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## American Legion Deserves Support

Departmental Adjutant Burgess in Address Here Urges Importance of ex-Service Men Joining Legion—Disabled Soldiers Are Not Provided For—Legion Stands For Best in Every Community.

### RELEASE OF DEBS DENOUNCED

The importance of ex-service men becoming members of the American Legion was stressed by Mr. Cale K. Burgess, departmental adjutant of the American Legion, in an address at the court house Thursday evening. While the small number who heard the address was rather disappointing to the speaker and the members of the Lumberon post of the Legion, those present were thrilled by the eloquence of the speaker.

The speaker declared that while there are seven American Legion posts in Robeson county, a county that stands out as a king among the counties of the State, only a small per cent. of the ex-service men in the county are members of the Legion. Ex-service men owe it to themselves and their county to enlist as members of the Legion, he said.

Disabled ex-Soldiers Need Treatment

Mr. Burgess told of how when the boys of the nation donned the uniform and went forth to battle for civilization they were called heroes by statesmen and how the widowed women of France referred to the first American soldiers to reach that country as the Messiahs. Governors, Senators and Congressmen told the boys as they departed that when they returned they could have what they asked for. After the American soldiers, who, indeed, were the Messiahs of the civilization of the world, had humbled the war lords in the dust and the armistice was signed, the slogan, "the war is over," became dominant. When the first soldiers returned from the battlefields of France they were extended the glad hand of welcome on every side. Even before the soldiers had all returned the welcome subsided. It is up to the American Legion to impress the fact that so long as conditions exist as now the war is not over. There are thousands of ex-service men now in need of hospital treatment. It is estimated that each month for ten years 1,500 disabled men will be added to the number. Who knows that you or I will not be among the number? While more than one-third of the disabled soldiers are mental cases, the government has not yet provided one place for the treatment of such cases. It is up to the ex-service men to change this situation. It is a shame upon Congress that it has never made an appropriation for caring for these men. If the men who slept with them in the tents and called them "buddies" fail them, who will come to their rescue?

### People Don't Realize

The great trouble is that the people don't realize what the American Legion is trying to do. Locally the American Legion post should champion the things that are right and for the best interest of the community. It should aid in fights for better schools, good roads, and give its support to any moral clean-up of the community. The men who fought in France for law and order should take a lead in the fight for the same in their communities. Service for God and country should be the watchword.

### Release of Debs Denounced.

The speaker denounced the action of President Harding in releasing Eugene V. Debs. It is gratifying to know, said the speaker, that the same sentiments held by the ex-service men in respect to this matter have been shared by that eminent Commander-in-Chief, Woodrow Wilson. After the former President had carefully examined the petition for the Debs pardon, he said: "I will never consent to the pardon of this man. Were I to consent to it, I should never be able to look into the faces of the mothers of this country who sent their boys to the other side. While the flower of American youth was pouring out their blood to vindicate the cause of civilization, this man, Debs, stood behind the lines sniping, denouncing and attacking them. This man was a traitor to his country and he will never be pardoned during my administration." We should thank God for that immortal leader, Woodrow Wilson.

The speaker also paid his respects to Col. George Harvey, who told the world that the American soldier was only fighting for his hide. He urged that Legionnaires and ex-service men protest against such blasphemy of the men who died in France.

Rang and Blew Out the Old and in the New.

A bedlam of noise, including the blowing of whistles and horns and the ringing of bells, greeted the New Year here Saturday at midnight.

—Norman Thompson and Rosa Fullmore, colored, were married Saturday at 3:15 p. m., in the court house, Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

## Means A New Day In North Carolina

Mr. Will Collins of Kentucky Tells About Co-operative Marketing as Applied to Burley Tobacco in His State.

### DECLARES ADOPTION OF PLAN MEANS NEW DAY FOR STATE

No Competition in Auction Plan—Kentucky Farmers Have Taken Over the Sales Warehouses—Have Had No Trouble Getting Money to Finance Co-operative Selling.

"A new day will be born in North Carolina when the co-operative marketing plan is put into effect," said Mr. Will Collins of Paris, Ky., in an address at the court house here Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Collins was introduced by Mr. Cale K. Burgess of Raleigh, Mr. Burgess having been introduced by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator. In presenting Mr. Collins, Mr. Burgess said that he came to North Carolina to aid in the organization of the farmers for the co-operative marketing of tobacco and cotton because it was the dying request of his father that he give his time and efforts in completing the plan, which his father had started in Kentucky. He referred to Mr. Collins as a "dirt farmer."

The speaker told of the working of the cooperative marketing plan of burley tobacco in his State—Kentucky. The cooperative marketing plan was forced upon the farmers because of the low prices offered for tobacco in 1920. The crop in that State in 1920 cost an average of 25 cents the pound and sold at an average of 15 cents, the speaker said. This brought disastrous results, many farmers losing all they had accumulated in the past. The condition that resulted broke the tobacco growers.

### No Competition in Auction Sales

In discussing the auction sale plan of selling, the speaker declared that there was no competition in this plan, that the buyers knew before the sale started what they would pay and that the manufacturers of tobacco have so gotten together that all competition has passed under the old plan of selling on the loose leaf markets.

Mr. Collins compared the present selling plan with the merchants of a town who would only sell goods during two months in the year and then selling at auction for what they were offered by the public. The farmers have never been in a position to get a fair price for their produce. There has never been a stable market. The farmers and the lunatics are said to be the only classes who are unorganized.

### Farmers Take-Over Warehouses

In Kentucky the farmers have taken over the tobacco sales warehouses and will pay for them by deducting 2-5 of a cent per pound for all the tobacco placed in them. Under this plan the farmers will own the houses in five years. Under the old selling plan the farmers pay for the warehouses in charges many times over, but never own them.

### No Trouble to Finance.

The farmers of Kentucky have found no trouble in getting money to finance co-operation selling. When the tobacco is placed with the organization an advance of 50 per cent. is allowed. The tobacco is graded and the different grades pooled together. Under this plan each farmer gets the same pay for the same grades. Under the old plan some get much more than others for the same tobacco.

In closing the speaker urged the farmers to get behind the movement, sign the contracts and reap the rewards of their labors.

Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberon made a short talk, declaring that he was much in sympathy with the co-operative selling plan.

Mr. Burgess was the last to speak. He told of the great advantage in co-operative selling and declared that this would eliminate so many buyers, all of whom are paid by the tobacco growers.

He said that the farmer was entitled to know what he was going to receive for his crop and that this plan would result in bringing this about. He stated that in Columbus county 90 per cent. of the tobacco crop had already been signed up and urged that "the State of Robeson" not allow Columbus to take the lead in this movement.

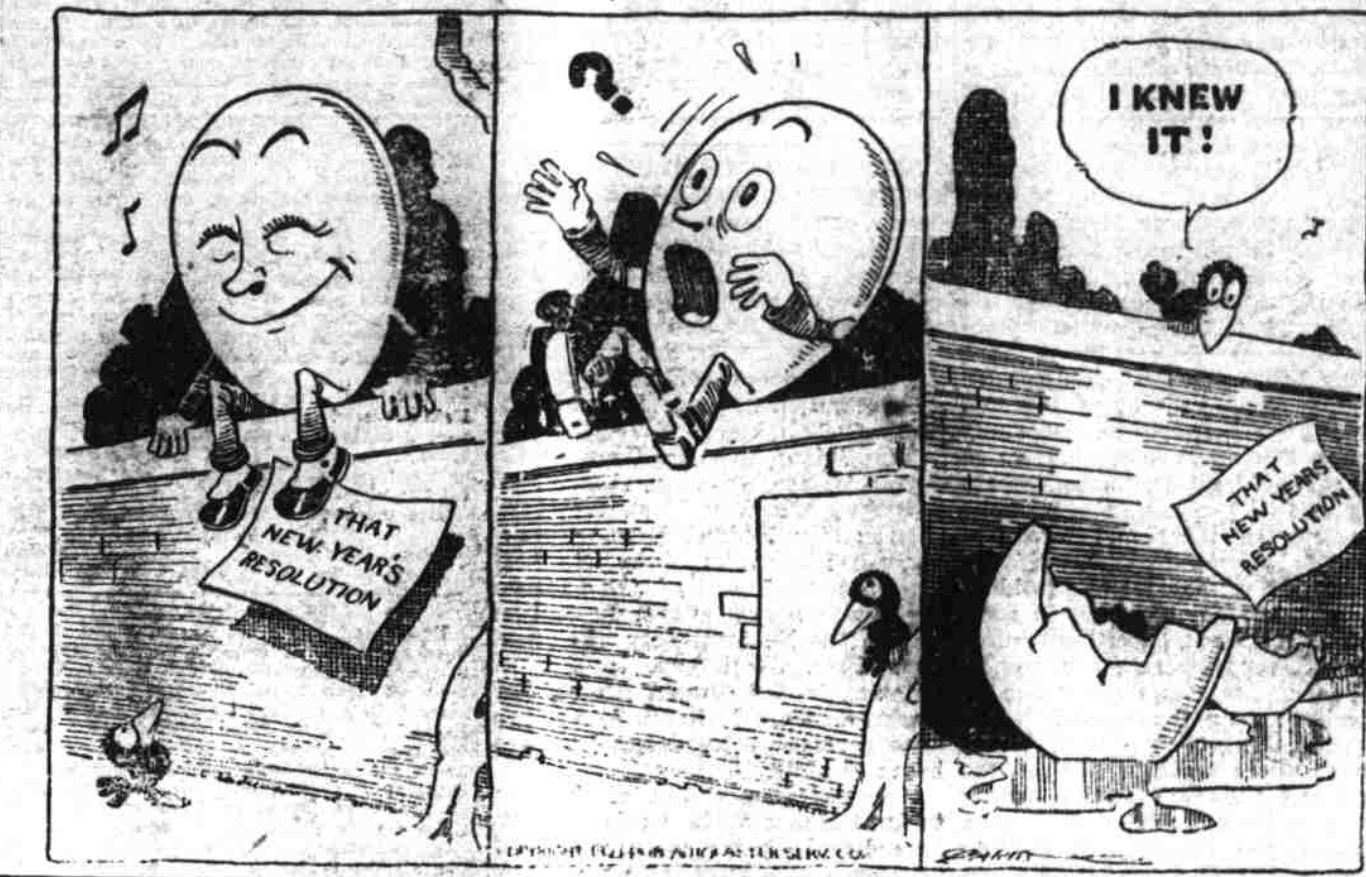
While practically all the farmers present had already signed a contract, others who had not done so signed after the meeting adjourned.

—Mr. W. R. Ivey, recently elected keeper of the county home, and family moved Saturday from Maxton to the home, one mile east of Lumberon. Mr. Ivey took charge of the home yesterday, succeeding Mr. I. J. Flowers, former keeper.

—Mr. N. A. Townsend of R. 1, Lumberon, recently killed a hog that weighed 688 pounds, dressed. Mr. Townsend raises hogs in abundance, selling many porkers each year. He is a Lumberon visitor today.

Mr. I. H. Warwick of Orrum is a Lumberon visitor today.

## HUMPTY-DUMPTY



## Lost Arm In Cotton Gin

Mr. Don T. Townsend of McDonald Lost Right Forearm Friday as Result of Hand and Arm Being Mangled When Caught in Flywheel at Cotton Gin at Rayham—Arm Amputated at Thompson Hospital.

Mr. Don T. Townsend lost his right forearm Friday as a result of an accident at a cotton gin at Rayham, where he worked. His hand and arm were caught in a flywheel and were so badly mangled that the arm had to be amputated just above the elbow, the operation being performed at the Thompson hospital Friday afternoon.

### Messrs. E. K. and J. G. Proctor Form Law Partnership.

Mr. Edward K. Proctor and his brother, Mr. John G. Proctor, have formed a co-partnership for the practice of law. They are occupying the same office previously occupied by Mr. Edward K. Proctor, West Fifth street, the office formerly occupied by the late Judge T. A. McNeill. Mr. Edward Knox Proctor, senior member of the new firm, has practiced law here since last March. Mr. John G. Proctor was granted license to practice law by the State board of examiners last February. He spent the fall term at the State university, where he graduated, taking post-graduate work. The Messrs. Proctor are sons of the late Mr. E. K. Proctor, well-known attorney, and Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor, of Lumberon, and brothers of Mr. James D. Proctor of the law firm of McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor of Lumberon.

### Schools Opened This Morning.

The Lumberon graded and high schools opened this morning for the spring term after being closed two weeks for the Christmas holidays. The total enrollment today is 545—442 in the graded school and 103 in the high school. A number of pupils attending before Christmas are out on account of sickness and will come in later. Three new pupils were enrolled while others may come in in the next two or three days. No changes have been made in the faculty and all the teachers are back at their posts except Mrs. M. F. Cobb, first grade, who is expected to return tonight with Mr. Cobb and their small daughter from New York.

Lawrence Deal, 18, of Massey Hill, near Fayetteville, died in a Fayetteville hospital last week as the result of the accidental discharge of a pistol Christmas Day. He and a friend were examining a revolver at a boarding house when the weapon was discharged.

—Mr. S. T. Freeman is moving his stock of goods today from the White building, East Fourth street, into a new building recently erected by Mr. Freeman on East Second street, near his residence.

—Chief Yeoman Oscar Rhodes of the U. S. navy recently has been transferred from Columbia, S. C., to Annapolis, Md. Mr. Rhodes is a son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Rhodes of R. 2, Fairmont.

The new \$200,000 Pee Dee river bridge at Swift island, Stanly county, was formally opened last Wednesday. Thousands of people attended the opening ceremonies.

## St. Pauls News

Three Yuletide Weddings—Schools Open Again Today—Social and Personal.

### By Bess G. Johnson

St. Pauls, Dec. 30.—Christmas passed off very quietly, altho' pleasantly, and as Sunday marks the beginning of the New Year let us quote with Tennyson:

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring happy bells, across the snow,  
The year is going let him go,  
Ring out the false, ring in the true."

"Cupid" has been very busy since last we wrote, so we have a few more brides and grooms in town.

The first one on the list to start the ball rolling was Miss Josephine Willis, who was united to Mr. Colon T. Brock on Monday evening, the 19th.

The following Wednesday afternoon, the 21st, a brother, Mr. Tom Willis, was married to Miss Grace Crenshaw at the Crenshaw home a few miles out of town. Dr. E. C. Murray, Sr., officiating. Miss Lena Johnson was bridesmaid while Mr. J. P. Crenshaw, brother of the bride, was best man. After the ceremony the bridal party drove over to the groom's home, where a bountiful supper was served.

Mrs. Willis was a popular young lassie and Mr. Willis should be congratulated on winning the heart and hand of so fair a lady. Their many friends wish for them a life of prosperity and happiness.

Another pretty home marriage was solemnized this past Wednesday afternoon, 3 p. m. December 28, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Rivers, where their pretty young daughter, Miss Mable, was joined in matrimony to Mr. Cary Powers of our little town. Rev. Mr. Starling spoke the words that made these two young hearts beat as one. After the ceremony they motored over to Fayetteville, where they took a train for Florida. Upon their return they will be at home to their many friends in St. Pauls.

Joy and good luck we shall say to all who have thus embarked, while we wonder "who shall be next?"

Chaplain Jas. Hester and his bride of a few months are here. He gave a talk at the Methodist church Wednesday night on his trip thro' Palestine, which proved very interesting to the large audience which were so fortunate as to be present.

Misses Flora Belle McGoogan and Murphy Hall have returned to F. M. C. The other boys and girls will soon be leaving us. By the middle or latter part of next week, we suppose they will all be gone, for "Christmas play will soon be over and back to the books once more."

Miss Nonie Johnson leaves Saturday morn for Greenville, where she is principal of the Joyner school, out from Greenville.

Miss Sarah McDuffie leaves next week for East Carolina Teacher's college, Greenville, where she is a student. The name has recently been changed from East Carolina Teachers Training school to East Carolina Teachers college—as perhaps some of you are aware.

The annual Christian Endeavor social will be given at the Presbyterian manse, tonight.

Mrs. Laura Rich of Laurinburg came over a few days before Christmas and will spend a while in the Northrop home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion McNeill came over Monday after the 25th and spent a "wee" while with Mrs. Northrop. Miss Myrtle Harris is spending a while with home folks here.

Mrs. Shaw McEachern went over to Raeford Tuesday and will spend a few days with her parents.

Miss Margaret Wicker came over Friday p. m. and returned to her (Continued on page five.)

## COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 17 1-4 cents the pound. Owing to the holidays, there has been no New York market since Friday.

## BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. A. M. Freeman and family moved today into their new home, East Third street.

—Born, on December 23, at the Baker sanatorium, to Mr. and Mrs. Furman K. Biggs, a son—F. K. Jr.

—Mr. Everett Davis and family recently moved from R. 3, Lakeview, S. C., to a farm on R. 1 from Rennett.

—The office of the Robeson county road board and the resident engineer of the State highway commission has been moved to the grand jury room on the second floor of the court house.

—The trial of Russell Wilkins, arrested several days ago on the charge of operating a whiskey still, was postponed from Friday of last week until Thursday of this week. Wilkins is still in jail.

—Dr. H. T. Pope, who was painfully hurt when a Seaboard passenger train struck and demolished his auto at the National cotton mill crossing eight weeks ago, was able to go to his office Friday.

—Mr. R. M. Phillips and family moved Friday from Mr. Phillips' farm, near Beulah church, Wishart township, into a residence owned by Mr. Phillips, Second and Chippewa streets. Mr. Phillips has rented out his farm.

—No orders for picric acid to be used in blasting stumps will be accepted by Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, after January 10. All who intend to use the acid should file their orders with Mr. Dukes at once.

—Dr. and Mrs. W. A. McPhaul and three children of Charlotte were Lumberon visitors Saturday. They left Fairmont, where they had been visiting relatives for several days yesterday for their home, making the trip in Dr. McPhaul's car.

—Ex-State Senator and Mrs. H. E. Stacy and their small daughter, Rosa Lytch, spent Friday in Hamlet attending a reunion of the Stacy family. The reunion was held at the home of Mr. Stacy's brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. D. F. Kinsman.

—"Carolyn", Mr. Herman Crump's well-known bull dog, returned Saturday at 10:10 a. m. over the Seaboard from Laurinburg, where she spent a couple days. The dog beat a ride on an automobile to Laurinburg, the driver of the car not knowing she was along.

—Saturday, the last day for paying State and county taxes for the year 1921 before the 1 per cent. was added, was a very busy day at the office of Sheriff R. E. Lewis. The sheriff and his office force were kept busy throughout the day tearing receipts from the tax books.

—Rev. A. H. Porter recently resigned as pastor of the Baptist church at Duke and has accepted the pastorate of the Chadwick Baptist church, Charlotte, moving cross-country on trucks. Mr. and Mrs. Porter are well-known in Robeson county and their many friends will be interested to learn of their change of residence.

—An important meeting of the Lumberon post of the American Legion will be held in the legion hall, second floor of the municipal building, Thursday evening at 7:30. The post will be reorganized and officers elected for the ensuing year. All ex-service men are urged to be present and assist in putting new life into the post.

—Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Hornady and infant daughter, Dorothy Alice, left last evening for Charlotte after spending the holidays here at the home of Mrs. Hornady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Colon Jones. They also spent a day in Maxton at the home of Mr. Hornady's father, Rev. J. A. Hornady. Mr. Hornady holds a position with the L. C. Smith agency in Charlotte.

—Mr. W. M. Oliver of Marietta held the number calling for the \$250 diamond ring offered by Mr. A. J. Holmes, local jeweler, in a contest conducted for a month before Christmas. The numbers 962 and 2688, calling for second and third prizes, have not been turned in. If these are not turned in by Wednesday of this week at 2:30 p. m. another draw will be made.

—Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator, Friday moved his office from the first floor of the court house to the judge's room on the second floor. The judge's room is in the rear of the building. Miss Elizabeth Frye, recently elected county welfare officer, and Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstrator agent, will occupy the office formerly occupied jointly by Miss Andrews and Mr. Dukes.

—Register of Deeds M. W. Floyd and family attended a family reunion at the home of Mr. Floyd's father, Recorder A. E. Floyd, at Fairmont, Friday afternoon and evening. All the members of the family were present, including two daughters, Misses Christine and Dinahel Floyd, and six sons, Messrs. F. A., M. W., P. R., D. Y., Giles and Fulton Floyd. The occasion was altogether delightful and a bountiful dinner was served at 5 o'clock.