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## HIGHWAY MEETING IN LUMBERTON SEPT 24

**W-C-A Highway Association Will Hold Anniversary Meeting In Lumberton Wednesday of Next Week—Hundreds of Delegates Are Expected and Great Impetus Will Be Given This Great Project—Lumberton Will Extend the Glad Hand to All Who Come.**

A news item in today's Charlotte Observer states that Charlotte's delegation to the good roads meeting in Lumberton next Wednesday will make the trip in a special car attached to a special train of 10 cars which is to leave Asheville earlier in the day and will leave Charlotte Tuesday night. Charlotte expects to send a delegation of 200. Each of the 16 counties has been asked to send at least one band. This is expected to be the most largely attended and enthusiastic good roads meeting that has been held in North Carolina in years.

Lumberton will entertain the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville Highway association Wednesday of next week, September 24. Hundreds of delegates are expected from the 16 counties that will be traversed by this proposed highway from the mountains to the sea, and Robeson county and Lumberton will extend a cordial welcome to all who come.

Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick of Charlotte, president of the association, writes that a number of prominent speakers who are deeply interested in the good roads movement have been secured for this anniversary meeting and that an interesting program has been arranged. "We hope," he writes, "to make this convention surpass the Monroe convention in interest and benefits to be received."

Lumberton hopes that this meeting to further promote the building of this highway and arouse deeper interest in the cause will be the very best meeting of the association that has been held.

The need of quick and decisive action if the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway is to be more than a dream was emphasized at a conference of good roads enthusiasts in Charlotte Tuesday, and at a banquet that night at the Manufacturers' club in that city resolutions were passed to ask the special session of the Legislature which will be held in 1920 to incorporate the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville Highway association so that it may equip itself with funds and proceed to build the highway separately and apart from other agencies.

Construction of this highway will mean more to this section than would mean the construction of another railroad through it, and hundreds of delegates from other counties are expected to pour into Lumberton Wednesday of next week and give an impetus to this movement that will put it across.

All roads from the mountains to the sea lead to Lumberton September 24th.

### LEWIS DUNN IN JAIL.

**Negro Who Struck Julius Robeson Murderous Blow and Letha Powell, About Who Troubled Started, Arrested in Wilmington—Robeson's Condition Still Critical.**

Julius Robeson, colored, who was struck on the head at the union station Sunday night by Lewis Dunn, also colored, is still alive and while his condition is critical, it is now thought he has a slight chance to recover. Robeson is at the Thompson hospital, where he was taken Monday. A piece of his skull was removed by the doctors and those who saw him early Monday morning say that he lost a part of his brains.

Dunn and Letha Powell, the colored woman about whom it is said the trouble between the negroes started, were arrested in Wilmington Monday and are now in jail here. They were brought to jail here from Wilmington Tuesday evening by Chief of Police D. M. Barker. Dunn admits dealing Robeson the blow, but claims self defense. He told the officers of striking Robeson and later dragging him into some weeds near the freight depot where he left him, thinking he was dead. He says he struck Robeson with a piece of wood, while Robeson says he used a piece of iron. Dunn says he struck Robeson before the V. & C. S. train pulled out which train leaves Lumberton at 8:50 p. m.

### GREAT VICTORY PARADE YESTERDAY

The victory parade in Washington yesterday in honor of Gen. Pershing and the fighting men of the First division is said to have been the greatest military pageant Washington ever witnessed.

### TOWN BOARD WANTS A. & F. BOARD COMMISSIONS.

Town Attorney Instructed to Collect From Chairman of Audit and Finance Board Commissions Collected From Money Loaned—Amount Said to Be \$1,030—Other Town Matters. Town Attorney J. Dixon McLean was instructed by the mayor and board of town commissioners Tuesday afternoon to collect from Mr. Frank Gough, chairman of the board of audit and finance, commissions collected from money loaned from the town's sinking fund. Under a rule which has been observed for several years the chairman of the board of audit and finance of the town has been collecting 5 per cent commission for money loaned for the first year of the loan and this commission for the years 1917-18-19 amounted to a total of \$1,030, according to Mr. R. H. Crichten a member of the board of town commissioners.

Court records show that ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, a former chairman of the board of audit and finance, brought suit against the town for the purpose of recovering a like commission and Judge Lyon rendered a verdict in favor of the plaintiff. Since that time the same commission has been collected by the chairman of the board, it is probable that suit will be instituted by the mayor and commissioners for the recovery of the commissions retained by Mr. Gough.

Dr. E. K. Hardin, county health officer, was elected town physician, succeeding Dr. W. A. McPhaul, former county health officer. An agreement was made between the town and Mr. W. M. Carlyle which provides that each pay 50 per cent of the expenses of moving a residence owned by Mr. Carlyle from East Ninth street.

The salary of Night Policeman J. R. Boyle was increased from \$80 to \$85 the month and the salary of Night Policeman Vance McGill was fixed at \$80 the month.

The water line was ordered extended up Water street from the light and water plant to Eighth street, with one hydrant located on the street.

Mr. Ira B. Townsend, town clerk and treasurer, and Mr. E. H. Crichten, a member of the board of commissioners, were appointed a committee to determine the advisability of purchasing a motorcycle for the chief of police, with authority to purchase the machine if they find it advisable.

### COTTON GRADER OPENS OFFICE.

It is Located in National Bank of Lumberton Building Instead of Court House.

Mr. T. F. Johnson, who has charge of government cotton grading in Robeson, has opened his office in the rear of the National Bank of Lumberton building, Third street, instead of in the grand jury room at the court house, as first given out. Mr. Johnson's office is in the same room occupied by the government grader during the last two seasons.

Mr. Johnson will visit all the gins in the county during the next few days for the purpose of distributing containers, mail bags, etc., and to solicit the co-operation of the ginners of the county in the work.

### Auction Sales of Valuable Farm Land.

Three auction sales of farm property are advertised in this issue. On Sept. 22nd the Silas Griffin farm of about 205 acres, subdivided into small farms, located on the Lumberton-Maxton road 3 miles west of Fairmont, will be sold and on the following day, Sept. 23, the old Griffin farm of 200 acres on the Lumberton road 3 miles from Barnesville, subdivided into small farms, will be sold. Both these sales will be conducted by the Atlantic Coast Realty Co., which has sold quite a good deal of property in this section. Wednesday of next week, Sept. 24, 371 acres owned by Mr. L. E. Whaley of Lumberton, located 3 miles from this place on the Elizabethtown road and also divided into small farms, will be sold by the Edward Sandlin Realty Co. At the same time and place this company will sell 160 acres of land owned by Mr. Whaley 6 miles from Lumberton, on the Tar Hill road. No doubt buyers from "all over" will be attracted to these sales of valuable farm land. Advertising representatives of these companies have been in Lumberton for the past week preparing for these sales.

### STEEL WORKERS WILL STRIKE

The proposed strike of steel workers will take place next Monday morning, according to a dispatch last night from Pittsburgh.

## RED SPRINGS NEWS

**Graded School Opened With Large Attendance—College Opens With Record-Breaking Number of Students—Social and Personal.** Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. A. T. McCallum and Mrs. Lou Fulmore have returned from Montreal.

Miss Mamie McMillan has gone back to her school in Montevallo, Ala. after spending the summer at home. The four children of Mr. J. H. Turner, who were operated on recently for enlarged tonsils and adenoids, have about recovered. Dr. James of Hamlet performed the operations. Little Frances Love, who has had a slight attack of diphtheria is much improved, we are glad to learn.

Dr. and Mrs. Percy Graham have left the hotel and are now making their home in the upper story of the residence of Mr. John Throver.

Mrs. Gregory Frazier of Greensboro is on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Fannie Marsh.

Mrs. John Robeson and daughter, Miss Jeanne, and Mrs. Thomas have returned for the winter after spending the summer in Savannah and other cities.

Miss Clara DeVara left last week for Rock Hill, where she teaches. Mr. and Mrs. Irving Muse of New York visited Miss Altie Marsh last week.

Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Hodgin are moving into their beautiful new residence on Main street. Mrs. John McKinnon from near Raeford, a sister of Mrs. Hodgin, will occupy their old home.

Miss Katie Brown's millinery opening last week was as successful as usual and the pretty hats sold like "hot cakes."

There were two highly enjoyed parties among the young set last week. Miss Frances Newton celebrated her eleventh birthday by entertaining a number of her friends on Tuesday afternoon, and on Wednesday afternoon a lucky crowd drove out to the country home of Mr. Fulton Watson and spent a merry two hours with Miss Miriam. All reported a lovely time at both affairs.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Williams left last week for Panama, where Mr. Williams has accepted a position with the United Fruit Co. They sailed from New Orleans Saturday.

Red Springs can again hold up her head with the best of 'em, for she has a paper once more. Editor Poole of Raeford in his two issues of "The Scotch Scion" has proved to our people that he can and will give us a live paper.

The graded school opened on the 9th with a large attendance. The faculty is practically the same this year, with the exception of Miss Lucy Conwell of Hickory, who takes Miss Mary Conolly's place in the high school, Miss Conolly having accepted a position at the college.

Our little town is swarming with school girls, the college having opened today with a record-breaking attendance. After the long quiet summer it is quite refreshing to see the bright faces and to hear the fresh young voices, echoing through the streets. The majority of the faculty has returned. Misses Watkins and Sample are absent temporarily on account of illness, but we hope to see them on the campus at an early date.

Mrs. Pittman and children of Fayetteville have returned home after a visit to Mrs. Pittman's mother Mrs. W. H. Sikes.

Mr. G. T. Bullock has returned from a short business trip to Kinston and Pink Hill.

### Deposits Over a Million Dollars.

The National Bank of Lumberton announces that its deposits as shown by its statement of September 13 were over one million, three hundred thousand dollars. This is said to be the first time in the history of banking in Robeson that the deposits of any bank have exceeded a million dollars.

### SOLICITOR LYON WILL OPPOSE GODWIN FOR CONGRESS

Wilmington Star, Sept. 18: Homer L. Lyon, solicitor of the sixth judicial district, will oppose Congressman Hannibal L. Godwin, for Congress in the next primary election. The announcement was made yesterday by Solicitor Lyon, while in the city on business connected with his office.

### Recorder's Court.

Ernest Jackson and Jim Allen were before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Monday afternoon on the charge of disorderly conduct. Jackson was found guilty and judgment was suspended upon payment of the cost, while Allen was found not guilty.

The suggestion of Representative Claude Kitchin of North Carolina, that he would ask for substantial reward for the enlisted men of the world war was partly responsible for the House of Congress Tuesday abandoning the idea of presenting a \$10,000 gold sword to Gen. John J. Pershing.

## PLANS FOR HOLDING COTTON

**Storage Warehouse Plan Explained and Organization Urged.**

### IT'S UP TO FARMERS TO ORGANIZE

Committee From All Sections of County Will Decide About Storage Warehouses—3 or More Warehouses May Be Established in Robeson—Farmers Urged to Present Solid Front for Higher Prices For Cotton.

Whether one or several cotton storage warehouses will be established in Robeson under the law as provided by the last Legislature will be determined at a meeting of a committee representing all parts of the county to be held during the next ten days. The meeting will be called by Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton, chairman of the meeting held here yesterday, when the State warehouse plans were explained in detail by Mr. W. R. Camp, chief of the division of markets, Raleigh.

The meeting yesterday was attended by more than one hundred farmers, bankers and business men, representing all parts of the county, and judging from the sentiments expressed by the representatives from the various sections of the county, it is most likely that three or more storage warehouses will be established as a part of the State and Federal warehouse system. The committee appointed to determine what is to be done in regard to providing the warehouses for storing cotton is composed of Dr. G. M. Pate, Raynham; Collier Cobb, Jno. B. McCormick, F. N. Fisher, Parkton; J. S. McRae, A. J. McKinnon, Maxton; J. J. Floyd, Fairmont; C. T. Pate, Furvia; Jno. W. Ward, A. L. Bullock, B. A. Edens, Rowland; W. N. Bridgers, Raynham, R. 1; D. H. Britt, Lumberton, R. 6; Geo. E. Thompson, Lumberton, R. 4; J. I. and N. A. Townsend, Lumberton, R. 1; N. A. Kinlaw, Lumberton, R. 7; J. C. Stansel, Allenton; J. A. McCormick, Pembroke; A. R. McEachern, J. M. Butler, James Johnson, St. Pauls; J. F. McKay and N. B. McArthur, Red Springs. The committee will be notified by letter of the date of the meeting, which will be held within the next few days.

Mr. Frank Gough was elected chairman of the meeting yesterday, and Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, was elected secretary. After calling the meeting together and explaining for what purpose the meeting was called, Mr. Gough introduced Mr. Camp.

### Economic Crisis nonfronts Cotton Growers.

In beginning his address Mr. Camp declared that the warehouse law passed by the last Legislature was the best adopted by any State in the South and that it would be copied by all the cotton-growing States; and he explained how the law was passed at the time when it was most needed. He told of the economic crisis that confronts cotton growers and the importance of their waking up to the situation and getting together to ward off the possible results of a slump in the price of raw cotton while the prices of manufactured goods continue to soar. The speaker told of how the jobbers and the manufacturers were in position to protect themselves and how if action was not taken the farmer must bear the burden of declining prices. He offered as a remedy, and the only remedy for the farmers, the storage warehouse for keeping cotton off the market.

### Warehouse Plan.

In outlining the plans under which the State warehouses are to be operated, Mr. Camp told of how 25 cents is to be collected by the ginner for each bale of cotton ginned, this money not to build warehouses, but to create a fund with which to back the State certificate for cotton stored and thus make it negotiable at any bank. It is estimated that \$200,000 will be thus collected this year and in three years a total of around \$600,000 will be derived. However, the State will loan farmers and business men a certain amount of money to finance the building of warehouses, probably an amount equal to one-half of the warehouse property.

### Plan For Building.

The plan for building the warehouse, where new ones are needed, as outlined by Mr. Camp, is for the farmers and business men to form a corporation or co-operative body and sell stock to all who are interested in the warehouse at so much per share, say \$10. Where houses are already available these can be rented, provided they meet the approval of the State warehouse officials, who will make the proper investigations when asked to do so.

Under the State warehouse law the saving on the insurance rates of cotton in new warehouses will be reduced 80 per cent, while the saving on cotton sold in warehouses rented

## COMMUNITY SERVICE WORK.

**First Meeting Held at Ten Mile Tuesday Night—Splendid Moving Pictures—Ten Communities Have Taken on This Important Work.**

Active community service work was begun in Robeson county Tuesday night when the first meeting was held at Ten Mile. Ten communities in the county have embraced the opportunity of having a part in this most important work, which will be continued indefinitely in these communities, provided the communities take the proper interest in the work. The community service workers were well pleased with the meeting at Ten Mile, but no more pleased than were the people of the community.

A meeting will be held in each of the communities every two weeks. The program consists of short talks and a six-reel moving picture show. After the communities are thoroughly organized for the work, afternoon sessions will be held for the purpose of promoting physical fitness and junior citizenship. The pictures shown are furnished by the State and are educational and instructive. They show the better methods of farming, two reels of farm pictures being shown at each meeting, besides two reels of comedy and two war pictures. Judging from the pictures shown Tuesday evening, the picture shows are as good as one sees in the best theatres in the towns and cities, and nothing objectional is allowed to appear on the screen.

The picture machine is operated by the dynamo mounted upon a truck which is furnished by the State. A new show will be put on at each meeting in a community.

One-third of the expense of the work is borne by the State and an admission fee of ten cents is charged to pay the other two-thirds. An average of one hundred paid admissions to each meeting will pay the two-thirds left to the communities. The work will be under the direct supervision of Mrs. Claire S. Thomas, who will have the co-operation of Miss Martha Flax Andrews, county home demonstration agent, Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstration agent, Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction. One of the above-named departments will be represented at each of the meetings. Mr. W. C. Crosby, State director of community service work will attend the first meeting in each of the ten communities and explain the plans for the work.

The communities that have put on this work are Ten Mile, Oak Dale, Philadelphia, Parkton, Orrum, Back Swamp, Rex, Centenary, Union Chapel (Indian) and Shannon (colored). Robeson is the ninth county in the State to take up this work.

The work should prove a great help to these communities and no doubt the citizens will take the desired interest and receive the benefits offered them.

A negro burglar afterwards discovered to be known as "Blus Baby," an escaped convict from Wilson county was shot and killed by Mr. Wm. Johnson at the latter's home in Fayetteville Sunday night. The negro fired upon Mr. Johnson and his son when he found that he was discovered.

Those who attended the meeting yesterday were impressed with the plan provided by the State warehouse law and it is safe to state that as a result of the meeting several warehouses will be in operation in Robeson under the plan within a few months.

Plan for Organizing Cotton Growers. Mr. S. G. Rubinow, of the State Department of Agriculture, Raleigh, told of the plans for organizing the cotton growers of the South into the American Cotton association and the necessity of such an organization. The problems of marketing were very forcibly portrayed by the speakers, who declared that the storage warehouse was the only practical solution of the problem.

Solid Front for Higher Prices. It is the purpose of the American Cotton association to organize the cotton growers of the 17 cotton-growing States into a body of at least one and half million members and make it possible to present a solid front for higher prices for cotton. The drive for member will be conducted throughout the cotton-growing States during the first half of October and every cotton-grower, banker and business man will be asked to join the association.

Up to Farmers to Organize. Mr. Rubinow told of how it is up to the farmers of the South to organize and get in position to at least control the acreage and prices of cotton.

Messrs. Camp and Rubinow were somewhat late in reaching Lumberton owing to a wreck on the Seaboard near Maxton. They made the trip from Maxton by auto, reaching Lumberton about 12 o'clock.

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## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Miss Viola Jenkins left yesterday for Winston-Salem, where she will resume her work at Salem college.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Carl A. Smith and Inez Page; Elias Strickland and Nancy Bass.

—Miss Myrtle Pope will leave Sunday for Spartanburg, S. C., where she will be a student at Converse college.

—Miss Annie McWhite has accepted a position as saleslady in Mr. K. M. Biggs' store. She began work Monday.

—Mr. H. L. Pope, who recently underwent a minor operation at the Thompson hospital, was able to leave the hospital Tuesday.

—Miss Marion Allen went Tuesday to Hartsville, S. C., where she entered Coker college. She was accompanied to Hartsville by her father, Dr. R. T. Allen.

—Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, returned home Monday night from Charlotte, where he underwent an operation a week ago.

—James Foxworth and Zula Baker, colored, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd yesterday afternoon at 5:30. Justice M. G. McKenzie officiated.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sandy T. Glover left today for Wilmington. They were married Wednesday of last week, Mrs. Glover before her marriage being Miss Mary Allen of Howellsville township. They will make their home in Wilmington.

—Mr. Lee Stone, who added greatly to his fame as a star baseball pitcher with the Southern League of Little Rock, Ark., during the past summer, returned home Tuesday. The season closed on the 7th inst. Mr. Stone began work yesterday for the Lumberton Electric Co.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Morgan and son, Master C. K. Jr., were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon. They brought to The Robesonian office some Thomas grapes that had on ornamental Sunday clothes of many colors. They looked like fancy marbles and were certainly wonderfully arrayed in contrast to the usual modest coat worn by the Thomas.

## THE RECORD OF DEATHS

Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell. Sarah Elizabeth Mitchell, 13-year-old daughter of Mrs. E. R. Mitchell of Fairmont, died Tuesday night. Interment was made in the family burying ground at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Mr. John S. Holman, Former Manager of Lorraine Hotel.

News has been received here of the death of Mr. John S. Holman, who was manager of the Lorraine hotel last year. He was at the Mt. Regis sanatorium at Salem, Va., when he died. Mr. Holman's health was not good when he left Lumberton and it is understood that he had been at the sanatorium since soon after giving up the management of the hotel here. He is survived by his widow, who before marriage was Miss Nan Darden of Wilmington, and one small daughter.

Infant Son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Britt.

E. K., 8-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Britt, died Monday afternoon at 6 o'clock of colitis. Deceased had been sick all of his life. The funeral was conducted from the home Tuesday by Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham and interment was made at Macedonia church.

## TROOPS LEAVE ALBEMARLE; RIOTERS TO BE TRIED

Home guard troops from Lexington, Statesville and Carthage, ordered to Albemarle Monday following a clash between officers and strikers, left for their homes yesterday, after 2 days and nights without disorder. About 20 alleged rioters, states an Albemarle dispatch, who had been in jail since Monday, will be tried September 22. The bond of each was fixed at \$2,500 and all but 6 had given bond last night.

## LIST OF DEAD AROUND 300.

A dispatch last night from Corpus Christi, Texas, states that the list of dead from Sunday's hurricane approaches 300 and that a heavy rain throughout yesterday hampered the work of clearing away the debris and increased the suffering of thousands of homeless.

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