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## GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY ADJOURN TONIGHT

### State-Wide Road Bill Finally Passed By Both Houses—Neal Child Labor Bill Passed—Other Measures.

A State-wide Federal aid road bill was made ready for enrollment and final ratification Saturday, after passing its final reading in the Senate, its Senate amendments were concurred in by the House. The bill finally passed was the conference committee report on the Pharr-Matthews bill.

The effort of those opposing the Senate amendments to the Pharr-Matthews bill seemed to be to make the plan more of a county system. Many supporters of the bill are said to feel that its principles are more largely those of the Stacy bill than of the Pharr-Matthews measure. It provides for a schedule of license taxes upon motor vehicles; counties may raise one-fourth of the funds needed for projects, although this feature is not compulsory. Counties first raising one-fourth are to be given first highways. The remainder needed to meet federal aid is to be obtained by issuance of State short term notes. The State highway commission is to make surveys and build roads considered a part of the State highway system, while counties are to maintain the work.

The 60-day constitutional limit for pay of members expired Saturday night and the Legislature will adjourn tomorrow, enough members remaining over to clear the calendar. Among bills passed by the House Saturday was one appropriating \$5,000 for entertaining the 30th division regiment which is to parade in Raleigh and another to purchase an automobile for the Governor.

The House Friday passed the State Health Department's sterilization bill, which provides for surgical operations to render inmates of prisons and asylums sterile when examination by competent authorities shows unwisdom of procreancy.

The House also passed a bill providing for medical inspection in schools of the State, with professional treatment of physical ailments, this being one of the health department measures which had been introduced by the Senate. For compensation of nurses and specialists employed in such work, \$50,000 is to be taken from the educational fund. Each county is to pay \$9 yearly for each 100 pupils in order to defray major expenses incurred. Much attention is to be given to tonics, teeth, etc.

The Stacy juvenile court bill, which had been adopted by the Senate, was passed by the House, but not until after the passage of an amendment reducing the maximum age limit of offenders to be tried in such courts from 16 to 14. The bill contemplates establishment of the juvenile courts in all of the 100 counties, one of the cardinal ideas being to prevent indiscreet youths from becoming criminals. Superior court clerks may hear cases and an effort is to be made to avoid harsh disposition of the cases.

The Neal child-labor law as passed by the House was amended by the Senate Friday night. Appropriations amounting to \$4,314,955 for the support of State institutions are carried in the general appropriations bill, passed by both houses. This provides for the maintenance of these institutions for the next two years and also for current indebtedness amounting to \$173,490.

## Sgt. William F. Fuller Commended For Bravery

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Fuller, of Bessemer City, N. C., have received from their son's captain, the following in regard to his work in the army:

"23. Sergeant, First Class, William F. Fuller, (1328623) Company A, 105th engineers.

"This non-commissioned officer in the engagement of 17th of October, 1918, while in charge of the detail which acted as a carrying party for the construction of a bridge across La Selle river, displayed remarkable tact and zeal in handling of the men of his detail, and carrying out the task assigned to him through heavy enemy fire. The manner in which Sergeant Fuller handled his men enabled material to be delivered to the bridge site causing no delay in the construction and opening up of the bridge."

Sgt. Fuller was stationed here during the summer of 1917 and at that time was attached to Co. A, N. C. engineers. Since that time he married a Lumberton girl, Miss Eliza Neal Higley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Higley. Mrs. Fuller is expecting her husband home soon.

## Recorder's Court.

Lon Edwards was found not guilty of assault upon Sam Arnett by Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday. Arnett was also found not guilty of assault upon Lon Edwards. Arnett was also charged with trespass and was found not guilty.

A case against Ernest Jackson, charged with using profane language on the public highway, was not prosecuted.

## Change of Schedule.

Effective Wednesday, March 12th, at 2 a. m., a change will be made in the schedule of the Virginia & Carolina Southern. Train No. 79 will leave Hope Mills at 7:45 a. m. instead of 8 a. m. and will arrive here at 8:55 a. m. instead of 9:10 a. m. Train No. 65 will leave Hope Mills at 5:17 p. m. instead of 5:50 p. m. and will arrive here at 6:25 p. m. instead of 7 p. m.

## HOMICIDE NEAR ROWLAND.

### Yarborough Locklear Shot to Death by Hobbie Hunt Yesterday—Both Indian Boys—Trouble About a Girl—Hunt in Jail—Claims Self-Defense.

Yarborough Locklear, Indian, was shot and killed by Hobbie Hunt, also Indian, about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon near Rowland. It is said the trouble started about a girl. Both Locklear and Hunt were about 18 years old. Four bullets fired from a pistol struck Locklear and he died instantly. After the killing Hunt went to Rural Policeman J. H. Carper and gave himself up. He claims he shot in self-defense.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was that "Locklear came to his death by a pistol shot in the hands of Hobbie Hunt, with sufficient evidence to hold for court."

The inquest was held by Mr. W. D. Bullock and the jury was composed of Messrs. C. A. Cox, J. A. Johnson, E. L. McLean, A. C. Sinclair, A. T. McKellar and J. W. McLean. Hunt was placed in jail here today.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. John Watson of R. 4, Lumberton. Mr. John Watson of Lumberton, R. 4, died at the home of his sister, Mrs. Annie Warwick, in Wilmington Friday evening at 6:25 of paralysis. Deceased had been ill for several weeks and went to Wilmington Friday to consult a specialist. Soon after reaching the home of his sister he suffered a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Watson was about 55 years old and was never married. The remains were brought to Lumberton Saturday evening over the Seaboard and carried to the Watson home, four miles south-west of town. The funeral was conducted yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment was made in the Wishart burying ground, near the home.

## Death of an Infant.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Norfolk, Va., March 6.—Helen, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Edmund, died March 4. The remains were taken to Harnett county for interment.

Mr. R. M. McQueen of Raeford. Mr. R. M. McQueen returned Thursday night from Raeford, where he went to attend the funeral of his brother, Mr. R. M. McQueen, 21. McQueen died suddenly Tuesday night. He was about 55 years old and was well-known throughout this section. He was never married.

## D. T. Chason Found Dead in Back Lot in Maxton.

Mr. D. T. Chason of Maxton was found dead in a back lot in Maxton early yesterday morning. It is said that some dope bottles were found beside the dead man. Deceased was married.

## M. M. F. Hodges of Lowe Section.

Mr. M. F. Hodges, a well-known citizen of the Lowe section, died yesterday afternoon at 1 o'clock of heart trouble. Deceased was about 75 years old and is survived by his wife and several children. The funeral will be conducted from Raft Swamp Baptist church tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and interment will be made in the church cemetery. Mr. Hodges was a member of the Raft Swamp church and was a good man.

## HOW TO GET THAT SIXTY DOLLAR BONUS

To the Editor of The Robesonian: I have received official notice from the War Department that all soldiers who have received an honorable discharge, or have been transferred from active duty, are entitled to draw a bonus of \$60 under an act approved by Congress on February 24th, 1919. This applies to all soldiers who have been discharged since April 6th, 1917.

In order to obtain this \$60 bonus the soldier must send to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C., his discharge certificate, or other evidence of discharge, stating the date he was discharged, and his name and present post-office address. The certificate will be returned along with the government check for \$60. I would suggest that these discharges be sent by registered mail so as to avoid the possibility of same being lost in the mail.

T. L. JOHNSON, Chm. Local Board No. 1, Robeson County, Lumberton, N. C., March 8, 1919.

## Robeson More Than Doubled Quota in Y. W. C. A. Drive.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mrs. John H. Anderson of Fayetteville district chairman of the Y. W. C. A. drive just ended, wishes to express her gratification on Robeson county going "over the top" so splendidly. The amount sent in was \$234.60, this more than doubling her quota of \$110. The following were chairmen in the various towns: Lumberton, Mrs. J. H. Felts, Jr.; Maxton, Miss Elizabeth McMillan; Fairmont, Mrs. G. W. Cole; Red Springs, Miss Eunice Pearsall; St. Pauls, Mrs. J. A. Johnson; Lumber Bridge, Miss Essie Shaw.

## CLEAN-UP WEEK FOR BOARDMAN

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Boardman, March 8.—The week beginning March 14th and ending March 21st is clean-up week for Boardman. Let everybody help to make the town cleaner, more healthful and more beautiful.

## PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

### Will Vote on Question of Extending Town Limits—Soldiers Return—Stolen Car Found—Farmers Will Organize for Cotton Acreage Reduction—Personal and Other Items.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, March 7.—Some time since our letter has appeared in your valuable columns, but something doing all the time. Not so much visiting, but extensive mixing. Some disappointment over new county move. Some "raring" to extend the town limit, which the majority of the land-owners oppose it; and in May the people will have a chance to vote on the question. This looks like a fair proposition.

Miss Eula Watson, sister of Mrs. J. L. Jenkins and Miss Mary Watson of Wagram were visitors at the home of Rev. J. L. Jenkins the week-end.

Sergt. Jas. F. Williamson received his honorable discharge from the army at Camp Sevier February 22nd and after spending a few days with home folks at Parkton and Lumberton he left for Charlotte where he has accepted a position with the Walker Pharmacy.

Private Herman Cashwell, who spent about six months in France, left last week for Wilmington, where he accepts a position with the A. C. L. railroad company.

Postmaster Collier Cobb spent last week in Richmond, Va., buying for the new firm of Cobb & Johnson, which will open up at the same old stand. The store has been painted and fixed up-to-date.

Miss Ruth Cashwell of Rocky Mount spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. Angus McLauren of Johns spent the week-end with home folks.

Miss Annie Williamson left today for Gland Valley, where she will teach a ten-weeks' music school.

Near a score of Parktonians were Fayetteville shoppers Tuesday.

Capt. D. A. Sikes moved Monday from the Hughes residence on Main street to the Watts house, which he purchased some weeks ago, and on Tuesday the captain moved back to the Hughes house. We were advised he sold out and he now occupies the same house. It is said three moves is equivalent to one burn-out, but how about that person that trades houses three times a week? That actually occurred with R. F. D. No. 2 carrier of this place.

Mayor F. N. Fisher has advised that the Ford car which was stolen from Hay street, Fayetteville, some weeks ago has been located somewhere in Alabama, and he left this afternoon accompanied by Rural Policemen C. L. Board for Alabama and they expect to run the car back home through the country. Some trip, but they will get to see lots of beautiful country.

The farmers of the township will meet in the town hall Saturday to organize themselves in regard to reducing the acreage of cotton.

Fish scrap fertilizer has taken the place of Hoyts cologne up our way.

Mr. C. L. Thaggard of R. F. D. No. 2 killed his last hog for this season the first of the week. This scribe was under obligations not to mention further details. Yet I can sympathize with the person that suffers from indigestion and dyspepsia.

A goodly number of acres of Irish cobblera have been planted in our section. Some people would plant them if they only realized \$1 per barrel.

## EAST LUMBERTON OVER TOP FOR RED CROSS

### Money For Children's Red Cross Relief Fund Raised at Box Supper.

Reported for The Robesonian.

On Friday night, March 7th, the teachers and pupils of the East Lumberton school gave a box supper for the purpose of raising money for the children's Red Cross relief fund.

Quite an interesting programme of song was rendered by the children, after which readings by Miss Eulah McGill and Miss Sarah Stone were greatly enjoyed by the many who were present. Short educational talks were given by Mr. W. K. Bethune and Miss Flax Andrews.

There were 20 boxes most daintily decorated, which were interestingly and tactfully auctioneered by Mr. Bethune. The amount raised during the evening was \$40, all of which shall go to the Red Cross for the children of the school.

Everybody had a jolly time, especially the young men who were so fortunate as to get their girl's boxes regardless of the amount of money and anxious thought which were spent before they could be claimed.

## "ROUND-UP" MEETING OF ROBESON COTTON ASSO.

### Township Committees Will Report at Meeting to Be Held in Lumberton Saturday Pledges Secured for Reduction of Cotton Acreage.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, a meeting of the Robeson Cotton Association will be held in the court house here Saturday of this week. This meeting is known as a "round-up" gathering and the committees from the various townships will report what they have done in the way of securing pledges for a reduction in the cotton acreage.

It is important that the committees complete their canvass this week and be prepared to make final report Saturday.

## EVERY DISCHARGED SOLDIER ENTITLED TO \$60 BONUS.

### Conditions Which Must Be Complied With—Soldiers Had to Be Actually at Camp Before Nov. 11.

The Washington correspondent of the Greensboro News gives a summary of conditions which must be complied with in order that each soldier discharged from the military or naval service of the United States may receive the \$60 bonus from the Federal government.

This bonus is exclusive of all other pay and is provided by a rider on the War Revenue bill, which was recently signed.

It is payable to all honorably discharged officers and men. Persons who are now being discharged are to receive the \$60 extra when given their discharge papers. Those who have already been discharged must send their papers to Washington, and the check will be mailed to them. The government will return to the soldier or sailor his personal records submitted to show that he is entitled to the bonus.

The bonus is not payable to the family of a deceased soldier. It is a personal bonus to the soldier himself. Neither is it payable to persons who have not actually reported to his station for duty before November 11, 1918 (the day of the armistice) although the person may have been appointed or inducted into the military or naval service. Actual report for duty on or prior to the date is necessary.

The bonus likewise is not payable to persons entitled to receive retired pay. Instructions issued by the War Department contain the following:

"All persons separated from active military service from April 6, 1917, to date of receipt of these instructions, who are entitled to the \$60 bonus in reference, and who have received their final pay, will forward claim for such bonus direct to the Zone Finance Officer, Lemon Building, Washington, D. C., who is hereby designated to settle such claims. Such applications must contain (A) the discharge certificate, or order for discharge or relief, if no certificate was issued, but both certificate and order, if both were issued, the paper bearing endorsement of final payment being required; (B) a statement of all military service since April 6, 1917, showing place and date of reporting as first military station; and (C) address to which check is to be sent. When settlement is made all personal papers will be returned to applicant with check. No further correspondence is necessary, except to advise of change in address of applicant. No other disbursing officers are authorized to pay claims covered by this paragraph."

## WHO'S BACK FROM THE WAR

Mr. Calton M. McNeill, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McNeill of the Glenwood section, has landed in New York, having returned from France. In a letter to his father, Mr. McNeill stated that he was on the water twenty days. Mr. W. A. McNeill was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. Albert Boylin is spending a few days furlough here visiting relatives and friends. Mr. Boylin returned from France a few weeks ago and has been at the government hospital near Asheville for some time. He was wounded twice in the left arm by machine gun bullets and was also gassed while fighting in France. Mr. Boylin was among the very first American troops to land in France in June, 1917, having volunteered soon after the United States declared war against Germany. He was in some of the hardest fighting of the war.

Mr. C. M. Fuller received Saturday a wire message stating that his son, Capt. David H. Fuller, arrived in New York Friday from France. Capt. Fuller is expected home this week.

Mr. Thos. F. Baker of Fairmont arrived home Saturday from Camp Wadsworth, Spartanburg, S. C., having been given an honorable discharge from military duty. Mr. Baker went to the army May 28, last, with a large contingent of soldiers from Robeson district No. 1.

Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Cashwell received today a letter from their son, Mr. Leslie Cashwell, the first word they had received from him since last October. The letter was dated February 13 and was headed, "Somewhere in Germany". Naturally Mr. and Mrs. Cashwell were greatly relieved when they received the letter, as they had not heard from their son since the armistice was signed. Mr. Cashwell stated in the letter that he was well and had enjoyed good health since going overseas near two years ago. He is in the advanced army of occupation in Germany.

## Box Supper at Philadelphia March 14.

There will be a box supper and entertainment at Philadelphia school Friday evening, March 14. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the high school. All are invited. Ladies are asked to furnish boxes for the men to buy.

## ROBESON CASUALTIES.

Among overseas casualties reported: Wounded: degree undetermined; Pvt. C. A. Bracey, Rowland, R. 3.

## TO THE LAUDER SHOW.

### Quite a Number of Lumberton People Went to Wilmington to Hear and See the Scotch Comedian.

"G-r-r-and," say some of the sizeable bunch of Lumberton people who heard and saw Harry Lauder, the much-vaunted Scotch comedian, at the academy of music in Wilmington Friday, afternoon and evening; but if you talk to them a few minutes and pin them down the chances are they will tell you that they were somewhat disappointed. But you have to hand it to that Scotch person for being smart; he knows the value of advertising and has played the game to the point where the folks go "simply wild" over him. If you could drop into his show without knowing who the bright particular star the chances are as an hundred to one that you would never dream that you were under the spell of the "world's greatest entertainer;" yet as such he is heralded—and he gets away with it. If you expected some one so irresistibly funny that you'd kill yourself laughing and vow as you wiped tears from your eyes that you just knew you'd never get your face straight again, why, he was not it; but he carries a high-class vaudeville show and himself sings some fetching songs and carries on some droll analogies. He gets tremendously serious, though, when he steps out of his various characters and talks a bit about the war, the "boche" what a world of contempt he puts into the word!

He gets the returning soldiers he greeted with jobs. He is raising a fund, known as the Harry Lauder fund, to take care of maimed soldiers.

Wilmington did the noted comedian much honor. It is said that the town never did get so worked up over the celebrity within her gates—or, if ever before, not often.

The following Lumberton people went to Wilmington to see Lauder, most of them going down Friday morning and returning Saturday morning: Mrs. E. K. Proctor and daughter, Miss Lillian; Mr. and Mrs. Jim S. McNeill and sons, Masters; Mrs. Cobb and daughter, and Mrs. Irvin Jenkins; Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Burgess; Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Davis; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Sharpe; Mrs. T. C. Johnson; Miss J. Annie McLean and Berta McNeill; Mrs. J. A. Martin and her guest, Miss W. J. Bennett of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. E. E. French and Mrs. Martin Dawson; Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lee; Mr. J. T. Burgess.

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