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## THESE THE SOLDIERS' FRIENDS INDEED

Capt. Russell Tells of War Work Agencies and What They Mean to Soldiers and Sailors—Well-Attended Meeting at Court House Monday Evening—It Was a Part of the Peace Celebration, Too.

One cannot listen for a little minute to Capt. J. P. Russell of Lumberton, now and for some months past engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Hancock, Ga., without learning that he thinks the American soldier the finest specimen of manhood or earth and without being impressed with the fact that the "Y" and the other six war work agencies are dedicated heart and soul to the task of ministering to the needs, spiritual, moral and physical, of the finest soldier the world has ever seen. You are impressed, too, with the fact that these seven war work agencies have played no small part in instilling into this finest soldier the spirit that makes him a better fighting man than the German product of a century of military training.

At the court house Monday evening, while some of the more demonstrative were continuing the peace celebration that started at noon and had lasted throughout the afternoon, Capt. Russell talked to a court room full of people about the work of the war relief agencies. He is bubbling over with enthusiasm for the work and has unbounded admiration for the American soldier product of less than two years. There is no qualification to Capt. Russell's superlatives. God the finest specimen on earth, God bless him, the American soldier is, and to minister to him, to guard him, to keep him safe and whole in soul, mind and body, and bring him back so to mother, sister, sweetheart or wife—no greater work than this can engage the energies of any woman or man; and to contribute to the support of those who are working to this end is a blessed privilege.

Where go the American war recruit, but a few months back from between the plow handles, from behind desk or counter, from loom or forge or dyevate, that adamant courage, that cool determination, that superb strength that made him more than a match, with his bare hands, for the armed Hun? What waked the spirit that is in him to the light of a vision that led on to conquer or die? What has given him a morale that is the wonder of the world? What but those wise agencies that have watched over him from his first moments in camp and followed him every step of the way to minister to his every need; that followed him to the trenches, cheered him as he fought, braved dangers with him in order to be by his side, and pulled him out of the jaws of hell when he fell wounded in no man's land.

And what but those same agencies will stand his friend now, in hours of peace fraught with more dangers to his life than in the days of fierce struggle? The work will not be ended until the last American soldier is safe back home.

Something of the work was told in detail by Capt. Russell, but space will not permit a close report of his speech. He made it plain that these war work agencies are on the job to serve the men of the army and navy every minute of the clock around each day, to give to each one the sort of aid and comfort and amusement and chance for self improvement that every mother wants her boy to have. They work on the theory that you can wear the devil out but you can't wear God out. And that will square with any theology.

Capt. Russell concluded by saying that any person who is not a friend to any one of these war work agencies is not a friend to the American soldier; and the person who is not a friend to the American soldier is not a friend to America.

And it is even so. Mayor J. D. Proctor, chairman of the War Work campaign for Robeson county, presided at the meetings. He first called on Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, to lead in prayer. And oddest prayer as it was. Few who heard it will ever forget. It had in it the unstudied eloquence, the fervent emotion, the humble thankfulness, the old, sweet, simple faith that is so well suited that hour when hearts were welling up with gratitude to the heavenly Father for deliverance from the awful scourge of war. It was a prayer that in its wide scope covered every divine emotion that stirred the hearts of the audience.

Rev. W. D. Combs, pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle, responded most appropriately to Mayor Proctor's invitation to say a few words, expressing his gratefulness for the fact that the flag of the United States had never known defeat because it had never known an unrighteous cause. Mayor Proctor then read a letter from Mr. T. L. Johnson, chairman of the local draft exemption board, expressing regret at his inability to be present at the meeting on account of having to go to Raleigh, and expressing also hearty sympathy with the purpose of the meeting.

Clerk of the Court C. B. Skipper, chairman for Lumberton township, read before presenting Capt. Russell reading Gov. Bickett's proclamation urging support of the War Work agencies, and told of the task before this township, to raise \$3,000. This he said he felt sure would be more than subscribed.

Cards were distributed before Capt.

## WAR WORK CAMPAIGN.

About Half County's Minimum Allotment Subscribed—United Effort Necessary on the Part of All Patriotic Citizens.

Capt. J. P. Russell of Lumberton, Y. M. C. A. man at Camp Hancock, Ga., will speak in the interest of the United War Work campaign at Union chapel, near Buie, this evening, and at Boardman Friday evening. Capt. Russell and Mayor Jas. D. Proctor, county chairman of the War Work campaign, held a meeting at St. Pauls Monday afternoon and \$1,000 was raised in a short while, two-thirds more than that township's allotment. They were at Raeford Sunday morning at 10:30; at Pembroke Tuesday p. m. at 8:30; at McDonalds yesterday afternoon and at Marietta last evening.

Chairman Proctor has received good reports from all sections of the county. Some townships have oversubscribed their allotment, some have gone half way over, while some have not done so well. Chairman Proctor says it will take the united effort of all patriotic citizens to make a success of this, the last, great campaign for funds for the great welfare organizations. He is optimistic about final success, for Robeson county people have not failed to meet every demand made upon them in the war. About half the minimum allotment for the county has been subscribed, and the time is half gone. A 50 per cent oversubscription is earnestly desired.

## CHRISTMAS PACKAGES FOR SOLDIERS OVERSEAS

Packages for Relatives or Friends in France Must Be Turned Over to Red Cross Not Later Than Nov. 20.

Mrs. Jno. D. McAllister and Miss Espie Fuller of the local Red Cross chapter are busy each afternoon wrapping and mailing Christmas packages to soldiers and sailors. The packages are prepared in the Red Cross room on the third floor of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings Cotton Mills office building, Elm and Second streets. The rooms are kept open from 3 to 5 each afternoon. Those who intend sending a package to a relative or friend in France must turn it over to the Red Cross so it can be mailed not later than November 20. Unless it is mailed by that date it would not be likely to reach France before Christmas.

As has been stated in the Robesonian, cartons for mailing presents can be secured at Messrs. White & Gough's store without cost. These are furnished by the Red Cross. The cartons and the things to be sent must be taken to the Red Cross room. The label sent home by the soldier or sailor must also be turned over to the Red Cross. Do not paste the label on the box until after it has been wrapped by the Red Cross workers.

Those who have not received a label can secure a carton by making affidavit before a notary public that they are the nearest kin to person to whom the package is to be sent. However, those sent by persons not receiving labels must take the packages to the Red Cross rooms for wrapping and mailing.

## Schools of the County May Open Nov. 18.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the county board of health has passed an order permitting schools, closed since the influenza epidemic broke out, to open Monday, Nov. 18. The health authorities have instructed teachers on the opening of school, to question any child having a cough, or that the teacher has any reason to believe has been exposed to influenza, and if the child has been exposed to the disease within two weeks to send the child home with a request that the family physician be consulted as to the advisability of such child attending school.

## Subscriptions to War Work Total \$45,613,639.

Contributions by the entire country to the United War Work campaign up to noon yesterday totaled \$45,613,639, according to a statement at national headquarters at New York last night. It will require \$40,000,000 a day for the remaining working days to reach the 50 per cent oversubscription sought by the seven organizations for welfare work.

## Another Robeson Boy Killed in Action.

The overseas casualty lists contain the name of Duncan C. Shaw of Lumber Bridge, killed in action.

Russell began his talk and when he concluded they were taken up. The crowd was not representative of the township in the matter of liberal subscriptions, so the amount realized, \$600, was considered not so bad. Mayor Proctor said he had good reports from other places in the county. Maxton more than doubled its quota of \$800 by noon that day, contributing \$1,700. St. Pauls at a meeting that afternoon had contributed \$1,000, its quota being \$600. All reports so far received were encouraging.

## EVERYTHING FOR WHICH AMERICA FOUGHT ACCOMPLISHED

Now the Duty to Assist in Establishment of Just Democracy Throughout the World.

Signing of the armistice with Germany was proclaimed Monday by President Wilson, who also announced its terms at a joint session of Congress. The terms herald the end of the war because they take from Germany the power to renew it.

Just before he went to the Capitol, the President, in a proclamation issued to his fellow countrymen, said:

"The armistice was signed this morning. Everything for which America fought has been accomplished. It will now be our fortunate duty to assist by example, by sober, friendly counsel and by material aid, in the establishment of just democracy throughout the world."

Stripped of its malicious power, the military autocracy, its masters driven to exile, stands before the world's court of justice, having subscribed to terms of surrender which probably will be recorded in history as the most drastic and complete ever measured out to a defeated foe.

Reading of the full text of the terms discloses measures the United States and the allied governments have taken to guarantee that Germany's acceptance shall not be a "scrap of paper" and to insure the destruction of the military caste.

When President Wilson concluded his exchange of notes with Prince Maximilian, who, chancellor, administration officials declared that if his course did not bring about what they hoped would be more than an unconditional surrender it might bring about a revolution in Germany.

Pointing today to the Hohenzollern dynasty, dethroned and exiled, the peoples' revolution sweeping Germany and the terms of the armistice, these officials felt their prediction amply fulfilled.

In his address to Congress Monday the President sounded a note of warning that unless the German people are fed; unless their distress is relieved, there is danger of bolshevism. The question of what sort of government might arise to make peace, he declared, was a matter for no small anxiety and misgiving.

President Wilson's address follows: "Gentlemen of the Congress: "In these anxious times of rapid and stupendous change it will in some degree lighten my sense of responsibility to perform in person the duty of communicating to you some of the larger circumstances of the situation with which it is necessary to deal.

"The German authorities who have, at the invitation of the supreme war council, been in communication with Marshal Foch, have accepted and signed the terms of armistice which he was authorized and instructed to communicate to them.

"The war thus comes to an end; for, having accepted these terms of armistice, it will be impossible for the German command to renew it.

"It is not now possible to assess the consequences of this great consummation. We know only that this tragedy from one nation to another engulfed all the world was on fire, is at an end and that it was the privilege of our own people to enter it at its most critical juncture in such fashion and in such force as to contribute in a way of which we are all deeply proud to the great result. We know, too, that the object of the war is attained; the object upon which all free men had set their hearts; and attained with a sweeping completeness which even now we do not realize.

"Armed imperialism such as the German conceived who were but yesterday the masters of Germany is at an end, its illicit ambitions engulfed in black disaster. The arbitrary power of the military caste of Germany which once could disturb the peace of the world is discredited and destroyed. And more than that—much more than that—has been accomplished. The great nations which associated themselves to destroy it have now definitely united in the common purpose to set up such a peace as will satisfy the longing of the whole world for disinterested justice, embodied in settlements which are based upon something much better and much more lasting than the selfish competitive interests of powerful states. There is no longer conjecture as to the objects the victors have in mind. They have a mind in the matter not only, but a heart also. Their avowed and concerted purpose is to satisfy and protect the weak as well as to accord their just rights to the strong.

"The humane temper and intention of the victorious governments has already been manifested in a very practical way. Their representatives in the supreme war council at Versailles have by unanimous resolution assured the people of the central empires that everything that is possible in the circumstances will be done to supply them with food and relieve the distressing want that is in so many places threatening their very lives; and steps are to be taken immediately to organize these efforts at relief in the same systematic manner that they were organized in the case of Belgium.

By the use of the same tonnage of the central empires it ought presently be possible to lift the fear of utter misery from their oppressed populations and set their minds and energies free for the great and hazardous tasks of political reconstruction which now face them on every hand.

## FAIR NEXT WEEK

Let Everybody Come to the County Fair Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Next Week. (By W. O. Thompson, Secretary)

Next week is fair week. Let everybody come to the fair Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week and have a good time, meet all your friends at Lumberton fair. It's a good time for a reunion. The war is over, the "flu" is gone, and it will be a time for rejoicing with everybody.

We expect to have the best fair we have ever had—plenty of exhibits, Ferris wheel, merry-go-round, shows, brass band, in fact, things that will attract and make you forget your troubles. Let's have a big week. Don't fail to see the exhibits of farm machinery, the labor-savers. Remember that Thursday is the day for the baby contest.

The fair will open Tuesday morning at ten o'clock sharp. Be on time. Remember this will be about your only change to see a fair this season in any section. The other fairs of the State, most of them, have been cancelled, and in view of this condition we really expect to have the State fair at Lumberton next week. Come and let's all have a real time.

Be sure and have your exhibits at the fair Monday, if possible, and not later than Tuesday noon.

## IF FOLKS ONLY KNEW.

It Would Be Easy to Raise Money for Y. M. C. A.—Peace Does Not Slow Up Work at Jackson—"Flu" a Thing of the Past.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Camp Jackson, S. C., Nov. 11.—Everything is moving along at its regular speed here (high speed). The boys are afraid that they will not have the chance to go over, while others seem to think that they will have to go over and roll up barbed wire and clean up the whole of Europe. The peace talk and rumors do not effect the work here at all. Everything is at top speed and all the fellows are in good spirits. I can sit at my desk and see the prettiest sights to be seen at a cantonment—and which are considered the most important during training—passing review of soldiers and grand march.

I was very much impressed by the sight of the Fairmont cemetery. It showed clearly that the epidemic was much greater in Robeson than it was here, the percentage of deaths being very much greater. "Flu" talk is a thing of the past, the quarantine has been lifted some time ago. Shows and Y. M. C. A. activities have been resumed.

If the people could realize the great amount of good the Y. M. C. A. does for the young man, not only here in camp but the ideas of betterment it impresses on him, the home-like feeling that a soldier has when he sits down in a Y. M. C. A. and ever faithful services of the "Y" workers, then the amount of money wished for this work would not be hard to raise.

## ALL U-BOATS MUST BE SURRENDERED

Germany Loses Entire Fleet of Submarines Under Amended Armistice Terms—Must Give Up 150,000 Cars.

Germany loses her entire fleet of submarines under the armistice terms as amended by Marshal Foch before he signed them with the German envoys Monday morning. Instead of 160 vessels, every one of the undersea pirate craft must be surrendered to the United States and the Allies within 14 days.

Eighteen of the articles as originally prepared by the supreme war council and as read by President Wilson to the Congress Monday were changed under the limited authority for alterations given the supreme command in dealing with the enemy envoys. Instead of 50,000 railroad cars to be surrendered in evacuated territory the number was made 150,000. The number of machine guns to be delivered by the Germans is reduced from 30,000 to 25,000; German troops in East Africa are permitted to evacuate instead of being required to surrender; provision is made for food means of Germany in the taking of German prisoners to repatriation of German prisoners of war at the conclusion of peace is added.

## Private John A. McLean Died of Wounds.

A cablegram addressed to Cyrus McLean, Lumberton, R. 6, received here Tuesday, stated that Private John A. McLean died on October 16 of wounds received in action. The message stated that Private McLean belonged to the infantry. Mr. S. H. Hamilton, local telegraph agent, has been unable to locate Cyrus McLean.

Private Frank Sutton, who had been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Sutton of East Lumberton since last Thursday, left yesterday to return to Camp Dix, N. J., medical detachment. Despite the ending of the war, Private Sutton hopes to be sent to France.

## RED-LETTER DAY AT TEN MILE

An All-Day Meeting of Farmers Union and Barbecue Dinner—Good Speakers.

Saturday was a red letter day for the members of Ten Mile local of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America and their families. It was the time for the regular meeting of the local and a special all-day program was arranged. Addresses were made by Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools; Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator; and Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent in Robeson. All the addresses were fine. Prof. Cale made just the sort of address that interests farmers and their families. Mr. Dukes' address was in the interest of the Farmers' Union. He made plain the necessity of the farmers being organized and urged the farmers to stick to their organization. Miss Andrews was the last to speak and her address was a gem. She is one of the out-speaking women at all. She knows what to say and how to say it. She appealed to the ladies to assist her in her work as home demonstration agent and also urged that they have something on exhibition at the county fair to be held in Lumberton November 19 to 22.

A feature of the program was a barbecue dinner. Two "shoots" were barbecued—and well barbecued. Mr. I. H. Stanley prepared the dinner, which consisted of pork, Brunswick stew, bread, sweet potatoes and other good things too numerous to mention. When it comes to barbecuing, "Stanley knows how." This reporter has attended like feasts before, but never has he seen things more "fit."

The Ten Mile local is perhaps the strongest in the county and as a result of the meeting Saturday, no doubt it will become stronger. The farmers of that up-to-now rural community get results from organization and cooperation.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Duncan Kinlaw, in the Navy for 2 Years—Remains Brought Home.

Mr. Duncan Kinlaw, aged about 29 years, died Sunday at Portsmouth, Va., of influenza-pneumonia. Deceased was a son of Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Kinlaw of R. 3, Lumberton and had been in the navy for two years. He is survived by his wife and three children, the youngest only one month old. The remains were sent home, arriving here Tuesday morning over the Seaboard, and interment was made at Back Swamp church yesterday at 10:30 a. m.

## Mr. Lewis Scott.

Mr. Lewis Scott, an aged man who lived about three miles east of town, died Monday night of influenza and complications. Mr. Scott was the third member of his family to die of this disease and another is not expected to live.

## Mr. P. F. McRae of Maxton.

Fayetteville Observer. Mr. P. F. McRae, of Maxton, died at Cumberland general hospital Sunday at noon. Mr. McRae spent Saturday in the city, and Sunday morning about 10 o'clock he was preparing to return to his home by automobile. In attempting to crank his Ford car he was stricken with paralysis. He was carried to the hospital, where he died two hours later. His body was shipped to his home near Maxton Monday.

## Examinations for Teachers.

Examination for white, colored and Indian teachers applying for second and third grade county certificates will be held at the court house in Lumberton Friday, November 22nd, at 10:00 a. m., by County Supt. J. R. Poole. All applicants will be expected to finish the examination in one day.

## Community Booths.

The community booths have been a feature of the county fairs held heretofore in Lumberton and Secretary W. O. Thompson is anxious that a number of Robeson communities have booths at the fair to be held in Lumberton, beginning Tuesday of next week.

## Buie Raises Allotment.

More than the original allotment in the United War Work campaign was raised at a meeting held at Buie Monday night. Mr. W. Lennon of Lumberton was the speaker of the occasion. However, since the armistice has been signed, the allotment has been increased and no doubt much more will be subscribed during the week.

## District No. 3 Goes Over.

Mr. McKay Byrd of R. 5, Lumberton, was in town yesterday. Mr. Byrd reported that district No. 3, Byrd township, has already gone "over the top" in the United War Work drive. The allotment was \$25,000 and \$32 has been raised. A house-to-house canvass was made and practically everybody subscribed something.

## DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist.

Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Holmes, Tuesday, a fine boy.

## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 24 1-2 cents the pound; strict middling 24 3-4 cents.

Lumberton chapter 116 O. E. F. will meet this evening at 7:30.

Lumbee tent Maccabees will meet tonight at 7:30. All members urged to attend.

License has been issued for the marriage of Charlie F. Phillips, Jr. and Jamie Williamson.

C. D. Brewington, Indian, of Pembroke, reports a potato weighing 8 1-2 pounds grown on his farm in Sampson county.

Mr. C. B. Skipper, chairman of the United War Work committee in Lumberton township, says the drive for funds is progressing very satisfactorily.

Mr. W. L. Parham recently bought from Mr. Ira Barker a 9-room residence on East Fifth street. Mr. Parham is moving into the residence today.

Mrs. Jno. A. McLean of R. 5, Lumberton, recently underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital. Mr. McLean was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday.

Mr. T. W. Trogden left this morning for Littleton in response to a wire message stating that his sister, Miss Etta Trogden, died this morning at 8 o'clock.

A Ford automobile belonging to Dr. H. T. Pope was somewhat damaged this morning when a colored boy drove it against a hydrant, corner Third and Chestnut streets.

A traveling salesman named Gibbs was before Recorder E. M. Britt Tuesday morning on the charge of reckless driving on the streets. The evidence was that Gibbs drove his auto against Mr. Strong Wishart on Elm street late Monday afternoon, bruising Mr. Wishart's leg. He was required to pay Mr. Wishart \$25 and pay the cost.

## CLASS 1 REGISTRANTS TO BE EXAMINED

They Will Report to Examining Physicians Next Monday 10 a. m.—Registrants Above 37 Need Not Return Questionnaires.

In accordance with instructions received from the War Department, I desire to make the following announcements:

1. All registrants 37 years of age and upwards who have received questionnaires will hold them until further orders. It is expected that if the peace treaty is signed these questionnaires will never be filled out, but will upon proper order be returned to the local board.

2. All other registrants, who have not already done so, are required to promptly fill out their questionnaires and forward them to the local board.

3. All those who have not heretofore been physically examined, and who are in class one, are directed to appear before the examining physicians on next Monday at 10 o'clock a. m. We will have a sufficient number of physicians on hand to complete the examinations promptly. It is not expected that these men who are now being examined will ever be called into service, but until the peace treaty is signed the government is proceeding with preparations in the usual way.

## T. L. JOHNSON, Chairman Local Board No. 1, Robeson County.

Lumberton, N. C., Nov. 14, 1918.

## SOUTH MUST STAND FIRM

Producers and Business Men Must Retain Control of Liquidation of Cotton Crop.

The North Carolina Division of Markets Tuesday issued the following statement from Raleigh:

"It is clear that the attack on cotton has been made by interests who have been promoting a propaganda during the last year. Peace finds a tremendous short interest in cotton—cotton goods and in the future will make a situation for which these promoters will be liable.

"This short interest can only be liquidated by the actual cotton in the South. If the South stands firm, peace can be expected to bring such an advance as the market has rarely seen. The issue is put squarely up to the producers and business men of the South whether they will retain control of the liquidation of their chief crop or surrender it to aliens.

"As a matter of self-protection these promoters can be expected to make a determined attack to break the confidence of holders immediately and the South should be prepared for such a development. A firm stand will unquestionably win out."

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