Mr. W. P. McAllister voted against this ordinance and wanted his reason for so doing recorded in the minutes. He stated that he was heartily in favor of the movement and believed that the children should be protected from the dogs, but that officers do not enforce ordinances now on the town books with reference to dogs and that in his opinion this ordinance would not be enforced.

The ordinance was passed as a direct result of the mad-dog scare reported in Thursday's Robesonian, when a rabid dog bit a colored boy and may have bitten other dogs about town. The motion was made by Mr. A. S. King and seconded by Mr. E. M. Johnson.

## ALL FOREIGN TRADE OF U. S. PUT UNDER LICENSE

**To Release Ships to Transport Troops and Supplies to Europe.**

All foreign trade of the United States—exports and imports—was put under license Friday by President Wilson as part of a general program of the American and allied governments for releasing ships to transport troops and supplies to Europe.

The less essential exports and imports will be reduced to a minimum and materials regarded as necessary will be transported by the shortest hauls possible. The Allies are working in close co-operation with the United States and the trade routes of the world in many instances will be shifted to bring the most economical operation of tonnage.

The Allies already have cut their foreign trade sharply, but will make further reductions as a part of the general plan. American representatives sitting in London will work with allied representatives in eliminating and re-arranging ocean commerce. Licensing of American exports and imports will be handled by the war trade board which has created a special contraband committee with final powers in deciding the country's foreign trade policies.

The shipping board has formed a special division under Dean E. F. Gay, of Harvard university, to prepare statistical data on shipping and commerce. To bring about a proper co-ordination between the shipping board and the war trade board it is likely a controller of ships and cargoes will be named to see that ships are used in the most economical manner.

American ships taken out of the non-hazardous trades and put into trans-Atlantic service will be replaced where it can be done by neutral tonnage for which the government now is negotiating.

Control of exports and imports and of bunker coal by the United States and the Allies give them control of neutral tonnage and officials predict that virtually all the ocean-going ships owned by the neutrals will be in American and allied service before many months.

## VERNON CASTLE KILLED.

**Widely-Known Dancer and Aviator—Percentage of Casualties Among Young Aviators Low.**

In spite of the frequent fatal accidents at the aviation training camps during the latest of which was the death of Captain Vernon Castle, widely known American dancer, at Ft. Worth Friday, the War Department considers the percentage small considering the large number of students and the amount of flying they are doing.

The acting chief signal officer Friday night issued this statement: "Distressing though recent fatalities in the aviation section of the signal corps have been the percentage of casualties among our young aviators is very low considering the increase in the number of men flying each day. The aviators at the signal corps training schools are averaging about 1,700 hours of flying per day, which makes a distance of about 102,000 miles flown each day. This is equal to four trips around the earth. "Considering this amount of flying the percentage of fatal accidents is remarkably low."

Castle, who learned to fly at the Atlantic coast aeronautical station, Newport News, enlisted in the British royal flying corps before America entered the war. He was the hero of many thrilling experiences in the air and was credited with having brought down two enemy flyers during the more than 150 trips he made over the German lines. He was wounded in France and while stationed at Ottawa, Canada, as an instructor, he escaped serious injury when the machine fell, killing a student who was with him. Castle's death resulted from a fall of only fifty feet when he tried to dive under another machine to avoid a collision. A student passenger suffered only a brackened eye.

## 660 IN CLASS 1.

**Work of Classing Registrants in Robeson District 1 Practically Completed—Percentage in Class 1 Slightly Higher Than State Average.**

The work of classing the 2,054 army registrants in Robeson district No. 1 practically has been completed. Six hundred and sixty have been placed in class 1, which makes the percentage placed in class 1 slightly higher than that of the entire State to date. It is not known when the next contingent of men will be sent to camp from this district.

## Epidemic of German Measles.

There seems to be an epidemic of measles, or German measles, over the county, and on account of the many inquiries received by Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, he states that it is not required by law to quarantine the disease, but children who have it should not go to school while other children in the family can go on to school.

## GLENNWOOD GLEANINGS.

**Death of Little Frances Elise Mercer—Social and Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Glennwood (Pembroke, R. 1) Feb. 16.—On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the death angle visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Mercer and claimed Frances Elise, their 16-months-old daughter. Elise had been sick with pneumonia for only a short while. The funeral services were conducted at the home by the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bruton of Lumberton. The interment took place at the Culbreth family cemetery. Much heart-felt sympathy is extended to the bereaved parents by their many friends.

Miss Annie Culbreth, who spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Culbreth, is spending a short while in Purvis.

Knox and Poe Lewis, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Will Lewis, have returned to school after an absence of several weeks, due to measles.

Miss Louise Hughes of Maxton R. F. D., is the guest of Miss Maggie McNeill.

Mr. and Mrs. Make McNeill have moved to Bladen county, Mrs. McNeill's former home, where Mr. McNeill will engage in farming. Their departure is regretted by their many friends.

Miss Blanche White, student at Rowland high school, spent the weekend at home.

Mr. Bundy McNeill, who attends school at Philadelphia, is spending this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McNeill.

Mr. Sandy Smith has returned home from a short stay at Laurel Hill.

Mr. Edwin White was a Lumberton visitor Friday afternoon.

The Rev. Mr. Bruton and family of Lumberton spent the weekend at the home of Mr. R. M. White.

Several of the young people of the community enjoyed a musical at the home of Mr. Daniel Buie on Friday night. Those present were Misses Margaret McNeill, Sallie and Viola White, Louise Hughes, Glennie Graham, Myra and Lillie Buie; Messrs. Sandy, Arch and Dugald McNeill, Walter Bullock, Albert and Edwin White, Bundy McNeill, Worth Culbreth, Rowland Carlyle, J. M. Hall, Dan and John Buie.

## INDIAN TEACHERS MEET.

**Practically All Indian Teachers of County Attended Meeting Here Saturday—Instructive Program Carried Out.**

A meeting of the Indian teachers of the county was held in the court house here Saturday. Practically all the Indian teachers were present and a most instructive program was carried out. The meeting was opened with prayer offered by Rev. D. F. Lowrey.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, explained the War Savings and Thrift stamps in a most pleasing manner.

Mr. H. E. Stacy, county food administrator, made an address before the meeting in which he urged the conservation of food.

Miss Lulu M. Cassidy, county home demonstration agent, urged the importance of club work that pig, corn and poultry clubs be organized by the Indian teachers.

Supt. J. R. Poole presided at the meeting and urged the teachers to carry out the plans suggested by the speakers.

The teachers seemed very much interested in what was said and no doubt the results of the meeting will be telling.

## MAIL-CARRIERS MEET.

**FEBRUARY 22ND**

**At Court House in Lumberton—Matters of Importance to be Discussed.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
The Rural Letters Carriers' association of Robeson county will meet in the court house at Lumberton on Friday the 22nd at 10:30 a. m. and we hope that every carrier and sub-carrier in the county will make it a point to be present.

Officers for the coming year will be elected at this meeting and other matters of interest to us all as carriers will be discussed by members of the association, as, How Can We, As Carriers, Render the Best Service to the Government Towards Helping to Bring the War to an End?

J. M. O. DENMARK, Sec-Treas.

## Meet For Drill Thursday Evening.

Lieut. C. V. Brown, officer in charge of the Lumberton detachment of the Robeson reserve militia, has called a meeting of the detachment at the court house here Thursday night of this week at 8 o'clock for drill. This will be the beginning of a weekly drill practice, which was ordered by Capt. J. B. Malloy of the county militia. All members are expected to be present. The meeting of militia which was called for this afternoon at 2 o'clock was called off Saturday by Capt. Malloy, who could not attend.

—Messrs. W. F. French and Ira Bullard left last evening for the West to buy mules for their sales stables. Lumberton livestock dealers are selling mules by the hundred.

## PHILADELPHUS SCHOOL.

**Valentine Program—Play Given at Maxton and Players Hospitably Entertained—Players in Red Springs Thursday Evening—Personal.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Philadelphia (Red Springs, R. 2) Feb. 16.—Chapel exercises Friday morning were given by the Tenth and Eleventh grades; an appropriate valentine program was carried out.

The basketball team is reorganizing and getting in practice for some match games in the near future.

We are unfortunate in losing another of our boarding boys, Mr. Bundy McNeill. He has gone home to take the place of an older brother who has been called to the war.

A play, "The Dust of the Earth," was given by our school in Maxton last Friday evening, February 8. The proceeds amounted to \$81.50. Half of this was given to the Maxton Red Cross, the other half to the Philadelphia Red Cross. Those who took part in the play came home with splendid reports of Maxton's hospitality. The women of Maxton served to the troops delicious supper in their Red Cross rooms. Every courtesy was shown the Philadelphia visitors by the school, the ladies of the Red Cross, and by all of Maxton. The people of Philadelphia do, indeed, appreciate the gracious hospitality of the Maxton people.

The play committee has arranged to give this same play in the auditorium of the Red Springs school house Thursday, February 21st, in behalf of the Red Cross.

Our principal, Miss Reaves, spent last week-end with "Aunt Becky" near Maxton.

Mrs. J. P. Ashby visited in Red Springs Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, our farm life principal, is working on his plants for the early vegetable garden.

## PRIVATE GATEWOOD SMALL.

**Robeson County Soldier Has Camp Record at Jackson—A Camp Character and a Favorite—"Shortest in The Army."**

The following from the Columbia State of the 14th inst. will be of interest to many Robesonian readers: "Camp Jackson claims the distinction of having the 'shortest' soldier in the entire American army in the person of Private Gatewood Small of three hundred and twenty-first field hospital. As 'Shorty' Small is but one-half inch over the required height of five feet it is highly probable that he is the shortest in stature of any of Uncle Sam's warriors. Only since the declaration of war has it been the policy of the War Department to accept for the army men of that height, the minimum height up to that time having been five feet, four inches."

"Shorty" Small hails from Lumberton, N. C., and has been at Camp Jackson since September 5. Despite his lack of inches he is a splendid specimen of manhood, tipping the scales at 150 pounds. Withal he is very much of a camp character and is a favorite with all the boys of the camp who know him."

Private Gatewood Small—it is spelled without the final "s"—in Robeson—is a son of the late E. M. Small of Britt township, a brother of Mr. Spurgeon Small of Lumberton and a nephew of Captain A. B. Small, a Confederate captain in the War Between the States and now a citizen of Lumberton. Private Small was a farmer living in Britt township, near Center church, 8 or 9 miles from Lumberton, when he entered the camp last fall. He wanted to go with the first men sent under selective draft, but his order number put him lower down the list. He came to town to go with the first and stayed here and was allowed to go with the second bunch that went from Robeson.

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## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—A door has been cut in the wall between the office and laboratory of Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, on the second floor at the court house.

—Miss Byrd Blankenship, Red Cross instructor in surgical dressings, from Atlanta, will arrive Tuesday night and will have her first class Wednesday at 3 p. m. in the Red Cross work rooms.

—Frances, 5 years old, and Mary, 8 months old, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bodenheimer, have been sick with pneumonia for several days. Their condition is slightly improved.

—There will be a box supper at Cedar Grove school house, about 4 miles east of Lumberton, Friday night of this week. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the school and church.

—There will be a Washington birthday entertainment at Oakdale school house, near Marietta, Friday night of this week. The entertainment will begin at 7:30. No charges for admission. Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hall are the teachers at Oakdale.

—French Stokes, colored, was arrested at Maxton and brought to jail here yesterday. It is thought that Stokes is wanted in McCormick county, South Carolina, on the charge of murder. The South Carolina officers have been advised of the arrest.

—Speaking of "meatless days," Mr. J. I. Carter, who lives on R. 5 from Lumberton, says he has observed three meatless weeks and is still alive. Mr. Carter's physician advised him that he would get along better without meat.

—Mrs. H. L. Pope was called to Burlington Friday on account of the death of her grandmother. She was accompanied to Burlington by her sister, Mrs. A. E. Taplin of High Point, who had been a guest for several days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pope here.

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