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SMALL QUANTITY NITRATE OF SODA AVAILABLE NOW

Some at Wilmington for Distribution to Robeson County Farmers at Once—W. K. Bethune Appointed County Distributor—775 Tons Needed at Once—It is Thought All Orders Will Be Filled by May 15.

Mr. W. K. Bethune of Lumberton received a wire Friday from the Department of Agriculture at Washington advising that he has been appointed county distributor of nitrate of soda for Robeson and that a small quantity of nitrate is now in Wilmington available for distribution in the county. Mr. Bethune was asked to wire the department the smallest quantity needed for immediate use in Robeson and he wired that 25 per cent of the entire amount ordered would meet immediate needs. This would be 775 tons, as Robeson county farmers placed order for 3,100 tons.

This will be shipped to Mr. Bethune, the telegram stated, in carload lots to points designated by him. Some nitrate will be weighed into bags of 200 pounds each, but owing to labor conditions at the port shipments can be made more quickly in cases where nitrate can be delivered to farmers in original bags as delivered at port. Mr. Bethune was instructed to wire amounts desired in even-weight bags and in original bags.

Mr. A. W. McLean, who returned last night from Washington, consulted Secretary of Agriculture Houston in regard to nitrate of soda to be furnished farmers at cost by the Government. Mr. McLean was advised by Secretary Houston that he thought enough nitrate would be available by May 15 to fill practically all the orders placed by North Carolina farmers. Two shiploads are already on the way to the port at Wilmington.

The soda would have been supplied earlier had it not been for shipping conditions. It is thought that the taking over of Dutch shipping will relieve the situation somewhat and as some of the ships taken over are around Panama, it is thought a few of them will be sent to Chile for the soda.

Great Russian Navy Yard City Taken by Germans.

This morning's Associated Press summary has the following:

With the ratification of the treaty of peace with Germany the Soviet congress in Moscow has dissolved. But the Germans have not yet ceased their inroads into Russia's richest territory in the south. Nikolayev, the great navy yard city northeast of Odessa and headquarters of the high command of the Russian Black Sea fleet, is the latest prize that has been wrested from the Russians. Situated at the mouth of the Bug river, the capture of the town gives the Germans a water route of great value through the rich agricultural country from Volynia to the Black Sea.

Take Over Dutch Ships Today Or Tomorrow.

A million tons of Dutch shipping now held in ports the world over through Holland's fear of Germany's threat to sink them if they venture out, will be brought into the service of the United States and Great Britain today or tomorrow. Holland's reply to the American and British demand that a voluntary shipping agreement be put into effect is said to be en route, but probably would not reach Washington by noon today, when the time limit expires. It is expected that Holland will assent and action may be delayed until tomorrow so that transfer may be by agreement instead of seizure.

Democratic Precinct Meetings March 30; County Convention April 6.

Democratic precinct meetings will be held in Robeson March 30 for the purpose of electing new committees and precinct chairmen, also delegates to the county convention to be held April 6, when a county chairman will be elected. Chairman McNeill says that many matters of importance will be discussed at the county convention and that probably a prominent speaker from a distance will address the meeting.

Still Captured and Destroyed in Creek Swamp.

A 20-gallon capacity whiskey still was captured about 4 miles east of Lumberton in the Creek swamp by Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Rural Policeman A. H. Prevatt Saturday. The still was made of sheet iron and while the still had not been operated for some time, around 50 gallons of meal beer was near the manufacturing plant. The still was cut up and the beer poured out on the ground. No arrests were made.

Examining School Children.

Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, began Saturday the work of examining the school children of the county. He examined 18 children from the Broad Ridge school and found about three-fourths of them suffering with some physical defect. He will examine a number of children each Saturday.

COUNTY FAIR MEETING.

To Determine Whether or Not to Hold County Fair Next Fall at Meeting at Court House Friday Evening.

At the court house in Lumberton Friday evening of this week at 8 o'clock a meeting will be held for the purpose of determining whether or not to hold a county fair in Lumberton next fall. All who are either for or against are invited to attend the meeting and express their views. Officers of the fair association are to be elected at this meeting, which is called by the president, Senator Frank Gough.

The fair last fall was the most successful of the three county fairs that have been held here during the past three years, and it is taken for granted that a bigger and better fair will be held next fall. The State Department of Agriculture urges that fairs be held as usual, and no reasons have been urged why this stimulus to effort and great promoter of good fellowship and other things worth while should be omitted. It is hoped, too, that a number of community fairs will be held before the date for the county fair. Philadelphia no doubt will hold its usual splendid community fair, and the matter has been under consideration for some time at Parkton. It is hoped that other communities will fall in line.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES.

County Union Meeting and Institute

At Ten Mile Wednesday—Institutes

At Marietta Thursday and Center

Friday.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the county meeting of the Robeson division of the Farmers' union to be held at Ten Mile Wednesday of this week will be in the nature of a farmers' institute. The institute is not only intended for members of the Farmers' union, but for all farmers and their families who can attend. Matters of importance to farmers will be discussed by able speakers. A most interesting program has been arranged and no doubt a large number will attend the meeting. It will be an all-day affair.

Institutes will be held at Oakdale, near Marietta, Thursday, and at Center, near Fairmont, Friday of this week.

23 WHITE, 85 NEGROES.

Robeson's Quota in Second Draft—

North Carolina's Quota is 1,177

Whites and 4,000 Negroes.

Of the 800,000 men who will be called to the colors in the second draft during 1918, Robeson county's quota will be 23 white men and 85 negroes. North Carolina's quota is 1,177 whites and 4,000 negroes. Quotas of Robeson and adjoining counties in this State are: white—Robeson No. 1, 12; No. 2, 11; Bladen, 9; Columbus, 14; Cumberland, 15; Hoke, 5; Scotland, 8; Negroes—Bladen, 58; Columbus, 50; Cumberland, 65; Hoke, 32; Scotland, 55; Robeson No. 1, 45, No. 2, 40.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Henry Bizzell of Elizabethtown Section.

Mr. Henry Bizzell of the Elizabethtown section died at the Thompson hospital here Friday morning. Deceased was around 47 years old and death was due to stomach trouble. He was too weak to undergo an operation when he reached the hospital. He is survived by his wife and four children. Interment was made at Elizabethtown Saturday at 11 a. m.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Duncan.

Hector Jr., 3-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Duncan of Moss Neck, died Saturday night about 9 o'clock of pneumonia. The funeral services were conducted yesterday at 4 o'clock by Rev. L. E. Dailey and interment was made in the family burying ground near the home.

Infant Child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tyler.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Tyler died Saturday about 2 p. m. at their home at the Lumberton cotton mills. The remains were taken yesterday to the old home in Columbus county, near Cerro Gordo, where interment will be made.

Patriotic Rally at East Lumberton

A patriotic rally was held at the East Lumberton school building Thursday evening. Messrs. R. D. Caldwell and H. E. Stacy made addresses which were instructive and Mrs. F. L. Nash rendered several readings, which were highly entertaining. Music was furnished by the school children.

A demonstration by the domestic science class of the school was very impressive. The boys of the class were dressed in their working suits and the girls served coffee and cakes made of oat-meal. The occasion was much enjoyed by a large crowd.

MEN OFF TO CAMP THIS WEEK

Will Entrain for Camp Jackson at Red Springs This Week.

The following registrants of Robeson division 2 have been accepted for immediate military service and have been called to report to the local board at Red Springs at 10 a. m. on the dates given below to be entrained for Camp Jackson:

Thursday, March 21.
Lawrence R. Edens, Graham McL. Reedy, Neill D. McCallum, Carl C. Edens, D. Evens McLean—all of Rowland; John Nelson Baxley, St. Pauls; Berdie R. Averette, John Heck Shaw, both of Lumber Bridge; Jno. Steadman McNeill, Buie; Geo. H. Markham, Washington, D. C.; Henry B. Culbreth, Parkton; Jno. B. Odum, Geo. M. Chandler, both of Pembroke; N. H. G. Balfour, Savannah, Ga.; A. H. Fine, Maxton (alternate).

Friday, March 22.
Dock Locklear, Rowland; Geo. E. Spaulding, Martin L. Sanders, Edwin Paul, Calvin B. Lowrey—all of Buie; Pearson Jacobs, Jas. Lowrey, Harlem Dial, Jack G. Sampson, Marvin Lowrey, Chas. Bullard, Willie Dial, Angus Locklear, Winslow B. Lowrey—all of Pembroke; Frank Locklear, Johns; Weston Deese, Chas. Oxendine, both of Pates; Chas. L. Oxendine, Lorenzo Collins, Jas. Eastman—all of Red Springs; Will Fred Locklear, Maxton; alternates—Wm. Locklear, Maxton, Wm. Van Lowrey, Buie.

Men to Camp From Robeson Division 1.

Fifteen white army registrants from Robeson district No. 1 will be sent to Camp Jackson Saturday of this week. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, 45 colored men will be sent to Camp Grant, Ill., from this district March 31. These will make up the first quota from this district. Twelve white men of the second draft will be sent to Camp Jackson from this district April 2.

The names of all these will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

SERVICE FLAG PRESENTED.

Philathea Class of Chestnut Street Methodist Sunday School Presents

Flag to Church—Has 14 Stars Now in Honor of Soldiers From This Church.

At the conclusion of the sermon at the morning service at Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday a beautiful service flag, made by members of the Philathea class of the Sunday school, was presented to the church for the class by its teacher, Mr. H. E. Stacy.

On a white center within a red border the 14 blue stars already worked into the flag are in honor of the following young men who have gone to the war from this church and Sunday school to fight for their country: Olin Edens, Raymond Musselwhite, Joseph Blake, Fred Townsend, David Fuller, Eugene Musselwhite, Chafin Blake, Enoch McConnell, L. E. Blanchard, Bert Cagle, Paul H. North, J. B. Strickland, Frank Williams, Warren Bryant. The three first named are already in France and the others are in the various training camps.

In his short presentation speech Mr. Stacy said that the church has more at stake in this war than any other institution, for the German philosophy denies the divinity of Jesus Christ and if Germany should prevail the religion of Christ would be regarded at least 200 years. The ladies of the Philathea class made the flag and presented it to the church, he said, with the prayer that the young men to whom it is dedicated may so conduct themselves as to reflect honor upon the church and that the church may never forget those of its sons who are fighting the battle of righteousness.

"America" and a verse of "The Star Spangled Banner" were sung and the service was concluded with a tender invocation by Dr. Beaman in which he prayed that the soldier boys might be shielded from foes without and within, that they might always feel that they are remembered and honored by the folks at home, and that they may return to be welcomed as heroes.

Recorder's Court.

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

Pink Woods, Indian, breaking speed limit on streets with motorcycle; judgment suspended upon payment of cost—\$7.20.

Anderson Britt and James Smith, riding bicycles on sidewalks; judgment suspended upon payment of cost—\$7.20 each.

Robert Smith, assault; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Luther Britt, breaking speed limit on streets with automobile; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

Governor Paroles Norman Hardin.

Norman Hardin, Indian, who was sentenced to six-months on the county roads on the charge of stealing meat by Judge Geo. W. Connor at the last term of criminal court, has been paroled by Governor Bickett. Hardin has been in the toils several times and it has only been a few months since he jumped a \$200 bond which he made when arrested on the charge of retailing.

SPECIAL SERVICE IN NEW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services in Magnificent New Temple of Worship For First Time Yesterday—Beautiful and Impressive Service at Which Corner Stone Was Laid.

For the first time all regular services were held yesterday in the new Presbyterian church, Chestnut and Tenth streets, and at 3:30 in the afternoon a special service was held to lay the corner stone. Despite a cold rain which made it unusually disagreeable out of doors, this special service was attended by a crowd which comfortably filled the main auditorium of the church, and it was a most delightful service in which the pastor, Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, was assisted by pastors of other churches in town, and every denomination was represented in the congregation.

Order of Service.

The order of the service was as follows: Voluntary; Nicene; invocation by the pastor; hymn; Scripture lesson, read by Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, prayer by Rev. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded and high school; hymn; address, "The value of the church to the community," by Rev. Dr. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church; address, "The Church's One Foundation," by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church; hymn; address, "Our Own Church," by Mr. J. P. Russell, one of the elders of the church, in the absence of Elder J. A. McAllister, who was not able to be present; address, "Our Present Needs," by Dr. Moorehouse, in the absence of Mr. A. W. McLean, one of deacons, who was out of town; offering; anthem, "Arise, Shine"; laying of corner stone; prayer; hymn; benediction.

Value of the Church to the Community. Each of the speakers packed into the 10 minutes to which he was limited a splendid speech. Drs. Greaves and Beaman prefaced their remarks with hearty congratulations upon the completion of this beautiful house of worship. Dr. Greaves said he had coveted a good church building for the Presbyterians, for they had so many other good things. He gave three reasons why the church is of value to a community: 1st, because it presents the one place where Christian standards are applied to our lives and conduct. Men may spend the week in ways that are questionable, in trivial business, trivial pleasures, trivial thoughts, but when they come to the church they are lifted into realms of higher values, loftier ideals. The church does not fill its mission unless it does that. Second, it is a place where men are made aware of their God-consciousness. We can see God in the flowers by the wayside, we can hear Him in the murmur of the streams—He is everywhere—but sometimes we are not conscious of His presence, other things crowd him out; but when we come to the house of God we are reminded of Him. And this church, he said, new now, as the years go by will gather into it a shelf of sacred memories. Third, it is a center of fellowship, where you become conscious of how dear you are to one another, where you enjoy the rapture that only the children of God feel. A building does not constitute a church, but the love that binds.

The Church's One Foundation. Touching at the outset of his remarks upon the harmonious blending of the architectural lines of this church, its superb churchly dignity, Dr. Beaman also paid a high compliment to Lumberton. Its churches, he said, should always type the intellectual and moral life of a community, and so the visitor to Lumberton, seeing its splendid church buildings, would be bound to conclude that they were the expressions of a people of lofty spiritual ideals. Addressing himself to his subject, he said in part: Other foundation can no man lay than has been laid, which is Jesus Christ, the chief corner stone. The church is not built upon a theory, a dogma, a creed or the shifting sands of human expediency, but upon an eternal foundation. Christ is the foundation of the church and it is going to live as it has lived through all the storm and stress of the past and the blood of its martyrs. Men sometimes get alarmed about the church and wonder if it is not giving away and breaking up. The church was never more secure than at this hour, in spite of the war; for out of the hell of this war the church is coming with greater life. Some things are going to the junkheap, but the church will do her work. We need not get nervous and put forth unholy hands to steady the ark of God; we need not lose sleep over the church going to pieces. The church has a wonderful mission. Its mission is not to entertain, but to save life from darkness to light, out of animalism and commercialism into the glory and beauty of genuine spirituality. God pity the Church when it goes into competition with the world in the entertainment business. Its business is to grapple with the awful problems of human life; not to laugh and reduce life to a merry-go-round, but to bring men to realization of the awful fact of sin. He was glad, he said, to know that the pastor had no idea of converting this into an "institutional" church. God pity the church that is converted into a swimming pool, a card room, or a kitchen.

Some History. Mr. J. P. Russell gave some history

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RED SPRINGS NEWS ITEMS.

Engagement Announced—Recitals—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, March 16 Mrs. Henry Atkinson and daughter, Miss Bessie from Richmond, Va., are visiting Mrs. Atkins' sisters, Mrs. J. I. Jones, Miss Mattie Muse and Mrs. Frances Marsh.

Mme. Frances Zard, a noted French prima donna, will give a recital at Flora McDonald college on Thursday night, March 21st. Madame Zard is one of the world's greatest singers. Since her arrival in America from France she has been singing in colleges and with symphony orchestras.

Mrs. Robert Moore and little daughter of Reidsville are visiting Mrs. Ida Currie.

Miss Marie Lovin is visiting her brother, Leak, in Durham.

Mrs. Taylor of Nova Scotia, sister of Mrs. Bartow Robeson, is visiting her daughter Margaret, who is a student at F. M. C., and also Mrs. John Robeson.

Mr. Will Townsend of the quartermaster corps, who has been stationed at Jacksonville, Fla. is on a visit to his family. From here he will go to Washington.

Miss Genevieve McMillan left Friday for Washington, D. C., where she has accepted a position in the war department.

On Monday evening at 8 o'clock in the college auditorium, there will be a recital given by Miss Wright, violin and Prof. Griffiths, voice, both are members of the faculty.

On Thursday afternoon Miss Mammie McNeill delightfully entertained the Priscilla club, at which time she announced the engagement of her sister, Miss Carrie Belle, to Mr. Ernest Graham, the wedding to be April 10th. Both of these young people are very popular in Red Springs, and are receiving congratulations and good wishes from their many friends.

Dr. R. D. McMillan and Mr. L. M. Cook have returned from Detroit, Mich., where they went on business. They made the trip home through the country in new Dodge cars, Mr. Cook being agent for them.

SERIOUS AUTO ACCIDENT.

Car Rolled Down 10-Foot Embankment and Pinned Mr. and Mrs. D. D. McRae Underneath—Both Escaped Without Serious Injury—Car Wrecked—Another Car Ran Off Bridge.

How did the occupants escape death? was the question many asked this morning as they viewed a two-passenger Maxwell automobile which had rolled down a 10-foot embankment just beyond the river on the Stage road. The car belonged to Mr. D. D. McRae of Minturn, S. C., and Mr. and Mrs. McRae were in the car when it ran off the embankment last night about 7:30. Both the occupants were pinned in the mud underneath the car. Mr. McRae managed to get from under the car and two colored men rushed to his rescue. They lifted the automobile off Mrs. McRae, whose face was buried in the mud and who was almost smothered to death when rescued. She was unconscious and could not speak for some time. Mrs. McRae was carried to the Thompson hospital and soon apparently was none the worse off from her experience. Mr. McRae's hands were slightly cut by pieces of the windshield.

Mr. McRae lost control of the car when the steering rod came loose and his breaks were not sufficient to stop the car. The automobile was badly damaged.

Mr. and Mrs. McRae spent yesterday here visiting at the home of Mrs. McRae's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Cashwell, and were returning home.

A Ford car in which three colored men were riding ran off the side of a bridge near the same embankment Saturday night. Two of the men, whose names have not been learned were somewhat bruised up. The men live near Fairmont.

To Buy Trucks For Road Drags.

Mr. J. Browne Evans, secretary of the county road board, and Mr. F. A. Wishart, county superintendent of roads, left Saturday evening for Atlanta, Ga., to buy trucks to pull road drags. The trucks will take the place of mules in dragging the roads and will be much faster.

Messrs. Arch Morrison and H. H. Anderson slightly mixed it up at the Pastime theatre Saturday night. No damage.

Mr. G. Badger McLeod, son of Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod, left Friday for the army. He volunteered and went to camp out of his order. He went to Camp Jackson.

Earl Neville, the negro convicted on the charge of criminally assaulting the wife of a street car conductor in Raleigh last October, was executed at the State prison in Raleigh Friday. He protested his innocence to the last.

The Progressive Farmer, Prof. Massey's Garden Book and The Robesonian all for \$2.75. See adv. on page 7 and send in your order to The Robesonian today.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Cold snap yesterday and welcome rain, today there is the feel of spring again in the air.

The Bladenboro orchestra will give a concert at Antioch, Hoke county, Friday evening of this week.

License has been issued for the marriage of Murray Walters and Callie Baxley; Cleveland Lynch and Ora Stephens.

Mr. H. B. Israel of R. 5 from Lumberton was in town Saturday. Mr. Israel reported numerous forest fires in his section recently.

Mr. Johnnie McNeill has accepted a position as salesman in the grocery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son. He began work Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White returned Saturday morning from New York and Baltimore, where they spent ten days buying goods for the White & Gough department store.

Postmaster D. D. French has offered a prize to the R. F. D. carrier from Lumberton who sells the most War Savings and Thrift stamps to his patrons during the month of March.

Mr. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section passed through town Friday en route to Charlotte, where he went to consult a specialist. Mr. Hamilton has been sick for several weeks.

Dr. C. Smith Dietz returned Thursday night from Conway, S. C., where he spent three weeks on his farm. Dr. Dietz has three sons in the service of Uncle Sam. One is already at the front in France.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier of Roziers were Lumberton visitors Thursday. Dr. Rozier spent 4 months in a hospital in Fayetteville, where he underwent 3 operations. He left the hospital about 2 weeks ago and his friends are glad to learn that he is regaining his strength.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Weinstein returned Friday from DeWitt, Ark., where they went early in January with the expectation of making their home in the mercantile business there. They are at the home of Mr. Weinstein's father, Mr. S. Weinstein.

The old wooden bridge across Lumber river at the foot of Third street caught on fire about 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The fire alarm was turned in and the fire department extinguished the flames before much damage was done. The fire is thought to have been incendiary origin.

Miss Mildred Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Q. T. Williams, returned home Friday night from Charlotte, where she spent several months taking treatment for nerve trouble at the Tranquil sanatorium. Her condition is very much improved. Mr. and Mrs. Williams went to Charlotte and accompanied their daughter home.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, addressed the people of the Mt. Elim and Center communities on the subject of war savings and thrift stamps last week. He spoke at Center Wednesday night and at Mt. Elim Thursday night. He will speak at Baltimore school house, near Fairmont, on the night of the 20th inst.

Mr. E. C. Watson, secretary-treasurer of the Ten Mile local of the Farmers' union, was a Lumberton visitor Friday. Mr. Watson says he is expecting one of the biggest days ever at Ten Mile Wednesday of this week when a meeting of the county Farmers' union will be held there in connection with an all-day farmers' institute. The public is invited to attend the institute.

Mr. Ed. Moody of Brunswick, Ga., and niece, Miss Annie Hunter of Mullins, S. C., spent the week-end here visiting friends and relatives. Mr. Moody is a grandson of the late Reuben King, who was sheriff of Robeson county for a number of years. It had been some 20 years since Mr. Moody had visited Lumberton and he was very favorably impressed with the growth of the town.

The sixth and eighth grades of the Lumberton graded and high school were given a half holiday Friday afternoon for selling the most War Savings and Thrift stamps. They went on a picnic down on the river bank and spent a most enjoyable afternoon. Misses Janie Carlyle and Elizabeth Snead, teachers of the two grades, chaperoned the crowd. They carried lunches and had ice cream and played many interesting games.

Mr. A. W. McLean returned last evening from Washington, where he went to extend Lord Reading, British Ambassador to the United States, an invitation to address the members of the North Carolina Bar association at the annual meeting of the association which will be held at Wrightsville Beach the last week in June. While Lord Reading could not promise so far ahead of the date of the meeting to come, he told Mr. McLean he would address the association if he could possibly arrange to attend the meeting.

Mr. Eugene Musselwhite spent yesterday here with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Musselwhite, and left last evening to return to Camp Lee, Petersburg, Va. Mr. Musselwhite volunteered last June and is now a corporal in the medical corps. His brother Mr. Raymond Musselwhite volunteered about a month before he did and was among the first of Pershing's troops to go to France last September. A through mail car on Coast Line train No. 89, New York to Florida, on which Mr. Musselwhite came from Petersburg Saturday evening, was burned with all its contents, the fire starting from a lamp.