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C. W. HIGHWAY MUST COME THROUGH ROBESON

Lumberton Will Send Big Delegation
To Monroe Road Meet—It Would
Be Calamity If the Charlotte-Wil-
mington Highway Should Not Pass
Through Robeson.

Lumberton will send a delegation
of 40 or 50 men possibly more, to the
big road meet of counties from Bun-
combe to New Hanover which will be
held at Monroe on the 29th inst. The
purpose of this meeting is to push to
completion as early as possible the
Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville high-
way.

A meeting held at the court house
Friday evening for the purpose of dis-
cussing this highway and other road
matters in which the county and
Lumberton are greatly and vitally in-
terested, was attended by a fair-sized
crowd, and discussion brought out
just how vitally the county and Lum-
berton are interested in the comple-
tion of the Wilmington to Asheville
highway and the difficulties in the
way of making sure that this high-
way, when completed by the govern-
ment, shall come through Robeson.

Mr. A. E. White was elected chair-
man and stated as one of its main
objects to send delegates to the Mon-
roe meeting and prevent the calamity
it would be for Robeson if this
highway were switched around Robe-
son by Fayetteville. Several were
called on and spoke of the importance
of some definite steps being taken.

Ex-State Senator Frank Gough de-
clared it means as much as another
railway would mean, that this is the
most direct route but that if Robe-
son is not left to one side some in-
terest must be shown by her citizens.
He suggested that a Lumberton dele-
gation join the delegation that will
go on a special train from Wilming-
ton.

County Attorney E. J. Bell said
that the former State road superin-
tendent, Mr. Fallis, had selected the
route through Robeson as the most
direct, and that in a recent conver-
sation with him, Mr. McGill, chairman
of the State Good Roads association,
had assured him that he favored the
Robeson route. He said that it
would cost 3 times as much to build
the road by Fayetteville, that it would
mean building 35 miles of good roads
in Robeson and that the county could
not afford to allow Fayetteville to
take the road.

State Senator H. E. Stacy discuss-
ed the matter from the practical view-
point and pointed out the difficulties.
Only one of two ways could Robe-
son guarantee its one-fourth of the
construction of the road—either every
township through which the road will
pass must vote bonds or the county
commissioners must agree to issue
bonds of the county to cover the coun-
ty's part. This the commissioners
have the authority to do. He did not
think it worth while to go to Monroe
unless the delegation could carry with
it a guarantee that the county will
put up its one-fourth.

After general informal discussion
it was decided that the immediate
thing to do is to carry the Lumber-
ton township road bond election to-
morrow, and a number volunteered
their services to help carry this elec-
tion.

Messrs. A. E. White, H. E. Stacy
and H. M. McAllister were appointed
a committee to go before the county
commissioners at a special meeting
that has been called for Wednesday
of this week and present the situation
to them and see what can be done. A
motion was passed to get Mr. W. D.
Berry Lennon to prepare a map to
take to the Monroe meeting showing
both the Robeson and Fayetteville
routes for the highway.

Fifteen of those at the
meeting volunteered to go
to Monroe meeting and in a
parade Saturday Mr. G. L. Thomp-
son rounded up 27 other men who will
go, if nothing happens to prevent, so
that Lumberton will send a good-
sized delegation to Monroe and it is
hoped that other sections of the county
will send delegations.

Messrs. T. A. McNeill, Jr., G. L.
Thompson and J. A. Sharpe were ap-

RECORDER'S COURT.

Mr. Will Lewis Found Not Guilty of
Assault on Mr. B. Townsend While
Guarding Wrecked Aeroplane on
May 10—Other Cases.

In a trial Saturday before Record-
er Britt, Mr. Will Lewis was found
not guilty of assault upon Mr. Bun-
yan Townsend of Lowe at the field
on the western edge of town on May
10th while guarding the wrecked ae-
roplane from Camp Bragg. Mr. Lew-
is was deputized by an army officer
in charge of the machine to keep the
crowd from approaching too near the
plane, and while performing this
duty as a special officer Mr. Lewis
struck Mr. Townsend, who swore out
a warrant charging Mr. Lewis with
assault.

There was considerable interest in
the affair and quite a number of peo-
ple attended the trial. Mr. Lewis tes-
tified that Mr. Townsend repeatedly
disregarded his requests to all to keep
back, he pushed Townsend back,
Townsend cursed him and invited him
to come outside, and that he finally
struck Townsend to make him under-
stand that he must keep back. He
said Townsend acted like he had been
drinking. Mr. Daniel McNeill testi-
fied that Townsend went toward the
plane several times, that he saw
Lewis' efforts to keep Townsend back
and had started to Townsend to ask
him not to make any trouble when
Lewis struck Townsend. He thought
Townsend acted like he had been
drinking and said he smelt whiskey
when near Lewis and Townsend but
did not smell it later when with Lew-
is alone.

Mr. Townsend testified that he had
not been drinking at all, that he did
not curse Lewis, that he did not ap-
proach nearer the machine than man-
y others, that others were nearer
the plane when Lewis struck him and
that he had his arms folded at the
time. Several others testified that
they saw Lewis strike Townsend af-
ter pushing him back a time or two
and that while they were not near
enough to hear what was said they
judged Townsend to be about in line
with others when Lewis struck him.
Mr. W. Lennon, solicitor for the re-
corder's court, testified that he did
not smell whiskey when Townsend
came to him the same afternoon for
a warrant.

Attorney H. E. Stacy, who assisted
Mr. Lennon in the prosecution, asked
Recorder Britt to write out the facts
in the case for submission before
Judge Calvert at the next term of
criminal court. Mr. T. L. Johnson,
chairman of the May 10th celebra-
tion, and Mayor J. D. Proctor defend-
ed Mr. Lewis. It was brought out
at the trial that Mr. Lewis, in addition
to having been appointed a special
deputy to guard the machine for a
while, had been asked to serve as a
special officer to assist in keeping
order in town during the day and
that the field where the difficulty oc-
curred was within the limits of the
jurisdiction of town officers.

Walter Evans, colored, was found
guilty of exceeding the speed limit
with an auto on the public highway.
Judgment was suspended upon pay-
ment of the cost.

Lee Allen was given a hearing on
the charge of assault and cursing on
the streets. Recorder Britt first sen-
tenced him to 30 days on the public
roads but later continued prayer for
judgment upon payment of the cost.

Lumberton Will Soon Have Fourth Bank.

Lumberton's fourth bank has been
chartered—Farmers' Savings Bank.
Mr. C. B. Townsend, formerly asso-
ciated officially with the National
Bank of Lumberton and then with the
Planters Bank & Trust Co. of Lum-
berton, is one of the promoters, and
associated with him are a number of
farmers and business men of the
county. It is not yet known just
where the bank will be located or
when it will be ready for business.
This will make Robeson county's
18th bank.

pointed a committee to take up with
the Wilmington delegation the matter
of going with them on their special
train.

AMERICAN FIRST TO FLY OVER ATLANTIC

One of 3 American Seaplanes Reach-
ed the Azores Saturday.

One of the 3 American seaplanes
which set out Friday evening from
Newfoundland in the first attempt
at a flight across the Atlantic land-
ed safe at Horta, island of Fayal,
Azores, Saturday morning after es-
tablishing a record flight for heavier-
than-air machines.

To Lieutenant Commander Reed,
commanding the NC-4, goes the hon-
or of having made without interrup-
tion the most daring journey ever at-
tempted in an airship of any kind.
Rising from dinner Friday night in
the ward room of the mine aler
Aroostook at Trepassy bay, N. F., he
and his crew breakfasted soon after 9
o'clock Saturday morning aboard the
cruiser Columbia at Horta.

The NC-4 averaged 90 miles per
hour to Horta bay and made the flight
in 13 hours and 18 minutes.
A dispatch of the 16th states that
the steamer Iona with the crew of the
American seaplane NC-4 aboard ar-
rived at Horta Sunday and that the
NC-1 sank 120 miles off the island
of Flores. The other of the 3 planes
was still missing last night after hav-
ing been lost at sea for more than 40
hours.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Humphrey Williams, Answered
Sudden Call—Funeral This Morn-
ing.

The funeral of Mr. Humphrey D.
Williams whose death occurred sud-
denly Saturday morning, was con-
ducted at the grave today at 11 a. m. by
Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor
of the Presbyterian church, and in-
terment was made in Meadowbrook
cemetery. The pall-bearers were
Messrs. W. O. Thompson, C. M. Bar-
cker, S. A. Breach A. P. Caldwell,
D. S. French, H. C. Freeman, R. O.
Edmund, H. B. Robeson.

Mr. Williams suffered a stroke of
apoplexy while in the Pope Drug
store Saturday about 11 a. m. and
died about 30 minutes later, after he
had been taken to his home on Water
street. Deceased was about 59 years
old and had been in declining health
for several months. He is survived
by his wife, besides several brothers
and sisters.

Deceased was of a quiet, unassuming
disposition, and had many friends.

Reported for The Robesonian.
Rev. J. M. Fleming of route 5 from
Lumberton conducted three funerals
Friday: that of Pearl Wade, near Al-
lenton at 10 o'clock; Mrs. Fannie
Todd, near Bellamy, at 2:30 o'clock;
and Mrs. Eliza Jane Capps, near Ced-
ar Grove church, at 4:30 o'clock. A
fuller account will appear later.

Mrs. W. H. Capps.
Mrs. W. H. Capps, aged 81 years,
died Thursday afternoon at her home
on R. 5 from Lumberton. Deceased
had been ill with heart trouble for
several months and her death was not
unexpected. She is survived by her
husband and several children. The
funeral was conducted Friday at 4:30
p. m. by Rev. J. M. Fleming and in-
terment was made near the home.

TO CONSIDER RE-ASSESSMENT PROBLEMS

County Commissioners Will Meet
Wednesday.

The board of county commissioners
will meet in extra session Wednesday
of this week to consider matters re-
lative to the re-assessment of taxable
property. Mr. S. H. McKinnon of
Maxton, county assessor, and Messrs.
J. P. Price and Paisley McMillan, as-
sistant assessors, will meet with the
commissioners. One of the special
matters to be considered Wednesday
will be that of financing the work to
be done by the assessors.

Grain Threshers Must Have Li- cense.

A law passed by the last Legislature
requires all who operate grain thresh-
ers to secure license from the regis-
ter of deeds in the county where ma-
chines are operated. While the li-
cense does not cost anything, it is a
violation of the law to operate a
threshing machine without the re-
quired license. The law also says that
all who operate grain threshers must
file a report showing the number of
bushels of grain threshed and for
whom threshed. Register of Deeds
M. W. Floyd is ready to issue license
to Robeson threshers.

5 TOWNSHIPS VOTE TOMORROW ON ROAD BOND ISSUES

Five Robeson townships will vote to-
morrow on a bond issue for road pur-
poses. The townships in which elec-
tions will be held are:
Lumberton, \$100,000; Fairmont,
\$60,000; Rowland, \$50,000; St. Pauls
\$25,000; Parkton, \$20,000.

Small Child Dies of Burns.

A seven-year-old daughter of Mr.
and Mrs. D. P. Patterson of Allen-
ton, died yesterday as the result of
being burned Friday. The child spill-
ed some Sloan's liniment on her
clothes and was standing near the fire
when the liniment became ignited, set-
ting fire to her clothing.

MOST DARING FLIGHT BEGUN

Australian Airmen Started on
Perilous Flight Last Night.

Harry G. Hawker, Australian avi-
ator, and Commander McKenzie Grieve,
his navigator, left St. Johns, N. F.,
last evening in their attempt to wing
their way across the Atlantic on the
most perilous airplane flight in his-
tory. They took the air at 5:55 p. m.,
Greenwich time (1:55 p. m. New York
time), with the expectation of reach-
ing the Irish coast in 20 hours un-
less some accident forced them to
plunge into the sea.

If the Australian wins his gamble
with death it will bring him first
honors in the non-stop trans-Atlantic
race and the purse of \$50,000 offered
by the London Daily Mail, the ven-
ture of the navy aircraft having no
bearing on Daily Mail contest as they
did not attempt a non-stop flight.
The Australian started out to fly
straight for Ireland, regardless of
shipping lanes, and his flight has the
spotting interest that the flight of
the navy seaplanes lacked, for a line
of ships was strung across the ocean
and every other possible precaution
was taken to make as safe as possible
the flight of the navy planes.

HOME FROM THE WAR

Bugler Harry Ivey left Friday eve-
ning for Camp Merritt, N. J., after
spending a ten days' furlough here
and at Parkton, visiting relatives.

Private L. Breese Fisher of the U. S.
army left yesterday for Camp Travis,
Texas, after spending a few days
here visiting his grandmother, Mrs.
L. E. Breese. Pvt. Breese was a lar-
rier boy for The Robesonian a few
years ago and now he's a soldier and
6'2 feet tall.

Mr. Chas. A. Warwick of the U. S.
navy is spending a few days here
visiting relatives and friends. Mr.
Warwick was attached to a submarine
chaser and spent six months in the
danger zone before the armistice was
signed.

Fire at Residence of Mr. J. P. Russell.

Fire of unknown origin was dis-
covered burning in the bath room at
the home of Mr. J. P. Russell, Walnut
street, about 10:15 o'clock Saturday
night. The fixtures in the room were
ruined by the flames and the walls
were also damaged by the fire, which
was extinguished before it had made
much headway. The building and
furniture were damaged somewhat by
water.

A number of people rushed to the
scene of the fire and a bucket brigade
held the fire in check until the
fire company reached the building.
While it is not known what caused
the fire, it is thought by some that
it was caused by lightning. The loss
is covered by insurance.

Lieut. Edward Knox Proctor's Name Omitted.

Lieut. Edward Knox Proctor's name
was inadvertently omitted from the
list of names of men in military ser-
vice published in The Robesonian of
the 8th inst. Lieut. Proctor volun-
teered on May 14, 1917, while a senior
at the university of North Car-
olina, at the first call for men to go
into training for officers, and went to
the first officers' training camp at
Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. He was commis-
sioned second lieutenant and saw
considerable service in Europe during
the war. He is now with the army
of occupation at Coblenz, Germany.
He is a son of Mrs. E. K. Proctor of
Lumberton.

Superior Court.

The second week of the two weeks'
term of civil court convened this
morning with Judge W. P. Stacy pre-
siding. The trial of John Barfield vs.
Butters Lumber Co. was begun to-
day. The case grew out of a dis-
pute as to the owner of a parcel of
land.

Members of the 81st Have Hopes.

Letters received here from mem-
bers of the 81st—or Wild Cat—divi-
sion, dated about May 1, state that
the division expects to return to the
States in June. Some of the letters
state that the division was to begin
moving to the port on May 12.

—Mr. L. E. Blanchard, formerly
Robeson county's farm demonstration
agent, now engaged in government
work in Washington, D. C., is a Lum-
berton visitor today. He arrived yester-
day and will leave for Washington
this evening.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller and two daugh-
ters, Misses Anna Neal and Espie,
and Miss Lucy Allen will leave to-
morrow for Hendersonville, where
they will spend the summer. They
will be accompanied by Mr. Ralph
Whaley, who will spend a few days
at Hendersonville.

—Recorder Jno. S. Putler of St.
Pauls is a Lumberton visitor today.
Mr. Butler informed The Robesonian
that the St. Pauls Supply Co., which
will do a general retail and whole-
sale mercantile business, has been or-
ganized. Many St. Pauls business men
will be connected with the new enter-
prise and the charter has been ap-
plied for. The authorized capital will
be \$50,000, with \$25,000 subscribed.

50-GALLON STILL AND INDIAN BLOCKADER CAUGHT

Officers Made Big Haul Saturday
Morning Early—Sam Bryant is in
Jail and One Robt. Green is Want-
ed—Green Fled in His Nightie
and Fired as He Broke the Speed
Limit.

One 50-gallon capacity copper still,
complete, a small quantity of good
corn liquor, 450 gallons of beer and
one man—Sam Bryant, Indian—were
the fruits of a raid made by Sheriff
R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt
and Rural Policemen F. A. Wishart
and W. W. Smith early Saturday
morning. The still—the most up-to-
date captured by Robeson officers in
several moons—was found near the
home of Bryant, one mile west of
Pembroke. Bryant was given a hear-
ing before Recorder E. M. Britt and
bound over to Superior court under a
\$500 bond, which he gave.

A white man known as Robert
Green, wanted in connection with the
shoot, fired several shots at the of-
ficers. However, Green made his es-
cape. He was in the Bryant home
when the officers approached and fired
the shots as he ran from the
building. According to the officers,
when last seen Green was shy all
his clothes except a shirt, in which
he was supposed to have been sleep-
ing, and he was moving at break-
neck speed. The officers are inclined
to believe that at least one of their
shots took effect, but not sufficient to
cut the speed of the fleeing blockader.
This happened about day-break Sat-
urday morning.

The still was brought to Lumber-
ton and attracted considerable atten-
tion Saturday.
Since the above was put in type the
officers have been advised that Green
was struck by three bullets: one tak-
ing effect in his neck and two in his
body. All three were flesh wounds,
however.

HOW PEARL WADE WAS KILLED

Shot by Will Ivey in Fight at Rock-
ingham—Remains Interred Near
Allenton—Ivey Gives \$1,000 Bond
—Wade and Ivey Formerly Lived
in Lumberton.

The remains of Mr. Pearl
Wade, who was shot and
killed at Rockingham Wed-
nesday of last week, were interred in
the Wade burying ground, near Al-
lenton, Friday at noon. Both Wade
and Will Ivey, who is charged with
the killing, formerly lived here and
are well-known throughout this sec-
tion.

According to information received
here, Ivey and Wade were both fore-
men in a cotton mill at Rockingham
and had a dispute about some matter
Wednesday morning. They met on
the street at the noon hour and Wade
knocked Ivey down and was on him
when Ivey fired three shots
from a pistol into Wade's abdomen.
He was rushed to a hospital at Ham-
let and died about 8 o'clock Wednes-
day evening. Wade was about 35
years old and is survived by his wife
and three children. Ivey is also mar-
ried. The deceased was a son of Mr.
N. Wade of Lumberton.

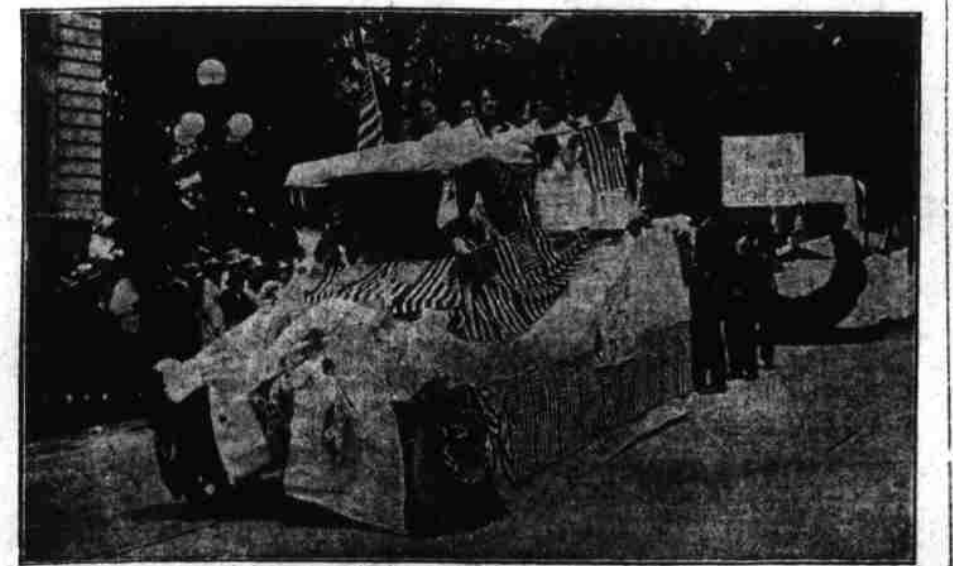
Ivey was given a preliminary hear-
ing Thursday and was bound over to
the Superior court under a \$1,000
bond, which he made.

—Good cotton is quoted on the lo-
cal market today at 27 3-4 cents the
pound.

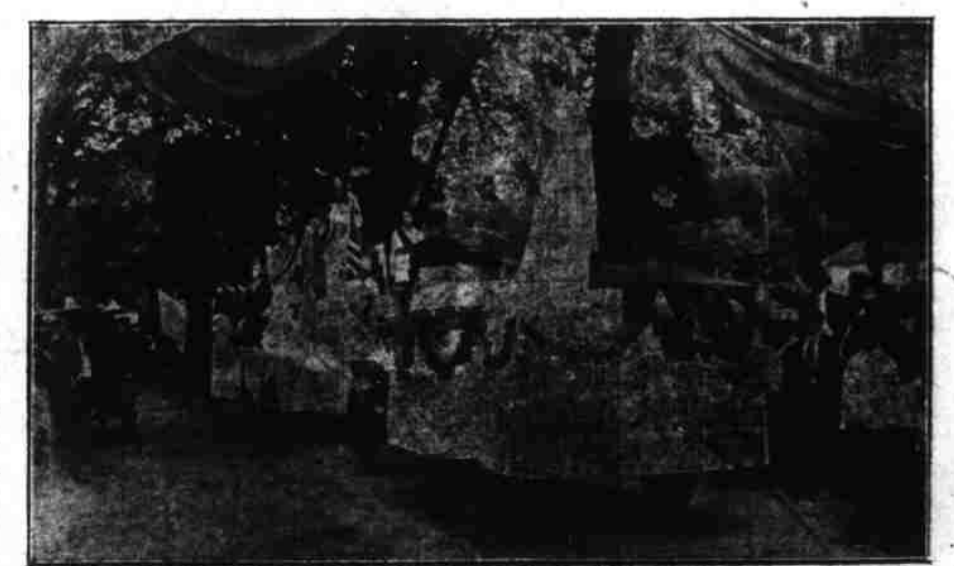
—All the banks in town will be
closed tomorrow, May 20th a legal
holiday.

—An item inadvertently omitted
from last Thursday's paper was men-
tion of the return from Baltimore of
Mr. Jno. C. Fuller, who spent 5 weeks
there undergoing treatment by a spec-
ialist.

—Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Mussewhite
moved last week back to Lumberton
from Durham, to which place they
moved 2 months ago. They decided
they liked Lumberton better. They
are living at 619 East Seventh street.



SCENE IN LUMBERTON DURING CELEBRATION MAY 10.
Above is shown in the foreground one of the beautiful floats in the parade
in Lumberton May 10th, during the county celebration in honor of returned
soldiers, the float of the Children of the Confederacy, Alfred Rowland
Chapter. In the background can be seen the front of one of the most im-
pressive floats in the parade, the Red Cross float. It is a pity the photo-
grapher did not get a better picture of the Red Cross float, showing Mrs.
A. Nash of Lumberton representing a nurse ministering to a wounded sol-
dier, represented by Mr. Rufus Santerson. To the left is seen a corner
of Robeson's court house.



SCENE IN LUMBERTON DURING CELEBRATION MAY 10.
In the foreground is shown the elegant float from Maxton with Miss Katie
Lee McKinnon as Goddess of Liberty. The other float was driven by Mr.
Ralph Whaley dressed up as Uncle Sam, and in this float were the fol-
lowing: Miss Vista Thompson, as Goddess of Liberty; Miss Maitland
Thompson, as France; Miss Elsie Thompson, as Great Britain; Miss Sarah
Carlyle, as Italy; Miss Lula Norman as Belgium; Masters Donald McNeill
and J. A. Sharpe 2nd in navy uniform and seated beside a toy cannon;
Masters Archie McLean and H. M. McAllister, Jr., in soldier uniform and
each with a rifle in his hands.