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TOWN ASTIR WITH ARMISTICE DAY PLANS

VETERANS TO FORM BIG PARADE

RIDDLE IS CHAMPION LEE 'POSSUM HUNTER'

'Possum Tribe Is Doing Its Part To Help Lee People Live At Home—Riddle Gets 33 In 3 Nights.

The 'possum tribe is even doing its part to enable the farmers of Lee County to successfully put on the "live at home" program. It is stated by hunters that there are more 'possums in Lee county this season than ever before known. Hunters also say they are fatter than they have ever seen them. For the past few weeks hunters have been in the woods about every night in quest of them and in many instances they have made good catches. A few have been caught in the corporate limits of Sanford. Mr. L. Riddle, Sanford, Route No. 6, can be counted the champion 'possum hunter of the county unless some one can surpass him before the season ends and that is going to be hard to do. In three nights since the season opened he secured with one dog 33 'possums in Deep River Township in the section around Deep River Consolidated School. Many of these 'possums were good sized and very fat. Mr. Riddle has a valuable dog which would no doubt sell at a high price.

NEW GRAND JURY SYSTEM ELICITS MUCH COMMENT

Two weeks Mixed Term of Superior Court Convened On Monday.

JUDGE CRAMMER PRESIDES

Touches On Law Violations In His Charge To New Grand Jury.

A two weeks mixed term of Lee Superior Court convened at the court house Monday morning at 10 o'clock with Judge E. H. Cramer presiding.

When court opened very few people were in the court room except those who were in some way connected with the court or cases to be heard. Solicitor C. L. Williams was present and ready to present the State in handling the criminal docket. A heavy docket was before the court and a number of important cases to be heard. Judge Cramer is well and favorably known here having held several terms of Lee county court. The following grand jury was selected and qualified: E. M. Underwood, Sr., foreman; S. D. Hall, L. M. Hughes, H. C. Gilliam, Chas. Wood, C. H. Crickmore, E. C. Heins, Sr., R. J. Bullis, D. H. Cameron, Garland Perry, C. L. McDuffie, A. J. Love, W. P. Thomas, S. M. Johnson, John Campbell, J. L. Kelly, Alvis H. Hall, and B. L. Mansfield.

As a law was enacted by the last General Assembly granting Lee county the right to inaugurate a six months grand jury system, the personnel of this jury was of more than passing interest to the people of the county. Mr. Underwood, the foreman, is one of the county's best and most intelligent citizens, and will as near as possible see that the laws are enforced. The entire personnel of the jury is composed of good, patriotic citizens, who will co-operate with Mr. Underwood in carrying out the mandates of the law. This new law provides for a six months grand jury system. At the end of the six months nine of the 18 members will retire and nine new ones will be selected. In this way experienced members will be kept on the jury. It is believed that this will prove a great improvement over the old system which has become obsolete.

In his charge to the jury Judge Cramer touched on many law violations and told the jury that it was its duty to investigate all reports of law violations such as gambling, blockading, reckless driving of automobiles and other criminal acts. He is hard on the fellow who makes and sells liquor and stated that people who claimed that there is as much liquor made and sold now as there was before the 18th amendment became a law were guilty of falsifying and that those who are clamoring for the repeal of the law either want it made easier for them to get liquor or make and sell it. He charged the grand jury to see that guardians are required to make reports according to law.

MRS. W. W. CRABTREE DIES AT LEE COUNTY HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. W. Crabtree, of Carthage Route No. 4, died at the Lee County Hospital last Monday after a few days' illness. The remains were taken to Moore County where the funeral services were held and interment made. Mrs. Crabtree is survived by her husband and several children.

At the age of 101, Samuel H. Young of Rocky Mount, N. C., is suing for a divorce from his 26-year old wife.

DANIELS TO HEAD DISTINGUISHED GROUP GUESTS WHO ARE COMING



Memories of the greatest war of all time will be renewed next Wednesday when Lee Post of the American Legion will stage a patriotic celebration in observance of the thirteenth anniversary of hostilities. Plans for the Armistice Day observance embrace a huge parade in which Lee veterans of three wars, the Civil, Spanish-American and World War, will participate; a display of the heavy artillery equipment of Battery "E" 113th Field Artillery of the North Carolina National Guard; music by the Fort Bragg band, with an address by Hon. Josephus Daniels, former Secretary of the Navy, capping the climax of an eventful day.

PAUL SENDS AN S.O.S. CALL FOR CLOWNS

Local "Will Rogers" and His Group of Court Jesters Will Enliven Armistice Day Celebration.

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it concerns you! Sum body seed, laff & the world laffs with you, & sumthin else. Anyhow that will be a big sell a bray shun rite here in Sanford Nov. 11 to let every body no, that the big war is dun bin stopped. A big parade will be sumpt' fev' every body to see. We must hev' about 100 clowns so all you boys from 6 to 100 yrs. old get yore ole cloz & les make fun. The parade will be held about 10 a clock in the

good time and make others forget their troubles, be a clown for an hour in the BIG PARADE. Fer fuzzer infomashun, see the signed under or Jim Melver at once if not sooner.

Your'n trulie,
Paul Lucas,
P. S. Piecz be a kLawN the 11th.

RED CROSS WILL BEGIN ROLL CALL

The Lee County Chapter of the American Red Cross is making preparations for the 50th annual roll call next week. Mrs. Palmer Hatch is local Roll Call Chairman. The organization which has done so much for humanity, in relieving sickness, suffering and disaster for fifty years, is asking for an increase in membership so that the work of this splendid organization may not be retarded or handicapped for lack of funds.

During the past nine years it has spent more than ten million dollars, more than its income in relief work, thus exhausting its reserve fund. In that time in North Carolina the Red Cross has expended ten times as much as has received from the state.

Do the people of the state realize that there are 10 automobiles in the state for every Red Cross member? In our own community the Red Cross is remembered with gratitude for its splendid work in connection with the disaster at the Coal Glen mine six years ago, when they made such a thorough survey of the needs of the families of each miner, and then appropriated the sum of \$35,000.00 for their help.

During the great drought of 1930-31 that affects so many states, the Red Cross in eleven months expended \$10,894,353.00 helping 2,765,000 persons in twenty-three states. A total of 614,514 families were given help, thus saving hundreds of thousands from starvation and death. It is hoped that the call in Lee County will not be in vain.

Out of every dollar secured from the memberships, fifty cents is kept at home, retained in the local treasury, and expended for local needs in relieving distress.

SANFORD BOY MAY GET STATE HONORS

June Underwood, tackle, is one of Carolina's best bets for all-state honors, says the Daily Tar Heel, published at the University of North Carolina, in commenting upon his fine showing in the game against the Wolfpack last Saturday.

"Underwood," says the Chapel Hill newspaper, "serving his first year as first-string tackle has made good with a bang. Yesterday he silenced the redoubtable State Captain, Charlie Cobb, and was in practically every play during his stay on the field."

CARD OF THANKS
We wish to express our many thanks for the acts of kindness and sympathy shown us during the illness and death of our infant son, Dalton. Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Thomas.

Supplementing the major plans for the celebration will be a memorial observance, a retreat parade, the rendition of negro spirituals by a colored quartette, a barbecue, and a ball at the armory.

Joining the local post in the observance will be legion posts from Carthage, Pinehurst, Siler City and Dunn. Among the distinguished guests expected to be present for the celebration will be General McCloskey, of Fort Bragg, who has accepted an invitation to attend the ceremonies.

The program will open at one o'clock with a musical program which will include selections by the Fort Bragg military band and the singing of spirituals by a group of local colored singers. Following this there will be staged a number of street contests under the direction of "Fitz" Miller, idolized as the local "Tex Rickard." A group of jesters, recruited from among local talent, will amuse the throng with a series of clownish acts during this period.

At three o'clock the most colorful feature of the celebration, a parade of Battery "E" of the 113th Field Artillery of the North Carolina National Guard in which the Armory equipment will be drawn, the Fort Bragg military band, World War, Spanish-American and Civil War vets, will begin. This will be followed by a retreat parade which will be enacted at the Union Station grounds.

One of the most impressive acts of the day's drama will be the memorial service. This has been planned in a most original and unique way. Through the plans for the parade, complete, it was announced Tuesday night that a casket would be mounted upon a heavy caisson and drawn in the parade. Directly behind will follow the military cortege.

After the parade those who have tickets will be feted with a barbecue in the Edgar W. Jones building. Then there will be a fifteen minutes concert by the band. The band will then lead the procession to the high school auditorium where Mr. Daniels will deliver his address.

A brilliant ball at the Armory will bring the celebration to a close. This will no doubt be one of the season's most elaborate social events and will be attended by many of the notables who will be present for the celebration.

NEGRO ATTACKS SANFORD WOMAN

Mrs. Clarence Heep, young Sanford woman was found last Saturday night lying on the bed in her room in an unconscious condition. Upon regaining consciousness shortly after ward, she said that seeing a negro enter her room she screamed and was choked by him. As she lay in bed in a highly nervous state she was unharmed. Mrs. Heep has an upstairs apartment in the home of Mrs. Sam McEwan.

Returning home after a visit to friends, Mrs. McEwan found that someone had entered the house, as the bureau drawers had been pulled out and the contents were in confusion. She then called to Mrs. Heep, and getting no response, she summoned Guy and Herbert Jones from their home across the street.

Boys who were passing said they saw a negro come out of the house. A dollar bill was taken from Mrs. Heep's purse. The negro evidently was frightened away when Mrs. McEwan entered the downstairs hall.

SALES SLUMP ON TOBACCO MARKET

A slump in tobacco sales, explained by tobaccoists as being due to continued weather conditions which make it unfavorable for grading, was evident on the local tobacco market this week.

Due to heavy offerings of poor grades there was also a sharp decline in the average price. Total sales for the season: 2,175,948 pounds; receipts, \$214,949.42; average price, \$9.87 per cwt. Monday's sale: 102,118 pounds; receipts, \$8,717.63; average price, \$8.53 per cwt. Tuesday's sale: 60,532 pounds; receipts, \$5,981.61; average price, \$6.57 per cwt. Wednesday's sale: 36,748 pounds; receipts, \$2,957.31; average price \$8.10 per cwt.



Dear Noble Dead, the years pass on,
But now no gun fire mars your sleep;
While in a peaceful land we pause,
And of you still memory keep.

We sing the songs you used to sing;
And your torches keep aglow.
While yet you sleep where poppies bloom
Nearth your crosses row on row.

Often on a cold quiet night
We seem to hear you still;
Your marching feet and tramping on
Upon a blood stained hill.

Yours is the honor of the dead;
For a noble cause you died;
We bow our heads in memory
And our tears once more are dried.

But now you know they've buried Jack,
Where men have seldom trod,
On a hill-side in the country
Nearth his native golden rod.

And over that flag draped coffin
We hear you cry once more,
With dying hands we throw it;
The flaming torch we bore.

Jim's brave footsteps falter;
Tom's lungs are gone they say;
But it kind of broke my heart
When they buried Jack to-day.

He had his years of paradise,
The love of a wife and son,
But the war gas finally won.

So noble dead we harken
As right about we face;
We hear your quiet voices
From your lonely resting place.

We pledge to hold your torches,
And with them guide each other,
And maybe we shall earn
The right to call you brother.

—MRS. H. C. HICKMAN.

CRAMMER ORDERS \$9,000 FINE IN THE HUTCHESON CASE

Pennsylvania Youths Must Raise This Amount Or Go to State Prison.

Hugh McDonald On Trial For Life, Charged With As- sault On Woman.

Judge E. H. Cramer, presiding over the Superior Court, Tuesday ordered Richard Hutcheson and Ernest Beck, Pennsylvania youths under indictment here on a manslaughter charge in connection with the deaths of Carl McElmery and Robert Holt last September, to pay over \$9,000 to the families of the deceased ladies. Failure to pay this amount will mean prison terms for both defendants.

McElmery and Holt met death on Highway 50, eight miles north of Sanford, on the morning of September 7, when struck by a car driven by Hutcheson. Beck, his companion, claims that he was asleep on the back seat at the time and knew nothing of the accident until after it occurred. Witnesses were near the scene of the accident testified that the car was being driven at a high rate of speed, around 60 miles per hour.

Hutcheson stood on the stand that he had fallen asleep and did not see the two men. He said it was possible that he might have been overcome by onerous gas. Upon realizing that the car had struck some object he drove back to the scene.

Both young men, who are in their early twenties, have been under bond since shortly after the accident. Hutcheson's was \$5,000, and Beck's \$1,000 as a material witness in the case but the latter was later indicted as a hit and run driver.

As this newspaper goes to press the trial of Hugh McDonald, whose life is at stake, is in progress. McDonald, a negro youth, is charged with attacking Mrs. Sallie Wilburn, 77, at her home in Greenwood township on October 1. A special venire of 50 men was nearly exhausted before the jury was finally secured.

Judge Cramer ordered the court room cleared as Mrs. Wilburn, who was the first witness, took the stand. (Please Turn To Page Eight).

Under the direction of County Demonstration Agent E. O. McMahan, the farmers of Lee county have raised more food and feed products for "living at home" this year than ever before in the history of the county. Some of the farmers have enough of these things to supply them for two years. In this connection it can be stated that the farmers are studying how to make this "live at home" movement a permanent thing by planting the things this fall that will produce a crop next spring. Many of the farmers are putting out cabbage plants and other things that can be put on the market early in the year. As the readers of The Express know poultry is becoming one of the big industries of the county. During the past few years the poultry business has had a remarkable growth and has become one of the most profitable industries the farmers can engage in. They can sell the product for cash by bringing it to Sanford several times a year. Mr. McMahan tells The Express that the receipts from the sale that was held here on October 28th, amounted to \$851.62. 4913 pounds were put on the market. The sale included 1,185 pounds of turkey. This was the largest lot of turkeys ever sold in Sanford in a single day. The weather during the summer was favorable to raising turkeys. R. A. Greece drew the largest check of the day when he sold 164 pounds of turkeys for \$322.80. 100 farmers and farm women sold poultry at this sale. The next sale will be the annual Pre-Thanking Poultry and Turkey sale and will be held in about two weeks.

In making his report to the Agricultural Department in Raleigh Mr. McMahan recently stated: "I visited several poultry demonstrations this week to help get the records started for another year. I found that R. R. (Please Turn To Page Eight).

SANFORD HAS STRONG LEGION ORGANIZATION

WHEN TOBACCO SOLD HERE FOR \$1 POUND

Scribe Thought Smoking Cigars Made From Such Tobacco Was Like Lighting and Smoking Money.

The Express of November 14th, 1919, carried the following short story about the highest price ever paid for tobacco on the Sanford market:

"Some people are wondering what kind of tobacco sold at \$4.00 per pound in Lee and Moore counties the other week. We are wondering what would a box of cigars made from this tobacco cost. It would be like lighting and smoking bills of money sure enough. One dollar per pound for tobacco is a fancy price. However, it has been a common thing to see piles of tobacco on the floors of the warehouses at this place which sold at one dollar per pound. Planters have sold whole leads of tobacco here at an average of 80 to 90 cents per pound. Some of these planters have more money than they ever dreamed of making from one crop. As has been stated in The Express men bought land in the spring and made enough money from their tobacco crop to pay for it in the fall."

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LEE POST NO. 18 HAS BEEN ACTIVE AS LOCAL FORCE

Local Post of the American Legion Was Formed In October, 1919.

HAS ACCOMPLISHED MUCH Rendered Valiant Service During Coal Glen Mine Disaster In 1925.

On a crisp Autumn evening in 1919 a handful of World War veterans gathered in the old Commercial club room on Moore street. Before this small, but determined group of men had adjourned they had launched an organization that has ever since been potent in this community as a vehicle for the expression of true Americanism.

The organization which on that day ventured forth in swaddling clothes is, and was then, Lee Post No. 18 of the American Legion.

To gain an accurate idea of what led to the organization of the local post of the American Legion it is necessary to go back to the days that followed the signing of the Armistice and to review the thoughts that were then uppermost in the minds of those who had given themselves in defense of their country.

A few months after the close of the war a committee whose officers declared it "represented every State in the Union, every rank in the army and navy and every shade of political belief," issued a call for a caucus in St. Louis, Mo., to effect preliminary organization of the American Legion, to be composed of the American veterans of the World War.

The caucus was signed by Lieut. Col. Theodore Roosevelt, of New York; chairman, Lieut. Col. Bennett Clark, of Missouri, vice chairman; and Lieut. Col. Eric Fisher Wood of Pennsylvania, secretary, together with upwards of 200 committeemen drawn from the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the army, navy and marine corps and representing the 48 States and the District of Columbia.

"The Legion will not interest itself in politics, but will make its influence felt in regard to policies," Lieut. Col. Roosevelt declared, in discussing the embryo organization. It will be strictly non-partisan, he added, its object being to perpetuate comradeship formed during the war, to preserve the history of the conflict and to maintain the principles for which American soldiers and sailors trained, fought and died.

Following the lead of the committee, legion posts were organized throughout the country, state organizations perfected and delegates chosen to take part in the national convention which was first held on November 11, 1919—just one year after the signing of the Armistice.

On September 23, 1919, a meeting of former service men was held at the Commercial Club when it was decided to make application for a charter for a local post of the American Legion. In reporting the meeting the Sanford Express stated:

"About twenty-five veterans were present, a number being kept away by the inclement weather. The Constitution of the North Carolina organization of the American Legion was read and discussed, as were by-laws for a local post of this organization.

"While only fifteen members are necessary to secure a charter for a local post, it is the earnest desire of those interested in the American Legion to enroll every white former service man in Lee county in this post. As the years roll on the memory of the months spent in the service, whether in America or in Europe, will come to mean more and more to the veterans. This organization has for its purpose the preservation of Americanism and the interest of those men who served in the army, navy or marine corps in the Great War.

"A committee decided that the local post should be known as the Lee Post of the American Legion. The charter is expected within the next two weeks.

"Among those present at Thursday night's meeting were: C. P. Cross, Dan B. King, Thos. J. Keith, J. E. Millikin, Sam R. Hoyle, Henry F. Makepeace, Walter E. Temple, G. H. Prosser, Leon O. McNeill, M. H. Hennessee, R. E. Bobbitt, J. H. Worthly, W. P. Bridges, F. B. Brinn, J. M. Edwards, C. E. Teague, Jack Riddle, H. C. Newbold, J. D. Edwards, J. R. Jones, Jr. and A. W. D. Harris."

Thirty-five members having been enrolled, twenty-one of whom were charter members, another meeting for the purpose of the election of officers was held two weeks later. At this meeting the following were elected as officers:

Post Commander, J. F. Millikin; Vice Commander, H. F. Makepeace; Adjutant, S. R. Hoyle; Finance Officer, H. C. Newbold; Historian, G. R. Paschal; Chaplain, W. S. Golden.

Since the organization of the local post the following have served as commanders: 1919, J. F. Millikin; 1920, Dan B. King; 1921, H. F. Makepeace; 1922, John R. Jones, Jr.; 1923, D. B. Riddle; 1924, Walter Powers; 1925, H. F. Makepeace.

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Athletics.
Preliminary practices are being held with both the boys' and girls' basketball. The teams will be chosen at an early date.