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FAIR DECIDED SUCCESS.

Fine Exhibits Attractively Displayed Drew Larger Crowds Than Have Attended Previous Fairs Here—Prize-Winning Booths.

The most successful fair in the history of the Robeson county fair association was held in Lumberton Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. Better exhibits, more attractively displayed, drew larger crowds than have attended previous fairs. It is estimated that between 12,000 and 15,000 people attended the fair and all seemed pleased with what they saw.

Thursday was the "big day" of the fair and that was "baby day." Twenty-six babies—all fine, robust youngsters—were entered. "There was not a sorry baby in the bunch," one of the judges remarked after he had "looked them over." The winner of the prize offered for the best baby in the show has not been announced by the judges.

Mention was made in Thursday's Robesonian of the splendid booth prepared by Capt. J. T. Glover, manager Pauls. This booth won first prize. A feature of the booth was the display of products from the St. Pauls flour mill. Samples of the flour made at this Robeson county mill was there, as well as all sorts of bread made from the home-made flour. This mill began operation about 6 months ago and has a capacity of 50 barrels per day. Mr. Calvin Lindsay is president of the mill company and Mr. L. M. McGowan is secretary-treasurer. Mr. Jno. Anderson is miller. This mill is proving a blessing to farmers of this section who grow wheat and will no doubt induce others to plant wheat. The products of the St. Pauls cotton mill also attracted much attention from fair visitors.

The individual booth prepared by Mr. B. Sam Edwards won second prize. An attractive display not mentioned in Thursday's paper was one prepared by Capt. J. T. Glover, manager of the iron foundry of the Lumberton Motor Car Co. The display consisted of home-made hardware. The exhibits were judged Thursday and the names of the prize-winners will be published in The Robesonian at an early date.

NOTES.

"I am surprised at the splendid fair this year, considering the fact that it had to be postponed twice," many were heard to remark after they had seen the exhibits. Even the fair officials were surprised at the interest taken, the fair being much better than they anticipated.

With the exception of a few doings by "monkey run" drinkers, the crowds who attended the fair were most orderly. Very few arrests were made.

The display of improved farm machinery attracted farmers generally. The display consisted of all sorts of things needed about the farm.

Miss Amanda McDiarmid Becomes

Bride of Mr. W. W. Davis.

Announcements reading as follows were received here Saturday evening: Mr. and Mrs. Owen Clinton Norment announce the marriage of their niece Miss Amanda McDiarmid.

Mr. William Walter Davis on Saturday, November the twenty-third.

The marriage took place Saturday afternoon at 4:40 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Norment, Walnut and Sixth streets, in the presence of a few friends of the contracting parties. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut street Methodist church. Mr. and Mrs. Davis left immediately for Florida. They are expected to return to Lumberton in a week or ten days.

The bride is a cultured young woman whose many estimable qualities of mind and heart have endeared her to a large circle of friends. The groom for several years has been general freight and passenger agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, with headquarters here, and is a young man of sterling worth.

8 Divisions Soon to Be Sent Back

to America.

Demobilization of the American expeditionary forces, already in progress with the homeward movement of sick and wounded, will be hastened by the return at an early date of 8 divisions of national guard and national army troops, 8 regiments of coast artillery and 2 brigades of field artillery. This announcement was made Saturday by Gen. March, chief of staff, on receipt of dispatches from Gen. Pershing.

U. D. C. Elects Officers.

Reported for The Robesonian. The regular meeting of the chapter being delayed because of influenza, the November meeting of the Robeson chapter of U. D. C. was held on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21st.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year: Miss Mary G. McNeill, president; Mrs. E. K. Proctor, vice-president; Mrs. J. P. Russell, treasurer; Miss Emma H. Norment, recording secretary; Mrs. C. V. Brown, corresponding secretary.

The membership of the chapter is urged to more regular attendance. The Postal Telegraph-Cable Co. will contest in the courts the government seizure of its properties and proposed consolidation of its land lines with those of the Western Union Telegraph Co.

FOUR HOUSES ROBBED.

Thieves Mopped Up in 4 Residences in Eastern Part of Town Early Saturday Evening—Clothes, Jewelry and Firearms Taken.

There was a wholesale house robbery in the eastern part of town Saturday night. The homes of Messrs. N. F. Andrews and W. H. Kinlaw, East Fifth street, and Messrs. C. M. Prevatt and Joe Blacker, Cedar street, were entered. Entrance was made at all the residences except that of Mr. Prevatt by raising windows. Mr. Prevatt's home was entered at the front door, which was not locked.

The robbers took practically all Mr. Andrews' clothes and a \$40 gun. Two watches were stolen from Mr. Prevatt, and a pistol from Mr. Blacker. Mr. Kinlaw and family are away from home and it is not known what was taken there. The window was left up at the Kinlaw home.

Bureau drawers, trunks, etc., were ransacked at all the homes entered and it is thought the intruders were in search of money and jewelry.

Mrs. Prevatt was at the home of a neighbor and as she returned home she heard the robbers going out through a window in the back of the house. The robbery took place between 7 and 8 o'clock. Judging from the tracks, it is thought two men did the robbing.

2 FIRE TRUCKS NOW.

Lumberton Adds Another Auto Truck to Its Fire Fighting Equipment.

Another auto truck has been added to Lumberton's fire-fighting department. The new truck will be used for carrying hose and tools needed in fighting fire. It is equipped with two chemical extinguishers and two pyrene extinguishers. The new truck will carry 650 feet of hose, while the old truck will carry 1,150 feet, making a total of 1,800 feet, besides 350 feet additional of hose kept for emergency cases.

The new truck is a rebuilt Buick and was made by the Cotton States Wagon Co. of Charlotte. It cost \$1,100.

It was necessary to buy the additional truck in order that the present insurance rate might be kept in force. Two truck drivers are employed by the town and this gives Lumberton better fire protection than many towns the size of Lumberton maintain.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt: Jimmie Hatin, Gilbert Higley, Jim McMillan, colored, R. R. Gibbs and Leslie Bullard—all exceeding the speed limit with automobiles; judgment suspended in each case upon payment of the cost.

Willie Chavis, Indian, using profane language on the public highway; not guilty.

C. F. Dillard and B. L. Leach, colored, riding bicycles on sidewalk; judgment continued upon payment of the cost.

John Inzer, colored, drunk and disorderly; judgment suspended upon payment of the cost.

Geo. Beck was given a 30-day road sentence by Recorder E. M. Britt this morning. Beck was found guilty of being drunk and assaulting J. G. Pitt.

LaFayette Mutual Purchases

Planters Bank & Trust Co. Building.

The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Lumberton purchased Friday the building, corner Chestnut and Fourth streets, known as the Planters Bank & Trust Co. building. The building formerly belonged to Messrs K. M. Barnes, A. P. Caldwell and Robt. E. Lee. The consideration was \$20,000. The insurance company has its general office on the second floor of the building and will continue in the same quarters. The first floor of the building is occupied by the Planters Bank & Trust Co.

County Auditor McCallum County

Chairman.

County Auditor J. M. McCallum has been appointed by Chairman A. L. Bullock, of the county Red Cross chapter, county chairman for the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. This will be a drive December 16 to 23, for members, the aim being to enroll every person as a member of this great organization. Chairman McCallum will appoint township chairmen and organize the county thoroughly for the drive.

King Albert and Family Welcomed Home.

A press dispatch states that yesterday was the greatest day in the history of Brussels—the day of the triumphal return of the royal family to their capital after 4 years of gallant fighting against the German invader. The city celebrated the return of its king and queen with wild rejoicing.

Red Cross Meeting Tuesday Evening.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, a meeting of the local Red Cross chapter will be held at the court house tomorrow (Tuesday) evening at 7:30 for the purpose of electing officers for the year. All members of the chapter are urged to be present as it is important that a strong organization of the local chapter for the ensuing year be formed.

Miss Addie Prevatt of R. 2, Lumberton, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

GIVEN HEARING TODAY.

Many Merchants Who Violated Food Regulations Are Before State Food Administrator Page Here Today—Some From Robeson and Others From Scotland and Hoke Counties.

The trial of a number of merchants charged with violating the food regulations are being heard here today by State Food Administrator H. A. Page. A number of those being tried are from Robeson, while others are from Scotland and Hoke counties. No Lumberton merchants are being tried. Mr. M. W. Nash, United States food inspector, and Mr. Joseph Cheshire, Jr., director of enforcement, are attending the hearings, which began at 11 a. m. At the time of going to press it had not been learned what disposition was made of the cases.

Mr. Page was strong in his criticism of some merchants who failed to comply with the food regulations, as well as those who were slow to support the government in the way of buying Liberty bonds, etc.

PEMBROKE POINTS.

Schools Open—No New Cases of "Flu"

—Mr. Lacy Beasley Died of Disease in France—Auto-Buggy Collision—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Pembroke, Nov. 23.—School opened here Monday the 18th, with Miss Roxy Reece as teacher. The Indian Normal also opened the 18th with Prof. T. C. Henderson as principal and Misses Armstrong and Jordan, assistants.

The influenza epidemic seems to be improving, as we hear of no new cases lately.

Mrs. F. E. Walker is spending some time visiting relatives at Fredricksburg, Va. On her return home she will stop over at Norfolk with friends.

Mrs. W. E. Hall spent Tuesday in Lumberton.

Mr. E. L. Odum has returned from Baxley, Ga., where he spent the past two weeks visiting relatives.

Glad to say Mrs. L. A. Collingsworth is improving after being sick for some time.

News was received here Thursday of the death of Mr. Lacy Beasley of pneumonia on October 30th. He had been in France for some time. He was a very popular young man and had a host of friends here and elsewhere who will be grieved to learn of his death.

There was a collision between an automobile and a buggy here this afternoon about 2:30. The auto ran into the buggy, breaking the hind wheels of the buggy. The occupants of the buggy escaped without injury. The car wasn't damaged.

Pembroke was well represented at the fair at Lumberton this week.

BETTER BANK YOUR MONEY.

Some Robeson Citizens Have Lost Money Recently Due to Careless Handling.

As a result of failure to bank their money, several Robeson citizens have been the losers recently. This reporter has heard of several people losing large sums of money, just carrying it around in their pockets in most instances. In one instance a farmer left his money in his home and when he went to look for it he was surprised to learn robbers had relieved him of the money.

There are thousands and thousands of idle dollars in Robeson that would be much more safe in a bank; and, besides that, would be doing their "bit" for their country at large. Get the banking habit.

Homeward Movement of Troops

Has Begun.

While as an effective military force the American army in France remains intact, the homeward movement has already begun, states a dispatch of the 22nd. Construction of all kinds has been stopped and contracts and deliveries canceled where possible and the men whose services have been in these and other lines of activity are either en route to ports or plans for their embarkation are under way.

The first to go will be the sick and convalescent wounded. These will be sent home with the greatest possible expedition. Certain divisions, exhausted by replacement drafts until only the skeletons remain, are also going home.

Cumberland Farmer Convicted of

Manslaughter.

William Carter, a prosperous farmer of Cumberland county, charged with killing Evander Bacon, colored, was convicted of manslaughter by a jury of Cumberland Superior court at Fayetteville Thursday night and was sentenced by Judge Lyon to 7 years hard labor in the State prison. Carter's attorneys appealed to the Supreme court and his bond was fixed at \$10,000. Carter denied all knowledge of the killing. His principal accuser was Richard Judge, colored, who swore that he saw the defendant shoot Bacon when the two met in crossing a mill dam.

RED CROSS MEETING.

The Robeson county Red Cross chapter will hold its annual meeting for the election of officers for the coming year in Lumberton Friday, November 29, at 11 a. m.

A. L. BULLOCK, Chairman Robeson County Chapter A. R. C.

MR. McADOO RESIGNS.

Secretary of Treasury and Director-General of Railroads Will Retire From Cabinet.

William Gibbs McAdoo, Secretary of the Treasury, director general of railroads and often discussed as one of the presidential possibilities of 1920, has resigned his office to return to private business.

President Wilson has accepted his resignation. Mr. McAdoo will give up the treasury portfolio as soon as a successor has been selected. He wishes to lay down his work as director general of railroads by January 1 but then chosen a successor.

The retirement was made necessary, Mr. McAdoo said, because of "inadequate compensation" allowed Cabinet officers.

As Secretary of the Treasury Mr. McAdoo receives a salary of \$12,000. He receives nothing as director-general of railroads. Heads of divisions of railroads under him receive salaries of \$25,000, and even minor assistants receive \$12,000 and \$15,000.

STORES CLOSED THURSDAY.

Lumberton Stores Will Be Closed Thanksgiving Day.

"Don't forget to impress it upon the country people that Lumberton stores will be closed Thursday—Thanksgiving Day"—is the way one Lumberton merchant put it up to The Robesonian.

While it is always customary for local stores to close on Thanksgiving Day many country people seem to forget that fact and come to town for shopping purposes. Remember that it may mean a trip without avail if you should come to Lumberton on Thursday of this week.

LONG BRANCH LOCALS.

School Begins Today—Death of Mrs. Sanderson—"Flu" About Over.

Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Long Branch (Lumberton, R. 4), Nov. 23.—Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth filled his regular appointment here Sunday and preached an excellent sermon.

People are about through gathering their crops in this section and the "flu" has about disappeared.

Public school will begin here Monday after being delayed on account of the influenza epidemic.

Several from here attended the fair at Lumberton and Fayetteville and report a nice time.

Sorry to report Mr. Franklin Stone very sick.

Miss Donnie Belle Britt of Columbus county is spending this week with friends and relatives here.

Among those who are off at school are Misses Wilma Branch and Annie Ammons and Mr. Lee Britt, who are at Orum, and Misses Suenel Thompson and Clara Britt at Lumberton.

There was special Thanksgiving at Long Branch church Thursday, November 21.

Miss Pearl Howard of Lumberton spent Sunday with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Thompson.

Mrs. Grady Pope has returned after spending some time with relatives at Clinton.

Mrs. Ed. Stephens and daughters, Misses Alice and Emily, of Evergreen, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. W. L. Thompson.

Mr. Martin Ammons of the U. S. navy spent part of last week with home folks.

Mrs. E. C. Britt left today for Red Springs to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Sanderson, who died yesterday.

"High Official" Says William Did

Not Abdicade.

The London Daily Mail attributes to "a high official of the British government" the statement that "William Hohenzollern is still German emperor and king of Prussia as far as the British government is informed, and apparently is waiting for something to turn up." Another dispatch says that the former kaiser is spending much of his time in bed in his retreat at Amerongen castle and that he has the "flu."

Soldiers Wanted to Kill Former

Kaiser—Crown Prince Hated.

A correspondent of the London Daily Mail at The Hague learns that there is considerable hostility in Germany against the former emperor and his eldest son. He says that after William Hohenzollern had entered Holland a thousand German soldiers arrived at the frontier and demanded that they be allowed to pursue and kill him. They were turned back by Dutch guards. The correspondent does not believe the former emperor could reach Berlin in safety, no matter what guarantees might be given. The former crown prince is universally hated also. His life in Germany, the correspondent declares, would not be worth an hour's purchase. He is under the closest guard in Holland.

Evangelist McLendon Coming.

Evangelist B. F. McLendon of Bennettsville, S. C., is here today making preparation for beginning a meeting in the Banner tobacco warehouse on December 8. The work of putting the warehouse in shape for the meeting has already begun. The meeting will be held under the auspices of Chestnut Street Methodist church.

WESTERN N. C. CONFERENCE.

Favors Full Laity Rights for Women—Also Favors Change in Apostles Creed—Other Conference Notes.

Full laity rights for women was voted by the overwhelming majority of 190 to 9 by the Western North Carolina Methodist conference, the annual session of which began in Tryon Street church in Charlotte last Wednesday. Bishop U. V. W. Darlington presided. The following constitutional question was sent from the general conference to annual conferences for them to answer: "Shall lay members be eligible to all conference boards and lay officers without regard to sex?"

In order for this to become the law of the church it must be passed by three-fourths of the annual conferences. The South Georgia conference last week answered this question in the negative by a vote of 137 to 68.

The Western N. C. conference raised more than the goal of \$100,000 for the superannuate endowment fund and determined to make the ultimate objective for this fund \$250,000.

"Shall the apostles creed as it appears in the discipline be so amended as to substitute for the words, 'holy catholic church' the words, 'Christ's holy church'?" was another constitutional question submitted to the conference and it was answered in the affirmative by a vote of 137 to 68.

After discussion of the world's present needs at the close of the great war and the unparalleled opportunities for much-needed service in world-redemption, combined with the ability of the church to give, the conference pledged itself to the task of raising \$1,750,000 for the great centenary enterprise of the Southern Methodist church. The entire fund to be raised is \$35,000,000, and this conference pledged \$70,000 more than its allotment.

The report of the board of publication of the Western North Carolina Christian Advocate, published at Greensboro, showed the addition of 2,500 new subscribers. Rev. H. M. Blair was re-elected editor. An endowment fund of \$50,000 was recommended and 2,500 subscribers was made the goal for next year. \$500 was declared the dividend for this year for the superannuates.

The conference voted to make the summer school for under-graduates at Trinity college perpetual.

Conference adjourned last night with the reading of appointments by the bishop. The next session will be held in Greensboro.

HOLD FOR 35 CENTS.

Governors of 8 States Urge Farmers and Business Men to Organize to Hold Cotton for Fair Price.

A joint proclamation signed by the Governors of 8 cotton States urging farmers, merchants, bankers and business men to organize and hold cotton for not less than 35 cents a pound, midding basis, was issued Saturday night at Atlanta through the cotton States official advisory marketing board.

Americans Enter Luxemburg—

Joyously Greeted.

Gen. Pershing entered the city of Luxemburg Friday ahead of his troops. The American commander-in-chief and his staff drove into the capital in automobiles. The general was greeted by thousands of cheering Luxemburgers and with the blowing of sirens and the ringing of church and school bells, states a press dispatch.

The eighteenth infantry of the first division were the first American troops to enter the city. The Americans were greeted by thousands of civilians. School children tossed flowers in their pathway and each soldier was presented with a bouquet of chrysanthemums.

There was evident a spirit of heartfelt relief that the Germans had gone. It was arranged that the ministers of states and the municipal authorities should continue their functions, the Americans' part in affairs being nothing more than to make of Luxemburg a link in the lines of communications and stand prepared to maintain order.

Wounded American Soldiers Will

Be Guests of Red Cross.

Paris. (By Cable)—Wounded American soldiers will be the guests of the American Red Cross Thanksgiving afternoon in one of the largest theatres in the city. American Red Cross has bought the entire house for the matinee performance and especial musical numbers that will appeal to the boys from the United States will be interpolated in the regular revue. Before going to the theatre the soldiers will partake of an old-fashioned American Thanksgiving dinner.

Remember God's Poor.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. All who wish to contribute to Thanksgiving dinner for the county home will please send their contributions to the commissioners' room in the court house on Wednesday night.

In all our giving, remember to begin at Jerusalem. We will see all gifts promptly delivered.

M. G. McKENZIE.

Ex-Crown Prince Will Be Interned

on Lonely Island.

Mosterland, a hamlet consisting of a score of small farmsteads and fishermen's huts, on the bleak, lonely island of Wieringen, which is situated some distance from the Dutch naval station at Helder is the home assigned to the interned former German crown prince. He will live in a humble 2-story residence.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—Mrs. Joe S. Thompson is seriously ill at her home, Sixth street.

—Early risers report that it snowed for a spell yesterday morning.

—At the prices charged, hauling wood ought to prove a profitable business.

—Only one month and Christmas will be here. Do your Christmas shopping now.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, has been confined to his home for the past 2 days with a severe cold.

—Miss Ethel Hayes of Lakeview, S. C., has accepted a position in the Lumberton bargain house. She began work today.

—Mr. H. G. Meares has purchased the grocery business formerly conducted by Mr. A. J. Smith, corner Elm and Second streets.

—Special meeting of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114 A. F. and A. M., Tuesday evening at 7:30. Degree work. A good attendance is respectfully urged.

—Dr. N. A. Thompson returned Thursday from a trip to St. Louis, Mo., where he went on business, and Kansas City, where he visited a brother. He was away a week.

—Six whites, 22 Indians and 20 colored teachers took the required examination given by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction here Friday.

—Miss Nettie Cartwright and Mr. Samuel Dawkins were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.

—Mr. H. T. Hux left today for his home at Greenville, Pitt county, after spending several days here visiting friends. Mr. Hux was recently honorably discharged from the U. S. army.

—On account of the death of a relative, Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham and family did not arrive last week, as they had expected. A wire message from Dr. Durham stated that he and his family expect to reach Lumberton tomorrow.

—The many friends of Lieut. Lee Correll, formerly of Lumberton, will be pleased to learn that he was recently promoted from second lieutenant to first lieutenant because of valiant services rendered in the battle of Argonne during the month of October.

—Dr. J. D. Quick, colored, was painfully bruised Friday afternoon when he drove his automobile down a 12-foot embankment beyond the iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street. His wife was in the car with him and escaped unhurt. The auto was badly damaged.

—Misses Rachel and Helen Oliver of Marietta passed through town last evening en route to Raleigh, where they are teachers in the city schools. The Raleigh schools have been closed seven weeks on account of the influenza epidemic. The schools were expected to re-open today.

—Mr. J. Ellis Fisher, of Camp Logan, Houston, Texas, arrived Saturday morning and will spend some time with his mother, Mrs. M. C. Fisher, who is quite sick. Mrs. Fisher has been sick for some time at the home of her son-in-law and daughter Mr. and Mrs. B. Sam Edwards.

—In some of the towns in the State the schools are being kept open six days in the week to make up time lost on account of the "flu" epidemic. It has been suggested that the Lumberton schools take the same course.

Prof. W. H. Cale, superintendent of the Lumberton schools, is willing.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell are spending some time in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Caldwell came home several weeks ago from Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, where he underwent a serious operation. His condition is favorable and he returned to Baltimore only to consult his physician in regard to a change in medicine.

—Dr. T. C. Johnson left Saturday evening for Graham on account of the serious illness of Mr. and Mrs. E. Sawyer Powell at that place. Both were suffering with pneumonia following influenza. Mrs. Powell died before Dr. Johnson reached Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson. Dr. Johnson is expected home tonight.

—Three hundred and fifty-seven pupils are in attendance at the Lumberton graded and high schools today as compared with an enrollment of 470 before the schools were closed on account of the influenza epidemic. The enrollment in the high school today as compared with the opening enrollment is 80 per cent while that in both schools is 76 per cent.

—Mr. A. T. McLean and son, Master Archie, Mr. Sam Branch and Mr. J. A. Sharpe and son, Master J. A. 2nd, visited the Sandhill fair and races at Finchurst Thursday, making the trip in Mr. McLean's auto. It was a perfect day for a fair and field day and thousands of people were there from all the surrounding country. This fair is mentioned elsewhere in today's paper.

Soldiers Returning Home.

A number of Robeson county soldiers who were in camp when the armistice was signed are being released from military duty and are returning home.

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