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## TOWNSHIP ROAD BONDS VALID SAYS SUPREME COURT

Validity of Township Road Bonds of Robeson Established By Decision of Supreme Court.

County Attorney E. J. Britt was advised by wire Saturday that the Supreme court had sustained the lower court in its findings that the sale of road bonds in Lumberton and Maxton townships was legal and valid.

These townships voted bonds in the sum of \$100,000 each and these bonds were sold to C. N. Malone & Co., of Asheville. After the sale the Malone company refused to pay for the bonds on the ground that their attorneys had advised them that the election was not legal, giving as a reason that proper notice was not given of the elections in which the bonds were voted. The county commissioners brought suit against C. N. Malone & Co. and the case was heard in Robeson Superior court at the last term. Judge Thos. H. Calvert held that the elections were legal and valid. Attorneys for the purchasers of the bonds appealed to the Supreme court and, as stated above, the Supreme court upheld the lower court.

The same question had been raised in regard to the bonds voted by 16 other townships in the county, but this settles the question of all bonds voted, making them valid.

The commissioners were represented by County Attorney E. J. Britt and Mr. H. E. Stacy of the law firm of McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy, while the defendants were represented by Messrs. C. N. Malone and G. A. Thomison, attorneys of Asheville.

## AERIAL SHOW OVER LUMBERTON CHRISTMAS DAY

Lieut. Fillmore Will Make Exhibition Flights and Will Do Many Daring and Thrilling Stunts—Fund to Pay For Exhibition Subscribed by Lumberton Business Men.

Plans are being perfected for an aerial show over Lumberton Christmas Day at 2 p. m. Lieut. W. H. Fillmore, who has been doing stunts over Lumberton in his large Curtiss 'plane almost every day for a week, will put on the show. Among the many daring features of the show will be looping the loop, falling leaf, aerial jazz, engine spirals, tail spin, spinning nose dive, vertical side slip and Immelman turns.

No doubt many people will come to Lumberton on Christmas Day to witness the performances of Lieut. Fillmore and his 'plane. It is seldom one has the chance of seeing these stunts except in the larger cities. Lumberton business men are subscribing to a fund to pay for the exhibition.

## SGT. CASHWELL HOME ON FURLOUGH FROM CAMP TAYLOR.

He Spent 2 Years Overseas—With the First Soldiers to Go Over and Last to Return.

Sgt. F. L. Cashwell arrived Friday night from Camp Taylor, Ky., on a 30-days' furlough. Sgt. Cashwell is a son of Rev. and Mrs. R. N. Cashwell of Lumberton. He spent more than 2 years overseas and was gassed once and slightly wounded by shell splinters while at the front. He was attached to the 1st division and was among the first American soldiers to go overseas and among the last to return to the States. He expects to be discharged from the army next April.

## A GREAT INVESTMENT.

Send Christmas Gifts for Inmates of County Home to Miss Lizzie Caldwell by Wednesday.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Jesus told the rich young ruler to sell what he had and give to the poor and he should have treasures in heaven. (Mark 10:21).

Heaven pays the best dividends of anything I know of, so, my friends, don't forget the poor inmates at the county home. Send what you want to give them to the home of Miss Lizzie Caldwell not later than Wednesday, the 24th. She will be glad to take it to them.

## Capt. Alcock, First to Fly Across Atlantic, is Dead.

Rouen, France, dispatch, Dec. 19: Capt. Sir John Alcock, the first aviator to make a non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic, died here this afternoon as a result of injuries he received when his plane crashed yesterday near Cottevrad, Department of Seine-Inférieure, Normandy.

Alcock, who was flying in a water-plane, was following the Seine at the time of the accident, intending to alight on the river opposite the Grand palace for an aviation exhibition.

The old Lumberton hotel building, Chestnut and Third streets, is being torn down. The building was owned by Mr. W. W. Carlyle and was recently sold to Dr. J. D. Regan.

## HAVE YOU BEEN UP?

Quite a Number of Local People Have Viewed Lumberton From the Heights—Yesterday Was a Record Day—Robesonian Newspapers Dropped From Plane.

"Have you been up yet?" Have you had that question put to you during the last few days? More than twenty people have seen Lumberton from the air since Lieut. Fillmore arrived here with his Curtiss 'plane last Tuesday and many more say they have the nerve and the price and will "go up" this week. Lieut. Fillmore will be here all this week and his sole business is taking folks to ride.

Those who have taken a trip through the air, besides those mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, are Messrs. G. Badger McLeod, J. E. Walters, J. W. Long, Noah Sarges, E. M. Johnson, Lonnie Edwards, A. B. Fisher, O. L. Duncan, Alex. McDuffie, J. B. Bruton, H. C. Reisels, Dr. W. W. Parker and Henry Holden, the last named colored—all of Lumberton; Mr. and Mrs. Macy Peele, address not learned; Messrs. R. C. and J. H. Miller and another gentleman from Rowland.

Owing to the rain on Friday no flights were made. Yesterday was a record day for flights, nine people taking a trip during the day. As was stated in Thursday's Robesonian, the landing field is on the right side of the Carthage road near the Jennings cotton mill.

Saturday afternoon Lieut. Fillmore dropped a number of Robesonian newspapers from his 'plane while flying over town and these will no doubt be kept as souvenirs by the finders. The papers were wrapped and marked, "Dropped from airplane for finder."

A large crowd gathered about the landing field yesterday to see the 'plane start and stop and many who had not seen a 'plane before have watched Lieut. Fillmore loop the loop and do other daring stunts over Lumberton.

## ALL LIFE TERMERS GET COMMUTATION TO 30 YEARS.

Governor Bickett Issues Blanket Order for All in State Prison—"This World is Not the Place for Eternal Punishment," He Says.

Governor Bickett Friday issued a blanket order commuting to 30 years each the sentences of all life-termers in the State prison. Thirty-five prisoners, including 2 women, are thus given hope of freedom. Included in the batch of commutations are 7 men convicted of rape, one man of accessory before the fact to the crime of arson, 6 for burglary and 21 for murder. Twenty-three of the prisoners commuted are negroes and 12 of them are white.

Only one man serving from Robeson county was included in the list—Dave Monroe, colored, convicted of rape in 1914. Columbus county furnishes one, Lem Hayes, colored, convicted of murder in 1907. "This world is no place for eternal punishment," said Governor Bickett in explaining his action. "When you leave a man his life you have no right to take away his hope."

Under the prison regulations, prisoners serving 30-year sentences may be credited with a fourth of the time for good behavior.

## CARGO OF 249 ANARCHISTS DEPORTED ON ARMY TRANSPORT.

New York dispatch, Dec. 21: The United States army transport Buford—"Ark of the Soviet"—sailed before dawn today with a cargo of anarchists, communists and radicals banned from America for conspiring against the government. The ship's destination was hidden in sealed orders, but the 249 passengers it carried expect to be landed at some far northern port, giving access to soviet Russia.

—Mr. Frank A. McLeod returned last night from St. Louis, Mo., where he went to buy mules for Messrs. C. M. Fuller & Son's sales stables.

—Mrs. Kate T. Brown and daughters, Misses Loula and Kate and sons, Messrs. John and Fred, have moved from the place they sold recently near Red Springs to the farm on the eastern edge of town recently purchased from Mr. J. A. Wooten. Miss Lou Smith of Antioch is a guest at the home of Mrs. Brown.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Mr. E. E. Chandler has ordered an ice plant of 8 tons capacity and will have it installed near the Liberty roller flour mill early in the new year.

—Mr. E. E. Page is undergoing treatment at the Thompson hospital for nervous indigestion. He and Mrs. Page have moved back to Lumberton from Fayetteville, R. 8, where they made their home for some time, having purchased recently, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the J. T. Barker place.

Messrs. W. H. McNeill and Kerney Holmes, of R. 1, Pembroke, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

## AYCOCK SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT DAY OBSERVED

Exercises by Pupils of Graded School, Readings by Mrs. Baker and Miss Proctor and Address by Dr. Beaman—Campaign for Books For School Library—Exhibit of Savings.

"Aycock School Improvement Day" was fittingly observed by the Lumberton graded and high schools Friday. The exercises opened at 10 a. m. and consisted of songs by the primary and grammar grades readings by Mrs. H. M. Baker and Miss Lillian Proctor and a short address by Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church.

Mr. L. R. Varner had previously accepted an invitation to make an address on the life of Chas. B. Aycock, but could not deliver the address on account of a sore throat. The exercises were most delightful, however, and very appropriate to the occasion.

Friday marked the beginning of a drive for additional books for the school library. Around two dozen books were contributed Friday by patrons of the school and \$4 in money, to be used in purchasing books. The drive will be continued until the library has been supplied with books.

The contributions of the pupils towards the Aycock Memorial amounted to around \$10, and other contributions are expected.

A feature of the day was an exhibit of sewing done by the 25 members of the domestic economy class. Numerous home-made garments were on exhibition that showed skill on the part of the makers. Miss Eileen Lewis is teacher of this department. Fixtures for the cooking branch of this department have arrived and the class will study cooking as well as sewing at the spring term.

At the close of the exercises about noon school was dismissed for the holidays and will open for the spring term Monday, January 5th.

The out-of-town teachers left Friday and Saturday for their respective homes.

## CUMMINS RAILROAD BILL PASSED BY SENATE

Senate Passes Bill Paving Way for Return of Railroads to Private Ownership.

The Cummins bills, paving the way for return of the railroads to private operation, passed the Senate Saturday, ending a prolonged discussion of the measure and making the holiday recess of Congress possible. It went through without charge in the anti-strike and other important provisions around which the Senate measure was drawn, and was sent to a conference for adjustment during the recess with the Esch bill, passed by the House November 17. Final enactment of the permanent railroad reorganization legislation is hoped for by leaders early next month.

## Mrs. Troy Ivey Seriously Burned.

Mrs. Troy Ivey of East Lumberton was seriously burned Saturday when her clothing caught from an open fire-place. Mrs. Ivey was standing before the fire bathing a child when her clothing caught. Mr. Ivey's hands were badly burned in trying to extinguish the flames. It is thought Mrs. Ivey will recover.

## Mr. Jordan Phillips.

Mr. Jordan Phillips, aged about 74 years, died Thursday night at his home about 3 miles east of Lumberton. Deceased had been ill for several months. He is survived by his widow. Interment was made in the Davis cemetery Friday at 4 p. m.

—Mr. Mack Fisher, formerly of Lumberton, arrived yesterday from Baxley, Ga., where he has lived for the past two years, and will spend the holidays here with his grandmother. Mrs. L. R. Breece, and at Pembroke with his uncle Mr. A. M. Breece. He will go to Pembroke this evening and return to Lumberton Christmas Day. Mack was for several years one of the best carrier boys The Robesonian ever had and is always a welcome visitor at The Robesonian office.

Mr. J. S. Currie of R. 7, Lumberton, is among the visitors in town today.

Miss Ethel Powers of R. 1, Lumberton, is among the shoppers in town today.

Miss Sue Hunter of Cameron arrived yesterday and will be the guest of Miss Murch Raybon for several days.

Messrs. J. L. Burchett and J. F. Pittman of R. 3, Fairmont, are Lumberton visitors today.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McNeill of R. 1, Lumberton, are among the shoppers in town today.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Bond and son, Master Allen, of Rowland, boarded the train here yesterday for Wilmington, where they will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Bond, son and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Bond.

## LUMBERTON RED CROSS CHAPTER REORGANIZED

Mr. J. P. Russell Elected Chairman—Roll Call Will be Put on After Christmas—Work of Red Cross in Peace Times.

At a meeting held in the high school auditorium Friday evening immediately following the entertainment by the school children the Lumberton Red Cross chapter was reorganized with Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman, Mrs. R. E. Lewis, vice chairman, and Mr. H. M. McAllister, treasurer.

The meeting was held at the request of Mr. H. E. Sisson, assistant field director of North Carolina, representing Southern headquarters at Atlanta, who, as stated in Thursday's Robesonian, came to Lumberton last week in the interest of the Red Cross roll call. It is expected that the roll call campaign will be put on soon after the holidays.

Rev. Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, who was requested to ask those who were interested to remain for the meeting, was elected temporary chairman. Mr. Sisson explained something of the work and purposes of the Red Cross during peace times and told briefly of the war work of this organization. As long as people are killed and there is suffering, he said, the Red Cross will have work to do. The membership fee is only \$1, half of which is retained for use of the local chapter.

St. Pauls reports a membership of 350, Maxton, 356, and Rowland promises a membership of 400. Mr. Sisson said, so that Lumberton, which should have the largest membership in the county, must go to work in earnest.

Lumberton had during the war an active organization which did splendid work, but not much interest has been manifested in recent months.

It was left for the officers elected to complete the organization and make plans for the roll call.

## MARRIED AFTER DIFFICULTIES

Groom Got Stuck in Mud and Was Late, Bride Went for Papers and Also Got Stuck in Mud and Went Back Another Way, So Groom Missed Her When He Followed—All's Well That Ends Well.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumberton, R. 6, Dec. 20.—There was a quiet home wedding in Orrum Monday last in the home of Mrs. S. E. Spivey when her daughter, Miss Emma Grace, became the bride of Mr. Chas. Alford of Mullins, S. C. The groom got stuck in mud and arrived late to find the bride and her brother, Clyde, and sister-in-law, Mrs. Marcus Spivey, gone to town after the necessary papers and they, too, got stuck in mud. The groom decided he'd go see what was the matter, but they decided to return another way to shun mud and they missed each other.

Just think of the anxiety that followed.

Mrs. M. E. Page and a car load of children of White Pond left, and husband and son Jesse had started to leave when the anxious groom arrived and both hearts soon beat as one.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Rev. N. J. Page. The groom is an automobile mechanic and the bride is one of Orrum's popular young ladies.

"AUNT SOPHIA."

## LUMBERTON BASKET BALL TEAM OUTCLASSED BY WILMINGTON

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Lumberton basketball team lost to the Wilmington team here Friday evening by a score of 53 to nothing. The game was played in the Big Banner tobacco warehouse on account of the rain and was played Friday night instead of Friday afternoon, as had been planned.

This is Lumberton's first year in basketball and the local team was no match for the Wilmington goal takers. The Lumberton team expects to go to Wilmington for a game at an early date.

The Wilmington team was accompanied to Lumberton by Prof. P. W. Picklesimer, teacher of physics in the Wilmington schools.

## Regulations Restricting Deliveries of Coal Suspended.

Regulations limiting deliveries of coal by retail yards to one ton per household have been suspended, the Regional Coal Committee at Atlanta announced Friday night.

Continued increase in coal production has resulted in such an improved situation, the committee stated, that now there is no limit upon deliveries to household consumers.

—Mr. H. L. Newbold, formerly cashier of the National Bank of Lumberton, has been made vice president of the Bank of Commerce of High Point, to which place he will go January 1st from Raleigh, where he has been assistant cashier of the Merchants' National, The High Point position is a promotion.

## CHRISTMAS AT CHURCHES.

Orphanage Tree at Chestnut Street Methodist This Evening and East Lumberton Tuesday Evening.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, there will be an orphanage Christmas tree at Chestnut Street Methodist church this evening at 7:30 and one at East Lumberton Methodist church Tuesday evening at 7:30. All the presents will be sent to the Methodist orphanage at Raleigh.

There will be no services at Chestnut Street Methodist Christmas day. The regular mid-week prayer-meeting will be held Christmas Eve. The pastor, Dr. Beaman, preached a Christmas sermon last evening, his text being, "They presented Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh." There was delightful Christmas music by the choir yesterday morning, when the service was cut short on account of the uncomfortable condition of the church, and again last evening, when Miss Lula Norment rendered a solo.

Presbyterian Tuesday Evening. There will be a Christmas tree and Christmas exercises at the Presbyterian church tomorrow (Tuesday) evening. The regular mid-week prayer-meeting will be held Wednesday evening and there will be no services at this church on Christmas day.

Gospel Tabernacle Christmas Night. The congregation of the Gospel Tabernacle will have Christmas exercises and a Christmas tree Christmas night, beginning at 7:30.

East Lumberton Baptist Christmas Night.

There will be a Christmas tree at East Lumberton Baptist church Christmas night.

Victory Pageant at First Baptist Christmas Night.

A victory pageant will be presented at the First Baptist church Christmas night, beginning at 7:30. The pageant will be presented by young ladies of the Baptist congregation and promises to be highly entertaining. There will not be any services at this church on Christmas day and the usual mid-week prayer-meeting will not be held this week.

First Baptist.

Rev. Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, preached a Christmas sermon last evening. His subject was, "Recognition of God's Gift," or "Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh." The choir rendered music appropriate to the occasion.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, and Mrs. Hardin will leave tomorrow for Augusta, Ga., where they will spend ten days with Dr. Hardin's mother, Mrs. A. S. Hardin. Dr. Hardin's office will be open each day while he is away except Christmas.

—Madam Rumor has it that there will be a few marriages in Lumberton during the holidays.

—Mr. L. N. Plemmons and family left Saturday for Asheville, where they will make their home. Mr. Plemmons will engage in the real estate business in Asheville. He recently sold his farm near Lumberton. Mr. Plemmons and family made many friends during their 7 years stay in Robeson who regret their decision to return to the mountains. Mr. Plemmons conducted a dairy while here.

—Vernie May Bullard and Luther Barton, Indians, were married in the office of Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd Saturday about 11 of the clock. Justice H. M. McAllister officiated.

—Messrs. Charlie Smith of Henderson and Sam Watkins of Oxford proprietors of the Farmers tobacco sales warehouse in Lumberton, spent the week-end here. Messrs. Smith and Watkins will operate the Farmers warehouse again next season.

—Mr. W. C. Hardin and family moved last week from R. 2, Fairmont, to Mr. W. H. Prevatt's farm, near Center church.

—Mr. Benjamin Sealey and family moved last week from R. 1, Barnesville, to Mr. A. E. Spivey's farm on R. 3, from Lumberton.

—Mr. John Collins had his right arm broken Thursday night when a Ford "kicked" him.

—Mrs. Swain Britt, who underwent an operation at the Thompson hospital 2 weeks ago, was able to return to her home on R. 1 from Orrum Saturday.

—Lieut. M. Lee Correll of Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., spent the week-end here with friends. Lieut. Correll formerly lived here and has many friends in and around Lumberton.

—Miss Vivian Townsend, organist at Chestnut Street Methodist church, was the recipient yesterday of \$25 in gold from the board of stewards of the church as a token of appreciation for her faithful services. The gift was presented at the morning service by the pastor, Rev. Dr. R. C. Beaman, who complimented Miss Townsend highly upon her devotion and efficiency.

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## NEXT CALL WEDNESDAY.

The next issue of The Robesonian will be published Wednesday afternoon, instead of the regular time, which falls on Christmas Day. Advertisers will please take notice and get in their copy on time. The present intention is to skip an issue next Monday, though if conditions make it necessary to get out two issues next week a paper will be published Tuesday or Wednesday.

—Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Bhie will speak at White Pond church Sunday, December 28th, at 11 a. m.

—Dr. J. A. Martin had his tonsils removed Thursday afternoon. The operation was performed by Dr. R. S. Beam.

—The four banks of Lumberton will be closed two days for Christmas—Thursday and Friday, December 25 and 26.

—Mr. Dock Campbell of R. 4, Lumberton, recently killed two fine porkers, one weighing 676 pounds and the other 490 pounds, dressed.

—The four cotton mills of Lumberton will close down Wednesday at noon for Christmas and will resume operation on Monday of next week.

—If you do not pay your 1919 State and county taxes before January 1st, it means that you will have to pay 1 per cent. extra. January 1 is drawing near.

—Mr. Maston Britt and family recently moved from Columbus county to a farm which Mr. Britt bought on R. 2 from Lumberton. He sold his farm in Columbus.

—Bibleman Recorder: Fairmont was asked to raise about \$20,000 in the 75 Million campaign. More than \$26,000 has been subscribed. The W. M. S. raised something over \$11,000.

—Mr. Leslie Biggs arrived home yesterday, having been given an honorable discharge from the U. S. army. Mr. Biggs had been in Cuba for some time before receiving his discharge.

—Dillon Herald: Mr. Sam Blackwell, for many years connected with the Palmetto Hardware Company, has sold his interest in the business and will leave the first of the year for Maxton, N. C., where he will open a hardware store.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Jetter D. Hardin and Bessie Owens; Jerry R. Townsend and Belle Lewis; Thos. G. Balfour and Essie Shaw; Bascom B. Smith and Chat Bass; Obie Ivey and Lillie Barnes; Avery M. Powers and Fannie G. Britt.

—Mr. W. C. Prevatt and sons, Messrs. Luther and Alfred, of R. 6, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday. Mrs. W. C. Prevatt has been suffering from a badly swollen right arm for several days, from what cause is not definitely known.

—Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son are having their department store fitted with latest and most-improved electric lights. When the lights have been put in this will be one of the best-lighted buildings in eastern North Carolina. The lights are being installed by the Robeson Electric Co.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. D. Eakes returned Thursday night from Aberdeen, where Mr. Eakes was engaged in managing a tobacco sales warehouse during the season which closed last week. Mr. and Mrs. Eakes will go in a short time to Maysville, Ky., where Mr. Eakes will manage a tobacco sales warehouse. He expects to return to Lumberton in time to look after growing a tobacco crop, however.

—Henry Norris, colored, had a close call late Friday afternoon when he was run down by a Ford truck while riding a bicycle on Elm street. Both Norris and his bicycle were carried some twenty feet by the truck before it was stopped and Norris' right leg was badly bruised. It was not learned who was driving the truck. The accident happened where Fourth street intersects Elm. The bicycle was slightly damaged.

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