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## BIG EVENTS ON PROGRAM.

**Baker is Again in France for War Conference—Allied Armies Continue to Cut Their Way Into the German Lines.**

The Associated Press this morning gives the following summary of the war news:

The British and French armies continue to cut their way into the German lines on various sectors of the lower part of the battle line in France.

Notwithstanding the weather, which has caused somewhat of a slackening in the violence of the operations, Field Marshal Haig's forces have materially encroached upon Cambrai and St. Quentin, while farther south the French armies are pressing eastward on the old Noyon sector toward La Fere and Laon and northward toward Soissons in an auxiliary maneuver with the same objectives in view.

Between the Vesle and the Aisne rivers, where the American troops are fighting with the French, additional ground has been gained by the allied forces.

The British now are standing at Villeneuve, six miles from St. Quentin, having carried out an advance over a 10 miles front on the general line of Epehy, Hesbecourt and Vermand. To the north, the greater part of the Havrincourt wood, one of the German strong points barring the way to Cambrai also has been captured. So rapid has been the British advance along this portion of the front, that they now are in positions they held before the big German drive of last March.

In these positions the Germans are offering stout resistance to further progress by the British. Gradually the French are working their way around the St. Gobain forest north of Soissons in the movement that aims at the outflanking of La Fere and Laon and all the German positions east of this region. They have reached the outskirts of the village of Sevaux, on the northern edge of the forest, and 2-1/2 miles from La Fere while a short distance to the north, they have taken the village of Menissegis on the St. Quentin canal.

This latter gain brings the French within little more than eight miles from St. Quentin.

North of the Aisne, near Soissons, the Germans are fighting hard to keep the French in check, realizing that the gain by them of much more territory in this region, in conjunction with the maneuver that is in progress around the St. Gobain forest line eastward toward Rheims in a critical position. Near La Fere and north of Celles-sur-Aisne the Germans have delivered strong counter attacks, but the French everywhere have maintained their ground.

The Germans also are reacting somewhat south of Ypres, especially in the region of Ploegsteert, where the British are threatening the recapture of Armentieres. Counter-offensive maneuvers here and east of Wulverghem were broken up by the British.

During the first week of September, Field Marshal Haig's forces have taken more than 19,000 prisoners and large numbers of machine guns and quantities of stores.

That further big events are on the program of the Entente Allies in the prosecution of the war, is indicated by the fact that Newton D. Baker, the American Secretary of War, again is in France for a war conference.

## Register at Your Voting Precinct Sept. 12.

Registrars for the various townships appointed to register those of draft age Thursday of this week will meet in the court house here tomorrow at 4 p. m. for the purpose of receiving instructions, etc.

It seems that some people have an idea that they will either have to come to Lumberton or go to Red Springs to register. The people living in the various townships in the county will register at their voting precinct.

## Free Dental Clinics.

Dr. J. V. Turner, dentist, who is doing free dental work among the school children of the county, will be at Rowland Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Friday he will be at Mt. Olive and Saturday at Prospect. At the two last-named places Dr. Turner will treat the teeth of Indian children. He will have an appointment next week for colored children.

## Mr. L. C. Parker Said to Be In Canadian Army.

It is reported that relatives of Mr. L. C. Parker, former freight and passenger agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. Co., who mysteriously disappeared from a hotel in Raleigh some three years ago, have been advised that he is serving in the Canadian army.

## Registrants to Camp Humphries.

The following limited service registrants entrained Thursday afternoon for Camp Humphries, Virginia: Eugene T. Miller, Winston-Salem; Luther H. Prevatt, Buie, R. 1; Walter A. Fowler, Rennett; Tucker Britt, Fairmont, R. 1. Mr. F. L. Nash of Lumberton entrained Saturday for Camp Greene, Charlotte, and most probably will be assigned to clerical duty with the exemption board here, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian.

## ROBESON CHAPTER MEETS.

**Delegates Elected to State Convention — Fallen Heroes of County Honored—Other Matters.**

Reported for The Robesonian.

The September meeting of the Robeson chapter of U. D. C. was held on Thursday afternoon, Sept. 5th. The session was an important one, plans having been made for the chapter's representation at the State convention meeting at Wilson in October. Mesdames Costner and N. A. Thompson were elected delegates, with Mesdames N. A. McLean and Irvin Jenkins as alternates.

War relief work, educational endowment, and attention to the comfort and happiness of our living veterans have been the phases of U. D. C. work most stressed by the organization the past year. The Robeson chapter will send a very creditable report. Besides other war work, the chapter has purchased a \$50 Liberty bond within the year.

Mrs. Costner, through the chapter, made a personal gift of \$6 in payment of a renewal of the chapter's proportionate subscription to the Stonewall Jackson bed endowment, this bed being one of the beds in the ward maintained by the United Daughters of the Confederacy in a hospital in France.

The treasurer reported the payment of \$2 to the educational endowment fund. The historian reported several valuable additions to the chapter's scrap book.

The Daughters of the Confederacy and the community mourn the death of two brave soldiers, who, going out from our immediate community, have made the supreme sacrifice—Messrs. Donnie Sutton and Edgar Lovett. Mr. Sutton was killed in a battle in France and Mr. Lovett was accidentally killed while in training in a camp in New York, his body was conveyed home for burial, the interment being made in the family burying ground at Smyrna church. By order of the president general the Robeson chapter sent on the occasion of the funeral the Confederate colors, adding these lines: "He died for his country." "Glory guards with solemn rounds the bivouac of the dead." Thus we paid homage to the first hero of our immediate neighborhood.

## LIEUT. RUSSELL HOME.

**He Was in France 3 1-2 Months— Leaving His Company Like Leaving Football Team Before Game— Goes to Camp Meade.**

Lieut. J. M. Russell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Russell, arrived home last week from France, where he spent three and a half months. Lieut. Russell will leave tonight for Camp Meade, Md. He says leaving his company before getting to the front was like being pulled off a football team just before a game. He tried every way possible to stay overseas and expects to go back to France soon. Lieut. Russell saw an air raid while in France and was located near the battle front. He is looking well.

## A United Nation With the Will to Win.

Rev. Dr. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, returned home Friday night from Ridgecrest, where he spent a month's vacation. Mrs. Greaves and children are expected home Wednesday of this week. Dr. Greaves filled his regular appointments at his church here yesterday. In some preliminary remarks before beginning his sermon yesterday morning, Dr. Greaves said that after traveling more than 2,500 miles recently he had learned beyond a doubt that we belong to a united nation determined to win victory. He had talked to soldiers and soldiers' parents—parents of soldiers who have made the supreme sacrifice at the front—and nowhere had he heard a note of faltering.

## COMMUNITY FAIRS FOR ROBESON

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

Following is a list of the community fairs to be held in Robeson county this fall:

Howellsville at Regan school, October 1st; J. B. Regan, president; T. W. Maxwell, sec-treas.

Centenary at Centenary school October 3rd; R. H. Miller, president; J. O. McArthur, sec-treas.

Oakdale at Oakdale school October 4th; A. W. Harrington, president; G. E. Morgan, sec-treas.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstration Agent. LULU M. CASSIDY, Home Demonstration Agent.

## Rosh Hashanah Observed—Yom Kippur Next Monday.

Rosh Hashanah was observed by local Jews from 6 o'clock Friday evening to last evening. Services were conducted in the Jewish synagogue here by Rabbi Miller of Gastonia. Many Jews from other nearby towns attended the services here. Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, will be observed from 6 p. m. next Sunday to the same hour next Monday, the 16th.

## MEDICAL SERVICE CORPS.

**100 Per Cent Enrollment of Robeson County Physicians.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The following doctors of Robeson county have enlisted in the Volunteer Medical Service corps:

Thomas F. Costner, H. T. Pope, John Knox, J. A. Martin, T. C. Johnson, N. A. Thompson, T. A. Norment, W. L. Grantham, W. A. McPhaul—all of Lumberton; R. G. Rozier, Lumberton, R. 2; J. O. McLelland, D. W. Harris, W. P. Exum—Maxton; H. H. Hodgins, B. F. McMillan, J. L. McMillan, R. D. McMillan—Red Springs; W. F. Stephens, L. E. Ricks—Fairmont; J. McN. Smith, T. W. Carmichael, W. E. Evans, Howard Reedy, N. H. Andrews—Rowland; D. S. Currie, Parkton; G. W. Locklear, Pembroke; R. G. Rosser, St. Pauls. E. L. Bowman, McDonald; Thos. Stamps, Lumber Bridge.

Drs. A. H. Hayes, Fairmont, J. D. Quick, Lumberton, and M. L. Perry, Maxton, have already been commissioned in the Medical Reserve corps. Dr. J. P. Brown enlisted in Haywood county, where he is now practicing. Robeson county has enlisted one hundred per cent of its doctors.

W. A. McPhaul, County Health Officer, Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 9, 1918.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Dr. McPhaul was asked by the State representative of the Council of National Defense to enroll the doctors of Robeson. This does not mean that all who enlist will be taken but that doctors will be selected with due regard to home needs.

The Robesonian's Parkton correspondent writes that Dr. D. S. Currie of Parkton, who was put down in Thursday's paper as of Maxton, "did not volunteer at this meeting as he had made application to the National Defense committee, Washington, several days prior to the meeting for enlistment in the army Medical Reserve corps. Therefore it is with pride that we note he was not influenced by the action of anyone else to answer the call to duty."

## MEETING OF CAMP POPE.

**Mr. M. G. McKenzie Elected Commander—Delegates to Reunion.**

At a called meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope held here Saturday Mr. M. G. McKenzie of Lumberton was elected commander of the camp, succeeding the late J. A. McAllister. Mr. J. F. Raybon of Lumberton was elected adjutant, succeeding Mr. McKenzie in this office.

Mr. M. G. McKenzie was elected principal delegate to the Confederate reunion at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and Messrs. J. F. Raybon, N. C. Graham and Willis Speight were elected alternates.

## Fairmont High School Will Open September 16th.

Special to The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Sept. 7.—The Fairmont school will open Monday morning, September 16, with Prof. H. L. Dickson, principal.

The school will open with the public school money, therefore it is hoped that parents will have their children in school on the opening day.

The 11th grade will be taught by Miss Amy Wilson Childs. This grade will include French and all the other 11th grade studies. Tuition will be charged all pupils in the 11th grade.

## "We Are Ready to Complete the Task."

"This is the Nation's war. To register now for selection for military service is to enlist yourself as one of the Nation's manpower units. Every citizen owes it to himself and to his country to make this day a unanimous demonstration of loyalty, patriotism, and the will to win."

"This registration is America's announcement to the world that we are ready to complete the task already begun with such emphatic success." —WOODROW WILSON.

## Charged With Selling Intoxicating Bitters.

Alfred Britt was before Recorder E. M. Britt this morning on the charge of selling Noah's bitters, said to contain 25 per cent alcohol. Judgment was continued upon payment of cost and defendant was required to make justified bond in the sum of \$500, same to be forfeited if he sells any more Noah's bitters or any other intoxicants. Chief of Police E. L. Hanna recently seized six dozen bottles of the bitters which he found in Britt's store, Third street.

## Dr. Costner One of First to Volunteer.

In the list of names of doctors who had enlisted for war medical work published in Thursday's Robesonian the name of Dr. T. F. Costner of Lumberton should have been included. Dr. Costner was among the first to volunteer for this work.

—Mr. A. Weinstein will leave this evening for New York and other northern markets to purchase goods for his department store.

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

**Cotton Crop Short—Rain at Last— Some Town—Canning—Personal and Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Broad Ridge (Lumberton R. 4), Sept. 7.—Fodder-pulling is almost a thing of the past in this vicinity. The farmers say they didn't have as much as they expected. Tobacco curing is over and I guess every one is glad, even if they did get a very good price.

"Aunt Becky", we were glad indeed to have the privilege of reading another one of your letters, and are glad to know you are improving. If you've not killed the goat, send him this way and I'll insure one shot at him, if no more.

A meeting of days was carried on here last week, closing Sunday with only two members. Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth did the preaching.

Cotton picking is coming on and the farmers say there isn't much more than half a crop. Our late bean's are in full bloom and we'll be enjoying ourselves. Wonder if "Aunt Sophia" has any?

Several of the boys from around here are in the service of Uncle Sam. We greatly miss them but still we are proud to give them up.

A big rain fell here yesterday and we believe everything will look much better.

We will soon have a city down here, for we already have a town nearby, "Ninevah" by name, with one merchant and four streets, a piano, and goodness knows how many organs! Yes, and a light house, if its ever finished.

Everyone in this section is trying to can all the fruit and vegetables they can get for winter use. Mrs. Brown, write again, your letters are interesting.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

**Mr. Dock T. Watts of Broad Ridge.**

Mr. Dock T. Watts, aged about 90 years, died at his home near Broad Ridge church Saturday at 6 a. m. Deceased served four years in the Civil war. He was a loyal member of the Broad Ridge Baptist church. The funeral was conducted from this church Sunday at 10 a. m. by Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth of Lumberton. Interment was made in the church cemetery. He is survived by a number of children.

**Mr. Alfred Prevatt of East Lumberton.**

Mr. Alfred Prevatt, aged about 80 years, died at his home in East Lumberton Thursday night at 10 o'clock. Deceased was a Confederate veteran and was well-known. He had been in ill health for several months.

## DIED SHOUTING IN CHURCH.

**"Aunt" Edie Jones, Aged Indian, Had Prayed That She Might Die While Attending Service at That Very Church.**

Edie Jones, Indian, aged about 70 years, fell dead while shouting during a revival service at Smyrna Indian church, near Allenton, Thursday at noon. The preacher had finished his sermon and "Aunt" Edie was shouting when she fell dead. All efforts to revive her proved futile. Deceased had prayed that she might die while attending a service at this church, according to members of the congregation. She was in her usual health and walked more than a half-mile to church Thursday morning.

## Edgar Lovett Killed While Operating a Gun.

Relatives of Edgar Lovett, the Robeson county soldier killed accidentally in New York more than a week ago, have been advised that he met death from an explosion while operating a disappearing gun in a pit. As has been stated in The Robesonian, the remains were shipped to Lumberton and interred near Smyrna church. A soldier who started with the remains missed a train and failed to get here until a day after the remains arrived.

Miss Edith Courtney arrived this morning from Washington and will be head trimmer for Miss Josephine Breece again this season. She has been visiting friends in Washington since spending some time recently in Baltimore and New York, studying fall and winter styles.

## REGISTER UNLESS 46TH BIRTHDAY IS REACHED

To remove any misunderstanding as to who will be required to register under the new man-power act, Provost Marshal General Crowder, in a statement at Washington, said that all men who have not reached their 46th birthday on or before registration day, September 12, will be included within the minimum age limit. All men within those age limits who have not heretofore registered will be required to do so on September 12.

## A. F. CHASON.



Killed recently in France, as mentioned in The Robesonian. He was a son of Mr. A. F. Chason of Lumber Bridge, R. F. D. 3.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. C. M. Fuller returned Saturday from St. Louis, Mo., where he spent several days buying mules for his sales tables.

—Mr. J. T. Purvis of R. 2 Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Purvis sold his tobacco crop this year for more than \$580 the acre.

—Mr. J. I. Carter of R. 5 from Lumberton says he killed a rabbit Friday night. He cat made fight at Mr. Carter's children and then attacked him.

Miss Berta McNeill, daughter of ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill of Rowland, has accepted a position in the National Bank of Lumberton. She began work Thursday.

Supt. L. W. Hall of the local light and power plant received a card this morning advising that his son Mr. Boyd Hall, M. B. unit No. 7, had arrived safely overseas.

Mr. W. J. Wilkerson of the Center section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Wilkerson lost a stack of fodder which was struck by lightning Friday afternoon.

Reports from all sections of Robeson say a splendid rain fell Friday afternoon and evening. The rain was much needed and broke a long drought in many sections.

Mrs. Jno. S. Thompson returned home Thursday night from Baltimore, Md., where at Johns Hopkins hospital, she underwent a serious operation. Her condition is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Thompson left Friday for a cross-country trip in their auto to Asheville, via Greensboro and Winston-Salem. They expect to return home tomorrow.

Miss Pearl Humphrey spent yesterday at St. Pauls visiting relatives. The condition of her sister, Miss Harriett Humphrey, who has been sick for some time, is somewhat improved.

Sgt. Eric W. Jones of Fort Caswell spent the week-end here visiting his sister, Miss Ruth Jones. Sgt. Jones has been ordered transferred from Fort Caswell to Fort Monroe, Va.

Miss Dora Broadwell and Mr. Ben Ward, both of the National cotton mill village, were married at the home of the officiating officer, Justice M. G. McKenzie, Elm street, yesterday at 4 p. m.

Mr. C. M. Fuller received yesterday a cablegram from his son, Capt. David H. Fuller, who recently landed safely overseas. Capt. Fuller is with the 81st division and the message stated that he was well.

Mrs. W. L. Dougherty and son, Hoyle, returned Friday night from Blowing Rock, where they spent several weeks. Mr. Wm. Dougherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dougherty, who had also been at Blowing Rock, has entered school at Newton.

The editor is indebted to Mrs. F. F. Townsend of R. 6 from Lumberton, known to Robesonian readers as "Aunt Sophia," for a treat of the finest scuppernon grapes, some fine potatoes, some of them weighing 2 pounds, and fine butterbeans.

Mr. J. B. Strickland, formerly of Lumberton, who has been at Camp Jackson, S. C., since last spring, came to Lumberton Friday night and left yesterday for Smithfield, near which place he will visit home folks. He is in the depot brigade and is away on a 9-days' furlough.

Mr. J. L. Williamson of the U. S. army, who has been taking a special course in motor mechanical work at Clemson College, S. C., spent yesterday here with home folks. The course at Clemson was completed Saturday and Mr. Williamson expects to be sent "somewhere" right away.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Finch left Friday evening for Lynchburg, Va., where Mr. Finch will be connected with the Independent tobacco warehouse. Mr. Finch was auctioneer for the Star warehouse here during the past season. He says he was very favorably impressed with Lumberton and likes the town.

## CASH IN ADVANCE!

The War Industries Board has placed newspapers in a preferred class to receive materials necessary to their production, provided the newspapers conform to certain requirements. One of these requirements limits us to sending THE ROBESONIAN only to those who keep their subscription paid in advance. The War Industries Board will not permit those from whom we buy paper and other materials necessary to produce THE ROBESONIAN to furnish us these materials unless we comply with the provision of the order of the board. So our subscribers can readily see why we must obey the order of the War Industries Board.

The last copy of The Robesonian any subscriber will receive unless and until his subscription is paid in advance will be MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30. If you get your paper through the mails DO NOT wait for a statement. The Robesonian's force is kept so busy getting out the paper that there is scant time for sending out statements. On every paper sent through the mails there is a printed label that will enable each subscriber to know how his subscription stands, the date on each label showing the date to which the subscription is paid. Look at the label on your paper. If it shows that your subscription is not paid beyond October, 1918, please attend to the matter at once. To those who receive their paper by The Robesonian's own carriers a notice will be mailed, as there is no label on these papers by which the subscriber may know how he stands.

We hope every one of The Robesonian's subscribers will get her or his subscription in shape—paid up and in advance—before October 1. We do not want to lose or cut off a single one, but we cannot take any chances of having ourselves cut off from materials necessary to issue The Robesonian. Whatever the Government asks of us we are going to do.

We are not going to set the time ahead to which you must pay your subscription. All we are concerned about is that it be kept paid in advance. On THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, we will print just enough papers to supply subscribers who have paid in advance of that date. Each issue after October 1 we will print just enough papers to supply those whose subscriptions are paid in advance of the date of the paper on the day it is printed.

Those of The Robesonian's subscribers who are not paid in advance are just as good as gold. We have shown our faith in them by sending them the paper. But we are under different conditions now. Whatever the War Industries Board says goes. We are going to comply with its requirements and we will appreciate a prompt and loyal response from all subscribers. Keep the matter in mind, watch the label on your paper, and do not let your subscription get behind after Tuesday, October 1.

## THE ROBESONIAN.

Mr. A. T. McLean Succeeds Mr. Goodwin as Treasurer of Red Cross.

At the regular monthly meeting of the executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter Friday evening, held in the commissioners' room at the court house, Mr. A. T. McLean was elected treasurer of the chapter to succeed Mr. J. J. Goodwin, who, as has been stated in The Robesonian, has gone to Camp Gordon, Ga., officers' training camp.

Before Mr. Goodwin left his books were audited at his request, Messrs. F. P. Gray, J. Q. Beckwith and V. E. McMillan serving as an auditing committee at the request of the executive committee. The report of the auditing committee showed total receipts of \$8,730.97; total disbursements of \$7,574.52; balance on hand of \$1,156.45. Following the itemized report the committee writes: "All records appear to be very neatly and carefully kept."

Mr. Goodwin served the chapter efficiently from the time of its organization till he left for service in the army. A vote of thanks was tendered the auditing committee by the executive committee for their careful report.

A number of Robeson county schools will open for the fall term this week.

Mr. Edward F. Parnell was appointed Friday rural letter carrier on R. 2 from St. Pauls.

Mr. L. C. Townsend left yesterday for New York and Baltimore to buy goods for his store.

Messrs. Stephens & Barnes bought Friday from Mrs. A. Nash 1,530 acres of land near Pembroke.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist, Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses. LUMBERTON, N. C.