

**HELPING DISABLED SOLDIERS IS WORK OF LEGION AND ITS AUXILIARY**

Joint District Meeting of Post War Organizations Transacts Much Business Following Luncheon at Lorraine Hotel.

EX-SOLDIER SAID TO BE IGNORANT OF LEGION WORK.

State President of Auxiliary Makes Ernest Appeal For More Members and Continuance of Excellent Work—Loving Cup Offered in Membership Campaign for Legionnaires—Only a Few Have Made Application for Bonus—Head of Wilmington Auxiliary Says Bonus is Insult to Legion.

"Ex-service men do not realize what the American legion is doing," said John Bright Hill, of Wilmington, committee man of the district in his address before the joint meeting of the American Legion and American Legion auxiliary of the sixth district of North Carolina held in Lorraine hotel here Friday afternoon.

"The greatest field of endeavor for the American Legion auxiliary in North Carolina is the rehabilitation work for the disabled soldier and his loved ones," said Miss Annie Lee of Monroe, state president of the auxiliary, in her address, which was the feature of the occasion.

Luncheon at Lorraine  
The meeting began at 2 o'clock when a luncheon was served to about 60 members of the local posts of the legion and auxiliary, state officers and a few of the large number of invited guests. On account of the recent inclement weather and condition of the highways, only a few from out-of-town attended. The invocation was rendered by Legionnaire J. P. Russell, ex-Y. M. C. A. secretary.

Ed. J. Glover, commander of Lumberton Post No. 42, made the address of welcome. Following the luncheon Mr. Hill took charge of the meeting and called for the pledge of the legion and auxiliary, led by Miss Sarah Carlyle, "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands; one nation indivisible with liberty and justice for all."

Miss Eulalia McGill, committee woman of the sixth district, gave a few brief expressions of the work of the auxiliary, and read interestingly of the work which has been done, the work being done and plans for more work.

Membership Drive  
Mr. Hill stated that the next thing on the program was not on the program, that Mr. Noel Patton, State vice-commander was supposed to be present and address the meeting on the aims of the legion and its work, and tell about the membership drive to be started today. On account of Mr. Patton's absence, which was caused by an acute attack of eye trouble, Mr. Hill took his subject and spoke for several minutes. He explained the membership campaign which begins today and ends March 15th. The legion post securing the best percentage of members by March 15 will be returned to the state department at the convention in Fayetteville in September. If some other post has made a better record the cup is transferred, and it is necessary for one post to have the cup in possession for 2 years to become the owner of the cup. For posts which have by March 15, 100 percent membership a citation of meritorious service will be sent the post.

Work Legion is Doing  
The work that the legion is doing was told interestingly by Mr. Hill. He said that among many other things, important work of the legion, especially in larger towns, was to see that all ex-service men had employment, and that they were honorable as far as could be carried out even after they had served terms on roads and in prisons for crimes committed since the war.

He spoke briefly on the veteran's loan act, stating that this would be put into operation during the next few weeks, as the legislature would take action on the bill during the present session.

Few Apply for Bonus  
Regarding the bonus, insurance and cash payments, Mr. Hill said that it was amazing to know how few ex-service men had made application for the bonus. He urged that all veterans file their application at once, stating that the insurance policy was something good, and would prove very beneficial the older it grew.

The Reed-Johnson act of 1924, which went into effect January 1st, 1925 automatically provides for compensation for any ex-soldier of the World War who contracts tuberculosis, he said.

The re-organization of dead posts of the legion was discussed by Mr. Hill and he pleaded with his hearers to use their influence in trying to get some of the posts of the county re-organized. Several posts will be forced to give up their charters if they do not get in touch with headquarters in the near future, he said.

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**ALBERT HARLEE IS TO DIE IN CHAIR**

Judge Grady Sentences Negro Who Killed Mr. Arch Johnson to Die March 26th Between 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.—Defendant Denied Killing After Confessing—Said He was Afraid of Being Lynched if He Did Not Confess.

DID NOT KNOW MEANING OF 1ST DEGREE MURDER VERDICT  
Albert Harlee, negro, was sentenced Saturday by Judge Henry A. Grady in Superior court here to die in the electric chair March 26 between the hours of 10 a. m. and 3 p. m. following a jury's verdict Friday night of guilty of murder in the first degree.

It was in evidence that Harlee struck the blow that killed Mr. Arch P. Johnson near Red Springs on the night of December 20th using a brick with such force that a fracture of several inches resulted. The body of Mr. Johnson was found early the next morning, and a coroner's jury impaled. The inquest lasted for 2 days and as a result of the investigation Harlee, Isaiah and Johnson, all colored, were ordered held in connection with the killing.

After spending several days in jail Harlee sent for Sheriff B. F. McMillan and stated that he wanted to make a confession. In presence of witnesses he stated to the sheriff that he struck Mr. Johnson on the head with a brick after Isaiah Lloyd had told him to do it, saying that Lloyd paid him \$1.70 for doing it and that Lloyd wanted the money Mr. Johnson had to use in a gambling game at the home of John Johnson. Lloyd and Johnson are being held and will be tried this week.

Reputed Confession  
On the stand Harlee denied killing Mr. Johnson and stated that he made the confession because he had been told by a negro jail employee that unless he confessed to the killing he would be lynched; that a mob of white men from Red Springs had planned to come to Lumberton and storm the jail and take him out and string him up.

During the coroner's inquest Harlee was mixed up in his story of the killing and told several lies. He explained by saying that he was afraid. While on the stand Friday he did not show any signs of fear, and spoke in a mild clear tone. His illiteracy was very plainly shown but some have advanced the idea that he is not so ignorant as he is criminally inclined. Saturday at noon when Judge Grady asked him if he knew what the jury had done, he said that he did not, and that he did not know what a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree meant. It was not until after Judge Grady pronounced the death sentence that the young negro seemed to realize what had happened to him. He said nothing, but his expression seemed to change from the blankness which had featured it throughout the trial.

The jury was out for about 3 hours, rendering their verdict after they had been to supper. Assisting the prosecution in the case was Mr. Dickson McLean, Messrs. F. Ertel Carlyle and W. B. Ivey conducted the defense, and are to be congratulated on the manner in which they handled the case, which was almost too one-sided to be interesting.

Lumberton Will Have New Soda Parlor Soon.  
Lumberton is going to have a new up-to-date soda parlor which will be named "Buddie's Parlor." Mr. G. Badger McLeod has leased the attractive and modern store of the new First National Bank building on Fifth street for the purpose of operating a soda parlor. He has recently consummated deal for the most modern fixtures on the market and for a beautiful mechanically refrigerated fountain. The parlor will be equipped with the latest style booths, public writing desks, mirrors, and many other things that will add to the convenience and comfort of its patrons. In addition to serving the public with hot and cold drinks, Mr. McLeod expects to serve salads, sandwiches and candies. This new store will have for sale the general varieties of goods sold in drug stores with the exception of medicines. Watch The Robesonian for the opening date.

—Mr. and Mrs. John Felts moved Friday into their handsome new home on Walnut street.

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**Superior Court Playmakers Captivate Lumberton Audience**

Large Audience Delighted and Profoundly Impressed With the Splendid Plays and Cuperb Acting of Famous University Playmakers.

A splendid audience at the high school auditorium Friday evening was delighted and profoundly impressed with the three one-act plays presented by the Carolina Playmakers, who completed at Pinehurst the next night a tour which for the first time carried them outside the State. They won on this first Southern tour the highest praise from newspapers and individuals, and nowhere did they play to a more appreciative audience than the one which greeted them in Lumberton.

Each of the three plays is splendid, and it is no disparagement of the others to say that "Fixin's", a tragedy of a tenant farm woman, stands out preeminently as a play that would win success on any stage. Its grim and terrible reality grips one with tremendous power. There are heart-breaking sobbs in every moment of it. The acting of Miss Frances Gray and Aubrey Shackell in this play is simply superb. There is nothing amateurish about it.

The other plays, "When Witches Ride", in which a most realistic storm is produced, and Gaius and Gaius Jr., a side-splitting comedy, both are fine and call for good acting. Miss Alga Leavitt as the witch and Mr. Geo. V. Denny as Jake in the former, and Mr. Denny and Miss Margaret Jones in the latter do some work that is far ahead of what one usually sees on the professional stage.

Prof. Frederick H. Koch and his Playmakers are doing a great work in gathering the wild flowers of legend and story in North Carolina and presenting them in folk plays. Old stories, old legends, are turning up again; they are interpreting everyday life, which is, after all, the highest art.

The Lumbee Research club, under the auspices of which the Playmakers came to Lumberton, has scored another decided success.

H. B. JENNINGS TO MANAGE RED SPRINGS COTTON MILL  
Well-Known Mill Man of Lumberton Elected General Manager at Meeting of Stockholders—Well Equipped Mill—Fancy Cotton and Silk Goods Are Made.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of the Red Springs Cotton Mill Co., held in the offices in Red Springs several days ago Mr. H. B. Jennings of Lumberton was elected general manager of the mill, effective at once.

Mr. Jennings has assumed the management of the mill, which is one of the best-equipped mills in this section, making a great variety of fancy cloths from both cotton and silk. The main office of the mill will remain in Red Springs.

Regarded as an Authority.  
Mr. M. J. Merritt, manager of the Lumberton Bargain house, returned Thursday from Wilmington, where he had been engaged for a few days preparing to conduct a big clearance sale for the Puteh's department store. The big fire Wednesday night, mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, wiped out the stock which was to be placed on sale, the loss being about \$100,000, about half covered by insurance. A news item in the Wilmington Star stated that Mr. Merritt had "been drafted to handle the local (Wilmington) sale" and continues:

"Prior to assuming the management of the Lumberton store, Mr. Merritt confined his activities wholly to the advertising and special sale business and is regarded as an authority along lines of this nature. He will doubtless be remembered by many, having conducted a number of big and very successful sales here in the past."

Governor McLean Here Yesterday.  
Governor A. W. McLean returned last night to Raleigh after spending Sunday here with his family. Mrs. McLean, who has been convalescing from a severe attack of pneumonia, will go to Raleigh some time during this month, but not during the first 2 weeks.

Tests on Tobacco Fertilizers.  
County Agent O. O. Dukes states that the fertilizer tests mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian were of tobacco fertilizers, but that he will be glad to give any who are interested information also on fertilizers for other crops.

—Robeson Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. S. McIntyre Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

Cotton Market  
Middle cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 5-8 cents the pound.

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**FAIRMONT LETTER MCDONALD CHARGED WITH HOUSEBURNING**

Death of Mrs. Willie Pittman Floyd and Mr. Joe Nye—Birth Party Given by Miss Oline Purvis—Personal.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman  
Fairmont, Jan. 31.—Mrs. William Pittman Floyd, who lived about 2 miles from town and who had been in declining health for some time and in the Baker sanatorium for the past six weeks, died Friday morning at 3 o'clock and was buried in the new cemetery Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, the funeral conducted by her pastor, Rev. J. E. Lanier of the Baptist church, where she was a consecrated member the remainder of her life. She was Miss Ophelia Leggett before her marriage to Mr. Floyd. Five children survive—Mrs. Claude Gunn of Sanford and Messrs. Alma and Ophelia and Messrs. Charlie and Royal, who reside at home. Her parents died when she was a young woman but she is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Gaston Floyd of Barmesville and Mrs. Lake Lewis of Fairmont.

Mr. Worth McDaniel of Statesville spent last week-end with his mother, Mrs. E. V. McDaniel.

Mr. Joe Nye, prominent planter of the Baltimore section, died Wednesday morning at 5:15 of paralysis. Mr. Nye had been confined to his bed for about 2 weeks but had been in ill health for several years. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nye, who died several years ago. He lived at the old home place, where he was raised. When only a small boy he joined the church at Baltimore, at which place he held his membership. His was a long life of usefulness. Twice married his first wife being Miss Frances Bullock. Surviving this union are three children—Mrs. Milton Thompson, Mr. Dan Nye and Mrs. Tess Fedder. The second wife was Miss Nancy Grantham, who survives with five children—Messrs. Bonson and Wade, at home, Mr. Elbert of Atlantic City, N. J., Mesdames Memory Lewis and Bailey Floyd of this place, Mesdames Susan Ward of McDonald and Easter Branch were the only sisters living, with Messrs. Henry and Vann Nye of Orrum the only two brothers. The funeral was conducted at the home by his pastor, Rev. J. E. Lanier, interment being made in the family cemetery Thursday morning.

Several Business Changes—Postoffice Moves to New Location—Movements of the People.  
By Bessie G. Johnson.  
St. Paul, Jan. 30.—Several business changes have been made this week: Nance & McCormick, grocery men, have moved into their handsome new brick store, just completed, on Broad street, a short distance from their former location, while in one of the group buildings, second door east of this the postoffice was transferred yesterday from its former location to the opposite side of the street. This is a handsome brick structure and most modern in equipment, Mr. J. C. Lindsay, from whom was leased, owns also the adjoining building westward, which is nearing completion, while the edifice owned by Mr. Mathew Culbreth of Fayetteville, located next door, west of Nance & McCormick's new home, will be completed at an early date.

In the subscription contest which was put on by the St. Pauls Review, which came to a close Saturday night, Miss Mable McDonald was the winner of the Ford coupe as first prize, while Mrs. E. L. Melton won the living room suite offered as second prize.

Mr. Sam Underwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Underwood of near town, who belongs to the U. S. Navy, returns today to his post of duty after spending several days among his people.

Mr. M. R. Hester in company with several members of their immediate family, went over to Bladen, near Elizabethtown, last Sunday to attend the burial of a brother, Mr. W. B. Hester, whose death occurred the day previous, following several weeks' illness.

Mr. C. T. Poole has been a patient in a hospital in Fayetteville the past few days, undergoing treatment. A sister, Miss Minnie Rozier, of that city, is spending awhile in town, having supervision of the home duties for the doctor and their little daughter, Frances Judith while Mrs. Poole is away.

With the return of the pretty sunshine, which is rapidly melting the sleet and snow with which "old mother earth" has been enwrapped the past few days, we like many others, feel glad.

Mr. W. A. Nutting, who returned last week from a brief visit to relatives of Mrs. Nutting in Thomasville, reports his mother-in-law, Mrs. Lee Tomlinson, who suffered a stroke of apoplexy a few weeks ago, as being much improved. Mrs. Nutting and the little son will remain with her several days longer.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON  
28,721 Bales Ginned to January 16  
58,213 Ginned to Same Date Last Year.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Lumber Bridge, Jan. 31.—Mr. J. J. Shaw, special agent of the Census Bureau, reports that there were 28,721 bales of cotton ginned in Robeson county of the crop of 1924, prior to January 16, as compared with 58,213 bales ginned to the same date last year.

Prayermeetings.  
Prayermeetings to be held Thursday night under the auspices of the Men's Christian league have been announced as follows:  
No. 1 at the home of Mr. R. T. Sanderson.  
No. 2 at the home of Mr. J. A. Gore, East Lumberton.  
No. 3 at Jennings cotton mill.  
No. 4 at the home of Mr. L. P. Carter.

FOR RENT—TWO NICE OFFICES ON FIRST FLOOR THE NATIONAL BANK BUILDING. APPLY AT BANK.