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## COUNTY FAIR ON

Large Crowds Are Attending Daily—Exhibits Better Arranged and More Attractive Than at Previous Fairs.

Surpassing in many respects the expectations of the promoters, the annual Robeson county fair is on in full blast and large crowds are attending it daily. As a result of the fair being postponed twice and the scattered cases of influenza in the country, there are not quite so many entries as were made last year, but the exhibits are better arranged and even more attractive than at previous fairs. The fair was opened Tuesday evening and will close tomorrow evening.

**Poultry Show a Leading Feature.** As has been the case since the fair was organized four years ago, the poultry show is again this year the leading feature. Chickens of all breeds, turkeys, pigeons, and all sorts of fowls are there. Perhaps no bigger poultry show will be held in the State this year than is on at the Robeson county fair, and sure no finer chickens will be displayed. More than 300 chickens and turkeys were entered.

Upon entering the building one is first attracted by an exhibit prepared by Miss Janie Carlyle of Lumberton. The exhibit consists of canned goods and a domestic science display, both of which are most attractive.

Others who have splendid displays of canned fruits and vegetables are Mesdames T. W. Maxwell and Joe N. Regan of R. 1, St. Pauls, and Mrs. L. B. Barnes of R. 6, Lumberton.

**St. Pauls Has Splendid Booth.** A booth from St. Pauls—a progressive Robeson county town—is attracting much attention from fair visitors. In the booth are products of the St. Pauls flour mill, including many kinds of bread cooked from flour made at the home mill. There are also a number of products from the St. Pauls cotton mill. There are many other things in the booth worthy of special mention. The canned goods display is splendid, as well as the fancy work and other domestic science articles. Two suits for children made from old suits of grown-ups look like they were factory-made. There is one dress in the booth which is 65 years old and is to be worn Sunday wear. The St. Pauls community is to be commended for preparing the booth.

**Old Relics and Fancy-Work.** Next in taking the fair in as it comes one is confronted by the old relics and fancy-work department. In the way of old relics one finds the old-time spinning wheel and cards, a pair of hames that were worn by an ox during the days when oxen were doing most of the plowing in this section, an umbrella 55 years old, a quilt 155 years old, a shawl 87 years old, two old books—one 150 and the other 75 years old—a powder horn 116 years old and numerous other things of interest.

The fancy work display makes a splendid showing.

**Lumberton Booth.** A very attractive booth prepared by Lumberton people comes next. The booth is made up of a variety of things, such as art, fancy work, garden products, fruits, raw and canned, etc. One of the most attractive things about this booth is a large life-like picture of President Wilson beaded with two United States flags.

**Farmerette Display.** Miss Julia Wessel of Lumberton has a display representing the "farmerette." A dummy farm woman is surrounded by many of the things grown on the farm. She has near by a hoe, a rake and other tools which a lady would find occasion to use. The dummy looks so much like the real lady herself that the reporter heard one man say "howdy do," and saw him tip his hat to her.

**General Farm Products.** In the general farm products display are to be found all sorts of farm products—products that will make you stop and take notice. You will find there some of the largest, if not the largest, turnips you ever saw; fall crop Irish potatoes that can't be beat; sweet potatoes, melons, pumpkins, corn, beans, peas, okra, rye, wheat and other grains, onions, tomatoes, colards, squash and practically a sample of all the many things which can be grown in this section.

**Home-Raised Meats.** If you are not hungry before, when you reach the display of home-raised meats you then feel like eatin' something. In this display one finds large hams and shoulders from Robeson county-raised hogs.

**Individual Booth.** In the booth line is an individual booth prepared by Mr. B. Sam Edwards. He has in this a splendid showing of cannot fruits and home-grown vegetables, besides numerous other farm products, most artistically arranged by Mr. Edwards, making a most attractive display.

Next comes the live meat display. There are 15 fine hogs on exhibition—some of as fine as one would find anywhere. There are also several fine cattle in the live-stock department.

There are numerous displays—such as improved farm machinery, etc.—at which the farmers all pause for a look.

After you have "look in" the fair you can, if you like, pass out at the back door and into the midway. This consists of the merry-go-round, the ferris wheel, shows, and all that it take to make up a carnival.

When it comes to taking interest in a county fair, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Neal Regan of R. 1, St. Pauls, are not left. The things which they have on exhibition would make a creditable

## PRESIDENT WILL ATTEND THE PEACE CONGRESS

He Will Go to Europe Immediately After Congress Convenes December 2nd.

President Wilson will attend the opening sessions of the peace conference. This was announced Monday night officially. He will go immediately after the convening of the regular session of Congress on December 2nd.

This official statement was issued at the White House:

"The President expects to sail for France immediately after the opening of the regular session of Congress, for the purpose of taking part in the discussion and settlement of the main features of the treaty of peace. It is not likely that it will be possible for him to remain throughout the sessions of the formal peace conference, but his presence at the outset is necessary in order to obviate the manifest disadvantages of discussions by cable in determining the greater outlines of the final treaty about which he must necessarily be consulted. He will, of course, be accompanied by delegates who will sit as the representatives of the United States throughout the conference."

The general belief is that the peace conference cannot be assembled before late in December and that the President will be absent from the country at least a month, and probably longer. Democratic Senators who conferred with the President Tuesday night got the impression that he plans to remain in France indefinitely or at least until the major portion of the work of the peace conference has been completed. It is expected that Mrs. Wilson will accompany the President and that he will visit Paris, where the peace conference probably will be held, before he goes to London and possibly to Brussels and Rome. Mr. Wilson is expected to receive abroad a reception such as has been accorded few men in public life. He will be welcomed not only as the President of the United States and commander-in-chief of the army and navy, but also as the champion of world democracy.

In visiting Europe the President will establish two precedents. He will be the first President to visit the United States to participate in a peace conference for the settling of issues growing out of a war in which this country participated, and likewise he will be the first President to leave North American soil during his tenure of office.

During his absence from the United States the President plans to continue to exercise all the functions of his office. He will keep in communication with Washington by wireless while at sea and by cable and if necessary by dispatch boats while he is abroad.

## NEARLY 7 BILLIONS.

4th Liberty Loan Reached \$6,989,047,000—5th Loan Next Spring.

Total subscriptions to the fourth Liberty Loan were \$6,989,047,000, the Treasury Department announced Tuesday night after final tabulations had been completed. The oversubscription of \$699,047,000 was 16.48 per cent.

Every Federal Reserve district exceeded its allotted quota. This makes the fourth loan by far the greatest war loan ever floated by this or any other government. For the fourth consecutive time in the last 18 months of war the American people have given more than the government asked to finance the war program. Including the four Liberty Loans and War Savings, the nation has raised \$17,852,000,000 in popular loans and this does not take into consideration over-subscriptions which were not accepted.

Subscriptions of the Richmond district totaled \$352,688,206, which is 125.95 per cent.

Bonds of the fifth war loan to be offered probably in the spring will be of short maturity. Secretary McAdoo announced Tuesday. This was interpreted as meaning five years or less.

## BELGIAN CAPITAL FREE OF HUNS

Brussels, Sunday, Nov. 17.—Huge crowds thronged the streets of Brussels this morning. The last detachment of German troops having left the city during the night. Acting Burgomaster Le Monier's proclamation inviting the victorious troops and the Belgian king and queen was placarded throughout the city. The streets were profusely beflagged with the Belgian and allied colors.

The first troops to arrive were greeted with intense enthusiasm.

## GERMANS GIVE UP 20 U-BOATS

Germany silently turned over twenty submarines to the English fleet yesterday morning. More than 80 other German submarines are to be handed over to the allies this week, according to the armistice terms.

fair alone. They always walk off with their share—a big share—of the prizes, and no doubt they will do the same thing this year.

A special feature today is the baby show. Twenty-six babies were entered.

## ROBESON 50 PER CENT. OVER.

Drive for United War Workers Fund a Decided Success—Final Reports May Show Contributions Amounting to \$15,000—Subscribers Urged to Pay Pledges Promptly.

The United War Work campaign has been a decided success in Robeson, thanks to the efficient work of the township chairmen and their faithful workers. The time for closing was extended to Wednesday night so that it is not possible to give a detailed report in this issue, however, temporary reports in hand indicate that we have gone 50 per cent over, these reports showing cash and pledges to the amount of \$13,629.00.

Our original quota was \$9,000.00 so it will be seen that we have more than met the added request and it is probable that the final showing may be \$14,500 to \$15,000.

Only a few of the townships have made final reports, as many worked up to the last minute, but I hope that final report can be published in your next issue.

There are a good many uncollected pledges so I call on all persons making pledges to make settlement as soon as possible with their local committees. Pledges are payable to the township chairmen, or members of their committee. Let's all make prompt settlement and send the cash in to cover our promises.

JAMES D. PROCTOR, County Chairman

Lumberton has gone 50 per cent over in the United War Work campaign, the local committee having already received cash and pledges that will put the township total something over \$3,000. The original allotment was \$1,980.00 but when the President asked for 50 per cent over subscription Chairman Skipper immediately set out to raise \$3,000, and this has been done. The work was thoroughly organized and so, systematically carried out that scarcely a person has failed to have an opportunity to contribute to this work for the boys.

Chairman Proctor says that all sections and townships did so well in the War Work campaign that it is difficult to say who did best. He feels that his final report will be one of which all Robeson will be proud. Some townships more than doubled their quotas, nearly all reached 50 per cent over and only one or two failed to reach their quotas. He is high in his praises of the work done by Capt. J. P. Russell. He and Capt. Russell went day and night and everywhere that Mr. Russell spoke the community went 50 per cent "over the top" or more.

Burnt Swamp, with a quota of \$162, raised \$444.75. The white people of that township contributed \$247, the Indians \$86.75, and the colored people \$111. The colored people raised theirs at Panther Ford Presbyterian church Sunday evening at a meeting addressed by Township Chairman J. P. Ray, County Chairman J. D. Proctor and Mr. J. P. Russell, every member of the church contributing. Dr. H. A. Grantham of Lumberton accompanied Messrs. Proctor and Russell to this meeting.

Chairman McKay Byrd reports \$42.37 raised by district No. 3, Wishart township, its quota being \$25. Chairman Byrd wants through The Robesonian to thank the people for their hearty co-operation. Maxton township was the first to go over. By 11 a. m. on the first day of the drive it had exceeded its quota of \$846 and has contributed in all over \$2,000.

Red Springs also made a notable record, more than doubling its quota. Exact figures not yet in hand. Too much credit for the creditable showing made by the county cannot be given to Chairman Proctor and Mr. Russell. Chairman Proctor has devoted his time and energies to the work and has directed the campaign most effectively, and Mr. Russell's earnest appeals, in which he told from personal experience and knowledge of the splendid work being done by the Y. M. C. A. and the other welfare agencies made every person who heard him want to contribute.

## GREAT NEED FOR MEN.

More Than 5,000 Men Needed For Overseas Service—Great Need For Men in Russia.

Prof. R. E. Sentelle, former superintendent of the Lumberton graded and high schools, who is now attending the Y. M. C. A. training school at Blue Ridge, in a letter to the editor of The Robesonian about other matters, writes as follows about the need for men for overseas work:

"We are still busy with our program here. This school will close next Tuesday. Another school will open in a few days. The need for men is more urgent than ever. Preachers, teachers, and men of all classes needed. We will appreciate it if you will call attention to these needs through your paper. The course of training here is of inestimable value to any man who will come and take it. More than 5,000 overseas men are needed for immediate service. The chaotic conditions in Russia make the demands for men in that field great—so great that I have decided to go there just as soon as transportation can be arranged for. I expect, though, to spend a few days in Lumberton before I go.

"R. E. SENTELLE."

## THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

The American People Have Special and Moving Cause to Be Thankful and Rejoice.

President Wilson in a proclamation issued Sunday, designated Thursday, November 28th, as Thanksgiving day, and said this year the American people have special and moving cause to be grateful and rejoice. Complete victory, he said, has brought not only peace but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which "justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among the nations."

The proclamation follows: (Thanksgiving, 1918.)

By the President of the United States of America: A proclamation. It has long been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice. God has in His good pleasures given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right. Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among the nations. Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by any purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they have won immortal glory and have nobly served their nation in serving mankind. God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the divine guidance in the performance of those duties, and divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all that we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we must build the new structure of peace and good will among the nations.

Therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 28th day of November next, a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done in the District of Columbia, this 16th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1918, and of the independence of the United States of America the 143rd.

WOODROW WILSON.  
ROBERT LANSING, Secretary of State.

## THE COST OF THE WAR.

Estimated That Cost to All Belligerent Nations Will Be \$200,000,000,000 By End of Year.

The direct cost of the war for all belligerent nations to last May 1 was reported at about \$175,000,000,000 by the Federal Reserve bulletin, issued Monday, and it is estimated that the cost will amount to nearly \$200,000,000,000 before the end of this year. These calculations were compiled by the board from various sources and while their accuracy is not vouched for, the board believes the figures are substantially correct.

For purely military and naval purposes, it is estimated that all belligerents had spent about \$132,000,000,000 to May 1, or about three-fourths of the total war cost. The balance represented interest on debt and other indirect war expenses.

How the cost mounted as the war grew in proportion from year to year is illustrated by tabulations showing that the mobilization in the first five months of the war in 1914 cost all belligerents about \$10,000,000,000. In 1915 the expenses jumped to \$26,000,000,000; in 1916 they increased to \$38,000,000,000 and in 1917 they were estimated at \$60,000,000,000. This year, expenses have run only a little above the rate last year.

About \$150,000,000,000 of the total war cost has been raised by war loans of various nations and comparatively little by taxation. The public debt of the principal Entente Allies is calculated at approximately \$105,000,000,000 or more than twice as much as the aggregate debt of the Central Powers, set at \$45,000,000,000. This does not take into consideration debt incurred since last May.

The enormous size of the war costs and debt is further illustrated by comparison with the anti-war debt of the seven principal belligerents which did not exceed \$25,000,000,000. The cost of supporting this debt was only about \$1,000,000,000 a year. Hereafter the annual burden to pay interest and sinking fund allowances will be not less than \$10,000,000,000 and probably much more.

## SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED.

The public school building at Rozier's district No. 2, Saddletree township, was burned Tuesday. The fire started on the roof from a spark. The loss is estimated at \$350, with \$200 insurance.

## BUY WAR SAVINGS STAMPS.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Vista, Small Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brunt Tolar of Arabia.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Raeford, Nov. 19.—Vista, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brunt Tolar of Arabia, who two weeks before had been carried to a hospital in Fayetteville, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis, died a few days after, and Monday her remains were brought back to the home and interred at Ephesus church at 3 o'clock p. m. The services were conducted by Pastor Townsend, assisted by Rev. J. L. Jenkins of Parkton.

Vista was not quite ten years old, but, young as she was, her life was already telling for good in her home, church and community. This summer she professed faith in Christ as her Savior and united with Ephesus Baptist church. For some time she had been interested in the work of the church, in Sunday school and in the Sunbeam society. She was very bright and active in her church for one of her age.

It looks as though death came too soon, but the Lord knows why, and what is best. She lived long enough for her life to be a blessing to her home and to those who knew her.

To the father, mother and little brother, we extend our sympathy.

## PASTOR.

## Over the Top Every Morning.

The following is taken from a letter dated Oct. 14, 1918, to Miss Olive Tyner of Buie, R. 1, from her cousin, Private Bennie Tyner, H. Q. Co., 117th Inf., A. E. F., France:

"You asked me if I had been in any battle yet. You may bet I have, for it is over the top every morning. We have got the hurry on the Huns and are having a time trying to keep up with them. I haven't had much time to write for some time and haven't got where we are now. I haven't had any for some time until this morning, and it was wet."

"I would like for you to know just where I was sitting to write this letter, but the censor forbids that. All I have by my side is my little Testament, but that is enough over here. When the evening shadows fall all I can do is to look up and thank God for one more day. I hope you have for protection over here. Tell all my folks I am getting along well."

## Private W. R. Oxendine Killed in Action.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Nov. 20.—L. H. Oxendine, Indian, of this place was advised by cablegram today that his son, William Russell Oxendine, was killed in action at the front in France October 14. Private Oxendine belonged to Co. K, and was one of the best boys of the Indian race. He was a very fine marksman and was selected as one to go "over the top."

## Red Cross Meeting to Elect Officers Postponed to Nov. 26.

So few people met at the court house Tuesday evening that it was decided to postpone the meeting of the local Red Cross chapter for the election of officers to Tuesday evening of next week, at 7:30. The meeting will be held in the court house and it is hoped that members of the chapter will realize the importance of attending. No doubt many people feel that now that the war is over there is no urgent reason for continuing the local organization. Important work remains to be done, however, and the local chapter will be more or less handicapped until officers are elected for the ensuing year. The Red Cross will have work to do for the relief of American soldiers and sailors until they are discharged and go home, and for many months it will have a great work to do in relieving suffering in Belgium and France and other countries devastated by the war.

## British Casualties Totaled 3,049,991.

British casualties during the war, including all the theatres of activity, totaled 3,049,991, it was announced in the House of Commons Tuesday. Of this number officers killed, wounded or missing aggregated 142,634, and men 2,907,357. The total losses in the fighting on the Franco-British front were 2,719,642.

## Ships Carrying Food to Europe.

Ships carrying 200,000 tons of food for the populations of northern France, Belgium, and Austria, now are en route to Europe, states a press dispatch. They are proceeding under sealed orders to Gibraltar and Bristol channel ports and on arrival will await word from Food Administrator Hoover as to final destination. Those going to Gibraltar are expected to proceed to Adriatic and Mediterranean ports and the others to French and Belgian ports.

## PAYS TO ADVERTISE IN THE ROBESONIAN.

J. T. Norsworthy, the salesman, writes: "From the many orders for good books I am receiving from high-class people of Lumberton and vicinity, I most certainly know that it pays to advertise a good article in The Robesonian."

## OTHER PRESENTS

The most useful and enjoyable Christmas present is The New International Encyclopedia—a life-time source of intellectual enjoyment and educational and financial benefit. Several Lumberton people have already ordered it as a holiday present for their loved ones. For prices and terms write to J. T. Norsworthy, Thompson Hotel, Lumberton, N. C., Phone 16.

## DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist

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## COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 26 1-4 cents the pound; strict middling 26 1-2 cents.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

Judging from what the farmers say, the majority of them are going to hold their cotton for a spell. Present prices don't exactly suit them.

Mr. A. Weinstein has returned from New York, where he spent several days buying goods for his department store.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bruce, formerly of the Buie section, left Tuesday evening for Bevier, Mo., where they will make their home.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis began his tax-collecting rounds Monday. He reports the folks "coming across" in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. C. C. Broughton of Raleigh, government inspector of draft boards, spent Tuesday and yesterday here checking the local exemption board.

Mr. H. T. Hux of the U. S. army stationed at Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., is spending a few days' furlough here visiting friends. Mr. Hux was formerly employed as linotype operator by The Robesonian.

Mr. William Dougherty returned yesterday to Newton to resume his studies in the high school there. He came home several weeks ago on account of the influenza epidemic at Newton. He was accompanied to Charlotte by his mother and small brother, Hoyte.

There was a double-header marriage at the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Tuesday at noon. The contracting parties were Annie Shaw and David A. Fairley; Ross Pittman and Lucius Murphy—all colored. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McDonald and children, Misses Joanna, Susan and Lucinda and Master Wade Knox, left yesterday for Hawthorne, Fla., where Mr. McDonald is considering purchasing a farm. Mr. Richard McDonald, who is a member of The Robesonian's composing room force, remains in Lumberton.

Mr. Lamar McCallum, formerly of Robeson county, moved recently from High Point to New York. Mr. McCallum has been covering the South for Thompson & Co., hardwood and veneer manufacturers, for four years. He will now cover the most important furniture manufacturing centers of the entire United States.

## OAK GROVE LEAFLETS.

Farmers Through Harvesting—Rejoicing But Must "Carry On." Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, R. 1, Nov. 19.—Farmers around here are about through gathering their crops. Some are done and probably all will get through this week.

The nice refreshing showers which came Sunday night were of great help and were welcomed by all, as it had begun to get where in some places a great trouble to get water for the stock as the wells were almost dried up. The wind is blowing very severely today and makes us think it is winter sure enough. A fire feels comfortable all through the day.

People around here are sure rejoicing over "peace" one more time; but still it won't do to give up, we must still do our part.

Mr. W. A. Tyner of Abbottsburg was a visitor at the home of Mr. Ben Tyner Friday and Saturday. Miss Etta Tyner returned with him to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Tyner visited the home of Mrs. Tyner's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Lewis of Raft Swamp section Sunday.

Messrs. Emory Townsend and Raymond Capps were callers in this section from Lumberton Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Tyner were visitors at the home of Mr. J. M. Tyner Sunday.

Mr. Jack Edmond was a caller in this section Sunday evening from Lumberton.

Mr. Jack Gytton of Lumberton was a caller at the home of Mr. E. W. Tyner Sunday p. m.

Write again, soldier boys, your letters are interesting; also Aunt Becky's and aunt Sophia's.

## All But 3 Camps in Southeast to Be Abandoned.

According to reliable, but unofficial information all army cantonments in the southeast are to be abandoned with the exception of Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia; Camp Jackson, S. C.; and Camp Gordon, Atlanta, states a press dispatch. Men now at the camps to be abandoned will be either sent home in the near future or transferred to the permanent cantonments.

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