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A MIGHTY HOST IS EXPECTED TO ATTEND HIGHWAY MEETING HERE WEDNESDAY

Judge Pritchard and Gen. Carr Have Accepted Invitations to Be Present.

WORLD-WAR HERO YORK AND OTHER NOTABLES INVITED

Several Governors and Prospective Governors Are Expected—Lumberton Will Welcome All Who Come—Special Train of 10 Cars From West.

If all signs do not fail, the first anniversary meeting of the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville Highway Association which will be held in Lumberton Wednesday of this week will be the greatest, good roads meeting ever held in the State.

Federal Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of Asheville and Gen. Julian S. Carr of Durham, two of the State's foremost and best-known citizens, will deliver two of the principal addresses of the occasion, and maybe a Governor or two and some several candidates for Governor may grace the occasion by their presence. And, by all that is meant to please, Col. Alvin G. York of Pall Mall, Tenn., who has yet but a humble sergeant went out on a day and captured more German machine guns and prisoners than Carter had oats, has since been named a colonel on the staff of Gov. Roberts—this same Col. York, who is a good roads enthusiast who enthralls with the best of 'em, has been invited. Col. T. L. Kirkpatrick, president of the association, believes that prospects are excellent for having Col. York here. Glory be, that would be a time never to be forgotten!

But it is going to be that, anyway, whether Col. York gets here or not. So likely is it considered that the Governors of South and North Carolina will be present that one writer has exercised himself over the prospect of those officials recalling that remark about the hiatus between drinks. But there ain't going to be no such hiatus between one thing and another which makes such a day successful and notable and never-to-be-forgotten. If the Governors of S. C. and N. C. don't forget here, or if they do, it is hoped also that Governor Brough of Arkansas, which State has just embarked on a road program which calls for the expenditure of \$60,000,000, will come. He has been invited.

If it should come to pass that some of these notables find it impossible to be present there will be keen regret, but those who have accepted invitations to come will make the day memorable enough. Judge Pritchard and Gen. Carr are known all over, and the people will hear them gladly.

Even as a snowball rolls down a mountain-side gathering size and impetus with each revolution, so, starting at the capital of Buncombe, a special train of ten cars will roll from the mountains to these plains, and as it crosses each county that hopes to be blessed by being traversed by the Wilmington-Charlotte-fresh cargoes of good roads enthusiasts Asheville highway, it will receive assistance, until, when Charlotte is reached, some 200 or 300 of the outboonest road fellows that ever happened will bear that special from the mountains to the plains, and by the time it reaches Lumberton it will bear a mighty host that would sweep away any doubt of the construction of this proposed highway, if there should happen to be such an odd thing as any doubt remaining. With a band for every county and a shout for every lung, like an avenging great Caesar, great Caesar's guest, they come!

And not only that, but more also. The half has not been told. The counties that lie to the east of this blessed Mecca are not asleep. They will send large delegations too, by rail, and by auto; and when all are here these will be a mighty host that will make glad the hearts of all who cherish the hope that this proposed highway from the mountains to the sea will be a blessed reality.

Lumberton will welcome them all with joy and gladness. There will be nothing constrained about that welcome. It will be a glad day for Lumberton, and she hopes it will be a glad day for all who come within her gates.

Nasby Hardin Paroled by Governor Bickett.

Nasby Hardin, Indian, who was convicted at the April term of Robeson criminal court of manufacturing liquor, has been paroled by Gov. Bickett. Hardin had served something over five months of a 12-months' sentence to the State prison. He lives about six miles north of Lumberton.

EVERYBODY IS COMING.

Governors May Be Thick as Lamp Posts in Town at Big Road Meeting—Eastern Counties Also Will Send Big Delegation.

In an article reproduced elsewhere in this issue from the Charlotte Observer, it is told how it is planned to run a special train of 10 cars from Asheville to bring good roads enthusiasts to the big road meet in Lumberton Wednesday of this week. The following from Saturday's Wilmington Star indicates that counties east of Lumberton likewise have caught the fever. Just read who are coming—Governors and such galore:

The counties along the western end of the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway are planning to invade Lumberton next Wednesday when a meeting of the mountain-to-sea highway association is held there, with a delegation loaded on a special train that will eclipse the well remembered "Booster Special" that took several Wilmingtonians to the Monroe meeting of the association May 29.

Wilmington road enthusiasts captured the eeting in Monroe last May the moment the special train of eight Pullman cars reach the capital of Union county. There had been enthusiasm before the train got there, but after that, the meeting was mostly in the hands of the "down easters." More than 200 men and women went from Wilmington and there were additions to the crowd all the way along the line.

With the call for the meeting of the association in Lumberton next Wednesday, comes the word that there will be a special train load of boosters from Asheville and the counties that lie between down to Charlotte. The specifications for the trip call for a Pullman of 10 cars loaded to the cuppers with people who will boost the W-C-A highway.

Plans for the Lumberton meeting of the association are not yet complete, but invitations have been extended the Governors and other leading men of neighboring States. It is not unlikely that the Governors of North and South Carolina may get together again and talk about the hiatus between drinks in between the times they are talking good roads. Special stress will be laid on the invitation to the Governor of Tennessee, since there is already in formation a plan to have the highway extended westward into Tennessee, thus connecting Wilmington with the great Mississippi valley beyond the Blue Ridge.

The chief business features of the meeting will be the discussion of the resolutions adopted at the banquet held in Charlotte Tuesday night when plans were formulated for the incorporation of the highway association and the issuance of bonds for building the road to Asheville. Mainly the talk will be of good roads in general and of the W-C-A road in particular. Lumberton is preparing entertainment such as has made Robeson county famous. Altogether the day should be most pleasant and profitable.

BITTER FIGHT ON PEACE TREATY

Mr. A. W. McLean Expects Better Price For Cotton When Peace Treaty is Ratified—It is Bitterest Fight Ever Known in Washington—Will Not Be Able to Move Back to Lumberton Next Month.

Mr. A. W. McLean, one of the four members of the War Finance corporation, spent Friday and Saturday at his home here on business, leaving to return to Washington Saturday night. Mr. McLean says that the fight on the league of nations is the bitterest fight ever known in Washington and that it is generally regarded as political. He says it is thought that the league will be ratified by the Senate with slight reservations.

Some time ago Mr. McLean thought that he perhaps would be able to move back to Lumberton with his family in October, but delay in ratification of such an extent that he does not now expect to be able to move back to Lumberton under several months. Mr. McLean says that all business is practically at sea and will be until the peace treaty is ratified, and he thinks that better prices will be obtained for cotton when the treaty is ratified.

SGT. SNODDY LOST LEG.

Maxton Scottish Chief. The sad news was received that Sgt. Cary Snoddy, son of Mr. J. C. Snoddy of Red Springs, who was wounded in the breaking of the Hildenburg line at Bellicourt, suffered the amputation of his leg last week as a result of a shell wound, at Fort McPherson, Atlanta.

U. N. C. Alumni Meeting. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

A meeting of the alumni of the university of North Carolina will be held at the court house tonight at 8:30. Mr. Albert M. Coates will address the meeting. Every alumnus is requested to be present. J. D. McLEAN, Sec'y.

ROBESON DIES OF WOUND.

Lewis Dunn is Held for Murder of Man He Struck on Night of Sept. 14—Letha Powell Set Free.

Julius Robeson, colored, died Saturday night at the Thompson hospital as a result of a blow on the head from some instrument in the hands of Lewis Dunn, also colored. The verdict rendered by a coroner's jury was that "Robeson came to his death as the result of a blow dealt him by Lewis Dunn."

The jury ordered Dunn held for the Superior Court without bail. Letha Powell, colored, the woman in the case, was released after she had testified before the coroner's jury this morning. She testified that on the night of September 14 she passed the union station and asked Lewis Dunn to accompany her home. They started towards her home and met Julius Robeson between the union station and the Seaboard freight station. The two men began an argument and she walked on down the railroad. After going a short distance she looked back and saw Dunn strike Robeson. Dunn then dragged Robeson across the railroad. She next saw Dunn at the union station and they both went to Wilmington on the 10:04 train the same night and stayed at the same house in Wilmington. When asked if she saw Robeson display a gun, Letha declared she did not and did not see Robeson do anything to Dunn. She stated also that she had been with Robeson for an automobile ride on the afternoon previous to the assault.

Mr. J. P. Townsend was sworn in as special coroner for the case and R. O. Edmund, Frank Morrison, R. W. Williams, D. R. Shaw, C. A. McArthur and M. T. Singletary.

As was stated in last Monday's Robesonian, a cap and some splashes of blood found on the sidewalk early last Monday morning started an investigation that led the officers to the hoe of Julius Robeson, where he was found with a fractured skull. Life told the officers that he had been struck on the head with a piece of iron in the hands of Dunn on Sunday night. Dunn and Letha Powell were arrested in Wilmington Monday afternoon and brought to Lumberton and placed in jail Tuesday evening. Dunn admitted to Chief of Police D. M. Barker that he struck Robeson, but said he struck him in self-defense. Dunn is married as was also the dead man.

Commission Appointed to Report On Bragg.

The congressional sub-committee appointed to inspect military camps and aviation fields with a view to acquisition by the government, inspected Camp Bragg and Pope field at Fayetteville Thursday. Accompanying the committee was a group of army officers from Washington, including Gen. Robt. L. Bullard, commander of the second army in France. Members of the committee made favorable comment upon the advantages offered by Camp Bragg for a large artillery training center. An effective argument with the committee was that Camp Bragg is the only artillery camp in the country where a range of more than 8 miles can be secured for use of big guns.

Mr. C. V. Brown, formerly cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, recently received an appointment as national bank examiner. It has not been learned to what district Mr. Brown will be assigned. Since severing his connection with the bank here Mr. Brown has been representing the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Co. of Greensboro, working in connection with Mr. H. M. McAllister of Lumberton, general agent for the Jefferson Standard. Mr. Brown has made headquarters in Wilmington for several months.

Mr. C. H. Bodiford of R. 1, Lumberton, was in town Saturday. Mr. Bodiford informed The Robesonian that he killed a large chicken snake, which he found in a hen's nest at his home Saturday. The snake measured 5 feet and had been feasting on eggs, notwithstanding the fact that they are selling for 60 cents the dozen and hard to get at that price.

Raleigh News and Observer, Sept. 19: After placing Eddie Person, a negro sentenced to serve five years for attempting a criminal assault on a white girl near Norfolk, safely behind the walls of the State's prison yesterday afternoon, Deputy Sheriff W. C. Ellington and R. L. Bell remarked that they had possibly prevented another lynching in North Carolina. The negro was spirited away from the Warrenton jail and rushed to Raleigh when feeling became high among a large crowd that threatened to get Person from the officers.

Reaching its climax in a scene in the chamber of the House of Congress at a joint reception by the Senate and House, the nation's welcome to Gen. Pershing came to an end Thursday when the thanks of the American people were extended him and the army he commanded.

IT WOULD BE DEATH WARRANT OF CHILDREN

That Would Be Result of Failure of League of Nations, Says Wilson—Quotes Roosevelt and Lodge in Favor of a League.

An extract from a magazine article written in 1914 by Theodore Roosevelt was read by President Wilson in an address at San Diego, Cal., Friday as an argument in favor of the league of nations.

Speaking to a cheering crowd which filled the great San Diego stadium, the President also quoted from Senator Lodge, one of the most bitter opponents of the treaty in its present form and declared that in framing the league covenant, the Versailles conference had followed the advice of these and other Republican statesmen.

"I am glad to align myself with such utterances," said Mr. Wilson, while the crowd cheered. "Here, in concrete form, is the fulfillment of the plan they advocated." The address was interrupted many times by applause from the crowd, states a press dispatch, which local officials estimate at more than 50,000. The great amphitheatre with its seating capacity of 40,000 was packed, thousands standing in aisles and on the terraces above.

Speaking from a glass enclosed platform the President's words were carried out to the distant rims of the stadium by means of an electrical device.

The President discussed at length the objection that the British empire might have a preponderance of voting power in the league assembly. It was a delusion to be frightened at any such prospect, he said, because there could be no important action by the assembly without the concurrence of the American representative.

The assembly, asserted Mr. Wilson, was largely a debating body, and as such it was only fair to give membership to the British colonies. It would be unjust, he said, to give votes to the small independent nations and exclude such great dominions as Canada.

Declaring the people had not been told the truth about what the treaty contained Mr. Wilson added while the crowd cheered again that if the American public did not know the truth no man would have the audacity to take it upon himself to try to impair such effort to liberty and justice.

Praising the labor and self-determination features of the treaty the President declared that without the league of nations the other peace terms would not be worth the paper they were written on. It is a final decision which the United States must take now, he added.

Some of the changes proposed in the treaty, the President said, seemed to have it as their object to upset the theory of equality among the nations and put the United States in a special position of privilege. He declared that to go into the league without assuming an equal responsibility would be a "mockery."

"I will not join," he said, "in claiming in the name of justice an unjust position for the country I love and cherish. Neither am I afraid of responsibility. Neither will I scuttle. I will not be a party to belittling America."

Emphasizing the arbitration feature of the covenant the President said an example of the efficiency of discussion was shown in labor controversies. He asserted that whenever a side to such a controversy refused to discuss its case the presumption was that it was on the wrong side.

"It would be the death warrant of the children of the country," declared the President, "should the league fail."

COTTON CROP WILL BE SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR

Wet Spell Caused Much Fruit to Fall Off—Farmers Are Making Good Headway in Harvesting the Crop—Better Corn Crops Were Never Grown in the County.

Robeson farmers generally are making great headway in harvesting the cotton crop. This reporter spent several hours Friday in the rural districts about Lumberton and found men, women and children busy gathering the fleecy staple. Cotton-picking is a part of farm work that all the family, except the baby, can take an active part in.

Judging from close observation of the cotton weed on a number of farms and the general talk of the farmers, the crop will be somewhat short of last year. The weed is larger, but the excessive rains in July, followed by a dry spell, caused much of the fruit to fall off.

Better corn crops were never grown in Robeson than were grown this year and the farmers are in good spirits and peace and prosperity abounds—that sort of peace and prosperity that makes a man from town wish he belonged to the blessed class of farmers.

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LOCAL COTTON MARKET.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 25 cents the pound. The market is somewhat lower today than Saturday, when the price reached 28 1-2 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hartley, last night, a fine girl.

Mrs. Joseph Prevatt is seriously ill at her home Third street.

Miss Evelina G. Beckwith went Thursday to Raleigh, where she entered St. Mary's school.

Mrs. S. R. Spivey went Saturday to Charlotte, where she entered the Charlotte sanatorium for treatment.

License has been issued for the marriage of Raymond C. Skillman and Ruby J. Byrd; Charlie Stanton and Ida Smith.

Miss Annie Laura Phillips, daughter of Mr. A. R. Phillips has gone to Elon college, where she will be a student this year.

Mr. A. Weinstein returned yesterday from the northern markets where he spent several days buying goods for his his department store.

Mr. E. Wayne Caldwell has resigned the position he held for several months with the McMillan Pharmacy to accept a position with the People's garage.

Mr. V. E. Townsend, formerly manager of the Lumberton Motor Car Co., has accepted a position as local salesman for the Dixie Auto Co., of which Mr. V. B. McMillan is president.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer returned last night from Chapel Hill, where last week he attended a meeting of the council of State officers. He reports a most interesting and profitable meeting.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell and daughter, Mrs. H. M. Baker, and son, Mr. E. D. Jr., Miss Lillian Proctor and Mr. F. E. Carlyle spent part of last week at Greensboro. They made the trip in Mr. Caldwell's auto.

Miss Edna Norman of Lakeview, S. C., passed through town last evening en route to Durham to enter the Southern Conservatory of music. She was accompanied by Durham by her father, Mr. J. L. Norman.

Mr. Walter Leggett was in Lumberton Friday on his way to his home at Monroe, La., after a visit of 6 weeks to relatives down Fairmont way. This was his first visit to Robeson in 22 years. He was accompanied to Lumberton by his nephew Mr. G. F. Lewis, of Fairmont, R. 2.

Mr. T. F. Bristol and son, Mr. B. N. Bristol, of Lumber Bridge, were Lumberton visitors Friday. Mr. B. N. Bristol got home about 3 weeks ago from a hospital in Asheville, where he had been since returning from overseas about the first of April. He was a member of the famous 30th division and was a mess sergeant.

Mr. W. Bert Ivey of Proctorville will open an office in Lumberton for the practice of law as soon as he can secure an office. Mr. Ivey is a graduate of Wake Forest college, having finished his work there last summer after returning from France, where he spent several months with the American expeditionary forces. He was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. John Kinlaw of East Lumberton was slightly hurt about 7:30 Thursday afternoon when a horse he was driving proceeded to run away in the northern part of town. Mr. Kinlaw was thrown from his buggy and the horse broke loose from the buggy later. The horse started to run on North Elm street. It has not been learned where he stopped.

Henry, a large draft horse belonging to the town, engaged in a runaway about 12 o'clock today. He ran up Third street and the cart to which he was hitched struck an automobile belonging to Mr. L. H. Caldwell and smashed a rear fender. Henry broke himself from the cart at the corner of Elm and Third and ran around two blocks and back to the stalls where he makes his abode. There was no one in the cart when Henry started to run.

Rev. J. T. Tyner of Whiteville is conducting a protracted meeting at Singletary's Cross Roads church this week. The meeting began yesterday and services will be held twice daily, 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m. Mr. Tyner was a caller at the Robeson office today and in speaking of his work, he spoke of the great good that The Biblical Recorder was to the denomination. He said that he has just sent in 28 new subscriptions from Zion Hill church, a church in his field, and that a copy of the paper was going to every family that represented the membership of that church.

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