

NO NEW COUNTIES

Bill to Create Three Counties Out of Robeson Killed by Legislative Committee.

LARGE CROWD FROM ROBESON ATTENDED HEARING.

House Committee Voted Unfavorable Report on Proposition to Carve "Liberty and LaFayette" Counties Out of Robeson—Divisionists Say They Will Make Division an Issue in Next Campaign and Are Determined to Win.

Editorial Correspondence.

Raleigh, Feb. 28.—No Liberty and LaFayette counties to be carved out of Robeson this trip, thank you.

That was the verdict rendered by the House committee on counties, cities and towns after a 2-hours hearing held here this afternoon in the hall of the House of Representatives.

Nobody knows for certain, just how the vote stood. Some say only three members of the committee voted in favor of the proposed major operation upon this dear Robeson; some say five; but all are agreed that the committee voted by a majority sufficient to be decisive against reporting favorably the proposition to create two new counties out of Robeson.

Mr. Byrd came forward with his head bound up, bearing visible evidence of the truth of his statement that through great tribulation he had come. He said he believed in small counties and, as Gen. Pershing exclaimed at the tomb of LaFayette, "we are here."

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from a property valuation of a million and a quarter to more than \$10,000,000, and Richmond says that Scotland going away has improved the mother county.

Mr. Weatherspoon admitted that Robeson is a great county, and many opponents of the division he was advocating are inclined to return thanks to Mr. Weatherspoon for what he had admitted when he struck this giant.

Since 1911, he said, when a portion of Robeson was taken to form the now much-lauded county of Hoke, Robeson has increased its property valuation from around \$11,000,000 to \$21,000,000—which seemed to have a tendency to prove that this big county had done pretty well.

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YOUNG BOYS CAUGHT IN ACT OF ROBBERY STORE.

Frank Todd and Thad Shooter Were Helping Themselves in Hardware Store When Found by Mr. Fulton McGill—Also Broke Into Robeson Grocery—Bound to Court—Shooter's 12th Time up For Larceny.

A robbery was nipped in the bud Friday night at 11:15 when Frank Todd, aged 17 years, of East Lumberton, and Thad Shooter, aged about 14 years, of Lumberton, were caught in the act of robbing the McAllister hardware store.

Mr. Fulton McGill, an employee of the hardware company, went into the store and noticed that the goods in a show case had been scattered. Arming himself with a shotgun, he proceeded to the rear of the building and found Todd and Shooter there with a flash light and a pistol and several hundred cartridges belonging to the store on them.

Mr. McGill held his gun on Todd and soon found an officer, who placed him in jail.

Shooter was arrested yesterday afternoon by Chief of Police E. L. Hanna and each of the young transgressors was bound over to the Superior court under a \$500 justified bond by Recorder E. M. Britt this morning.

Recorder Britt stated at the hearing today that young Shooter had been before him 12 times on the charge of larceny and that he had broken into the McAllister hardware store three times.

BROAD RIDGE BREEZES.

Lots of Tobacco Plants—A Runaway—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge (Ornum, R. 1), Feb. 25.—We are having lots of rainy weather these days, giving the farmer a rest spell.

Mr. S. B. Willoughby spent last Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Caroline Ivey, who is very sick and quite feeble with old age.

Mr. Alva Watts spent the last few days visiting relatives at Mullins, S. C.

Mrs. Light Britt is still on the sick list. She is one of the oldest in the vicinity.

Farmers report lots of tobacco plants, though they are quite small and chances of lots of cold weather. They are hoping to raise a lot of the weed.

Mr. June Pitman had a runaway Sunday and had his buggy turned over but escaped unhurt.

Weaver of Tenth District Unseated and Britt Sworn In.

Republicans of the House of Congress found themselves in the majority late Saturday night after a bitter debate and by a strict party vote of 182 to 173 unseated Zebulon Weaver, Democrat, who has represented the tenth North Carolina district for the past 2 years and seated J. J. Britt, Republican, instead.

Entire 30th Division Assigned for Early Convoy Home. Units assigned for early convoy home from France, announced Saturday by the War Department included the complete 30th division (Tennessee, North Carolina and South Carolina national guards).

WORK OF PIONEER Y. M. C. A. IN FRANCE.

Pvt. Joseph B. Blake of Lumberton Describes Experiences During Early Days of the War.

Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 26.—The work of the pioneer Y. M. C. A. workers in France during the early days of the war was described last night by Pvt. Joseph B. Blake, 28th infantry, first division, shortly before he departed for his home in Lumberton, N. C.

Pvt. Blake landed in France with the 1st division June 26, 1917, and was through all of the fighting that his division took part in until late in September, 1918, when he was severely wounded in the Argonne woods. He was first wounded during the second battle of the Marne, near Soissons.

In referring to the work accomplished by the Y. M. C. A., Pvt. Blake said: "When we landed in France in June, 1917, we found little to cheer us up and the one thing that we missed more than anything else was tobacco and cigarettes. We could not get them at any price. Some of the boys had looked ahead and brought some over with them but the majority of us were forced to do without."

In July, we were camped in Freveray, and it was there that the Y. M. C. A. joined us. The stock in their canteen was rather small but we were able to obtain anything that we wanted in the line of smokes, and once in a while, if you were lucky enough to get at the head of the line, you got a few cakes of chocolate.

The prices were just a little high but this did not matter to us as long as we could supply our needs," continued Pvt. Blake. "Later, when we were moved to Ney, means of transportation became better and the prices were then reduced even lower than they were in the States."

According to Pvt. Blake, the Y. M. C. A. stock stuck to the division throughout the bitter fights that it was engaged in, and the last words of cheer that were given the boys before they launched their attack on Cantigny, on the morning of May 21, was given by a "Y" man as he passed out chocolate to them free of charge.

Pvt. Blake landed at Newport News in the early part of December, 1918. From there he was sent to the hospital at Camp Gordon for further treatment. He has entirely recovered from his wound, and after a short visit to his home, expects to join the 3rd infantry, with which he will serve out his period of enlistment.

DECLAMATION CONTEST.

Preliminaries Will Be Held March 13 and Final Contest March 14.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: Hoping to make the third inter-scholastic declamation contest the greatest of its kind ever held at Wake Forest college, committees from the Philomathean and Euzelian literary societies are working with a committee from the faculty on arrangements for this year's event.

The participation is made interesting by the awards given to the successful speakers. As a first prize, the college offers a scholarship worth \$50 in addition to the handsome medal awarded by the literary societies.

A second prize consists of a pin bearing the emblems of the societies, set in pearls.

I trust that we may have several representatives from the high schools of Robeson county in the contest this spring.

L. J. BRITT, Phi. Secretary. Wake Forest, N. C., Feb. 27, 1919.

Woman's Committee of Council of National Defense Discontinued.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Mrs. E. L. Holloway, chairman of women's committee, council of National Defense, Robeson county division, has been notified by Mrs. Eugene Reilly of Charlotte, who is the State chairman, that since the armistice has been signed that this organization is to be discontinued in our State.

The following officers of the Robeson county division, therefore receive their honorable discharge: Mrs. E. L. Holloway, chairman; Mrs. Roscoe D. McMillan of Red Springs, vice-chairman; Miss Janie Carlyle, secretary; Mrs. L. S. Townsend of McDonald, treasurer; Mrs. L. T. Townsend, chairman of Liberty Loan; Mrs. R. B. John, Moxton; Mrs. C. D. Smith, Rowland; Mrs. J. Q. Bobbitt, Fairmont; Mrs. D. S. Currie, Parkton.

Box Supper at Bloomingdale March 7th.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Barnesville, Feb. 28.—There will be a box supper at Bloomingdale school house Friday night, March 7. Ice cream and fruit will also be sold. Everybody is cordially invited to come.

LAST WEEK OF SESSION.

Much Work for the Legislature to Do During the Closing Days—Road Bills Referred Back to Committee—Senate Favors Municipal Suffrage For Women—Senate Votes to Refer to People Constitutional Convention and Income Tax Amendment.

The General Assembly enters today upon the last week of the session with much work ahead, but it is expected that it will round up its work for final adjournment next Saturday night or Monday morning.

Road legislation is yet to be enacted. After discussion all day Friday and at a session Friday night of the House substitute road bill, all road bills were referred back to committee in the hope that a satisfactory measure to all might be hammered out of the various bills.

The Senate must dispose of the bill passed by the Senate Thursday night for municipal suffrage for women. The House also closed the week with the child-labor bill to be passed on final reading, and the Senate must then pass upon this issue.

The Senate Friday passed the bill to submit to the people at the next general election in 1920 the question of holding a constitutional convention, and the bill now goes to the House. Gov. Doughton's proposed income tax amendment to the constitution, which passed the House by unanimous vote, was adopted by the Senate Friday by a vote 37 to 11.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Lost a Leg in Action. Private Ernest Britt of R. 4, Lumberton arrived home Friday from Fort McPherson, Ga. Private Britt recently returned from France. He lost his right leg in action. His leg was blown off just below the knee by a German shell. He was in the drive that broke the Hindenburg line. The government has provided him with an artificial leg.

Mr. John McLean arrived home Saturday from Camp Sevier, Greenville, S. C., having received an honorable discharge from military service.

Mr. J. L. Stephens received Friday a letter from his brother, Mr. H. Layton Stephens, who went to France last summer with the 81st division. Mr. Stephens stated in the letter that he had applied for a discharge from military service and his application had been approved. He added that he expected to sail for the States at an early date. Before going to the army Mr. Stephens was R. F. D. carrier from Red Springs.

Lieut. Russell S. Beam Will Return to Lumberton.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, Lieut. Russell S. Beam arrived in New York from France a few days ago and after spending a few days in Washington making arrangements for his discharge he left that city Friday night, for Camp Dix, N. J., to go through the official formalities. Dr. Beam will locate in Lumberton again in his old offices. He was chief of the department of eye, ear, nose and throat at the base hospital No. 66, located at Neufchateau, France, during its entire existence. There were 2,500 beds in that hospital. Dr. Beam is known to many Robesonian readers who will be glad to learn that he will return to his offices here soon.

Senate Passes Victory Loan Bill.

The United States Senate remained in session all night Saturday night to pass the Victory Loan bill, against which some Republican Senators conducted a filibuster for the purpose of delaying this necessary measure to the close of the session March 4th in order to force the President to call an extra session earlier than his announced intention. The Senate adjourned shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning with this measure out of the way. Both houses entered today upon the last full working day of the session facing an unprecedented mass of legislation. The 65th Congress will adjourn sine die March 4 at noon.

Entertainment at Laurel Institute March 8th.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Raynham, March 3.—There will be an entertainment at Laurel institute near Buie, Friday evening 8 o'clock. There will be some speeches and a debate, a box supper and a voting contest. A prize will be given to the most popular girl. The proceeds of the evening will go to the improvement of the school. The public is invited. D. F. LOWRY, Principal.

WATCH THE LABEL.

Watch the date opposite the name on the label on your paper. When your subscription expires your paper will be stopped. This applies to all subscribers.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS.

—Four members of the county chain gang are sick with influenza.

—The U. D. C. will meet at 4 p. m. Thursday in the rest room in the municipal building.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son will have their spring millinery opening Thursday and Friday of this week.

—License has been issued for the marriage of John Davis and Etta Bellamy; Alfred Turner and Bertha Rogers.

—Miss Josephine Breece will begin her spring display of pattern hats Wednesday and Thursday, March 5th and 6th.

—Mrs. W. S. Britt went Thursday to a sanatorium in Charlotte for treatment. She was accompanied by her husband.

—The county commissioners, the county road board and the board of education are all holding regular monthly meetings here today.

—Miss Vera Cobb of Greensboro has arrived and will be with the millinery department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store during the coming season.

—Mr. R. G. Stubbs of Girdley, Kansas, has accepted a position with Messrs. Stephens & Barnes. Mr. Stubbs will move his family to Lumberton as soon as he can secure a residence.

—Miss Kate Ratley of Fairmont returned home yesterday from Charlotte, where she recently completed a course in a business college. She was met here by her father, Mr. W. B. Ratley.

—Misses John Steele, Sarah Redwine, Elizabeth White, Clara Worth, Kathrine Doster and Mae Seabolt, all members of the faculty of Carolina college, Maxton were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

—Mr. W. D. Baxley of R. 4, Lumberton, who was in town Saturday, reported the two bridges across Jacob swamp on the Whiteville road in bad shape. Somebody broke through one of the bridges Friday.

—Mr. T. W. Trogden, who has had charge of the cotton grading office here during the past season left this morning for Raleigh, where he is connected with the Bureau of Markets, Department of Agriculture.

—Messrs. D. P. Buie and R. J. Brown of the Philadelphia section were among the visitors in town Friday. Both Mr. Buie and Mr. Brown are against any division of Robeson, especially that would take them out of Robeson.

—Mrs. McPhaul returned Friday night from Charlotte, where she spent a short time with her husband, Dr. W. A. McPhaul, county health officer, who has been at the Charlotte sanatorium for several weeks. Dr. McPhaul's condition is not much improved.

—Mr. and Mrs. G. P. McMillan returned yesterday to their home in Charlotte after spending several days here visiting relatives. Mr. and Mrs. McMillan were married in Charlotte Wednesday of last week. An account of the marriage will be found elsewhere in today's paper.

—There will be a box supper at the Raynham school house Friday night of this week. The proceeds will go towards paying for piano for the school. The public is invited. Misses Mary Lee McMillan and Athesia Powell are teachers in the Raynham school. They were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

—Mr. R. L. Collins, who lives about three miles north-east of Lumberton, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Collins informed The Robesonian that his little daughter, Clara has a hen less than one year old that has already delivered 72 eggs and is now caring for a brood of biddies which she hatched herself.

Broke Plate Over Wife's Head.

Arch Norton of East Lumberton plead guilty before Recorder E. M. Britt this morning to the charge of breaking a plate over the head of his wife yesterday. Prayer for judgment was postponed upon payment of the cost.

According to the evidence of both Norton and his wife, Mrs. Norton chewed up some meat and threw it in her husband's plate and he then threw the plate at her, cutting a gash in her forehead. This happened while they were eating dinner.

Lee Allen was found guilty of breaking the speed limit with an automobile and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of the cost—\$7.20.

Mr. J. P. Russell, who is engaged in Y. M. C. A. work at Camp Bragg, Fayetteville, spent Friday and Saturday night here visiting his family. He returned to Camp Bragg Saturday morning.

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