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## THIS IS FAIR WEEK

Signs Point to Best Fair Robeson Has Ever Had—Make It Peace Celebration Week—Fair Begins Tomorrow.

(By W. O. Thompson, Secretary.)

Indications are that we will have the best fair that Robeson county has ever had. Of course we are relying on what the people have told us about the exhibits and have made ample arrangements to take care of all that come. The management has worked hard to make the fair a success this time, in view of the fact that we have had to postpone the fair so many times, which caused more or less uncertainty as to the new dates. However, this seems to be well fixed in the minds of the people.

Let everybody come and spend the week. Let's have one more good time, make it a week of PEACE celebration, for if there ever was a time in the history of our country when we should rejoice, it is now, that the war is over and peace again reigns in this good land of ours. Remember, Tuesday is the opening day. Come all the week.

We will have plenty of good clean attractions that will interest the old and young. Take a ride on the merry-go-round or Ferris wheel. Don't forget the baby contest Thursday at 12 o'clock.

## UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN PROGRESSING NICELY

Time Extended to Wednesday Night—Chairman Proctor is Confident Robeson's Quota Will Be Raised.

Chairman Jas. D. Proctor says that the United War Work campaign is progressing nicely in Robeson and that he is confident the county will raise its quota of \$13,500, which is 50 per cent greater than the first announced minimum quota of \$9,000. The \$9,000 mark already has been reached. The time for the closing of the campaign has been extended from tonight to Wednesday night on account of the fact that peate celebrations and influenza caused the loss of two days in many sections.

People have responded nobly in all sections of the county, Chairman Proctor says, and the colored people have been especially active. Extraordinary work has been done in Maxton, Red Springs, Burnt Swamp and other townships. Mr. Proctor says by the next issue of the Robesonian he hopes to give more definite information. Lumberton township has almost reached its quota of \$3,000 and the local committee is confident that quota will be reached.

## RIOT AT WINSTON-SALEM.

Troops Ordered There to Quell Riot Resulting From Attempt to Lynch Negro.

As a result of efforts of a mob of several thousand men to storm the city jail and lynch a negro accused of shooting J. E. Childers and Sheriff Flynt and attacking Mrs. Childers Saturday night, a riot broke out in Winston-Salem last night in Winston-Salem last night in which at least 5 persons were killed and many persons injured, some of them seriously. Two of the injured are members of the guard, which was called out when the mob made the second visit to the jail after shooting a negro and accidentally wounding a white prisoner in the afternoon. Rachel Ivey, a young woman bystander, a fireman named Robt. Young, and 3 negroes are among the killed. According to the police, the negroes were killed in outlying districts where indiscriminate shooting continued for several hours after the mob had dispersed, following a pitched battle between it and the home guard, which was called out when the mob made the second visit to the jail. The worst of the trouble seemed to be over, according to a dispatch last night, and the police expected to have the situation in hand by the time troops called from Raleigh and Charlotte reached there today.

## 128 New Cases of "Flu" Reported in County Last Week.

Seven deaths and 128 new cases of influenza were reported to Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, in Robeson last week by 18 physicians. This is a considerable falling off from the previous week, when 275 new cases and 12 deaths were reported.

Dr. McPhaul attended the opening of the graded and high school this morning and warned the teachers to send home any child from a family where there has been a case of the "flu" in two weeks, also any children who have acute colds or catarrhal symptoms. He hopes that every teacher in the county will heed this warning and thereby reduce to a minimum the danger of re-opening schools.

## Chance for Victory Jollification.

Wilmington Star. The Robeson county fair will be held at Lumberton next Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. It will give the Robesonians a chance to have a victory jollification.

## ALLIED ARMIES BEGIN MARCH TOWARD GERMANY

Gen. Pershing's Forces Moved Forward Yesterday in Territory Just Abandoned By German Troops.

The allied armies began yesterday their march toward Germany. The Belgian forces already have occupied Antwerp, which was evacuated by the enemy on Friday and immediately taken over. Brussels was expected to be free of German soldiers yesterday. Gen. Pershing's forces moved forward early yesterday in territory just abandoned by German troops. On the old line between Mouson and Thiaucourt, lying from the region of Sedan to the south of Metz, the troops had been stationed to await orders for the advance and at 5:30 yesterday morning the patrols marched out, not in line of battle but in columns along the highroads which are only slightly impaired.

## THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

It Probably Will Be Held at Versailles and First Meeting May Be Held Before Dec. 15.

The general feeling of the associated governments is that Versailles—Paris—is the most convenient place to hold the peace conference and if this were decided upon it also would serve as a recognition of the paramount position of France in the war, states a Paris dispatch. In addition to these considerations there are certain practical ones of telegraph and cable facilities and easy communication between the capitals and the ample living accommodations as compared with the smaller Holland and Swiss cities.

Agents of the various allied countries already are seeking large houses in Paris for their delegations. The American representation will move from the small residence which Colonel House and his staff now occupy, to one much larger. It is probable that the first meeting of the peace congress will be on a date before December 15, a press dispatch states, after the English parliamentary elections and at a time which will give ample opportunity for the American and other delegates. A meeting to be held shortly of the inter-allied conference will finally determine details of these questions.

## TIME EXTENDED TO NOVEMBER 30TH

Christmas Parcels for Soldiers Overseas Will Be Accepted Up to That Date.

Extension to November 30th of the time during which Christmas parcels will be accepted for mailing to members of the American expeditionary forces in France was announced Thursday night by the Postoffice and War Departments. The extension was due, it was stated, to the fact that the men of several American divisions which were in combat recently have only lately been able to fill out the parcel labels without which packages from relatives and friends in this country will not be accepted by the postal authorities.

## Prof. Cale at Ten Mile—Collection for War Work Agencies.

Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, "preached" at Ten Mile Baptist church yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. His subject was, "Consequences of Deception." Prof. Cale is an able speaker and his talk was much enjoyed by those present. Mr. T. W. Maxwell made a short and interesting talk in the interest of the United War Work campaign. A collection amounting to \$47.97 was taken. This was a splendid collection, considering the fact that the community had been canvassed in the interest of the fund before, many having already contributed.

## Mr. A. P. Mitchell Will Be Agent in Lumberton for Seaboard and R. & C.

Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. A. P. Mitchell has accepted the Lumberton joint agency of the Seaboard Air Line, and the Raleigh & Charlotte railroads and expects to move to Lumberton as soon as he is checked up here. Mr. Mitchell has been connected with the Seaboard agency at Maxton since 1905, as operator and assistant, and he and Mrs. Mitchell seemed fixtures to their numerous friends who will part with them with regret, though wishing them success and happiness in their new home. They are active in the Baptist church work and will be greatly missed there.

## \$230.60 For Baptist Orphanage.

The First Baptist Sunday school of Lumberton contributed \$230.60 to the Baptist orphanage at Thomasville Sunday, November 10, this being the first collection taken for that institution since the first Sunday in September. This school has given more than \$100 each month this year to the Baptist orphanage.

## BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

## OVER THE TOP THEY WENT.

Fun to See Fritzes Run—Robeson Boy Wouldn't Take Anything For Experiences But Would Not Give a Cent to Try it Again.

Mr. W. H. Graham of Rowland, a Confederate veteran, sends The Robesonian a letter from his son, Bruton, who went over the top with the famous 30th division. He joined Capt. Gillett's company at Lumberton two years ago. From the letter, dated Oct. 7, 1918, the following is taken: "I am at an engineering school now and working hard. Came from the front lines here right after giving the 'Fritzes' 'L'. We went over the top last Sunday morning, and believe me it was fun to see the Fritzes run. Left their breakfast and everything there for us. Found a big pile of eats and plenty of rum. They were well fixed there, but we had to take their places, so over we went and took them. Found lots of interesting things. Wish you could have seen the srrap. Guess you saw about us going over. Well, we did, and I wouldn't take anything for my experiences, but wouldn't give two cents to try it again."

"Had a great trip to Paris last week, and, believe me, that's some city. It is a beautiful city. Would like to spend a while there to see the city, but don't know when I'll get to do it."

Mr. E. D. Pittman of Lumberton, R. 3, received last week a cablegram from his son Private Benjamin Pittman, who is in France, saying that he was getting along all right and had been on the front 12 days.

Messrs. C. T. Bullock and J. L. Spivey of the U. S. navy, stationed at the U. S. naval training station, Charleston, S. C., are spending furloughs with home folks on route 3 from Lumberton. They were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Mr. C. M. Fuller received Friday a cablegram from his son, Capt. David H. Fuller, who is with the 81st, or "Wildcat" division in France. The message stated that he was well and getting along o. k.

## Private Jake Edwards Killed in Action.

Relatives of Private Jake Edwards, Indian, formerly of R. 2, Lumberton, have been advised by cablegram that he was killed in action in France October 15. Private Edwards was a member of Co. G, 117th Infantry.

## Student Officers May Be Allowed to Return Home.

Student officers now in training at the army central training camps probably will be permitted to return to their homes immediately if they so desire, Secretary Baker indicated the other day. No definite decision has been reached as yet, Mr. Baker said, but he is inclined not to hold men at the training camps against their will. The camps themselves probably will be continued until the present classes have been graduated. At the expiration of that period, those who complete the course will be tendered commissions in the officers reserve corps.

## Reconstruction Commission to Be Appointed.

President Wilson has under consideration appointment of a reconstruction commission to develop a comprehensive program for the nation's conversion from a war to peace basis. The commission would be advisory rather than executive in its functions and the plans developed and coordinated by it would be carried out by existing departments and agencies.

## CASUALTIES

Among casualties reported: Lieut. Thomas J. James, Ferguson, N. C.; Joseph H. Johnston, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Sergeant Walter B. Ellis, Burlington, N. C.; Private Dewey M. Sanfield, Brisco, N. C.; James H. Wall, Randleman, N. C.; Edgar Bodford, Window, N. C.; Fred P. Vinson, Gneiss, N. C.; Joseph J. Bumpus, Englefield, N. C.; John S. Brown, Ware Shoals, S. C.; Leo L. Smith, Robersonville, N. C.; West E. Williams, Occoake, N. C.; Mechanic Charlie W. Carroll, Greensboro, N. C. Died of wounds: Lieut. Sam D. Turteltaub, Charleston, S. C.; Wm. F. Caldwell, Chester, S. C.; Privates Hub Raburn, Cool Springs, S. C.; Melvin C. Rogers, Marion, S. C.; Rayford Adair, Greenville, S. C.; Arthur Green, Elk Park, N. C. Died of disease: Private Elbert Anderson, Wilkesboro, N. C.; Andrew Ingram, Cheraw, S. C.; Arthur C. McWorter, Waxhaw, N. C.; James O. Moore, Scotland Neck, N. C.; Edmond Scriven, R. 4, Sumter, S. C. Wounded, degree undetermined: Corporal John K. Herring, Winston-Salem, N. C. Wounded slightly: Private Joseph H. Moore, Kelford, N. C.; Daniel Britner, Asheville, N. C. Missing in action: Private Paul E. Sparrow, Chapel Hill, N. C.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. J. D. Monroe moved Monday from Lumberton to Maxton. Mr. Monroe is for the present keeping books for Roycraft-Currie tobacco buyers at Aberdeen, but will come to Maxton when the tobacco season is over.

## WAR AGAINST THE RAT.

This is "Kill the Rat Week"—Rats and Mice Destroy Annually Crops and Other Property Valued at \$200,000,000.

Raleigh, Nov. 16.—The matter of paramount importance to those at home is the conservation of necessary materials for the United States and her Allies, and in order to promote sanitation and to conserve foodstuffs Governor Bickett has set apart the week November 18th to 23rd as "Kill the Rat Week." Interest in this campaign is increasing rapidly here and men, women and children are planning to unite in exterminating the rodents.

It is pointed out by the government, which has entered into the task wholeheartedly, that the rat is the "worst animal pest in the world." From its home among filth it visits dwellings and store rooms to pollute and destroy human food. It carries bubonic plague, infantile paralysis and many other diseases, according to the official report of David E. Lantz, assistant biologist of the bureau of biological survey of the United States government, and several subscribe to the opinion that the rodent has played a conspicuous part in the spread of the Spanish influenza, although this theory has not been confirmed officially, pending a thorough investigation now being conducted.

It is known, however, that in the United States rats and mice destroy annually crops and other property valued at \$200,000,000, which is equivalent to the total gross earnings of more than 200,000 men. The common brown rat breeds six to 10 times a year, and produces an average of 10 young at a litter. At this rate, it is estimated by the government officials, a pair of rats, breeding uninterrupted, and without deaths, would at the end of three years be increased to 359,709,482 individuals. This enables one to see the results attained by exterminating as many as two rodents.

State and county agents are lining up the boy scouts and farm club youths to carry out this important drive with credit to North Carolina, and it is expected that every one will participate enthusiastically. His ratship has proved a constant menace in milady's pantry and has been in memory of womanhood since days immemorial. Now, he must pay the "death penalty." Sergeant General Rupert Blue, of the Government Public Health Service, is aiding the campaigns in every possible way. It is urged that the people shall respond with enthusiasm to the first organized war against the rat.

## Troops Can Be Brought Back at Rate of 300,000 a Month.

The War Department has made no definite plans for the return of the American expeditionary forces to the United States, it is said, and a Washington dispatch of the 15th states that it is not regarded as likely that the movement, except of sick and wounded, will start any time soon; but Chairman E. N. Hurley of the United States Shipping Board announced Friday night on the eve of his departure for Europe that the government intends to return to this country speedily a large part of the forces. Mr. Hurley said the Shipping Board would be able to bring troops back at the rate of 300,000 a month, if the War Department wants them returned as fast as that. On future developments in the internal affairs of Germany and Austria and their relations with the Allies, the shipping official said, together with the trend of European events in general, would depend the number of troops to be brought to this country within the next few months.

## President Wilson May Attend Opening of Peace Conference.

A Washington dispatch states that the Allied and American governments are arranging for the meeting at an early date of the great peace conference. The belief is growing that President Wilson will attend, but probably not in the capacity of a delegate or commissioner. Secretary of State Lansing will head the American commission, and Col. E. M. House, Justice Louis Brandeis and Elihu Root, former Secretary of State, are mentioned as other likely selections.

## Mr. S. McIntyre Will Speak at Deep Branch 4th Sunday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. I want to call to the attention of the Indian people the fact that Mr. Stephen McIntyre of Lumberton will speak at Deep Branch church on the 4th Sunday in November at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. Everybody is invited to come and hear him in the interest of the Y. M. C. A. work. H. T. SAMPSON.

## \$250 FOR \$5.

Ed Smith, Indian, of R. 1, St. Pauls, says he knows a \$5 advertisement in The Robesonian made \$250 for him. He advertised a sale of farm implements, etc., in The Robesonian, people attended the sale from far and near, and \$5 invested in an ad in The Robesonian made him, he says, at least \$250 better off than he would have been if he had not run the ad. If you have anything to buy or sell, try a Robesonian ad.

## CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Fisher Burned to Death at Parkton—Robeson Association This Week—School Will Not Start Today.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Nov. 18.—On last Friday morning at 8:30 little Frances Fisher, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Fisher, was so badly burned that she died at two o'clock. She was attempting to build a fire in a heater when her clothing caught on fire and she ran out in the yard and around the house in search for her mother, who was out at the time, and before her mother could reach the child her clothing was almost completely burned off. The doctor was summoned and rendered every possible aid and relief, but all in vain. Francis was one of the sweetest and most attractive children I ever saw, beautiful brown eyes, beautiful hair and rosy cheeks, and the idol of the home, one that knew everybody in town and always had a word for every one she came in contact with. The entire town is in great sympathy with the stricken parents in this sad hour of grief. The funeral was held Saturday evening at 8:30 from the Baptist church, conducted by Rev. J. L. Jenkins, pastor, and Rev. J. K. Hall of the Presbyterian church. Interment was from the Parkton cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful, completely covering the grave. The Robeson Association will meet at the Baptist church here Wednesday and Thursday of this week and a good attendance is expected. Our school will not start today but probably will start in a week or two. No new cases of influenza reported for the last few days. All the sick are improving nicely and we trust all will soon be entirely well. Mr. A. H. Perry and son Leon and Mr. T. W. Thompson are business visitors to Lumberton today.

## HOW TO INCREASE YIELD OF BEANS

By Fertilizing With Lime and Sulphur They Bear Ten Times as Many.

That beans will bear ten times as many by using lime and sulphur for fertilizing them has been proven by Mr. Geo. W. Lennon of Lumberton. Mr. Lennon read an article sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture that effect and tried it out this year. He planted three short rows of butter beans last spring and used a mixture of lime and sulphur for fertilizer. From the three rows he is satisfied that he gathered 20 bushels of beans—ten times as many as he would have grown had he not used the prescribed fertilizer. The beans are still bearing and Mr. Lennon picked around three bushels of green beans from the vines last week. The article which led Mr. Lennon to try the sulphur-lime fertilizer stated that it would make peas bear ten per cent better, and cotton 50 per cent. He will try it on other crops next year. The fertilizer prescribed should be mixed 75 per cent lime and 25 per cent sulphur.

## Mr. G. P. Jones, Formerly of Lumberton.

Mr. G. P. Jones, father of Miss Ruth Jones of Lumberton, died yesterday at his home at Mooresville. The remains will be interred today at Newton. Miss Jones went to Mooresville Saturday in response to a message advising her of the serious illness of her father. Deceased lived in Lumberton for a while some years ago, going from here to Wilmington, where he lived for several years, moving recently to Mooresville.

## Miss Mamie Lovin of Red Springs Burned to Death.

Red Springs Dispatch, Nov. 15: Miss Mamie Lovin, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Lovin, died yesterday at 12 o'clock as a result of burns received Wednesday night. She was standing before an open fire, when her dress became ignited, and before any one could reach her, from down stairs, her clothing was entirely gone and her body horribly burned. The sympathy of the whole community goes out to the family in their sad bereavement. The funeral will take place Saturday morning.

## Early Enters Louisiana Lepers Home.

John H. Early, leper, arrived at New Orleans Friday from his home at Tryon, N. C. and received permission from the State Board of Health to enter the Louisiana lepers' home at Indian Bayou. Early escaped two months ago from a prison cottage in the District of Columbia and went to his old home in North Carolina. State authorities tried to get Washington health authorities to take him back but they refused. Some reports say Early escaped in Washington and spent several days in a hotel there before being captured.

## DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses.

—A splendid rain, accompanied by a hard wind, visite dthis section last night.

## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 27 cents the pound; strict middling 27 1-4 cents.

—The public school at Broad Ridge will open next Monday.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank Wilkerson and Ila Rogers.

—Mr. R. E. Duncan began work this morning as clerk at the local post-office. He will work during the holiday rush.

—The executive committee of the local Red Cross chapter will meet this evening at 7:30 in the commissioner's room at the court house.

—A meeting of Robeson chapter, U. D. C., will be held Thursday at 4 p. m. in the directors' room at the National Bank of Lumberton.

—The public school at Smith's, Howellsville township, opened today. Miss May Clark of Cedar Creek is principal and Miss Caro McNeill of Vass is assistant.

—Mr. Elias Collins of R. 1 from Orum passed through town this morning en route to St. Pauls. He was taking a load of home-grown wheat to the St. Pauls flour mill.

—Ed Smith, Indian, of R. 1, St. Pauls, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He recently sold his farm to Mr. Frank Brock of Oakland for \$1,400. The farm contained 22 acres.

—Miss Roberta Jones and Mr. C. Pope Brown, of Columbus county, were married in Lumberton Saturday at 4 p. m. in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd, Justice M. G. McKenzie performing the ceremony.

—Mr. Adrain Britt, a student at the State university, Chapel Hill, spent the week-end here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Britt. Mr. Britt is a member of the U. S. naval reserve and expects to be called into active service soon.

—All members of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter are urged to meet in the court house tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30. At this meeting officers for the coming year will be elected and it is important that all members of the chapter attend the meeting.

—Mr. C. L. Thagard and daughter, Miss Ida, and Miss Beulah McLean, all of the Parkton section, were Lumberton visitors Friday. Mr. Thagard brought the editor some of the finest Porto Rico yams he has seen, an appreciated remembrance. They know how to raise potatoes up Parkton way.

—Mr. Harrell Humphrey is home on a 14-days' furlough from Trinity college, where he is a member of the students' army training corps. He is suffering from the after effects of influenza and was brought home last week by his father, Mr. W. H. Humphrey, who went to Durham to see him.

—Mr. H. H. Anderson, proprietor of the Pastime theatre here, has leased the Hamlet opera house, one of the best in the State. Mr. W. S. Wishart will have charge of the Hamlet theatre, having been transferred from Laurinburg to Hamlet. Mr. Anderson will continue to operate the theatre at Laurinburg.

—A clerk-carrier examination was held in Lumberton Saturday to obtain eligibles from which to appoint some one to take the position of carrier recently vacated by Mr. Vance Skipper. The competitors were Mr. Lloyd McMillan, who is now serving as temporary substitute, Mr. R. E. Duncan of East Lumberton, Mr. Anderson Britt, with the local Seaboard force, and Miss Stella Murry of Barnesville. Miss Murry took the examination for clerk only.

—Mr. W. K. Culbreth of R. 6, Lumberton, who contributed a splendid article to The Robesonian recently about how to grow wheat, said when in town the other day that many people ask him where they can get wheat and he would like to tell them through The Robesonian that they can get good re-cleaned wheat from the Pembroke Flouring Mill. In the hope of inducing some body to plant wheat who otherwise might not do so, this free ad is given, though of course it ought to go in as a "business builder."

—The Lumberton graded and high schools re-opened this morning after being closed for 6 or 7 weeks on account of the "flu" epidemic. Supt. Cale estimates that the attendance today was about 60 per cent, with the first grade and high school thinnest. Prof. Cale says that if only children in good health and from families where there is no "flu" are sent to school they will be able to handle the situation. He is going to thoroughly disinfect every piece of furniture in every room every day.

—He must not have known he was in the high sheriff's chicken coop. Sheriff R. E. Lewis discovered something in his hen house at his home, sixth street, Saturday night. He went out to arrest the intruder and found a possum making an effort to take one or more of his chickens. The possum resisted arrest and the sheriff killed him. Of course the coroner's jury will acquit him of the charge. The possum killed one chicken for Mrs. O. C. Norment, who lives near by and had been making an effort to enjoy a chicken feast at the expense of the sheriff for several nights.

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