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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Cleaning Up the Town—Church Notes
—Dr. D. S. Currie Will Lecture 5th
Sunday—No Houses for Rent—Per-
sonal Mention.

BY C. D. WILLIAMSON.

Parkton, March 18.—The town fathers have got busy and have put the streets and side walks in the best condition yet. Mr. A. McM. Blount is foreman of the street work and he is on his job. The ditches are also being cleaned out. They never got attention any too soon.

Mayor F. N. Fisher and Rural Police C. L. Beard, who went to Alabama last week after the mayor's car that was stolen from Fayetteville more than a month ago, returned Tuesday. They located the car but Mr. Fisher sold it to the man that had in charge and as he came back by way of Charlotte he purchased a new Ford and drove it home. He failed to find the man that stole his car.

Mr. Murphy McMillan purchased a new roadster, a Buick 6-60 mule-power. Some car. Also we see our beef market man, Mr. J. C. Culbreth, is rushing a new Ford.

Rev. W. L. Maness and family left Monday from Hamp, Moore county, to visit relatives. They drove through the country in their car and expect to return the latter part of the week.

Rev. J. L. Jenkins filled his pulpit at the Baptist church Sunday morning to a large and attentive congregation. His theme was a memorial to women, and believe me it was some sermon; and the evening sermon was ably delivered—"What shall we do with Jesus, who is called Christ?" The singing by a large choir was inspiring at both services.

The young people of our town are well represented at a play at Lumber Bridge tonight.

We congratulate our sister town, Lumber Bridge, on its proposed new bank.

Miss Loula Marsh, who spent several months in France with the Red Cross, arrived home Thursday. She talks interestingly of her trip, says she is glad she went and yet she is also glad to get home once more. She is one of our town's most consecrated women. She has spent several years of her life in mission work, both home and foreign.

Dr. D. S. Currie will give a lecture at the Presbyterian church here on the fifth Sunday night at 8 o'clock. His subject, "Diseases of the age, and their remedy." All male persons aged from 14 to 100 are urged to attend.

Mrs. Bessie Bollings of High Point spent several days visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Caswell. Mr. Caswell has painted his dwelling which adds much to the appearance of East Front street.

The family of Mr. Hall moved yesterday into the Elmore house on Webb street. Only one more dwelling in town vacant, and it is rented.

Mrs. Nan Carter and daughter, Miss Frances, attended the funeral of Mrs. Carter's brother-in-law, Mr. J. W. Carter, at Maxton Saturday and returned Monday.

TAR HEEL UNIT OF 30TH DIVISION ARRIVES

113th Field Artillery Debarked Yesterday at Newport News—North Carolina Soldiers Will Parade in Raleigh Next Monday.

Four transports reached Newport News, Va., Tuesday from France, with more than 6,000 officers and men among them the 113th field artillery, of the 30th (Old Hickory) division, and casualties who took part in some of the biggest battles of the war. The Old Hickory unit, which came back on the Santa Theresa, debarked yesterday. The North Carolina soldiers will be sent to Raleigh Sunday night, will parade there Monday, when Raleigh and the State will give them a big reception, and thence will go to Camp Jackson, at Columbia, S. C., for discharge.

FOUND STILL IN HOUSE; DISTILLER CAPTURED

John Frink, colored, is in jail and his whiskey-making outfit decorates Court House Yard—John Was Firing Up When Officers Entered His Home.

John Frink, colored, is in jail and is whiskey-making outfit is attracting attention on the court house square. Frink lives near Ornum and had the still—a 1919 model of 20-gallon capacity—set up in his residence when Rural Policeman Frank A. Wishart and Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt found him yesterday afternoon. Frink was firing up to make some "monkey rum" when the officers entered the house. They found around 100 gallons of beer, which they poured out before starting for the jail with Frink and his plant. The still was made of tin lard tubs and some other appliances—all home-made.

Mr. H. R. Bullock of R. 6, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

Mr. Troy Barker of Lumberton, R. 1, was among the visitors in town Monday.

NEWS ITEMS FROM RENNERT

A Church That Has Come Into a Church Consciousness—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rennert, March 19.—We do not know a church that has made more rapid progress during the last two or three years than the church at Rennert. It has come into a "church consciousness" that it did not have formerly, and is planning for larger things. Our beloved pastor has power over his people, because they love him, and he holds them because he lives exactly what he preaches, that beautiful life of faith, love, sympathy and good works.

Mrs. D. A. Humphrey of British West India, who has been spending some months with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Bland of Burgaw, is visiting at the home of her father-in-law, Mr. Richard Humphrey.

Master Glenn son of Mr. Will Hamilton, who has been seriously ill, is much improved.

Mrs. Theodore Harrell and small son of Rocky Mount are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Watson. Misses Augusta Britt and Carrie Caldwell left Sunday at Back Swamp with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Slaughter.

Mrs. James C. J. Biggs and R. Humphrey will leave Monday for Edenton to attend the woman's missionary annual meeting.

Miss Mary D. Conoley, a Red Cross nurse of Richmond, Va., visited her grandfather, Mr. J. W. Conoley, Sunday.

WITH ROBESON SOLDIERS.

Pvt. Frank Lowrey is Home From France—He Was in Some Fierce Fighting—Wounded 2 Hours Before Firing Ceased on Armistice Day.

Private Frank Lowrey, Indian, of Lumberton, R. 2, returned home Friday of last week from France, where he spent six months. Private Lowrey lost one finger and all the other fingers on his left hand were punctured by a machine gun bullet. Six other machine gun bullets passed through the rain coat he was wearing at the time he was wounded. He went overseas with the 81st division and belonged to Co. G, 321st infantry. This division spent almost a month on the front, being under shell fire all the while, and on November 9 went over the top in the Argonne forest, at which place it is said some of the hardest fighting of the war was done. It was on November 11th 9 a. m.—two hours before the fighting ceased—that Private Lowrey was wounded and he said that the boys were still after the Germans when he had to drop out of the fight. Using his expression, "They had the Germans going and the only way to shoot one was to shoot him in the back." In relating his experiences on the front, Private Lowrey said he did not get any water to drink and but very little food to eat from early Saturday morning, November 9, till Sunday night, November 10. He then drank some water from a stream and had to take chances of being poisoned.

FUNERAL OF MRS. THOMPSON

Conducted From Home of Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Baker Tuesday—Interment Made at Back Swamp.

The funeral of Mrs. Sallie Thompson, an account of whose death was published in Monday's Robesonian, was conducted from the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. V. D. Baker, Caldwell street, with whom she lived, Tuesday at 10 a. m. The service was conducted by Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, assisted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth, Dr. Durham paid glowing tribute to the life of deceased. The remains were taken to the family burying ground at Back Swamp, where interment was made, the services being concluded at the grave. A large crowd attended the funeral service and many accompanied the remains to their last resting place. Many attractive floral offerings covered the grave.

The pallbearers were Messrs. L. H. Caldwell, Q. T. Williams, C. B. Skipper, H. C. Freeman, M. W. Floyd and D. W. Biggs.

Recorder Gives Indian 4 Months On Roads.

Curtis Jones and Mattie Lou Hardin, Indians, faced Recorder E. M. Britt on the charge of fornication and adultery yesterday. Jones was sentenced to 4 months on the roads, while judgment was continued upon payment of the cost in the charge against Mattie Lou.

According to the evidence brought out at the hearing, the two defendants lived in Richmond as husband and wife for several months and also lived together in like manner at Wade, this State. The warrant was sworn out by a brother of Mattie Lou, Jones is married and has several children, having deserted his wife and children for Mattie Lou, according to the evidence.

Mr. R. Humphrey of the Saddle Creek section and his daughter-in-law, Mrs. D. A. Humphrey of the British West Indies, who is a guest at the home of Mr. Humphrey, are among the visitors in town today.

ROBESON TEACHERS' MEETING

A Rare Treat for Teachers at Meeting Held in Lumberton Last Saturday—Subjects Discussed.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The teachers of Robeson county had a rare treat on Saturday at a meeting held at the high school building by Prof. J. R. Poole and others. Though the day was dark and dreary the teachers did not grow faint-hearted but were on hand from all parts of the county.

The meeting was opened by the singing of our national song, "America," after which the devotional exercises were very timely conducted by Dr. Durham of the First Baptist church. Miss Leach rendered very beautifully a piano solo which was followed by a discussion on the teaching of first-year Latin by Prof. Dixon of the Fairmont high school. His advice was taken directly from classroom experiences and was very profitable to all who are handling this subject.

Following this discussion was an educational talk given by Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, on the subject of "Our Opportunity in the Period of Reconstruction." This subject was discussed from the three leading topics, the social, the moral, and the educational standpoints.

The next subject dealing with the educational movement was most timely and forcefully discussed by Supt. Gale of the Lumberton high school. Mr. Gale stressed the importance of the teacher's work being equal to her profession. That she must first have in mind the goal of most efficient service and by so doing her effort would soon be rewarded in a financial way. He stressed the importance of raising our standard to the highest possible degree of efficiency, so that our boys and girls might not have to suffer when they enter college due to our neglect.

The last subject on the program was most extensively discussed by Prof. Giles of the State Board of Examiners. His leading object was to advise the teachers in regard to renewing their future certificates, but along with that we gave a most inspiring address dealing with the teacher's profession in this most golden opportunity in the history of the world. At the close of the meeting Dr. Durham made a most earnest appeal to the teachers in regard to the Armenian Relief fund. He urged that they hold up our honor, our standard of brotherhood and love for humanity by their response to this most worthy call.

Before we close our story we must not forget to mention our most faithful and never-tiring leader, Prof. J. R. Poole, who due to the serious illness of his father did not take a very active part in the program but his interest and appreciation of his co-workers was very evident.

TROOPS HOMEWARD BOUND

Troops of 30th Division Among Large Movement of Men of A. E. F.

Departure from France of approximately 30,000 officers and men of the American expeditionary forces—the largest single homeward movement since the cessation of hostilities—was announced Tuesday by the War Department. The returning soldiers are aboard two cruisers, the Montana and the Pueblo, and fourteen transports. Among the latter is the George Washington on which President Wilson returned to France.

Troops making up the movement include units of the 37th (Ohio national guard) and 30th (Tennessee, North and South Carolina national guard) divisions, the 72nd coast artillery regiment and a large number of casualties.

The transports and cruisers are due to arrive at American ports between March 24 and April 2.

BRITISH AVIATORS WILL ATTEMPT FLIGHT ACROSS ATLANTIC

British aviators are to try for a flight across the Atlantic. A secretly built airplane, accompanied by Harry Hawker as pilot and Commander MacKenzie Grieve, royal navy, as navigator, was shipped from England March 17th for St. Johns, N. F., from which it will start at the earliest possible moment in an attempt to win the Daily Mail prize of \$10,000 for the first machine to fly across the Atlantic, states a London dispatch. The machine is a two-seater biplane with a 375 horsepower engine. The fuselage is boat-shaped and will support the machine in the water.

Pilot Hawker said he believed the flight would occupy about 19 1-2 hours. The machine, he said, had flown 900 miles in 9 hours and 5 minutes on one-third of its petrol capacity and is capable of maintaining a speed of 100 miles an hour for 25 hours.

Killing Hogs—Plowing and Building Barns.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 2, March 17.—I killed ten hogs Thursday. One of them weighed 500 pounds and another 248 pounds after being dressed. Plowing and building barns seems to be the order of the day. WILLIS LOCKLEAR.

STATE FARM WILL BE SOLD

Smaller Farm, Centrally Located, Will Be Purchased—State Prison Board Will Hold Cotton and Cut Acreage—State Prison Will Be Used For Hospital for Insane.

The State prison board, at a meeting held in Raleigh Tuesday with Governor Bickett, pledged itself to hold the cotton produced on the State farm—over 1,000 bales—for a higher price, and to reduce cotton acreage, in accordance with the plan of the State Cotton Association. The board will advise every farmer to do likewise. Mr. Frank Gough, of Lumberton, a member of the board, returned home yesterday from attending this meeting. He is naturally much gratified that the plan he advocated two years ago, when he represented Robeson in the State Senate, to convert the State prison at Raleigh into a hospital for the insane, is about to be put into effect. The change will be made as soon as possible. Another plan advocated by ex-Senator Gough, to sell the State farm in Halifax county and buy a smaller farm, more centrally located, also will be carried out. The Halifax farm contains 7,308 acres, 6,300 of these acres being in a high state of cultivation, and it is worth \$1,000,000, Mr. Gough says. The farm will be sold and a farm of about 3,000 acres will be purchased.

In this connection Mr. Gough calls attention to the fact that the North Carolina penitentiary is the only one in the United States that is self-supporting; the Legislature does not have to make any appropriation for its support. When the sale is made of the magnificent farm in Halifax and a smaller farm purchased, Mr. Gough thinks a considerable sum will be turned into the State Treasury from the deal.

When the State prison is converted into a hospital for the insane provision will be made for the care of the insane among Robeson county Indians, for whose care no provision has heretofore been made.

SOME MEN FLATLY REFUSE TO CUT COTTON ACREAGE

A Few Will Even Increase Acreage—Names of These Will Be Sent to State Organization—Financial Support Solicited.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

At the cotton meeting last Saturday more than two thousand pledges were turned in. There were seven townships that made no report. They are Rowland, St. Pauls, Parkton, Renner, Lumber Bridge, Saddle Creek, and Shannon. We hope that the committees in these townships will turn in a report at an early date so we can make a full report to the State for the county.

We notice from the reports that there are some men who have flatly refused to make any cut. We also noted a few that are going to increase. The State has requested these names so in order to comply with this request they will be sent to the State organization. When the results of a thing can be foreseen as clearly as they appear in this case, it does seem that any man would be willing to do his part in bringing these things about. Even though a man did not sign the pledge he can still help out by at least making some reduction.

The man who will not even make an effort in this matter doesn't deserve a good price for his cotton.

The money collected so far amounts to \$290. Of this amount one-half has to go to the State organization. That doesn't leave very much for the county organization. Each one has been asked to pay 20 cents on each bale of cotton now on hand. Some have responded, while many have not. Some nice contributions have been received. We solicit your financial support. Send us the 20 cents per bale or a contribution.

FRANK GOUGH, Chairman,
O. O. DUKES, Sec.-Treas.
Robeson Cotton Assn.

COUNTY ROAD MATTERS.

Road Commissioners Order Township Bond Bill to Be Published in All County Papers—County Foreman Instructed to Bring All Work to Completion by April 7.

At a special meeting of the county road commissioners here Monday the county road foreman was instructed to handle all road work so that it can be brought to completion by the first Monday in April.

The matter of hiring out the county chain gang was discussed, but action was deferred until the next regular meeting of the board. It was ordered that the chain gang as a whole be inspected quarterly.

The board passed an order to the effect that the township bond bill passed by the recent Legislature be published in all the papers in the county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Barnes and small daughters, Clara Mae and Marion Ruth, of the Bloomingdale section, were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon.

"OH, SAMMY" EXPURGATED BY BOARD OF CENSORS

Censors Threw Scare Into the Stage Fairies—Moderation Was the Order In Costume and Kick and Word—And the Show Was a Plumb Fizzle.

"Oh, Sammy," the offering at the local opera house Monday evening, was a pretty sorry show to begin with, one may fairly judge, and it was staged here under difficulties which had the show folks guessing all the while. They say the innocent dears who the public was told, with "apt alteration's artful aid," would disport themselves in alluring, bewildering charm and lift up their voices in siren song till they'd take "the prisoned soul and lap it elysium"—they say these dearies stood so in awe of the grave board of censors who had given them the once over before the performance and whose eagle eyes during the public performance were giving them the "twice" over, ready at any moment to bowl them out if they by word or deed or sudden untimely exposure shocked the aforesaid board of censors, or any member thereof, that they, the aforesaid dearies, were plainly rattled and ill at ease, and went through their paces with fear and trembling.

For, look you, the board of censors was functioning that night. Sternly resolved to do their public duty, no matter how deadly the charms displayed for their private gaze nor how resistless the attack by female blandishments, the board of censors, to wit, Messrs. K. M. Barnes, S. F. Caldwell, R. H. Crichton and W. K. Bethune, the last-named having been added to the board in place of Mr. Jno. S. McNeill, who found it inconvenient to serve, hid themselves to the opera house an hour before time for the public performance and told the manager to trot 'em out and let them look-see. "Look-e-yon-der," said a censor, when Mabel came out wearing a nervous smile and a cutepair of socks, "this is no place for me. I'm going home." But before he could escape, Gertie, fair, fat and faultless, appeared—and then he was glued to his seat. One by one the stage fairies of the censors, fearfully and wonderfully not arrayed (the fairies, not the censors), and then the censors retired to make up their verdict. One censor was for requiring that all dresses must reach to the ankle; another thought that two or three inches, maybe four inches, according to the style of architecture, might be allowed above the ankle; and so it went until conflicting views resulted in the compromise verdict that all skirts must extend as low as to the knees, that moderation must be observed in costume and kick and word, et cetera. Chairman Barnes, when he returned from his lone mission to advise the manager, on which mission he tried to get the board to go with him in a body, said that bland person was most courteous and raised no objection.

And that is why the stage charmers could not charm—not because their skirts were lengthened by order of censors but because they were in leading-strings and knew not when they might overstep the invisible barrier that the watchful censors had set up; and they knew the censors were out there before the footlights ready to give the word if they did not do just so. Violence evidently had to be done to some skirts in order to get them down far enough, so that a bare-n waist was left; but they got 'em down.

And so the board of censors functioned wisely and well and their fame will go abroad through the land and it will no doubt be many a day before another so-called musical comedy of the "Oh, Sammy" class dares subject itself, individually and collectively, to its rigors.

Good riddance, too, if this serves to stop such shows. For really "Oh, Sammy" was "dull, stale, flat and unprofitable," calculated to give one softening of the brain. If such shows are not killed for their naughtiness then surely their stupidity ought to damn them.

Bank of Lumber Bridge Chartered—17th Bank for County.

The Secretary of State has chartered the Bank of Lumber Bridge, Lumber Bridge; authorized capital \$25,000 subscribed \$10,000; duration unlimited; C. M. Usher, D. R. Graham, H. M. John, all of Lumber Bridge, and others, incorporators.

Lumber Bridge is one of the thriving small towns of Robeson which has more good small towns than any other county in the State. This makes the 17th bank that has been organized in Robeson during about as many years—and yet some people would have the world believe that Robeson is backward and unprogressive because it is so large!

Will Distribute Nitrate From Wilmington.

Its Washington correspondent writes the Wilmington Star that as the receiving prt for North Carolina the Department of Agriculture is to ship 43,000 tons of nitrate of soda to Wilmington. The port of Wilmington will distribute nearly one-third of the 150,000 tons of nitrate of soda just released by the War Department for agricultural purposes. Shipments of 1,000 tons a day are being made to the North Carolina seaport town and will continue until North Carolina farmers have been supplied with the fertilizer for growing food and cotton.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—A number of cases of measles is reported in and about Lumberton.

—The local office of the army exemption board will be closed March 31st.

—Some few Robeson farmers have planted corn. These have planted plenty early.

—A false fire alarm was turned in from box No. 71 in the northern part of town about 9 o'clock Monday evening.

—State Senator H. E. Stacy and Mr. R. C. Lawrence spent yesterday at Rockingham attending Richmond county court.

—Mr. C. H. McIntyre left last evening for Laurens, S. C., where he has accepted a position. Mrs. McIntyre will join him in a few weeks.

—The condition of Elizabeth, small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jud Ammons, who has been seriously ill for some time, is somewhat improved.

—Regular convocation of Lumberton chapter No. 77 will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. The annual election of officers will be held at this time and companions are requested to be present.

—Rev. W. D. Combs, formerly pastor of the Gospel Tabernacle of Lumberton, spent Tuesday and yesterday here and left last evening for Toocoo, Ga., where he will have charge of a class of boys at a Bible school.

—Although the time for nominating a mayor, two town commissioners and officials for other town offices is drawing near, no candidates have "come out" publicly. A commissioner is to be elected from wards Nos. 1 and 3.

—Enough money has been collected by the East Lumberton public school to entitle each pupil to membership in the Junior Red Cross. The teachers at East Lumberton are Misses Mary Black, Katie Stone and Eulalia McGill.

—Mr. R. D. Caldwell and daughter, Mrs. H. M. Baker, and two sons, Messrs. William and Robt. Jr., returned today from Baltimore, Md., where they spent a week. Dr. Baker joined them in Baltimore from Boston and also spent the week there.

—The condition of Mrs. L. R. Breese, who suffered a light stroke of paralysis Friday of last week, is somewhat improved. Her granddaughter, Mrs. Umer Cox, and grandson, Mr. Mack Fisher, both of Baxley, Ga., arrived yesterday to be with Mrs. Breese.

—Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Branch and small daughter, Mary O'Neal, of Norwood, arrived Monday night and are visiting at the home of Mr. Branch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch, Third street. Dr. Branch will return home tomorrow. Mrs. Branch and baby will spend a week here before returning home.

—Supt. J. R. Poole, accompanied by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, and Miss Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, visited a number of county schools Tuesday and yesterday. Supt. Poole says the public school attendance is better than it has been for several years during the spring term.

—Correspondence of The Robesonian: Miss Cora Belle Ford of the Marietta section spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bass, 129 Third street. She was up here Saturday to attend the teachers' meeting. Miss Ford has been real successful as a teacher at Okdale, at which place there had been three teachers until the "flu" epidemic since then has had the job all by herself.

—Mr. H. E. Vincent left last evening for Laurens, S. C., where he will make his home. Mrs. Vincent and children left Tuesday for Laurens. As was stated in Monday's Robesonian, Mr. Vincent will open a Ford auto agency at Laurens. Mr. and Mrs. Vincent made many friends in Lumberton who regret their decision to move. Mr. J. H. Felts took over the management of the Ford garage here yesterday.

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR INDIA FAMINE RELIEF

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The following have so far contributed to the India famine relief fund: Mrs. W. H. McDonald, \$1; Anna Freeman \$5; Mrs. J. W. Bryan \$1; Mr. R. L. Eikins 50 cents; Miss Grace Bullard \$1; Mr. Thomas Hardin 50 cents; Mrs. Queen Parnell, 25 cents; Mr. Lacy Barnes \$1; Miss Helen Evers 50 cents; Miss Leda Barnes, 25 cents; Miss Nannie B. Brown, \$5; Mrs. W. W. Carlyle \$10; The Seventh grade \$9.55; Mrs. Lizzie Proctor, \$1; Miss Lacy Johnson, \$5; S. J. Starnes, \$2; Old Prospect school (James W. Smith, principal), \$4; 7th grade (Lumberton), \$6.55. Total \$52.10. Further contributions will be gladly received.

JANIE CARLYLE.

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