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READY AND WAITING

It Is Expected That Soon Again Battle on Large Scale Will Begin.

NO MARKED CHANGE SINCE FIRST OF WEEK

A great counter assault by the Allied forces is momentarily expected to begin on the battle front in France. With the battle of Picardy brought to a standstill for the time being and the initial momentum of the German drive overcome, military observers at Washington are puzzled by the fact that up to last night a great counter assault had not developed.

There was a sudden and marked decrease in losses to British shipping through mine or submarine during the past week. Only 6 merchantmen of 1,600 tons or over and 7 under that tonnage were sunk in the week ending March 30.

The morning press summary gives the following: Although the fighting activity along the entire front of the new Somme offensive remains slight there still prevails the feeling that soon again battles on a large scale will begin and with the Allied troops, after the repulse of several days, strongly arrayed in battle formation and eager to test their strength against that of the foe.

From the Somme to the Oise river, along that portion of the battle line which bulges out toward Amiens, Ailly and Breteuil, the big guns of the opposing sides have opened in duels of great proportions, and it apparently is not unreasonable to assume that either side at any moment may take the offensive with their infantry in resumption of a battle which ranks among the greatest the world has ever seen.

Since the beginning of the present week there has been no marked change in the alignment of the opposing sides from Arras southward to Chauny. The fighting has lacked the sanguinary character of the previous days, owing in part, no doubt, to the extremely bad weather conditions. Neither the Germans nor the Allies have been idle, however, for daily there has been going on a reinforcement of strategic positions, both in man and gun power, for the coming engagements upon which it is conceded so much depends for the victors.

In the vicinity of Lens artillery duels of intensity have been revived on some sectors and in Belgium at various points reciprocal shelling continues. In both these regions, however, the infantry has kept to the trenches, except for patrols and reconnoitering purposes. An American sector has been heavily attacked with

44 Colored Soldiers in the Making Were Entrained Here Monday For Training Camp.

Forty-four colored registrants of Robeson division No. 1 were entrained by the local board at Lumberton Monday for Camp Grant, Ill. They left here under the command of Lieutenant Lawrence E. McGinnis, white, from Camp Grant. The list follows: Fred Little, Blounts Creek; Simon Peter Dunham, Lumberton; Harvey McArthur, Fairmont; Douglas Powell, Lumberton; Dud Rogers, Lumberton; Smith Worley, Lumberton; Furman McKee, Fairmont; Barrie Walters, Fairmont; Giles Arnett, Fairmont; Casey Bryan, Lumberton; Alex Hursey, Lumberton; Franklin Bullock, Fairmont; Ed. Currie, Lumberton; R. 2; Ernest Smith, Fairmont; Hezekiah Richardson, Barnesville, R. F. D.; McKinley Lewis, Lumberton; James Monigo, Fairmont; Grover Worley, Lumberton, R. 2; James Erving, Fairmont; William McQueen, Lake View, S. C.; L. Colonel Jones, Lumberton; Charles Henry Jones, Lumberton, R. 2; David Jones, Lumberton, R. 2; Joseph French, Lumberton, R. 6; Willie James Pittman, Lumberton; Frank Nichols, Fairmont; Robert Cromartie, Lumberton, R. 4; Lonnie Leach, Lumberton; James McCade, Lumberton, R. 2; Prentice McNeill, Lumberton; Lairy Hill, Fairmont; Aaron Powell, Lumberton; Henry McLean, Lumberton; Julius Stehens, Lumberton; Fred Wilkins, Fairmont; James A. Graves, Lumberton; David Smith, Lumberton; James Bell, Lumberton; James Edgar Green, Lumberton; James Lumberton; Ross Brown, Lumberton; Asa Brown, Lumberton; Shep Faulk, Marietta.

WHITE MEN TO CAMP JACKSON

Twelve Registrants of Robeson Division No. 1 Left For Camp Jackson Tuesday.

Twelve white registrants of Robeson division No. 1 were entrained in Lumberton Tuesday for Camp Jackson, S. C. Mr. Colin Phillips was made captain of the party, which was composed of the following: Joseph Pace, Marietta; Frank Jacobs, Raynham; Joe Henry Redmond, Greenville, S. C.; Arthur C. Brisson, Lumberton, R. 5; Colin Houston Phillips, Lumberton; McKay Hickman, Lumberton; Neill L. Hall, McDonald; John McLean, Lumberton, R. 5; Walter Graydy Floyd, Fairmont; William Anson Todd, Lumberton, R. 2.

James Weldon Fisher, Lumberton, Kelly Britt, Lumberton.

Lenroot Elected to U. S. Senate in Wisconsin.

Representative Irvin L. Lenroot, Republican, was elected United States Senator to succeed the late Paul O. Husting, having defeated Jos. E. Davies, Democrat, in Tuesday's election in Wisconsin, according to incomplete returns, by a majority estimated at more than 10,000. Victor L. Berger, Socialist, ran third.

Raft Swamp Democratic Primary.

The following were elected township Democratic executive committee for Raft Swamp township at the township primary last Saturday: W. C. Townsend, chairman; Gen. F. A. Bond, Joseph Townsend, Irvin Prevatt, J. M. Powell. These were also elected as delegates to the county convention.

COUNTY BUYS ROAD TRUCK AND DRAG

Machinery May Be at Work on County Roads in 30 Days—State Highway Roads to Be Worked First.

NEGROES OFF TO CAMP GRANT

FALL FROM WAGON FATAL

John Johnson, Colored, Fell or Jumped From Wagon When Mule Took Flight at Auto—Temple Bone Crushed.

John Johnson, colored, died Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock as the result of injuries received Tuesday morning about 10 o'clock when he was thrown out of a wagon on North Chestnut street by a runaway mule.

Johnson's left temple bone was crushed when he struck the ground. He was taken to the Thompson hospital immediately after he was hurt.

The mule became frightened at an automobile and some who saw Johnson when he left the wagon say he became frightened and jumped out, while other say he was thrown out.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES

Trinity—Rev. H. A. Grantham, Priest-in-Charge.

Low Sunday (Sunday after Easter) Holy Communion and sermon 11 a. m. Church school 4 p. m. Evening prayer and sermon 7:30. The Easter anthem will be repeated in the morning. No service this (Thursday) evening.

Chestnut Street Methodist—Dr. R. C. Beaman, Pastor—Services 8:30 p. m. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Epworth league at 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service at 8:30 p. m. It will be noted that the time for evening service is 8:30 instead of 8, as stated in Monday's Robesonian. Dr. Beaman announced the change at prayer-meeting last evening, 8 o'clock by the new time making the service too early. Dr. Greaves announces that the same hour will be observed at the First Baptist.

First Baptist—Dr. Charles L. Greaves, Pastor—Services 8:30 p. m. The subject of next Sunday morning's sermon will be "The Word of the Cross." The evening subject will be "Your Life at its Best." The evening service will begin at 8:30 (not 8 as announced in last Robesonian). During spring and summer an effort will be made to include the entire Sunday evening service within an hour. Wednesday evening meetings will last 45 minutes. It will be a great help to the pastor if the members of the congregation will make it a point to be on time at all services, thus making it possible to always begin on time.

Presbyterian—Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, Pastor.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Sabbath school every Sabbath morning at 9:30. Classes for all ages, men, women and children. Come. Morning worship at 11 o'clock. Sermon theme: "Joining the Church." Reception of members and Communion at this service. All members are expected to attend. Evening worship at 8 o'clock. Sermon theme: "Mars Hill."

Mid-week service Wednesday at 8 p. m. Subject: "How to satisfy doubt." Luke VII.

All services of this church will be held according to the new time. Session meets every Sabbath morning after Sabbath school in the pastor's study at the church to receive new members.

We are planning to dedicate our new church at an early date.

COUNTY SCHOOL MATTERS.

Petition for Special Tax Election Approved—\$5,000 Borrowed to Pay Teachers' Salaries—Diplomas to Be Issued to 7th-Grade Pupils.

The regular monthly meeting of the county board of education was held Monday in the office of Supt. J. R. Poole.

It was ordered that a meeting of the board of trustees of the county farm school be held at Philadelphia Friday, April 5th.

A petition was presented signed by over one-fourth of the free-holders living within the Maxton graded school district, asking that an election be called to ascertain the will of the people in voting a uniform rate of taxation of not over 50 cents on the \$100 worth of property and \$1.50 on the poll. The board, after finding that the petition met the requirements of the law, ordered that the board sign 300 diplomas to be issued at the close of the schools to pupils completing the seventh grades.

The chairman was authorized to execute a note for 90 days in the sum of \$5,000 at the National Bank of Lumberton for the purpose of paying teachers' salaries.

The following rebates were ordered paid: Mrs. Wesley Thimpson, No. 6; Thompson, white, \$8; J. H. Oxendine, No. 1, Burnt Swamp, Indian, 92c; Hoke Lumber Co., No. 1, white, Shan- non township, \$15; Geo. Strickland, No. 2, Alfordville, colored, 75c—all errors in listing.

Editor Meares Accepts Government Job.

Washington special to News and Observer: S. T. Meares of Clarkton, editor of the Bladen Journal, has been appointed to a job in the ordnance department and has come to Washington to take up his duties. He will draw a salary of \$1,200. Mr. Meares has been editor of the Bladen Journal about five years, and edited a creditable weekly. He will continue his newspaper writing in Washington, representing North Carolina afternoon newspapers.

County Democratic Convention Saturday.

The county Democratic convention will be held here Saturday of this week at 11 a. m. A new county executive committee will be elected and delegates to the State convention will be elected.

Death of Mr. Hector Brown.

News has been received here of the death last night at Maxton of Mr. Hector Brown of the Red Springs section. Mr. Brown had been in ill health for some time and was returning home from a hospital.

THE COUNTY'S BUSINESS

Special School Tax Election Ordered For Maxton District May 30—Claims Paid and Other Business Transacted at Regular Meeting of County Commissioners.

The county commissioners were in regular session Monday for the transaction of routine business. The following claims were ordered paid: Court House and Court—R. M. Williams, recorder Maxton district, salary, \$65; D. W. Bullock, recorder Rowland district, salary, \$50; A. E. Floyd, recorder Fairmont district, salary, \$50; E. M. Britt, recorder Lumberton district, salary, \$75; John S. Butler, recorder St. Pauls district, salary, \$40; J. N. Buie, recorder Red Springs district, salary, \$50; R. E. Lewis, sheriff, salary, \$316.66; stamps \$32. one-half car fare trip with State auditor \$7, expenses conveying Joe Ross from Baltimore, Md., \$47.27; Ben Blount, janitor, \$35; C. B. Skipper, clerk Superior court, salary, \$308.33, stamps, \$4.60; M. W. Floyd, register of deeds, salary, \$316.66, stamps, \$19.50; J. M. McCallum, county auditor, salary, \$187.50, stamps and phone calls, \$4.30; Edwards & Broughton, record books for court house, \$38.66; A. P. Spell, solicitor for Red Springs recorder's court, \$6. Total \$1,533.48.

Jail and Prisoners—Six rural policemen, \$75 each—\$450; W. W. Smith, reward offered for Joe Ross, \$50; W. A. Smith, conveying prisoners, \$7.79; A. H. Prevatt, jailer, salary, \$50, feeding prisoners, \$62.65, turn keys (salary fund), \$8.40; N. G. Smith, conveying prisoners, \$3; L. W. Andrews, conveying prisoners, \$5. Total \$636.84.

Miscellaneous—A. J. Floyd, Dr. T. C. Johnson, James D. Proctor, J. R. Poole, members of county health board, services on board for one day, \$4 each—\$16; J. D. McLean Co., burial of Sallie Floyd, pauper, \$15; Miss Lulu M. Cassidy, home demonstration agent, salary, \$33.35; Dr. A. H. Kerr, county farm demonstration agent, salary, \$85; W. S. Rankin, for county health work, \$290.42; State hospital, Goldsboro, indigent pupils, \$47.53; Freeman Printing Co., supplies for county, \$60.75; H. M. Beasley, coal for county, \$335.34; National Drug Co., drugs for county, \$72.79; State laboratory of hygiene, board for Sidney Shaw, \$9; Grantham Brothers, drugs for county, \$6.65; town of Lumberton, light and water, \$38.27; J. J. Flowers, keeping county home, \$138.56; Mrs. J. B. Bowen, stenographic work in farm demonstrator's office, \$40; Mrs. Eddie McNeill, stenographic work for county, \$10; McAllister Hardware, supplies for county, \$3.78; White Co., supplies for county, \$6.34; J. S. Thompson, work for county game warden, \$3.50; Frank Wishart, game warden, \$3.50; Frank Wishart, work for county game warden, \$2.50. Total \$1,222.22.

The regular pauper list was ordered paid and the monthly allowance of Daniel McRae was increased from \$5 to \$6 the month; the allowance of Aytch Floyd from \$2 to \$4; Flora McKinnon from \$1.50 to \$3.50; Jesse Ivey from \$3 to \$6; Elizabeth Oxendine from \$1 to \$3.

Hannah Douglas was placed on the regular pauper list at \$3 the month.

It was ordered that a special school tax election be held in the Maxton school district the 30th day of May 1918, to determine whether or not a special school tax of 50 cents on the \$100 valuation and \$1.50 on the poll be levied. J. C. Everett was appointed registrar and S. H. McKinnon and A. A. Wilkerson were appointed judges of the election.

A number of rebates were allowed. The monthly report of Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, was ordered filed.

It was ordered that Jerry M. Powell be exempt from paying poll tax and other public duties.

Thomas Moody was ordered admitted to the county home.

J. Ed. Tyson, county surveyor, was authorized to make more distinct marks on the meridian monument on the graded school grounds and also to put up on the court house square a standard measure for testing surveyor's chains.

The bond of Rural Policeman J. H. Carper in the sum of \$1,000 with the National Securities Co. as surety was approved.

Wishart Township Democratic Primary.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Allenton, April 2.—At the township Democratic primary held at Allenton Saturday afternoon the following were elected township executive committee: J. C. Stansel, chairman; J. M. Smith, secretary; L. C. West, D. F. Israel, J. R. Phillips. Delegates—J. M. Smith, L. C. West, D. F. Israel.

Superior Court.

Only one case has been completed in court since the report of the proceedings published in Monday's paper as written. This was the case of L. T. Johnson vs. James McLean, et al. Judgement was rendered in favor of the plaintiff. This case grew out of a disputed land title.

Judge W. A. Devin of Oxford is presiding.

Two and a half million pounds of flour have been returned to retailers by the consumers of forty two Arkansas counties in response to the food administration appeal against hoarding.

SOCIETY GOES INTO VAUDEVILLE

Local Talent Play at Opera House Tomorrow Evening for Benefit Red Cross.

"Society Goes Into Vaudeville" will be the attraction at the local opera house tomorrow evening. The attraction will be put on by local talent and will be under the direction of Mrs. Irene McLeod Nash.

Admission 25 cents, reserved seats 10 cents extra. The proceeds will go to the local Red Cross chapter. The show will begin at 8:30 (new time) and the curtain will rise promptly at that time. The entertainment promises to be highly entertaining.

PROGRAM

A. I. B. Young Company Youth and Beauty in the latest sing hits. Elizabeth Wishart... Robert Proctor. Viola Jenkins... Adrian Britt. Marie Thompson... J. Pope Stephens. Sadie Ray Pope... Robt. McIntyre. Miriam Weinstein, Charles P. McAllister.

Myrtle George... Abner Nash. George Whitfield... Ed. Rancke. Carrie Mae Hedgepeth J. Robert Prevatt.

B. Sarah Carlyle in Bits of Humor from Here and There. C. Hawaiian septette with their gems from the South Sea Isle. Lulu Norman... Margaret Nash. Vista Thompson... Carolyn Webb. Elsie Thompson... Drina Hedgepeth. Evalina Beckwith.

D. Carlyle and Holloway in "A Pair of Lunatics"... Hazel Carlyle. He... Frank Holloway. E. Irene McLeod Nash with her talk and talk songs.

F. Maitland LeGrande Thompson—Interpretive dancer. G. Society in "Are You Patriotic?"

CHORUS

Elizabeth Wishart, Viola Jenkins, Marie Thompson, Sadie Ray Pope, Miriam Weinstein, Myrtle Pope, Georgie Whitfield, Carrie Mae Hedgepeth, Lulu Norman, Margaret Nash, Vista Thompson, Drina Hedgepeth, Evalina Beckwith, Maitland Thompson, Sarah Carlyle, Hazel Carlyle, Robert Proctor, Adrain Britt, Pope Stephens, Robert McIntyre, Chas. P. McAllister, Abner Nash, Ed. Rancke, Robert Prevatt, Frank Holloway, Roberta Nash. England—Anna Neal Fuller. France—Agnes McLean. Italy—Kathryne Beaman. Belgium—Margie Russell. United States—Evelyn Whaley. Red Cross Nurse—Epsie Fuller. Sammie. Confederate Soldier M. G. McKenzie. H. At the piano—Miss Hilda Weinstein.

MARCH ALLOTMENT FILLED.

Report of Surgical Dressings Department of Local Red Cross Chapter for March.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. This department was asked by headquarters to make 120 pneumonia jackets and 5,000 shot bags during March. Great interest was taken and over the allotment was made. All these have been packed and shipped to headquarters.

Mrs. L. T. Townsend, supervisor of surgical dressings, authorized by Mrs. A. Nash, chairman of the work rooms, appointed Miss Lillian Proctor as secretary of the surgical dressings department.

A letter received from headquarters states that the April allotment cannot be given until next week. As soon as received each one will be notified by the assistant at her table, and the work will continue as before.

MRS. L. T. TOWNSEND, Supervisor. LILLIAN PROCTOR, Secretary.

Varsar and the Race for Congress.

Wilmington Dispatch. There is an effort to get L. R. Varsar, a prominent Lumberton lawyer, to make the race for Congress against Godwin this year. Varsar is a mighty fellow, and would make a splendid representative from this district, but we believe he has too much judgment to misread the signs.

—Mr. W. C. Bethea has accepted a position in Mr. J. H. Wishart's Grocery store. He began work Wednesday.

—Mr. C. J. Smith and son, Mr. C. J. Smith, Jr., of Henderson, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Mr. Smith Sr., is a member of the firm of Knott & Smith, who will operate a tobacco warehouse in Lumberton the coming season.

—Rev. M. F. Hodges of Kennansville was a Lumberton visitor Wednesday. He is spending a few days in the county visiting relatives and friends. It has been some 7 years since he had visited Lumberton and he notes many changes made during his absence.

—A graduate recital will be given at Flora Macdonald college and conservatory of music Monday evening of next week, at 8:15, by Miss Vergie Alice Goodwin, soprano, a sister of Mr. Junius J. Goodwin of Lumberton. Miss Goodwin will be assisted by Miss Nancy Lee Anderson, junior in piano, and Miss Mary Lou William, accompanist.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. Wearn Shelby left Tuesday for Hopewell, Va., where he has accepted a position.

—Miss Sadie Ray Pope has accepted a position in the National Bank of Lumberton. She began work Monday.

—Mrs. R. E. Lewis went yesterday morning to Charlotte to have her eyes treated. She will return tonight.

—Mr. B. M. Davis suffered a slight stroke of paralysis in his right side Monday. His condition is slowly improving.

—Miss Katie Stone has accepted a position in Messrs. White & Gough's department store. She began work Tuesday.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Hybert Leggett and Prudie Inman; Eddie Cashwell and Leola Hicks; Luther Smith and Fannie Hayes.

—The Alfred Rowland chapter of the U. D. C. will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday in the directors' rooms of the National Bank of Lumberton at 4:30.

—Members of the publicity committee of the local Red Cross chapter may obtain some valuable literature that will be of assistance to them by calling at The Robesonian office.

—Mr. Rufus M. Sanderson returned Monday night from Camp Jackson, having been given temporary discharge from the army on account of physical disability. He is subject to call, however, at any time.

—Sgt. Percy H. Wilson of battery D, 113 field artillery, passed through town this morning en route to Fairmont to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Wilson. Sgt. Wilson recently returned from Texas, where he spent 3 months.

—Messrs. E. L. and D. F. Holloway returned Tuesday night from New York. They drove two Chevrolet automobiles from New York, leaving New York Saturday night. The distance from New York to Lumberton the way they came is 715 miles.

—Ethel Melvin, colored, is in jail charged with stabbing Beatrice Pope, also colored, in the side with a knife last evening. The two women live about two miles east of town and Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Rural Police-man brought Ethel to jail last night.

—On account of the entertainment which will be given at the opera house tomorrow evening for the benefit of the Red Cross, the regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter has been postponed to Friday evening of next week.

—Condary Harden, Indian, who lives about 7 miles from Lumberton on the Fayetteville road, near Magnolia school house, had the misfortune of getting his house burned Wednesday of last week. Practically all the contents were consumed by the fire, which caught from the stove flue. He had no insurance.

—Mr. L. B. Weinstein, formerly of Fairmont, who returned recently with Mrs. Weinstein from Arkansas, where they went the first of the year, has opened up a store at Chadbourne. Mrs. Weinstein who has been at the home of Mr. Weinstein's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Weinstein, here for several days, will go tomorrow to Chadbourne.

—Mr. W. R. Miller and three daughters, Misses Alpha, Gladys, and Mollie, and son, Mr. Dougald, of R. 1 from Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors Tuesday. Mr. Dougald Miller was among the registrants called to report to the local board here Tuesday, but Mr. Miller was not among those selected to go to camp so he was free to return home and help make a crop.

—Mr. E. J. Prevatt, of the 39th U. S. infantry, stationed at Camp Greene, Charlotte, arrived here last night and will spend a 10-days' furlough visiting relatives and friends. This is Mr. Prevatt's first trip home since he enlisted in the army in August, 1914. He says he has never seen the day since he enlisted that he was not satisfied, and expects to continue in the service of his country as long as he lives.

—Mr. S. Weinstein has a roll of five \$100 bills of Russian money, issued in 1910, while the recently deposed Czar war monarch of all Russia. Mr. Weinstein bought this depreciated currency of a former regime recently in New York at \$10 the hundred, but since then the value has risen to \$12.50 the hundred. Maybe Mr. Weinstein would give you one of the bills if you will read what is inscribed thereon.

—Mrs. H. T. Pope of Lumberton was re-elected vice-president of the Wilmington division of the Baptist Women's Missionary Union at the convention in Asheville last week. Mrs. R. D. Caldwell was elected one of the delegates to represent the union at the Baptist convention at Little Rock in May. Mesdames H. T. Pope and Alf. H. McLeod and Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell attended the convention at Asheville last week and returned home Saturday.

—The minds of the laying hens seem to be running to capital letters. The other day The Robesonian told about a hen that layed an egg upon which was a capital S. Tuesday Mr. J. D. Taylor, who lives on R. 5 from Lumberton, brought to The Robesonian office an egg that has on it the prettiest capital C you ever saw. Some one explained that the other hen was urging the buying of War Savings Stamps. This one, on the verge of opening of the campaign for the Third Liberty loan, no doubt is urging Robeson county to "Come through." The hens are patriotic.