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8 MORE TOWNSHIPS VOTE ROAD BONDS

Bonds Carried in Every Township Voting Yesterday—Thirteen Robeson County Townships Have Voted a Total of \$620,000 Road Bonds During Past Month—Four More Townships Will Vote on Bonds July 15—An Unbroken Record of Victory for Bonds.

Eight more Robeson townships—Maxton, Shannon, Red Springs, Smiths, Orrum, Pembroke, Gaddy and Howells—voted bond issues aggregating a total of \$385,000 yesterday for road purposes. While only a few votes were cast against the bond issue in several of the townships voting yesterday, Shannon was the only one to cast a solid vote in favor of the bond issue.

The amount of the issue voted in six townships and the official vote follows:

Pembroke—\$75,000; for issue, 126; against 8. W. G. Kirk was elected road supervisor over D. A. Shaw, 71 to 16.

Howells—\$75,000—vote: for issue, 126; against 100. R. T. Taylor was elected township supervisor.

Orrum—\$25,000—vote: for bond issue, 140; against 25. J. R. Lawson was elected township supervisor.

Shannon—\$10,000—vote: for bond issue, 22; against none. J. T. Powell was elected township supervisor.

Smith—\$75,000—vote: for bond issue, 124; against 32. J. D. McArthur was elected township supervisor.

Maxton—\$100,000—vote: for issue 141; against 9. L. L. McGirt was elected township supervisor and R. L. McLeod, D. M. Stewart and W. O. Bennett were elected as an advisory committee.

While the official vote in Red Springs and Gaddy townships has not been learned, The Robesonian was informed today that the election in Red Springs carried by more than 100 votes and those acquainted with the spirit in Gaddy say they are sure that the issue carried in that township. Red Springs voted a \$10,000 issue, while Gaddy voted upon a \$20,000 issue.

This makes a total of thirteen townships that have voted bonds for building roads, the total amount of bonds by these townships being \$620,000.

WORK BEGUN ON THREE TOBACCO PRIZE HOUSES

They Will Be Erected Beside V. & C. S. Tracks Near Sales Warehouses—Great Help to Local Market.

Work has been begun on three tobacco prize houses to be used in connection with the three tobacco sales warehouses here. Each of the houses will be 40 by 100 feet and will be erected beside the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad tracks, near the sales warehouses. The prize houses have been leased to the leading tobacco companies of the country. The stock for erecting the buildings was subscribed by Messrs. K. M. Biggs, L. H. Caldwell and R. D. Caldwell & Son.

The prize houses will prove a great help to the local market in the way of relieving any congestion that might result from large sales.

TOBACCO WARE- HOUSEMEN PREPARING FOR SELLING SEASON

Market Will Open in Lumberton Early in July—Indications Point to Livest Market Lumberton Has Ever Had.

Managers of the three large tobacco sales warehouses in Lumberton are busy preparing for the selling season, which will open early in July. The exact date has not yet been fixed.

The Star warehouse has been leased by Messrs. S. W. Cooper of Fayetteville, T. J. Noblin, of Barnesville and C. A. D. Eakes of Lumberton. The Big Banner warehouse will be conducted by Mr. O. L. Joyner of Greenville, this State, and W. H. Fleming of Oxford, while, as has been stated in The Robesonian, the Farmers' warehouse will be operated by Mr. Sam Watkins of Oxford and Mr. Charles Smith, Jr., of Henderson.

All the above-named gentlemen are experienced warehousemen and all indications are that Lumberton will have the liveliest tobacco market this year ever.

Mrs. Robt. I. Belch and Miss Mattie Lee Pittman attended last week at Asheville, N.C., for the State Baptist Young People's Union. They went as delegates from the B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church.

"WILD CATS" ARE ARRIVING

321st Infantry Due at Boston Today—Members of 322nd Arrived Newport News Yesterday.

The Robesonian was advised yesterday by the War Department that the 321st infantry, 81st division, was due to land at Boston today. This regiment sailed on the Manchuria.

A dispatch from Newport News, Va., states that more "Wild Cats", men from North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee, members of the 322nd infantry, arrived there yesterday morning on the transport Matsonia, which sailed from St. Nazaire June 8.

GERMAN NEWSPAPERS TAKE DARK VIEW OF OUTCOME

If Further Invasion Becomes Necessary Troops Will March Into Germany in Battle Formation—Nothing Official From Germany About Peace Treaty. At Weimar the document is being carefully studied by the Associated Press this morning.

Nothing official has yet become known as to what action the German government will take regarding the peace treaty. The document is being carefully studied by the national assembly's peace commissions.

Unofficial reports are that there is great dissatisfaction on the part of the German cabinet members and high German officials over what are considered the extremely hard terms. It is said a large majority of the cabinet members are opposed to signing the treaty, but are fearful of a reign of Bolshevism and consequent chaos in the country should they decline.

German newspapers take a dark view of the outcome whether Germany signs or not. The newspapers which oppose signing let their pessimism run to the extent of expecting a resumption of hostilities by the Allies Monday if the armistice is permitted automatically to end.

While there is nowhere any indication that if circumstances compel the allied troops to advance further into Germany there necessarily will be fighting, the American, British and French troops will be prepared for any eventuality. If a further invasion becomes necessary the troops will march into Germany in battle formation.

With President Wilson in Belgium and David Lloyd-George, the British premier, visiting the battlefields around Verdun, the council of foreign ministers and the supreme economic council were the only section of the peace conference in Paris at work Wednesday. The Polish-Ukrainian situation and details as to the occupation of Danzig by the Poles were discussed by the foreign ministers while the economic council's deliberations concerned resumption of trade relations with Germany and financing of food supplies for Austria.

Released Spartan and Communist prisoners have been repulsed in an attempt to force their way into the castle at Weimar where members of the German government have their headquarters.

The attackers' intention is believed to have been to seize President Ebert, Premier Scheidemann and Minister of Defense Noske.

An attempt by French sailors, who carried a red flag, to release from the prison at Brest a number of their comrades who recently mutinied in the Black Sea, also failed. The situation at Brest is reported as serious.

BEER AND WINE MUST GO ALONG WITH THE REST

Certain defeat for efforts to have Congress exempt beer and wine from operation of the war-time prohibition law was seen in an overwhelming vote of 55 to 11 in the Senate yesterday against an exemption proposal.

By that margin the Senate tabled a motion by Senator Phelan, Democrat, of California, to add a rider to the agricultural appropriation bill for application for the war-time prohibition law to distilled spirits alone. The sentiment of the Senate thus expressed in the first test vote of this Congress was taken generally to sound the death knell for measures designed to permit use of beer and wines under the war-time legislation.

MAINE MEMORIAL TABLET SECURED FOR LUMBERTON

Mayor James D. Proctor has secured for the town of Lumberton through Representative H. L. Godwin a memorial tablet made from metal recovered from the old battleship Maine. The tablets are distributed by Secretary of the Navy Daniels. The tablet will be sent out from Washington.

SHALL THIS GOODLY LAND BLOSSOM AS ROSE?

Constructive Program of N. C. Land-owners Association Contemplates Developing and Advertising This Section—Program Outlined at Meeting Held Here—Committee Appointed.

Will Robeson county farmers and other business men affiliate themselves with the North Carolina Land-owners association? This is a question that must be settled within the next few weeks. The purpose and aims of the association were clearly presented to a number of farmers and business men who attended a meeting in the court house here Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock and a committee was appointed to determine what Robeson will do about joining the movement.

Ex-State Senator Gough presided at the meeting Tuesday and in some preliminary remarks before introducing the speakers of the occasion, he declared that this is an age of advancement and that the county that fails to advance will be run over.

Mr. Clement S. Ucker of Baltimore, Md., vice-president of the Southern Settlement & Development organization, was the first to speak, and his address was an eye-opener. He told of the vast amount of idle acres of land south of the Mason and Dixon line—acres that could easily be made to produce the necessities of life. The speaker said in part:

"We have reached an age when none can live to themselves alone. What you do in Robeson county affects the whole world. There are 200,000,000 acres of idle and unused land south of the Mason and Dixon line. One hundred million acres of this could be reclaimed and put into immediate use, while all that is necessary to put the other hundred million into use is drainage. While there only remains 40,000 acres of public domain lands, the territory along the South Atlantic and Coastal plan has from 75 to 80 miles of acres susceptible to immediate cultivation.

"When the timber manufacturers of the North-West had cut the timber of that section they came South and bought the timbered lands, considering the lands only as a bi-product. It is figured that in eleven years the yellow pine will be gone. At the end of that time there will be 100,000,000 acres of cut-over lands in the South. These idle acres should be devoted to the production of live stock. The Southern people are not a live-stock people. Cattle cannot be raised successfully in the South until the tick has been eradicated. You cannot raise sheep and cur dogs. They will not mix. Cotton should be made a side crop in the South."

The speaker told of the importance of organization and declared that without organization this section would drag along as it has done heretofore. Mr. Ucker also told of the importance of honest advertising and related instances where propaganda had played so great a part in developing certain sections of this country and Canada. He also touched upon the importance of drainage, good roads and better schools.

After Mr. Ucker had finished his address, Mr. W. A. McGirt of Wilmington, vice president and general manager of the North Carolina Land-owners association, told of the program and plans of the association. When first he began to consider the plans, the speaker said, he doubted the proposition could be put through. However, after further considering it, he had decided it could be done, but it would take time and money. If we can get the majority of the people of North Carolina thinking about the proposition, he said, it can be put through. God has a hand in it. We need a system whereby we can develop ourselves. Eastern North Carolina is one family. The merchants, bankers and manufacturers should get behind the movement in order to benefit the people of the rural districts. All commercial progress is founded upon agriculture. "I have an abiding faith in the people of this section," the speaker declared.

Mr. McGirt said he expected to go to the next Legislature and get some tick legislation. The speaker also told of the importance of good roads and expressed confidence that they were on the way.

Mr. McGirt had put the proposition squarely up to the business men of Wilmington and the greater part of them had become members of the association, subscribing from \$3,000 down for three-year membership.

Several of those present at the meeting expressed themselves as being in sympathy with the movement and the following were appointed as a committee to talk to the folks about it and determine what Robeson will do: O. O. Dukes and W. K. B. Purthune, Lumberton; A. W. Pate, Pur-

BEGIN TO PREPARE FOR ANNUAL COUNTY FAIR

Robeson County Fair Will Be Held in Lumberton in October—Old Officers Re-elected—Purpose is to Make This Biggest and Best Fair Yet Held in Robeson.

Begin to prepare for the annual Robeson county fair to be held in Lumberton October 14, 15, 16 and 17. The fair association was re-organized Tuesday evening with the following officers:

President—Frank Gough, Lumberton; vice-presidents—J. A. Carlyle, Lumberton; J. N. Regan, Lumberton, R. 1; L. B. Barnes, Lumberton, R. 6; secretary-treasurer—W. O. Thompson, Lumberton—all re-elected; directors—D. D. French, O. O. Dukes, Miss Martha Flax Andrews, B. Sam Edwards, F. Grover Britt, A. E. Spivey, Lumberton; Mesdames John Anderson and S. F. Thompson, St. Pauls; Hal V. Brown, Fairmont; Geo. K. McNeill, Rowland; Rory McNair, Maxton; D. H. Britt, Jr., McDonald; G. E. Morgan, Marietta; W. G. Nance, Proctorville; J. Frank Shepherd, Orrum; T. W. Thompson, Parkton; R. H. Livermore, Pembroke; Lacy Buie, Red Springs; Lacy John, Lumber Bridge; Lacy McNair, Renert; J. C. Stancel, Allenton; Roger Pittman, Barnesville; Lindsay Norment, Purvis; E. Wheeler Stone, Raynham.

The officers will meet at some future date and appoint managers of the various departments and consider other plans for making the 1919 fair the biggest and best yet held in Robeson.

RETURN TO SUN TIME ON 26TH OCTOBER

Doom of Daylight Saving Pronounced By Congress.

Doom of the daylight saving inaugurated as a war measure was pronounced yesterday by Congress, both Senate and House adopting by overwhelming votes measures to eliminate operation of the law when the period of summer time ends next October.

The House, following three hours of debate, on a vote of 233 to 132, passed a bill to repeal the law on the last Sunday in next October, but rejected an amendment to make the repeal effective at once.

The Senate by a vote of 56 to 6, after brief discussion, added a rider to the agricultural appropriation bill providing for repeal of the daylight measure on the same date fixed by the House bill.

Action of congress means continuation of the present clock time this summer and early fall with return to sun time October 26, ending two years' operation of the daylight saving plan.

MENACE OF BOMB OUTRAGES STILL HANGS OVER COUNTRY

Washington, June 18.—The menace of bomb outrages still hangs over the country, in the belief of officials of the Department of Justice.

William Flynn, chief of the department's bureau of investigation, said yesterday that he believed there were "more bombs to come," but said it was impossible to say when the next attempt to create a reign of terror by explosions might be made.

Supplementing Mr. Flynn's statement the department last night made public testimony of attorney general Palmer before the House of Congress appropriations committee asking for a special fund of \$500,000 to carry on the hunt for radicals. The Attorney General told the committee as the testimony revealed that government officials had been advised of a day set for another attempt by radicals "to destroy the government at one fell swoop."

—Mr. T. W. Bullock, who lives on West Eighth street, had ripe tomatoes from his garden yesterday.

—The following young people from Lumberton expect to spend tomorrow at Lake Waccamaw: Misses Margaret Pope, Janie, Hazel and Sarah Carlyle; Messrs. J. Robt. Prevatt, Robt. Caldwell, Jr., Robert McIntyre, Rudolph Thompson and Adrain Britt. The party will be chaperoned by Mrs. Jas. L. Williamson and will make the trip in automobiles.

—J. L. Thrower and J. N. Buie, Red Springs; J. C. Stancel, Allenton.

After the committee has made the proper investigation, Mr. McGirt will return to Robeson to assist in getting the people of the county in line, provided the proper encouragement is offered.

Messrs. Ucker and McGirt will visit next week all the counties in Eastern North Carolina during the next few weeks and lay a plan of the situation before the people.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Lieut. E. Knox Proctor arrived home last night from Germany. Lieut. Proctor, who is a son of Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor of Lumberton, went overseas and fought with the 81st—Wildcat—division, but was transferred to the army of occupation in Germany after the armistice was signed and spent about six months in Germany. He has been given honorable discharge from military duty.

Sgt. B. M. Sibley arrived home Monday night from France. He has resumed his former work as bookkeeper for Mr. K. M. Biggs. Sgt. Sibley was attached to the 81st, or "Wild Cat", division and spent more than 9 months overseas.

Pvt. Fred H. Townsend arrived here Monday night from Manquin, Va., where he had been visiting at the home of his father, Mr. J. L. Townsend since he landed from overseas 3 weeks ago. Mr. Townsend was employed in the offices of the Lumberton, Dresden and Jennings' cotton mills before entering the service. He was a member of the 29th division headquarters company, 11th field artillery, and spent 11 months in France. He will spend a few days here visiting relatives before deciding which of several business offers he will accept. It was reported here some time ago that Mr. Townsend had lost both his feet, but he is navigating on as good a pair of pins as any man has any use for.

Friends of Mr. F. M. McConnell were advised yesterday that he landed at Hoboken, N. J., June 11 from France. Mr. McConnell was attached to the 81st division.

Mr. E. J. Prevatt of the U. S. army is spending a 15-days' furlough here visiting home folks. Mr. Prevatt belongs to the regular army and is stationed at Camp Mills, N. Y. He spent more than a year overseas, being attached to the 4th division, regulars.

Corporal Clayton Hall landed at Charleston, S. C., Sunday on the transport Santa Malta, from France. He was attached to the 306th engineers, 81st division.

Mr. E. H. Britt has been advised that his son Mr. Haynes Britt recently landed in the States from France. Mr. Britt was attached to the 81st—"Wild Cat"—division.

Relatives of Mr. C. Guy Townsend were advised this morning that he landed yesterday at Newport News from France. He was attached to the 81st division.

Cotton Blossoms.

Mr. E. Clyde Wade, who farms on one of Mr. A. W. McLean's farms near town, was the first to bring a 1919 cotton blossom to The Robesonian office. Mr. Wade brought in one Tuesday morning, June 17th.

Mr. R. C. Collins, who lives 5 miles from Lumberton on the Elizabeth road brought in the second blossom yesterday morning. Mr. Collins says he saw a blossom in one of his fields last Saturday.

Capt. A. B. Small brought a cotton blossom to The Robesonian office yesterday from the farm of Mr. J. W. Lowe of R. 2, Lumberton. Mr. Lowe has had cotton blossoms for several days, according to Mr. Small.

Mr. Joseph Britt, Jr., of Britt township, sent a cotton blossom to The Robesonian office yesterday. Mr. Britt says he had cotton blossoms on the 16th inst.

J. A. Dial, Indian, of R. 6, Lumberton was a Lumberton visitor yesterday and reported that he had cotton blossoms Sunday, June 15.

Mr. H. B. Ashley, Jr., of the Philadelphia section brought a cotton blossom to The Robesonian office today. The blossom was secured from a farm belonging to Mr. Ashley and worked by Ephraim Sinclair, colored.

SMALL ADVERTISEMENT BROT BACK ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS.

The \$100 lost by an Indian soldier, Riley Locklear, in Lumberton on May 10 and advertised in The Robesonian of May 12, has been found and returned to the soldier. This proves both the honesty of the person who found the money and the value of advertising in The Robesonian. It was found by a daughter of Richard Chavis, Indian, in Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store.

—Mayor James D. Proctor returned this morning from Chapel Hill, where he attended a meeting of the trustees of the State university, of which board he is a member.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. H. H. Anderson is placing material for the erection of a brick building 20 by 90 feet on his lot on East Second street.

—Messrs. C. Howell Jones and J. E. Walters have opened an art varnishing and re-painting business in the Prevatt building, Wain street.

—Mrs. J. Q. Beckwith went Tuesday to Norfolk, Va., in response to a message advising her of the illness of her sister Miss E. G. Dunbar, of that place.

—Mr. J. F. Raybon returned Tuesday night from Bladen county, where he spent two weeks visiting relatives. He reports splendid crops in Bladen.

—The children's story hour will be held at the residence of Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod Friday afternoon at 5 o'clock. All children interested are invited to be present.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Thomas J. Davis and Bettie Williams; Graham McL. Reedy and Sallie McLeod; F. L. Ball and Sadie I. McKinnon.

—The condition of Mrs. Mollie R. Norment, who underwent an operation at the Cumberland General hospital, Fayetteville, Sunday, is reported as very favorable.

—Messrs. F. Ertel Carlyle and Jno. G. Proctor "hopped off" yesterday at 10:25 a. m. on a canoe for Georgetown, S. C. They will be away several days and will fish along the trip down Lumber river.

—Mr. J. L. Stephens and son, Master J. L. Jr., went Tuesday to Wrightsville Beach, where Mr. Stephens senior is attending a meeting of the North Carolina Funeral Directors and Embalmers association.

—Mention was made in Monday's Robesonian of robbers entering 2 scores in Lumberton Sunday night. Monday night robbers entered the drug store of Mr. Ernest Barker at Rowland and took some watches and other things.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd has issued grain threshing license to ten Robeson farmers. A law passed by the last Legislature requires all who operate grain threshers to secure license from the register of deeds. The license is issued free of cost.

—Mr. A. J. Smith returned Tuesday from Wrightsville Beach, where he went Monday to take the embalmers' examination. Mr. Smith recently accepted a position in the undertaking department of the Lumberton Furniture Store, of which Mr. D. W. Biggs is proprietor.

—Mr. M. S. Webb of Morehead City spent several days here visiting at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Rev. and Mrs. I. P. Hedgeth, and left yesterday, for Salemburg to attend the closing exercises of Pireland high school, where her daughter, Miss Carolyn Webb, is a student.

—Frances, 11-year-old daughter of Mrs. Claire Thomas of Lumberton won a prize offered recently by the Raleigh Times for the best letter telling what features of the paper the one submitting the letter liked most. Little Miss Thomas is spending some time in Raleigh visiting at the home of Mrs. W. C. Eatman.

—Sheriff R. E. Lewis asks The Robesonian to state that all automobile owners must have the 1919-1920 license numbers displayed on cars after July 1 and that all cars must be equipped with dimmers. The officers will also enforce the law which prohibits children under 16 years old driving automobiles.

—Mr. L. P. Stack of Hamlet is spending a few days here with Mrs. Stack at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntire, undergoing treatment for a dislocated left shoulder. Mr. Stack received the injury to his shoulder at his former home at Monroe last Saturday in rescuing a girl from drowning in a creek. He arrived Monday night. Mrs. Stack has been here for some time.

—Another near-serious auto accident occurred at the south-end of the bridge which spans Lumber river about a mile south of town on the Creek road Tuesday night about 8 o'clock. Mr. J. J. Bailes of Fort Mill, S. C., was driving the car—a Hudson six—when it struck the railing at the bridge. Mrs. Bailes suffered a sprained arm and a gash cut in her face and Mrs. Bob Bryant of Wilmington, who was also in the auto, was slightly hurt. Other occupants of the auto escaped unhurt. The automobile was somewhat damaged.