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R-34 LANDS AT MINEOLA.

First Lighter-than-Air Machine to Cross Atlantic—Covered 3,690 Miles and Flight Lested 108 Hours. Mineola, N. Y., Dispatch, July 7.

Great Britain's super-dirigible, the R-34, the first lighter-than-air machine to cross the Atlantic, anchored here at Roosevelt flying field at 9:45 a. m. today (1:54 Greenwich mean time after an aerial voyage of 108 hours and 12 minutes which covered 3,130 knots, approximately 3,600 land miles.

Passing through dense banks of clouds, with the sun and sea visible only at rare intervals, the R-34 was forced to cruise 2,050 knots to reach Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, from East Fortune, Scotland, and 1,080 knots from there to Mineola.

When the super-zepplin arrived here she had only enough petrol to keep her moving 90 minutes longer. Her crew, almost sleepless for four and a half days, were weary almost to the point of exhaustion but happy at the successful completion of their epoch-making trip. The return voyage will be started Tuesday at 8 a. m.

Haggerd, unshaven, their eyes blood-shot from the long vigil and lines of care bitten deep into their faces Major G. H. Scott, their commander, and his officers showed plainly the effects of the anxious hours through which they lived yesterday while they were cruising over the far reaches of Canada and the bay of Fundy, beset by fog, heavy winds and terrific electrical storms.

"It seemed as though the atmosphere was haunted by 5,000 devils," said Lieut. Guy Harris, the metrological officer.

With the R-34 long overdue at its destination, petrol supply running low and buffeted by strong head winds, Major Scott decided yesterday while over the bay of Fundy to send a wireless call to the American navy department to be prepared to give assistance if it were needed.

HOME DEMONSTRATION WORK

Miss Andrews Will Assist the Anson County Agent This Week—Treat Work Well Taken Care of.

Miss Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, will leave tonight for Anson county, having been called there by the State department to assist the agent in that county in a series of demonstrations and to give special lectures on "The Value of Milk in the Diet for Adults and Children, also Interior Decorations." She expects to return on Friday night and to put over a busy week in Robeson next week. Miss Elizabeth Gayney, home demonstration agent of Cumberland county, will assist in giving special demonstrations in Jelly-making to the Home Demonstration club at St. Pauls on July 17th.

The meetings of this week have been very efficiently taken care of. Mrs. O. H. Bracy is to give a demonstration to the East Lumberton Demonstration club on Monday afternoon in millinery, thus showing the mothers how to work over and use the material of their old hats. Mrs. Bracy is a genius in this line of work and it is hoped that many ladies will take advantage of this rare opportunity.

A Pleasant Trip Across Blue Ridge. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lexington, Va., July 1st.—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Odum, of the Rft Swamp section, Robeson county, N. C., spent the week-end with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Odum, of Lexington. While in Lexington they visited Natural Bridge, Lace Water falls, and Lost river. Mr. and Mrs. Odum report a most pleasant trip across the Blue Ridge mountains.

Recorder's Court.

Dock Bell, Joe Sampson and Heck Blanks, Indians, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Saturday on the charge of being drunk. Judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost in each case. Blanks was found not guilty of the charge of carrying concealed weapons.

German Ratifying Bill.

Basle, Switzerland, July 6.—A dispatch from Weimar, received today, says that a bill has been introduced in the German national assembly, providing for ratification of the peace treaty.

Mr. J. A. Thompson and family and Mr. L. McK. Parker spent yesterday at Cameron, making the trip in Mr. Thompson's auto.

Mrs. A. W. Newkirk of Wilmington is spending some time here visiting her parents, Mr and Mrs. S. R. Spivey

GREAT CELEBRATION AT ST. PAULS ON THE FOURTH

Thousands Were Royally Entertained and Bountifully Fed—Address by N. A. Sinclair—Celebration in Honor of Soldiers of Three Wars.

BY HAPPY JACK

More than 5,000 people, representing all parts of Robeson county, attended the great Fourth of July celebration staged at St. Pauls Friday in honor of Confederate veterans, veterans of the Spanish American war and returned soldiers and sailors of the late world war.

The program, consisting of music, addresses, a parade, a baseball game and one of the greatest dinners ever spread in Robeson county, was carried out in detail without any mishap to mar the pleasure of any of the thousands who gathered to do honor to the veterans of three wars.

The exercises were opened at 11:30 a. m. with a patriotic concert by a band secured from Rockingham for the occasion. Following the concert, prayer was offered by Rev. Frank Hare, pastor of the Baptist church at St. Pauls. The war veterans were welcomed appropriately on behalf of the town by Mayor J. C. Lentz and on behalf of the citizens of the town and vicinity by Mr. J. Browne Evans. In their addresses of welcome the speakers lauded the soldiers of three wars for their courage and the manly part played during each of the conflicts.

The principal speaker of the occasion—Hon. N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville—was most fittingly introduced by Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton, late chairman of the army exemption board in Robeson district No. 1. Mr. Johnson took advantage of opportunity to eulogize the soldiers of the late war, many of whom he conducted into the army, and told them the great interest he at all times felt in their welfare.

Address by N. A. Sinclair "Americanism" was the subject of the masterly address delivered by Mr. Sinclair. Before getting to his subject, however, the speaker took occasion to assure the returned soldiers that the manner in which they went about the task they undertook to do and did so magnificently and quickly had not only won the admiration of the people back in the home land, but the peoples of all nations. He defined the winning of the war by the Americans as a miracle, as the task was completed in so short a time and so thoroughly done.

Stand For League of Nations The speaker advanced many strong and convincing reasons why the league of nations should be ratified by the United States Senate and declared that the principles of the league stand for Americanism. He fleeced the peanut politicians, or "chronic kickers", and urged those present to fight for the league and stand by those who advocated it.

Bountiful Dinner

After the address a number of soldiers and sailors marched in review of the thousands of visitors from the Grantham drug store up Main street to the Presbyterian church, where dinner—plenty of it—was served to the 5,000, besides women and children. A special table was prepared for the veterans of three wars and there every conceivable accommodation in the way of food was put forth. The soldiers were made to feel that they were welcome back to their native county and to St. Pauls.

Not only were the soldiers and sailors fed, but every man, woman and child of all colors represented were invited to a long table filled with the greatest display of edibles ever spread in the "State of Robeson." Can this crowd be fed in picnic style by the people of St. Pauls and vicinity? was the question the reporter asked himself as he glanced over the acres of human beings as they gathered about the feast. The question was answered in the affirmative and after all had "finished" there was plenty of rations in evidence to have "filled" several thousand more hungry people. After all the white people had feasted to their entire satisfaction, the several hundred colored people present were called into action and they were unable to clean the table—and not nearly all the food prepared for the occasion was placed upon the table. The reporter happened to be standing near one colored man when he remarked, "Ise had enough, but who could stop?"

Immediately after dinner was over a short, but interesting address of greetings from the soldiers of the sixties to those of the world war was delivered by Mr. M. G. McKenzie of Lumberton. This was responded to on behalf of the soldiers of the world

war in a most appropriate manner by Lieutenant J. F. Nash of St. Pauls. At 4:30 in the afternoon an exciting baseball game was played by a team from Fairmont and the local team. The result was 7 to 3 in favor of Fairmont. Dr. C. T. Poole, a lieutenant in the late war, was master of ceremonies during the day. St. Pauls Did Itself Proud Indeed, St. Pauls did itself proud in the manner in which it welcomed the soldiers and sailors, as well as the splendid manner in which it entertained the thousands of visitors. The day will long be pleasantly remembered both by the soldiers and the thousands of others who spent July 4th, 1919, in this wide-a-woke Robeson county town.

NEW CHILD LABOR LAW IS NOW IN FORCE.

E. F. Carter is the Executive Officer—Provisions of the Law.

Raleigh News and Observer.

The North Carolina Child Labor commission, created by the 1919 Legislature, came into being officially yesterday when it was announced that Mr. E. F. Carter, a native of this State, will be the executive officer.

Mr. Carter has lately been employed by the United States Government in war work. The commission, authorized by the law, to form rules and regulations for carrying out the provisions of the law, has Mr. R. F. Beasley, commissioner of public welfare, chairman; and Dr. W. S. Rankin, secretary of the State Board of Health, secretary. Mr. Carter has arrived in Raleigh and has taken up the matter of securing quarters and organizing his work.

The enforcement of the compulsory attendance part of the law will be under the direction of the State Board of Education, and the labor section under this commission. The law provides that no child under the age of 14 years shall be employed or permitted to work in or about or in connection with mill, factory, cannery, workshop, manufacturing establishment, laundry, bakery, mercantile establishment, office, hotel, restaurant, barber shop, bootblack stand, public stable, garage, place of amusement, brick yard, lumber yard, or any messenger or delivery service, except in cases and under regulations prescribed by the commission. The commission will soon form and publish its regulations and requirements regarding no child under fourteen years of age can be employed in the enumerated industries.

It is understood that the Federal authorities have agents in the State issuing age certificates and otherwise looking after the enforcement of the Federal law which is more drastic than the State law. The Federal law provides for 10 per cent tax upon the productions of manufacturing enterprises which employ children under fourteen years of age, or within certain hours. But the State law takes in many fields of employment not covered by the Federal law, and in these fields the rules and regulations to be followed will soon be set forth publicly by the commission.

Mr. Carter, the executive officer of the commission, is a native of North Carolina. He was recommended to the commission by the National authorities on account of his wide experience in social and industrial and of service in the war department textile work in North Carolina and elsewhere. He has just ended a period where he supervised the organization and inspection and production of textile equipment for the ordinance department in New York district. His service in this field has brought him in personal contact with social, industrial and labor problems during the war in a wide field of experience. He began as a boy working in a cotton mill, and passed through all the arduous stages of employment to overseer and superintendent. He is thoroughly familiar with conditions in North Carolina, having spent most of his life here. During this period he has passed through the changes of an industrial and social order that have been taking place, and has been both a participant in and a close observer of the same.

White House Will Vote on \$30,000 Road Bond Issue.

White House township applied today to the board of county commissioners for a road bond election to vote on a \$30,000 issue. The election was called, but the date has not been determined. Mr. W. M. Oliver was appointed registrar and Messrs. Oliver Page and J. T. Hamilton were appointed judges of election.

War in a most appropriate manner by Lieutenant J. F. Nash of St. Pauls.

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WHY NOT HAVE A BUILDING SYNDICATE IN LUMBERTON

Houses Are Needed for Renters—Why Not Form a Company to Build Attractive, Comfortable Houses to Take Care of an Increasing Population?—Other Places Are Finding it Profitable.

To the Editor of The Robesonian: It goes without saying that its citizens are proud of Lumberton, and quite naturally they wish to see it go forward, but why shut one's eyes to urgent needs, only too glaringly patent to all.

There is in it's corporate confines too much terra firma unadorned, while prospective inhabitants are chasing elusive dwelling places, along each thoroughfare. Why not have a building syndicate to put up a sufficiency of attractive cottages, bungaloes—or castles, for that matter—to welcome an increasing population? Aside from the comfort and ultimate increase of taxpayers and citizens, the venture would be an admirable investment.

To build now costs money, it's argued. Exactly, and by the same token, it takes numerous plunks to rent one of them also. So what of it?

Other cities, and merely near cities, are doing this very thing, and are prospering, from rents and by selling at so much down, the balance plus a percent; and they are not doing all this for fun, either.

Also it is announced that any old thing will do for the renters. Really, now what do you think of this as logic? I've known renters who were not in the least embarrassed by comfortable surroundings, and who brought with them memories of things decidedly superior to what they can find here. Unfortunately they could not bring a dwelling along in a trunk.

Of course there are sundry straggle tents which Uncle Sam has discarded, and which may be had for a sum, but after all is said, a tent lacks somewhat of the home atmosphere, even when new, and the cantonments haven't improved them.

So Messrs. Business Men of Lumberton, why not go to it, form a stock company, get a move on, and put Lumberton in front, let the new comers quit roosting on branches of trees and find a better habitat.

M. Monte.

Annual Picnic of the East Lumberton Fidelity Class.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. This picnic was given at the same time and place as last year. There were many more present this year than any preceding date.

At noon a bountiful dinner was served which was sufficient to tempt and satisfy the appetite of any one. This was followed by an abundance of Lemonade and ice cream of various flavors.

The class is now contributing enough money each first Sunday to pay half the expenses of an orphan at Thomasville, which is almost as much as the entire Sunday school did two years ago.

The members of this class are very loyal to their teacher and are always willing to build up our church and advance the cause of Christ. We are hoping the future will find us steadily advancing in the service of our Master.

MRS. L. E. DAILEY, Teacher.

HOME FROM THE WAR.

Sgt. H. G. Folger left this morning for his home at Rockford, after spending several days here visiting at the home of his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. M. N. Folger. Sgt. Folger recently returned home from France.

Messrs. Arthur Bissell and Henry Bullard of R. 1, Orrum, and Messrs. Tate Lee Williams and Dan Regan arrived home Saturday night from Germany. They were attached to the army of occupation on the Rhine for several months.

Mrs. E. L. Hamilton has been advised that her brother, Sgt. T. R. Whitehead of Scotland Neck, landed in the States Wednesday of last week. Sgt. Whitehead was attached to General Pershing's staff before leaving France.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady Inman and two children of McCalls, S. C., returned home yesterday after spending several days here visiting at the home of Mr. Inman's parents.

Mr. R. M. Sanderson spent the week-end at Charlotte. Mr. J. T. Hamilton of the Marietta section is a Lumberton visitor today.

JULY FOURTH CELEBRATIONS

Rowan County Brings Forward a Hero the Equal of Sgt. York.

The Independence day celebration at Greensboro Friday was headed by more than 400 Guilford boys of the world war, a barbecue dinner was served, a tank did stunts at Guilford battleground and Champ Clark delivered the address.

Rockingham pulled off a big celebration, the crowd which assembled at Reidsville being estimated at 15,000. Also Rowan county had a big celebration at Salisbury, Senator Overman being the speaker. At Salisbury the turning up of a world war hero is thus told by W. T. Boat in the Greensboro News:

"And Salisbury turned up an individual hero whom Rowan offers as the equal of Sergeant York. Private William B. Lyrerly, who dragged in with another companion 100 Germans came down from his home in upper Rowan with John J. Pershing's decorations on him and credentials signed by Black Jack. The historical imagination had been previously turned on Soldier York, otherwise the startling achievement of Soldier Lyrerly would have had Gotham yalliers clamoring for his picture."

The big celebration at Fayetteville was featured by an aerial circus at Camp Bragg.

Fire destroyed the grand stand at the State fair grounds in Raleigh Friday during the progress of motorcycle races.

LETTER FROM

REV. A. L. DAVIS

Rev. A. L. Davis, Well Known Robesonian Correspondent of a Former Day, Writes Interestingly—Death Mrs. Henry P. Johnson.

To the Editor of The Robesonian. Rev. A. L. Davis is remembered by many as the "Argus" of former days. He wrote for The Robesonian for 27 years. He was at the Red Springs "home-coming" in 1905, the guest of Hamilton McMillan, D. A. Buie and his St. Pauls kinsfolk, and Ed Freeman in Lumberton. He was old then, but is considerably "experienced" now. He first heard the sighing sighs of the St. Pauls pines in 1832, Dec. 24. The 24th June he was 87 1-2 years old. God is good. He is burdened with the infirmities of age, but rejoices in his vision. He spent last year in Brookhaven, Miss., and the 4 years preceding in Jackson, the capital. He is with his daughter, Mrs. Henry, at Huntsville, Ala. Dr. Henry transferred back to the North Alabama conference in December, 1918. Huntsville is only 2 hours by auto from my old home at Trinity, Ala. My son Jefferson S. Davis owns the old plantation. He is a prosperous farmer.

All alone now! My mother bore my father, Abraham Davis of St. Pauls township, 13 children—7 sons and 6 daughters. One died in infancy; most of us lived to see three score and ten years. My last surviving sister, Mrs. Henry P. Johnson (Sarah Gregg Davis), died at Kingsbury, S. C., June 19, in her 83rd year. By her first husband, Capt. A. D. Gregg, who died at the head of a brigade at Chickamauga, she left a son, Walter E. D. Gregg of Kingsbury, S. C. She is survived also by her husband, H. P. Johnson, and their daughter Maggie She was a graduate of Floral college and a pianist and the guitar. She had a fall, a useful teacher of music on the 7 days before her death, fracturing the femur near the hip joint. She suffered agonies. She was a life-time Christian worker, and died in the faith.

The radiant smile upon her face Outshone the flowers on her case. Should any papers of the county see fit to announce the death of my sister, I would appreciate it.

Descendants of Carolinians are making good in Alabama and Mississippi. I invite correspondence. Address, 313 Randolph street, Huntsville, Ala. With love to old friends, A. L. DAVIS.

Superior Court.

A week's term of Superior court for the trial of criminal cases convened this morning with Judge Thos. H. Calvert of Raleigh presiding. The morning session was taken up with empaneling the jury and the charge to the jury by Judge Calvert. Mr. P. H. Adams is foreman of the grand jury and Mr. F. A. Wishart is officer.

Mr. J. Dickson McLean spent Saturday at Bladenboro on legal business.

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BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

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

—License has been issued for the marriage of Wm. C. McNeill and Kathrine T. Tiddy; Henry Lamb and Nora Wilkerson.

—Mr R. J. Brown of the Philadelphia section is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Brown reported a good rain in his section last evening.

—Rembert, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Ivey, had his left thigh broken Saturday morning, when he fell out doors at the home of his parents on Second street.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education, the county road board and the county pension board are all in session today. The usual first Monday crowd is here.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. V. G. Wishart, Mrs. Wishart's sister, Miss Lucile Jackson of DeLand, Fla., and Mr. Tom Norment spent Friday at White Lake, Bladen county. Miss Jackson will spend some time here with her brother-in-law and sister.

—Mr. Rossie B. Britt will go tonight to Wilmington, where he will spend some time with Mr. J. W. H. Fuchs, proprietor of the Lumberton Bargain House, after which he will return and resume his position in Mr. Fuchs' Lumberton store.

—Mr. Atlas Carlyle left yesterday for Atlantic City, N. J., having won a free trip offered by the Southern Life & Trust Co., Greensboro, which company he represents, to all agents who wrote as much as \$100,000 worth of insurance during a stated period.

—Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, returned yesterday from Columbus, Ohio, where he attended the Centennial of the Methodist church. The regular evening prayer meeting will be held at the Methodist church Wednesday evening.

—Mr. Geo. L. Thompson, recently elected road supervisor in Lumberton township, has appointed Messrs. A. E. White, R. H. Crichton, Sheriff R. E. Lewis and Dr. N. A. Thompson as an advisory board to work with him in the matter of handling the road problems in this township.

—Fifty-seven young turkeys, besides many older ones, can be seen on the farm of Mr. J. N. Regan, who lives on R. 1, from Lumberton. Mrs. Regan takes pride in raising turkeys and says she has had splendid luck with her turkeys this year. She has one turkey hen that laid 77 eggs last spring—which is some laying.

—A man who has traveled throughout Robeson county estimates the number of new tobacco barns in the county at not less than seven hundred. Whether or not his estimate is too high, there are many new barns in the county and many Robeson farmers who have not grown the "weed" heretofore are in line this year.

—Mr. J. A. Sharpe, editor of The Robesonian, Mrs. Sharpe, and their two children, little Miss Anna Courtney and Master J. A. 2nd, and Miss Josephine Breese left yesterday by auto for Anderson, S. C., where they will spend a few days at the home of Mr. Sharpe's brother, Mr. A. M. Sharpe. They expect to return home the last of this week.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. E. White and daughter, Miss Vashti, returned Friday afternoon from a trip by auto to Winston-Salem, where they visited relatives from Sunday to Thursday. They spent Thursday night in Greensboro, and leaving there Friday morning found all the towns along the line observing the Fourth with closed places of business.

—Mr. Angus W. McLean returned last night to Washington after spending a few days at his home here on business. Mr. McLean has for some time been acting as managing director of the War Finance corporation during the absence of the regular managing director, Mr. Eugene Meyer, Jr., who is in Europe, and recently he gave a clear and interesting account of the work of the War Finance board at a hearing before a sub-committee of the House of Congress committee on appropriations. While Mr. McLean's board is authorized to function for 12 months after peace is declared, he thinks that he probably will be able to move back to Lumberton with his family by next October.