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Armistice Day Will Be Observed Here

Places of Business Will be Closed—Special Program Will be Rendered at Graded School at 9 A. M. by Lumberton Post of American Legion—Special Services Will be Held at Three Churches.

MAYOR AND TOWN BOARD ISSUE CALL TO HONOR THE DAY

ARMISTICE DAY PROGRAM AT GRADED SCHOOL

Under direction of Lumberton Post-American Legion, Mr. L. J. Britt in charge.

Song—"America."
Invocation—Rev. J. M. Robeson, major chaplain 30th division, A. E. F.

Recitation—"The American Flag"—Elizabeth Proctor, Lily Snead Varner, Kathleen Durham.

Song—"Over There."
Recitation—"In Flanders Fields"—Miss Lillian Proctor.

Recitation—"America's Reply"—Miss Lillian Proctor.

Reading—"North Carolina's War Record"—Mr. Ertel Carlyle.

Song—"The Long, Long Trail."
Song—"Pack Up Your Troubles"

Reading—"Our Dead"—Mr. Regan Floyd.

Song—"Marseillaise, National Anthem."
Benediction—Dr. R. C. Beaman.

At First Baptist Church
A special program is being prepared for Armistice Day services at the First Baptist church at 11 a. m.

Chestnut Street Methodist
Services at 8:30 p. m. appropriate for the day and with special prayer for the arms conference.

Trinity Episcopal
Services at 8 p. m., conducted by Rev. J. M. Robeson, major chaplain of the 30th division, A. E. F.

Tomorrow, November 11—Armistice Day—will be observed as a holiday in Lumberton. All stores and business places will be closed during the day.

A special program under the direction of the local post of the American Legion will be rendered at the high school auditorium, beginning at 9 a. m.

Special services will be held at the First Baptist church at 11 a. m., at Chestnut Street Methodist church at 3:30 p. m. and a special service for ex-service men at Trinity Episcopal church at 8 p. m. A feature of the day's activities will be a banquet at the American Legion hall, second floor of the municipal building, 7:30 p. m.

Beside the "big feed," there will be other amusements. There will be plenty of music, a wrestling match, a boxing bout and other attractions.

Ex-service men residing in and around Lumberton are urged to attend the banquet. A general good time is expected.

The following call issued by the mayor and town commissioners was signed by all the merchants and business men in town:

Calling Call for Observance of Armistice Day.

"On Armistice Day there will be a special service at the Baptist church at 11 a. m., and another service at Chestnut Street Methodist church at 3:30 p. m., and still another special service for ex-service men at the Trinity Episcopal church at 8 p. m.

Letter service will be conducted by Rev. J. M. Robeson, major chaplain, 119th infantry, 30th division, A. E. F.

"In view of the importance attached to a proper observance of this day of the greatest days in the world's story, all over the nation, it is urged by the town board as only the right thing for Lumberton to be foremost of and standing with the best sentiment of the best communities."

"Not only so; but some of the sons of the residents of our county whose names are identified with our business life made the 'supreme sacrifice' that we might continue in peace and prosperity. Very many more were wounded and maimed. And still greater number returned safe and sound and in honor of their presence among us and in deference to their clings. THIS TOWN SHOULD HONOR THE DAY."

"Therefore we, the undersigned merchants and business men doing business in the town of Lumberton, call to close our places of business on Friday, the 11th day of November, 1921, in honor of the great transaction which took place that day in the year 1918, in which the whole world had a part."

Patrons of local stores are requested not to call upon employees for service during the day, as many of our salesmen are ex-service men.

The exercises at the high school auditorium will begin at 9 a. m. and last for an hour. Mr. L. J. Britt of a local bar will be in charge of the program, which is given above.

Mr. T. L. Bissell and son, Master of Orrum section were Lumberton visitors Tuesday.

Buckston Given Maximum Sentence

Negro Who Attempted Criminal Assault Upon a Flora Macdonald Student Goes to Penn for 15 Years—Gas Britt Goes to Roads for 60 Days for Assault Upon a Woman—Grand Jury Finds True Bill Against Arch and Norman Cummings, Charged With Murder of Asbury Oxendine—Other Cases—Court Adjourns This Afternoon.

Superior court for the trial of criminal cases will close this afternoon after being in session four days.

Judge J. H. Kerr of Warrenton, who is presiding, will leave this evening for Greenville, Pitt county, where tomorrow he will deliver an address at an American Legion celebration.

While no murder trials have been heard, the grand jury returned a true bill against Arch and Norman Cummings, Indians, who were held by a coroner's jury in connection with the killing of Asbury Oxendine, Indian merchant of Pembroke, who was shot from ambush on Monday night October 31. They will be tried at the January term of criminal court.

Bennie "Snowball" Buckston, negro, plead guilty yesterday afternoon to the charge of attempting criminal assault upon a white girl, a senior student at Flora Macdonald college, Red Springs, and was sentenced by Judge Kerr to serve 15 years at hard labor in the State prison. The assault took place on the college campus on the afternoon of October 5. Buckston, who is said to be about 18 years old, was carried to Raleigh immediately after the trial to begin his sentence. Fifteen years is the maximum sentence for such an offense.

The court room was cleared of spectators while the young lady in the case told of the attempted assault. She related the story of the attack, stating that the negro came upon her while she was sitting on a log reading. He threw her down and bit her on the back of the neck and on an arm. She screamed when she saw the negro and he tried to cover her mouth with his hand to hush her cries. She kept screaming and the negro left. She stated that she had no doubts as to the purpose of the attack.

The negro, who was employed as dish-washer at the college, was arrested soon after the attack and identified by the young lady as her assailant. He was brought to jail here and later carried to Wilmington, where he remained in jail until Tuesday night, when he was brought to Lumberton by Chief of Police D. M. Barker of Lumberton.

Mr. W. E. Lynch of Rowland and Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle of Lumberton were appointed by the court to represent Buckston. Solicitor S. B. McLean was assisted in the prosecution by State Senator L. R. Varner. Buckston did not go upon the stand.

After the testimony of the State's witnesses in the case of Gas Britt, charged with attempting criminal assault upon Ruby Thompkins, had been taken, the charge was changed by agreement to assault upon a female. Britt was sentenced by Judge Kerr to serve 60 days on the roads. All spectators were barred from the court room while the prosecuting witness gave her testimony.

She testified that Britt came upon her while she was walking along the Seaboard railroad on the morning of August 18, took hold of her and pulled her down the railroad embankment. She also testified that Britt made improper advances towards her, and that she later told her brother of the affair. Upon cross-examination she admitted that she did not tell her brother about what had happened until after Will Johnson, who saw her and Britt together, had asked her what they meant.

Other cases disposed of during the term were:

Yetta Weinstein, affray; defendant plead guilty; judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

John Arch McCallum, assault with deadly weapon; not pressed with leave.

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Nasby Hardin, called upon a continued judgment for assault with intent to kill; 12 months on the roads. Hardin gave notice of appeal to the Supreme court and made bond in the sum of \$1,200. There was evidence that Hardin had more than 150 gallons of wine in his possession at one time and Judge Kerr ruled that the possession of that quantity of wine did not indicate good behavior.

J. R. Grimes, disposing of mortgaged property, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

W. C. Prevatt, French and Lee Locklear, affray; not guilty.

M. A. Buie, injury to personal property; not pressed.

H. C. Flowers, reckless driving; the matter having been settled between the prosecuting witness and the defendant, judgment was suspended upon payment of cost.

Governor Bell, nuisance, plead guilty; fined \$50 and cost. Bell also plead guilty of assault with a deadly weapon, prayer for judgment being continued in that case upon payment of cost.

Austin Walters, violating auto laws;

Road Board Signs Four Schools Consolidated Into 2

County Board Will Do Ditching and Grading for Hard-Surface Road Lumberton to McNeill's Bridge at 50 Cents Cubic Yard—Also Hires 35 Convicts to Contractor at 17 1/2 Cents the Hour—Total Will Amount to Around \$10,000—Force of Hands Here and Material Has Been Shipped.

The county road board Tuesday signed a contract with P. R. Ashby to do the ditching and grading in connection with the hard-surfacing of the road leading from Lumberton to McNeill's bridge. The board also hired 35 men from the county chain gang to Contractor Ashby at 17 1/2 cents an hour. The contract for ditching and grading each calls for 30 cents a cubic yard.

Mr. W. B. Covington, county superintendent of roads, and Mr. J. I. Townsend, chairman of the road board, went to Raleigh Tuesday and made the contract while there. The road board will use the chain gang in doing the ditching and grading and the board expects to receive around \$10,000 for this work and the use of the 35 convicts, according to Mr. Townsend. It is figured that it will take about 5 months to complete the work. The contract provides that the board must begin the work of ditching and grading in ten days. Mr. Ashby has a force of hands already here and material is being shipped for completing the work.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, the contract for hard-surfacing this road, a fraction over three miles, was recently let by the State highway Commission.

Clean-Up Squad Handles 91 Claims

More Than 250 ex-Service Men Called Upon Army Clean-Up Squad During 2 Days Spent in Lumberton—A Number of Deserving Cases Found—Fine Clerical Assistance Rendered by High School Pupils and Others.

After two busy days here the U. S. army "clean up squad" left Tuesday evening for Laurinburg. More than 250 ex-service men called upon the squad during the two days. Forty-five new claims were made out, while 46 old ones were handled. Besides these around 175 men were given desired information upon matters of interest to them and three death claims were investigated. A number of deserving cases were found, according to members of the squad.

The personnel of the squad was as follows: Mr. E. G. Sory, manager; Mr. Frank Capps, assistant manager; Drs. W. W. Harvey and R. B. Butt; Messrs. Leroy Parker and C. M. James, representing the U. S. Veterans' Bureau of Atlanta, Ga., and Miss Sarah Jennings, representing the American Red Cross.

Members of the squad expressed themselves as being highly pleased with the clerical assistance given by members of the high school and others. They asked The Robesonian to express their thanks to the local post of the American Legion, the local Red-Cross chapter, the superintendent and principal of the local schools and to those from the high school who so kindly assisted them in the work here.

The squad is doing a great work in the interest of ex-service men and the members made a favorable impression upon those who had occasion to meet them.

Two Robeson County Men in Federal Court

Melvin Sellers and Neill Oxendine, the last-named an Indian, both of Robeson county, were tried in Federal court in Wilmington yesterday. Sellers on the charge of manufacturing whiskey and Oxendine on the charge of having more liquor than the law allows, in his possession. Both were found guilty. Sellers was fined \$100 and Oxendine \$50 and cost by Judge Connor.

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Sidney Shaw, crime against nature; sentenced to 5 years on the public roads.

R. C. Townsend violating stock law, two charges; fined \$25 and cost in one case and prayer for judgment continued in the other.

Lee Brisson and Gilbert Lyon, forgery; Lyon found not guilty; Brisson found guilty and prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Walter Carter, nuisance, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued upon payment of cost.

Lawrence Kelly, manufacturing liquor, plead guilty; prayer for judgment continued for two years upon payment of cost, the defendant to make bond in the sum of \$200 to show that he does not violate the law in any respect.

Mary Mitchell vs. Gus Mitchell; divorce granted.

Roan McNeill, disposing of mortgaged property; not guilty.

F. L. Todd, forgery, plead guilty; six months on roads.

Ernest and Gus Mitchell, larceny, plead guilty; 4 months on roads.

Friday Will Be Big Day At Parkton

Armistice Day Will be Celebrated With Appropriate Exercises and Dinner for ex-Service Men and Their Families—Death of an Infant—New Bangalo—Coon and Possum Dog More to be Desired Than Many Things of Value—Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson.

Parkton, Nov. 8.—Dallas Melba, two-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McMillan, died at one o'clock Saturday morning and was buried Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock at the Lancaster graveyard.

Rev. C. R. Sorrell, pastor of the Baptist church, conducted the burial services. A very large attendance of relatives and friends, and the little grave was banked over with the prettiest flowers. The parents did all in their power for its recovery, the family physician aided with a skilled nurse, but all in vain. She was only sick a few days with pneumonia. Little Melba was the idol of the home and was quite attractive. Our sympathy goes to the stricken parents, at this trying hour.

A new cafe has opened up in the Brown building, up-to-date in every respect. Haven't heard the name of the firm as yet, but Mr. Carl Johnson is foreman.

Rockyford service station. What do you know about it? Well, it is three miles out from Maxton. How about Riverside service station, just a few miles west of Lumberton? Both are promotions of one of Parkton's most progressive business men.

Mr. J. Q. Patnell's new Bangalo is fast being erected by Mr. Jasper Edge, builder and contractor of Hope Mills. When completed it will be a beauty.

We learn today that little Catherine Gaitley, who has diphtheria, is somewhat better, we are glad to say.

Mayor J. B. McCormick, was out Monday morning with his pack of hounds—section one—and had a most exciting race, lasting only about forty minutes. He says he never heard a finer race. "Pepperbox" caught sight of the live fox and race was soon at an end.

J. S. Barlow passed through our town this morning with two fine coons that he killed and was back home for breakfast, and he was about to show this scribe his three fine large opossums which he thought were safe in a box, but behold! there were no opossums, as they had gnawed out and left for parts unknown.

I could mention several other successful hunters. The query for discussion seems, "Which is of most value at present, saw-mill, grist-mill, cotton-gin, cafe, garage, or a good opossum and coon dog?" Give me the latter.

Friday is expected to be a red letter day for Parkton—Armistice Day, a great celebration, parade by brass bands and Co. L. N. C. Int., speaking by Hon. N. A. Sinclair. If you have a horse or mule, get in the parade, enjoy one day off.

This should be the greatest occasion yet. If you are patriotic, show your colors that day.

Dinner will be served in the armory for the soldiers and ex-service men and families. All editors are invited.

Plain Unknown Soldier Honored

Nation Pays Its Unstinted Tribute of Praise and Glory to All Those Sleeping in the Far Soil of France.

Washington, Nov. 9.—A plain soldier, unknown but weighted with honors as perhaps no American before him because he died for the flag in France, states an Associated Press dispatch, lay tonight in a place where only martyred Presidents, Lincoln, Garfield, and McKinley, have slept in death.

He kept lonely vigil lying in state under the vast, shadowy dome of the capitol. Only the motionless figures of five armed comrades, out at the head and one facing inward at each corner of the bier kept watch with him.

But far above, towering from the great bulk of the dome, the brooding figure of freedom watched too, as though it said "well done" to the servant, faithful unto death, asleep there in the vast dim chamber below.

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Indian School at Union Chapel Will Open November 14.

Laurel Institute, Indian school, at Union chapel, will open Monday, November 14. The opening sermon will be preached at the school building next Sunday by O. R. Sampson. Prof. J. R. Lowry will be principal of the school.

Mr. A. Weinstein and daughter, Miss Miriam Weinstein, spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

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COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 1-4 cents the pound; strict middling 16 3-4 cents Middling cotton sold for 16 1-2 cents this morning.

The census report showing 6,446,136 bales of cotton ginned up to November 1, or about 100,000 bales more than the total crop indication of September 25, was followed by a break of approximately a cent a pound in the cotton market at New York yesterday.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Two cases of diphtheria have been reported in Lumberton since Monday, while no case of scarlet fever have been reported to the office of Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer.

—Miss Fann Barnett, stenographer in the office of Messrs. Johnson & Johnson, attorneys, is spending the week in Washington. D. C. Mrs. J. L. Williamson of Hamlet is "subbing" for her.

—All ex-service men are urged to attend the banquet in the American Legion hall Friday evening at 7:30. Two expert wrestlers will "tie-up" and there will be a "battle royal", besides other attractions.

—Mrs. Clarence Johnson of Raleigh, State Welfare Commissioner, made an address, before the Woman's club Monday at 4 p. m. Mrs. Johnson's address dealt with "Child's Welfare Work" and was both instructive and entertaining.

—Turnips as big as a peck measure were brought to town Tuesday by Mr. J. O. Boone, who lives on R. 2. The two he was kind enough to bring to The Robesonian office would make a wheelbarrow load. He has an acre of the same kind.

—All ex-service men, whether members of the local post of the American Legion or not, are invited to attend the big banquet at the Legion hall Friday at 7:30 p. m. There will be plenty of attractions and a "big feed."

—Playground equipment recently purchased by the Woman's Club for the local schools—slide, swings, acting bar, see-saws, giant stride and ocean wave—has been installed and the children are enjoying the various devices immensely.

—The ticket-selling contest for the art exhibit in the high school building next week begins this afternoon at 3:30. The picture-prizes that will be given to the children selling the most tickets may be seen at the Pope drug store. Tickets only 20 cents.

—Dr. and Mrs. Roscoe McMillan and Dr. McMillan's mother, Mrs. B. F. McMillan, of Red Springs, were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon. Dr. McMillan came to see a patient, Mr. J. D. Taylor of Red Springs, whom he brought to the Baker sanatorium Sunday.

—Prof. W. T. Jenrett, Messrs. J. J. Page, Charlie Ford and Clarence Horn, all of the Marietta section, were Lumberton visitors Monday afternoon. Prof. Jenrett is principal of the Oakdale school this year and says the school is bigger than it has ever been before. The school started with 3 teachers, and now has four, and 128 pupils.

—Mr. G. L. Canady, formerly of Mullins, S. C., expects to open a jewelry store in the McLeod building, West Fourth street, at an early date. Mr. Canady will also do watch, clock and jewelry repair work. He is in town today making preparation to open business. Mr. Canady expects to move his family here as soon as he can secure a suitable place to live.

—The condition of Dr. H. T. Pope, who was painfully hurt Friday of last week when his auto was demolished by a Seaboard passenger train at the National cotton mill, is unchanged. He is suffering with his head and back. George Kemp, the colored man who was driving the car, was able to leave the Thompson hospital yesterday, though he has not yet recovered from his injuries.

—Mrs. G. G. French showed The Robesonian man yesterday a morning-gloory shoot that was even more ambitious, than the one Mr. George Lennon brought to The Robesonian office the other day, mentioned in Monday's paper. Mrs. French's vine was less than 3 inches high and it had put forth the prettiest little bloom you ever saw. Mrs. French says she has been familiar with that phenomenon all her life, so it looks like late-appearing morning-gloory vines are in the habit of hurrying up the blooming process in order to get ahead of frost.

—Baker sanatorium: O. W. Prevatte, who underwent an operation Monday for appendicitis is getting it getting along splendidly.—Proctor Morgan of Marietta, who underwent an operation for appendicitis Monday, is getting along nicely.—Dr. H. A. Hayse of Fairmont is receiving treatment at the sanatorium.—Mr. Knox Proctor, who had an operation three weeks ago for pus appendix, went home Tuesday.—George Anthony went home yesterday after recovering from an operation for acute appendicitis.—Mr. J. D. Taylor of Red Springs, who is undergoing treatment, is improving.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. McM. Blount and Mrs. D. T. McMillan of Parkton were Lumberton visitors Monday.