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UNITS OF 81ST AT NEWPORT NEWS

Some Members of Wildcat Division Arrived From France Sunday.

Bringing about 2,500 troops, mostly units of the 81st (North and South Carolina and Florida national army) division, the battleships South Carolina and Missouri arrived at Newport News yesterday from Brest.

ALFORDSVILLE WILL VOTE ON ROAD BONDS JULY 15TH.

\$60,000 is Amount Alfordsville Will Vote On—17 Townships in Line—Dates for 3 Other Townships Changed to July 15.

At an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners held here today a road bond election was ordered held in Alfordsville township July 15. The amount to be voted upon is \$60,000. This makes a total of seventeen of the twenty-five townships in the county that have voted or will soon vote on bond issues for road purposes.

COUNTY ROAD BOARD ASKS FOR \$100,000 FEDERAL MONEY

The county road board met today and applied for \$100,000 Federal aid for road work in Robeson. In order to get the Federal aid the State and county will appropriate a like amount, making a total of \$200,000.

ROBESON LEADS AS USUAL.

This County Tops the Column of 72 Cotton-Growing Counties of State With 63,857 Bales Raised Last Year—Robeson Leads the World As a Cotton County.

North Carolina's cotton crop reported Saturday to Maj. W. A. Graham, commissioner of agriculture, breaks all records, with the exception of 1911, with a yield of 919,338 bales, more than a quarter million in excess of the 1917 crop. The greatest cotton production in the history of the State was that of 1911, when the crop was 1,125,000 bales.

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WANT A DRY WORLD.

With a view to carrying prohibition to all parts of the world, temperance workers assembled in Washington last week for the annual national convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America organized the "World's League Against Alcoholism."

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Mr. Braxton T. Branch, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch, arrived home Friday night from France. Mr. Branch was a member of the 81st, or "Wildcat," division and landed in the States May 29, having been given a discharge from the army before leaving France.

Alleged Auto Thieves Arrested Here.

Henry C. Davis and Dan C. Martin were arrested here Friday by Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt on the charge of stealing an automobile in Fayetteville. They had the car when arrested and were taken to Fayetteville today by Mr. Prevatt. The auto belonged to Mr. Elias Woodel of Bladen county.

ASK FOR TEXT OF TREATY WITH GERMANY

Resolutions asking the State Department for the text of the treaty with Germany and directing the foreign relations committee to investigate how copies of the unpublished document have reached private hands in New York, were adopted by the Senate Friday.

TOWN TAX LEVY \$1.78 ON PROPERTY; \$5.34 ON POLL

Increase is 10 Cents on Property and 30 Cents on Poll—Roal Oil for Streets—To Enforce Dog Ordinances.

The town tax levy for the fiscal year 1919-1920 on property is \$1.78, as compared with \$1.68 last year, an increase of 10 cents. The poll tax levy is \$5.34, as compared with \$5.04 last year, an increase of 30 cents.

The levy was fixed by the mayor and board of town commissioners Friday afternoon and is divided as follows: General purposes, 62 cents; sinking fund, 66 cents; school fund, 50 cents. The poll tax is divided as follows: General tax, \$1.86; sinking fund, \$1.98; school fund, \$1.50.

Mr. Ira B. Townsend, town clerk and treasurer, was instructed to order ten barrels of road oil to use on some of the dirt streets of the town for keeping down dust.

The police force was instructed to enforce the dog ordinances of the town. The board rescinded a recent ordinance making it unlawful for dogs to run at large in town. The ordinance as it now stands provides that all dogs running at large in town shall be muzzled from May 16 to October 1, each year, and prohibits bulldogs from running at large in town at any time.

PRESBYTERIANS WILL RAISE MILLION DOLLARS

Will Begin Campaign Immediately For Educational Institutions.

Decision to immediately begin a campaign to raise \$1,000,000 for educational institutions of the Presbyterian synod in North Carolina was announced at the conclusion of a meeting in Charlotte Thursday of representatives of these institutions. The announcement explained that Davidson college, Flora Macdonald college, Queens college, Peace Institute, Mitchell Institute and six other institutions will participate in the distribution of the proposed fund. That Davidson college will receive \$400,000, was the only allotment announced.

A resolution passed stated that as "Flora Macdonald college has already pledged to it \$50,000 upon condition that it raise \$100,000 by December 15, 1919, for a new endowment, and whereas it has approximately \$70,000 of that amount, and gives up its right of way in Orange Presbytery, it is agreed that out of the first money and pledges raised in this campaign the institution is to have paid to it a sum sufficient to cover the deficit between \$70,000 and \$100,000 but not to exceed \$30,000 as a part of her allotment."

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17 QUARTS LIQUOR, FORD AND 5 NEGROES NABBED

Arrested at Parkton—Negroes Are In Jail Here. Seventeen quarts liquor, a Ford car and five negroes—3 men and 2 women—were arrested at Parkton Friday by Deputy Sheriff A. H. Prevatt. The negroes gave their names as Dan Thompson, Roger Emmerson, J. H. Murphy, Bessie McLaughlin and Cornelia Thompson. They are all in jail here.

COUNTY ROAD BOARD.

At the regular monthly meeting of the board of county road commissioners last Monday it was ordered that the road running by Centenary be left to Mr. I. T. Brown, a member of the board.

It was ordered that the petition of voters on the Simon road be left open for 30 days. It was ordered that Mr. J. L. Thrower be retained one month longer at the same salary.

NATION-WIDE WIRE STRIKE ORDERED JUNE 11.

Telegraph and Telephone Operators Who Are Members of C. T. U. A. Ordered to Strike June 11th—Local Telegraph Office May Be Affected.

A nation-wide strike of telegraph and telephone operators who are members of the Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America was ordered Saturday to take effect Wednesday, June 11, at 8 a. m., standard time. The order was issued in Chicago at general headquarters of the union on instructions from S. J. Koenekamp, international president. The strike order applies to employees of the Western Union Telegraph Co., the American Telephone and Telegraph Co., and the Postal Telegraph & Cable Co. with its associate institutions.

INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

Understanding on German Counter Proposals May be Reached This Week—President Wilson Probably Will Leave for U. S. Soon—Peace Terms for Austria Again Assailed.

The Associated Press gives the following summary: The new week begins with the German counter proposals still the subject of discussion. The council of four with Premier Orlando, of Italy, absent, again went over the proposals Sunday and while various days have been mentioned unofficially for replying to the Germans, no agreement has been reached by the council.

The latest belief expressed, however, is to the effect that an understanding may be arrived at the end of the week, with the possibility of its coming sooner.

It may be significant of an early impending agreement that the departure of President Wilson for the United States is reported as probable within 10 days or two weeks. Sunday's discussion included one of the most difficult outstanding questions—that affectin the German-Polish frontier. The presentation of a majority of the minor commissions' reports is expected to occupy the council's attention Monday. It has been pointed out that this may tend to make more rapid progress possible.

A plan for the solution of the Adriatic problem, which has met with the approval of the peace conference, will form part of the discussions taking place at the Italian frontier between Premier Orlando and Vice President Colosimo.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Graduating Class of Lumberton High School Closed Commencement With Delightful Exercises Thursday Evening.

The class day exercises held Thursday evening in the auditorium of the high school building were splendid and enjoyed by a large crowd. The stage was artistically decorated with potted plants and ferns, making a most pleasing background for the young graduates.

The program was as follows: Chorus by high school girls; Salutatory—Drina Hedgpeith; Class Poem—Marion Allen; Last Will and Testament—Lula Norment; Class History—Annie Laura Phillips; Class Oration—Gaston Bruton; Class Prophecy—Evelina Beckwith; Trophy Bearer—Sarah Carlyle; Chorus—Misses Rosa Caldwell, Margie Russell, Evelina Beckwith and Sarah Carlyle; Valedictory—Harry Russell.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. F. R. McNeill of Glenwood Section. Mr. F. R. McNeill, a well-known citizen of the Glenwood section, died suddenly Friday about 9:30 a. m. Death resulted from heart trouble and complications. Deceased was about 66 years old and is survived by his wife and eight children, having been twice married.

Mrs. Robt. Bridger of Bladenboro Answered Sudden Summons. As she was leaving the First Baptist church of Bladenboro last Monday morning, after having attended the funeral of Mrs. D. T. Pait, Mrs. Robt. Bridger, Jr., was stricken with apoplexy and fell on her door steps, speaking only once afterwards. She died three hours later.

Owen Pope, colored, aged 75 years, died Saturday night at his home about one mile west of town.

—Mr. J. A. Carlyle, local agent for the Southern Life & Trust Co. of Greensboro, went yesterday to Greensboro to attend an agents' training school. Mr. Carlyle won a free scholarship.

PARDON ASKED FOR ROBESON BOY KILLED IN FRANCE

Forney Williams Was Serving Sentence in State Prison, Escaped and Joined Army—Insured Life For His Mother for \$10,000.

Raleigh News and Observer, June 6. An appeal was made to Governor Bickett yesterday for the exercise of his influence to secure \$10,000 worth of government insurance for the mother of Forney Williams, eighteen-year-old white boy of Robeson county, who, serving a sentence in the State prison, escaped, joined the army under an assumed name and was killed in action in France. The government declined to pay the insurance of a fugitive.

The proposition was laid before the Governor yesterday by Mr. E. Garland Brown, an attorney of Winston-Salem, who himself was in the service, and has before interested himself in the young man. Shortly after Williams escaped, Mr. Brown wrote to the Governor stating the circumstances including Williams' enlistment in the army under the name of Rogers and asked for a pardon. The Governor declined to act then.

Forney Williams was convicted July, 1914, when he was eighteen years old, for burglary in the second degree. It seems, according to the evidence, that Williams was very intimate with the son of Policeman Phillips of Lumberton, and spent much of his time at the house. One night, he entered the home and stole \$50 from the clothes of one of the Phillips boys. He was caught in the act, and the evidence was convincing. He entered a plea of guilty to the charge of second degree burglary and Judge Harry Whedbee sentenced him to fifteen years in the State Prison.

He entered the prison July, 1915, an escaped August 20, 1915. It was in St. Louis that he enlisted in the service shortly after his escape and was sent to France almost immediately. His enlistment was under the name of Rogers, and it was under this name that he went over the top and was killed in France.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Annie Bullard of Elrod has accepted a position with the Planters Bank & Trust Co.

—Regular meeting Victory council Junior Order American Mechanics this evening at 9 o'clock.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Austin G. Prevatt and Eula May Prevatt; Hasley Ivey and Sallie Allen.

—Special communication St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., tomorrow evening at 8:30. Work in third degree.

—Mr. A. H. Stone of Orrum was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Stone says he has heard of no opposition to the bond issue of \$25,000 on which voters of Orrum township will decide on the 18th inst.

—Dr. R. S. Beam, local eye, nose, ear and throat specialist, will leave tonight for Atlantic City, N. J., to attend a meeting of the American Medical association. He will be away a week.

—Mr. W. G. Kirk of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor Friday. He is a candidate for road supervisor of Pembroke township which will vote on the 18th inst. on a road bond issue of \$50,000.

—One of Lumberton's most popular young ladies will be married here tomorrow to a young man from another town. The Robesonian is not at liberty to give the names of the contracting parties.

—Messrs. J. Preston Cashwell and Adrian M. Britt "hopped off" Friday morning for Georgetown, S. C., on a canoe. They are making the trip down Lumber river and are fishing along the route.

—State Senator H. E. Stacy will address the citizens of Wishart township on the township road bond law at Allenton next Saturday at 3 p. m. All the people living in this township are urged to be present.

—Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Caldwell and son, S. F. Jr., and Miss Lizzie Caldwell returned Thursday night from Pulaski, Va., where they spent several days visiting at the home of Mrs. Caldwell's father, Dr. J. W. Keister.

—On account of the Chautauqua, the regular meeting of the Twentieth Century club, which was to have been held tomorrow with Mrs. H. H. Anderson, has been postponed to Tuesday of next week, the 17th, when it will be held with Mrs. K. M. Biggs.

—Lizzie Walker and Mattie McKay, both colored, are in jail here in default of a \$500 bond each, having been bound over to the Superior court by Recorder D. W. Bullock of Rowland. Lizzie was convicted of manufacturing whiskey, while Mattie was convicted of selling the booze.

—Sanitary Officer Robeson says he will indict any person who sweeps trash into back lots and fails to put it into a box or a barrel. Mr. Robeson says this is straight goods and that any person failing to give heed to this warning will have the opportunity of telling it to Recorder Britt.

—Miss Leona Martin of Yadkinville arrived Saturday night and is a guest at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Martin, East Fifth street. Miss Martin came here from Gastonia, where she taught school during the term which closed recently. She will go tomorrow to Benson to visit relatives.

—Preachers endorse the Chautauqua which will be here this week. From their pulpits Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist, have spoken words of endorsement and have urged that the people of the community patronize these high-class entertainments.

—Mr. Frank L. Nash, formerly with the National Bank of Lumberton and who has been with the Union National Bank of Charlotte since the first of year has accepted the position of cashier of the Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. of Rosemary, a town of about 7,000 inhabitants, in Halifax county. He will enter upon the duties of his new position about July 1st. Mr. and Mrs. Nash arrived here last night from Charlotte and will visit home folks here until about the 20th of this month.

—Wide-spread rumors that Evangelist McLendon, who conducted a great revival meeting in Lumberton through the last Christmas holidays, was paralyzed in Petersburg a few days ago while preaching, have been exploded by Petersburg, Va., papers, which carry daily accounts of Mr. McLendon's meetings. The Raleigh correspondent of the Greensboro Daily News writes that following his big meetin gin Raleigh, where he was given something like \$6,500, Mack suffered a period of insomnia and restlessness, but that "the Virginia papers picture him as the same old Cyclone" Mack who is going it at a wildfire pace."

—The condition of Mrs. B. M. Lawson of the Moss Neck section, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital ten days ago, is improving.

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FROM FAIRMONT

Fairmont, June 7.—Mrs. C. B. Thompson and daughter Miss Fannie and Mrs. G. W. Thompson of Fairmont spent Friday in Lumberton visiting relatives. Miss Thompson recently returned from Fredericksburg, Va., where she taught during the past term.

Mrs. G. W. Thompson returned last Monday from Chase City, Va., where she had been for several weeks. She was called home on account of the death of her mother, Mrs. I. J. Taylor, which occurred on May 11th.

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF CAROLINA COLLEGE ORGANIZED

The Alumnae association of Carolina college at Maxton was organized Tuesday afternoon of commencement week. Mrs. R. B. John, dean of Carolina college, spoke on the need of the association and its possibilities. The following officers were elected: Miss Mae Seabolt of Troy, president; Miss Naomi Green, of Wilmington, vice-president, and Miss Jeddie Mae Bristow, of Fairmont, secretary and treasurer. It was decided that the first work of the association would be the immediate establishment of a scholarship at Carolina college.

GOVERNOR OF TEXAS CALLS FOR MORE TROOPS ON BORDER

Declaring that the Mexican situation is so critical that a larger force of troops on the border is necessary to protect lives and property of citizens, Governor Hobby, of Texas, has requested Secretary Baker to call into the Federal service the first and second brigades of Texas cavalry and to mobilize them at a convenient point.