

COMMENCEMENT OF HIGH SCHOOL

Closing Exercises at Barkers Were Very Much Enjoyed.

CONTESTS WERE INTERESTING

Medals Were Awarded to Misses Pauline Osborne, Gray M. White, Juliette Loving and Lottie Powers—Music Recitals Were of High Order.

The commencement exercises of Barker's High School, held Thursday and Friday of last week, marked the close of a most successful year's work. The program was one well worthy of the occasion, and the manner in which it was rendered reflected great credit upon both the faculty and student body.

The first, and by no means the least enjoyable event of commencement week, was the piano and elocution recital on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. A number of students participated in the entertainment and a well pleased audience was profuse in compliments to the pupils.

In the contest for the Elocution Medal Friday morning, Miss Pauline Osborne, of Lumberton, was the winner. The other contestants were Misses Pearl Inman, Eva Powers, Ruth Britt, Lottie Powers, Ida Brisson, Phoniae Britt, and Messrs. J. Walter Daniel and Tom Gluyas. The judges in the contest were Rev. A. E. Baker, Prof. J. R. Poole and Mr. Abner Barker, all of Lumberton. The recitations were of a high order and the contest for the medal was quite close between several reciters.

The Rev. A. E. Baker pastor of Lumberton Presbyterian Church, addressed the student body and friends present Friday afternoon. Mr. Baker chose for his subject "The Life That Counts," and he handled in such a manner as to hold the closest attention of his audience. The address was a splendid effort and one of the very best features of the commencement exercises.

At 4 p. m. the Art Reception was held and quite a number of people took occasion to see the fine exhibit made by this department of the school.

The final exercises were held in the auditorium of the school on Friday evening. A large audience was in attendance, and with the exception of a few, whose conduct showed that they were out of their proper element, they gave marked attention to the entire program, every number of which was well rendered. The program was as follows:

1. Instrumental Solo—La Baladine. Pauline Osborne.
2. Recitation—The Bugle Song. Elocution Class.
3. Cantata—A Trip to Europe.
4. Duet—Mendelssohn's Wedding March. Misses Loving and Osborne.
5. Pantomime—Nearer my God to Thee. Elocution Class.
6. Recitation—A Marble Dream. Juliette Loving.
7. Recitation—Medalist.
8. Instrumental Solo—Song of the Troubadour. Juliette Loving.
9. Pantomime—The Lotus Eaters. Misses Osborne, Gluyas and Loving.

Another number not on the program, but which was rendered by special request, was "Long Ago," by little Miss Clyde Brisson. She did splendidly, and her work would have done credit to one of maturer years.

upon both teachers and pupils. Prof. Loving briefly reviewed the year's work and spoke of the regret which he felt at leaving for another field. He and his excellent family have accomplished much during the past eight months and their departure from Barkers will be universally regretted.

DRESDEN COTTON MILLS.

Incorporated With a Capital of \$200,000.

The Dresden Cotton Mills have been incorporated with an authorized capital of two hundred thousand dollars, but the charter provides that it may commence business as soon as thirty-two thousand dollars has been paid in. The incorporators named in the charter and the number of shares subscribed by each is as follows: Caldwell & Carlyle 30, H. B. Jennings 30, A. W. McLean 30, C. B. Townsend 30, Stephen McIntyre 10, J. P. McNeill 10, O. C. Norment 5, K. M. Biggs 10, W. J. Prevatt 10, L. H. Caldwell 30, R. C. Lawrence 10, Q. T. Williams 20, A. E. White 30, S. A. Edmund 30, J. H. Wishart 5.

The par value of each share is one hundred dollars. The charter is very broad and gives the corporation the right to manufacture and sell various products, deal in general merchandise, real estate, etc.

The first meeting of the incorporators is fixed by the charter, at the office of the Lumberton Cotton Mills on Third Street in the town of Lumberton, on May 1st at 11 o'clock.

It is understood that this organization will be formal and that all the subscribers to the stock are expected to be present at that time and the organization will then be perfected on the basis of an actual paid-in capitalization of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, which is the present amount of capital subscribed.

WEDDING AT BENNETTVILLE.

Miss Virginia McCall Becomes Bride of Mr. J. C. McCaskill.

Maxton, April 23rd.—On Wednesday afternoon, at 6:30 o'clock p. m., in the First Baptist Church, Bennettsville, S. C., Rev. Dr. Bunyan McLeod united in marriage Miss Virginia McCall, of Bennettsville, S. C., and Mr. John Chesley McCaskill, Jr., of Maxton, N. C.

This union of two popular and highly esteemed young people, both of prominent families, in the Spring time of their lives as in the Spring time of the year, has been of much interest to people on the borders of both the Carolinas. Extensive preparation had been made and with every feature and detail planned and worked out in good taste and elegant style, the wedding was a model in harmony of design and successful execution. Without going into details, suffice it to say that the members of the bridal party were richly and elegantly attired, the church decorations were magnificent, the music excellent and the ceremony most impressive.

The attendants were, Miss Annie McCall, sister of the bride, maid of honor; Mr. J. Dickson McLean, Maxton, best man; the maids of honor were Misses Cammie McCaskill, Maxton, sister of the groom; Ethel Johnson, Red Springs; Elizabeth Newton, Bennettsville; Anna McQueen, Rowland; Eunice Ford, Elizabethtown; Bessie Rogers, Bennettsville; Groomsman, Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick, M. L. McLean, Dr. J. D. Croom, Jr., Maxton, N. C.; Angus D. McEachin and Hinton James, Laurinburg, N. C.; and Roscoe McMillan, Red Springs, N. C. Miss Ellen Lytch, of Lytch, N. C., rendered the musical programme.

The wedding party gathered in Bennettsville Tuesday evening and were highly entertained that night and Wednesday. Shortly after the ceremony, the bride and groom, amid an encircling shower of rice and other things, took the cars for a honey moon excursion. They will be at home after the 25th inst. in their handsome new home on McCaskill Avenue, Maxton, N. C.

Mr. L. T. Cook, of Maxton, was here Thursday, on professional business.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre spent Friday in Richmond, Va., on professional business.

Mrs. A. H. Ward, who has been visiting Mrs. A. W. McLean, has returned to her home in Norfolk, Va.

PRESIDENT MOORE ADDRESSES GIRLS

Speaks in Auditorium of Southern Presbyterian College.

MUSIC FURNISHED BY THEM

Fire Department Organized at Red Springs—Meeting Held Looking to the Securing of the Railroad from Lumberton Northward—Other News Items.

Red Springs April 23.—President C. C. Moore, of the North Carolina Division of the Southern Cotton Association, spoke here last Thursday night. The use of the college auditorium was tendered the managers of his campaign and accepted. Thus he had the more and better looking hearers. Moreover the young ladies of the college brightened the hour with popular music.

Miss Beatrice McEachern sang sweetly a striking song, the chorus sang America and The Old North State and Miss Basen played Dixie on the violin. Mr. R. W. Livermore, president of the County Association, presided with grace and introduced the speaker. The speech stated historically and fully the claims of the Association to the honor and benefaction of increasing the price of cotton toward its real worth against great combinations as a plea for his loyal and hearty support by not only every Southern farmer, but every body who lives in Dixie. The increase in the price of the raw cotton sold as a finished product was illustrated by an exhibition of cotton sold by the farmer at fifty dollars a bale and bought back by him as cloth at a cost increased according to the grade of cloth from \$125 to \$1,500 a bale. He argued the farmer ought to have more of the profits of these middle handlers. It was a talk along the right line. While in no guise a professional speaker, his mind works readily and he tells clearly what he has to say. The good sense that ever shines in the notable family to which he belongs is apparent. Without any of the tricks of the orator and with little of the graces of the rhetorician he delivers his message in a straight-forward, conversational and winsome way. He is older and wiser than his clothes or his general appearance might suggest. The audience heard him gladly and every body is in sympathy, be it said, with the cause this Mecklenburg farmer represents.

Red Springs has now a fire association and company of picked men to fight the fiend in the future. At a popular meeting last Wednesday the Red Springs Voluntary Fire Department was organized by the election of J. M. Black, President, H. Grantham, Vice President and L. M. Cook Secretary and Treasurer.

L. M. Cook was made first chief, J. D. Callahan assistant chief and engineer. The names of the company should be known. Here it is. Possibly some names may be omitted and others will probably be added:

J. M. Black, Jesse Burns, L. M. Cook, Peter Brown, J. D. Calahan, R. B. Branch, Hector Currie, M. E. Meyer, John Thrown, Mack Brown, Jesse McCallum, Dave McMillan, W. H. McMillan, Dew, H. Grantham, W. E. Garrett, Duncan McNeill, G. H. Hall, Jr., B. F. McMillan, Jr., M. S. Talbot, J. D. Taylor, A. T. McCallum, H. S. Toon, J. A. Brewer, Henry Gaddy, E. J. Humphrey, A. A. Musslewhite, J. A. Campbell, J. A. Huggins.

At the call of the mayor there was a meeting in his office Wednesday night, over which he presided, and Mr. R. B. Branch acted as secretary, which considered the matter of a probable extension of the Rockfish and Aberdeen road from Dundarrach to Lumberton with a view of taking such final steps as would conserve the interests of Red Springs. A committee was appointed to confer with such parties as may be projecting the enterprise and report to a popular meeting to be called later.

Mrs. Harriett McKay, the venerable mother of Messrs. Duncan and John McKay, is visiting her daughter, near Rowland. Though 81 years old she went, as has the contract his been let for the building of the new Presby-

terian church. The erection of the walls will begin the middle of May. This will be good news to many.

The school at Philadelphus is suspended for the week. Rev. G. T. Pace, the principal, is attending Presbytery at Laurel Hill, Miss Annie Harrington is visiting in Rowland and Miss Steed is at home.

been her custom, across the country in a private conveyance. Messrs. "Billie" Williams and Snoddy are visiting in Lynchburg, Va.

Forty-six of our counties are now organized as co-workers in the Southern Cotton Association.

Rev. C. G. Vardell, D. D., attended the meeting of Orange Presbytery at Hillsboro this week.

We were glad to see Mr. Jack Carter, of Maxton, on our streets Thursday.

Mrs. W. H. McKinnon has returned from Southern Pines.

Mrs. Wm. McQueen, of Rowland, spent Thursday night in town.

MAXTON NEWS NOTES.

Maxton, April 21.—Mr. S. R. Townsend, of Red Springs, was in town the first part of the week on business.

Messrs. Roscoe McMillan, Ernest Sikes, G. B. McCallum, Prof. Tucker and Bryan, of Red Springs, spent last Sunday in town.

Mr. W. L. McKinnon of Wadesboro spent Sunday here with his people.

Messrs. M. L. McLean and Lamar McCallum spent last Sunday in the Alfordville section.

Mr. B. F. McLean spent last Monday in Fayetteville on legal business.

Mr. John McArn of Rowland spent Monday in town.

Mr. A. J. McKinnon spent Tuesday in Reaford on business.

Mr. A. T. McLean of Lumberton was here Monday night on his way home from Fayetteville.

Miss Mattie W. McLean spent Tuesday in Lumberton with her brother A. W. McLean.

Messrs. Robert and Plummer Alford, of Sumpter, S. C., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McP. Alford this week.

Mr. Barker, representing The Robesonian, was here in interest of the paper last Tuesday.

Mr. James Eason of Bennettsville was here Tuesday.

President C. C. Moore spoke here Tuesday night to a large and appreciative audience in the town hall.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McCaskill, Misses Claakie McLean, Bessie McNair and Leila Barnes, attended the McCaskill-McCallum nuptials at Bennettsville Wednesday evening.

Mr. E. H. Gibson of Laurinburg was here Wednesday on legal business.

Mr. C. M. Redfearn of Monroe was a visitor here Wednesday.

Miss Mamie McNair, of McColl, S. C., was the guest of Miss Florence Wooten last Wednesday.

Dr. Marsh of Fayetteville was called here Friday to see Dr. H. W. McNatt who continues quite sick at his home on McCaskill avenue.

Miss Mary Edna McCallum of Alfordville spent Friday in town.

Col. N. A. McLean of Lumberton was in town Saturday.

MR. BULLARD DISAPPEARS. His Family Grievously Distressed Over His Actions.

Mr. James Bullard, who has been residing upon the farm of Sheriff McLeod, disappeared from home last Monday, the 16th, and his family has not been heard from him since. His people are very much distressed over the disappearance, and are anxious to know of his whereabouts. Mr. Bullard suffered from derangement of the mind about five years ago, and his friends are of the opinion he is again laboring under such influence. Anyone knowing of his whereabouts will be rewarded by addressing Mr. A. W. Prevatt, Lumberton, N. C.

WORK OF FIRE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Greater Damage Done by This Element Than by Earthquakes.

CITY IS TO BE REBUILT

Many of Best Business Houses and Finest Residences are a Complete Loss—Assistance Given by Cities all Over the United States.

San Francisco, April 19.—San Francisco tonight is the city desolate. It seemed that the acme of its misery was reached at dusk, when flames burst from all sides of the beautiful Hotel Fairmount, the structure that above every other was apparently most strongly entrenched against the attack of all-consuming fire, and surrounding that lofty pinnacle of flame, as far as the eyes could see to the south, to the east and far out to the west lay in cruel, fantastic heaps, charred and smoking, all that remained of a prosperous city. The metropolis of the Pacific coast was in ashes.

All efforts to check the spread of the flames at Van Ness avenue by blowing up a mile of buildings on the East side of Van Ness avenue proved fruitless. The fire has spread across the broad thoroughfare and from present indications the entire western addition, which contains the homes of San Francisco's wealthiest class, is now doomed. The destruction of the western addition of the city completes the work of the ravaging flames and marks the devastation of the entire city.

From the water front, the burn ed city can be seen today in all its smoky nakedness. From the Pacific Mail dock to Vallejo street on the west side, a distance of two miles, wreckage and ruin is the rule. Although the fire did not jump East street, the damage has been enormous. The filled-in land facing the ferry building is a succession of little valleys, some four, others six feet deep. The ferry tower itself is out of plumb, and the big building is much twisted by the earthquake.

Looking up Market street, from the ferry building, the city is a smouldering mass of ruins. Great manufactories, mercantile houses, banks and office buildings are now here to be seen, and only in spots is there so much as a tower, a monument of the burned structure. Today was bright and warm. The sun beat down on the tired workers and rescuers. There is scarcely any water to relieve the thirst of the suffering.

The dead, in many instances, are lying in the streets and the ruins. The authorities are doing all in their power to remove the bodies in order that a pestilence may be prevented. It has been necessary repeatedly to move the injured from places where they had sought refuge, for the fire kept increasing with alarming rapidity. Water is the incessant cry of the firemen, and the people; one wants it to fight, the other to drink, but there is only a scant drinking supply.

The committee of safety, consisting of fifty prominent citizens, met with Mayor Schmitz this morning and organized a finance committee, composed of James N. Phelan, F. W. Hellman, Claus Spreckels, J. Downey Harvey, Thomas McGee, J. L. Flood, Wm. T. Babcock, W. F. Herring, M. F. DeYoung and Robert J. Tobin. Before the meeting had organized, Claus Spreckels gave \$25,000; Rudolph Spreckels, \$10,000; Harry Tevis, \$10,000; Gordon Blanding, \$10,000; Eleanor Martin \$5,000; J. L. Flood, \$5,000, with a promise of more.

An Artistic Game. Where there is a blackboard within reach it is very amusing to make each person, with eyes blindfolded, draw a given subject thereon. For instance, such subjects as horse, donkey, dog, cow, cat, etc., might be given. The results of the unfortunate artists' work are extremely ludicrous, as may be supposed.

Dr. J. C. McKenzie, who is now located at Barnesville, spent Thursday night in town.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

Eggs 12 1/2 cents
Cotton to-day, 11 1/2 cents

Mr. E. S. Wishart, of Wilmington, was here Sunday.

Mr. S. G. Hubbard, of Elrod, was in town Saturday.

Prof. M. Shepherd, of Orrum, was in town Saturday.

Mr. D. W. Sherill, of Buie, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

Mr. J. L. Stephens visited in the Ashpole section Sunday.

Miss Eva Regan, of Tolarsville, is visiting Mrs. D. W. Biggs.

Col. N. A. McLean made a business trip to Maxton Saturday.

Mr. T. W. Tate, of Chadbourne, was here last week on business.

Mr. A. J. Cottingham, of Maxton, was here Saturday on business.

Rev. P. R. Law, D. D., of Red Springs, was a visitor in town Monday.

Mrs. Harlee Townsend has returned from an extended visit to St. Louis.

Col. N. A. McLean spent Saturday in Maxton on professional business.

Mr. J. A. E. Cottingham, of Judson, S. C., was in the city Saturday.

Messrs. S. L. Smith and A. J. Boyle, of Whiteville, were visitors in town Sunday.

Mr. W. J. Matthews, of River-ton, Scotland county, spent last Saturday in town.

Mr. Joseph Thompson, city editor of the Wilmington Star, spent Sunday here with relatives.

Dr. Charles W. Regan, of Laurinburg, spent Sunday here, the guest of his brother, Dr. J. D. Regan.

Mr. Jno. Boylin, one of the Seaboard's telegraph operators in Wilmington visited his parents here Sunday.

There will be a special communication of St. Albans Lodge, No. 114, A. F. and A. M. Tuesday evening. Degree work.

A fine car load of mules and horses was received by Mr. C. M. Fuller yesterday, and they are now on exhibition at his stables.

Misses Della McGougan and Mary McArthur, two popular young ladies of the St. Pauls community, spent last Monday in town.

Mrs. A. A. McMillan, of River-ton, spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Miss Kate, who is a teacher in the Robeson Institute here.

Last—Ladies black walking coat, between house of Henry Purvis and Barnesville. Reward if returned to Dr. Beckwith's residence in Lumberton.

Messrs. H. B. Jennings and A. W. McLean left Friday evening for an extended trip North—their itinerary embracing Richmond, Philadelphia and New York.

Dr. J. M. Rhodes, President of Littleton Female College, was in the City Sunday, returning from the Barnesville section, where he made an address Friday.

Mr. J. W. Bullock, agent of the Raleigh and Charleston, is off for weeks' vacation, and is spending the time in Montgomery county. He is relieved by Mr. D. B. McNeill.

The Philadelphia Underwriters, represented here by Mr. A. E. White, have sent notices to their agents to the effect that they will pay all losses sustained by the recent disaster in San Francisco.

Among those who attended the final exercises at Barkers High School, Friday evening were Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Misses Allen, Messrs. E. J. Britt, J. G. McCormick, Fred Singletary, C. H. Morrow and Dr. D. C. McIntyre.

The survey corps of the Raleigh and Charleston R. R. Co., under Captain William Moncure, who have been working in and around Lumberton for the past week, have gone to Georgia, to make surveys in connection with some railroads which the Williams interests have acquired.

Large forces of hands are leaving for Chadbourne and other points in the strawberry belt to gather strawberries. One crowd left Saturday morning and another left yesterday morning over the Raleigh and Charleston Monday it was necessary to add an extra car to the Raleigh and Charleston train.

MISS ASHLEY AND M. ROUSE WEDDED

Beautiful Wedding Celebrated Wednesday at Ashpole

TO HAVE A COTTON MILL

Much of Capital Stock of Concern is Already Subscribed—President Moore Makes an Address to Cotton Growers, who are Impressed.

Ashpole, Apr. 23.—The marriage of Mr. D. G. Rouse and Miss Eva Ashley which took place in the Baptist church last Wednesday at 9:45 a. m. was the social event of the season.

The church was prettily decorated in green and white and a large crowd was present when the bridal party entered in the following order. First came the ushers, Messrs. P. R. Floyd, Clem B. Thompson, E. T. Sloan and W. B. Brice. Then the groom and best man, Mr. Thomas Tate, of Chadbourne, entered the right aisle and the bride on the arm of her cousin Dr. W. A. McPhaul, on the left, meeting the minister Rev. J. B. Jackson, under a canopy of white and green, where the marriage vows were spoken.

The bride was handsomely attired in a blue chiffon taffeta traveling gown and carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses and carnations.

The happy couple left at once on the train for Wilmington, followed by cheers of love and good will and an abundance of rice old shoes to bring luck. They will visit the former home of Mr. Rouse for some weeks, but will make Ashpole their home.

TO HAVE COTTON MILL. For several weeks quiet work has been going on the interest of a cotton mill for this place, and now we can say with safety, we think, that the project is assured. It will likely be located just east of town. The stock is being taken fast, and the books can be found at the store of the Ashpole Drug Company and all are invited to invest. The company is to be capitalized at \$125,000, or as it is the desire of the promoters to build a mill which will be first-class in every respect.

C. C. Moore, president of the State Cotton Growers' Association, was here Thursday and spoke to a large crowd. He made a fine impression on our people who had been looking forward to his visit for quite awhile. Our farmers will stand up for the organization and do all in their power for it.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Floyd died Tuesday and was buried Wednesday in the Baptist cemetery, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Jackson. The bereaved family have the deepest sympathy of the entire community.

W. P. McAllister, of Lumberton, attended the marriage of his cousin, Miss Eva Ashley, last Wednesday.

J. L. and W. T. Townsend, of McDonalds, were in town Thursday.

LIST OF LETTERS

Remaining in the Lumberton, N. C., postoffice Apr. 24, 1906 if not called for in one week will be sent to the Dead Letter Office, Washington, D. C. Parties calling will please advise.

Miss Willie Ammons, Harriett Bryant, Dr. J. S. Betts, J. M. Bell, W. H. Anderson, Pattie Ann Davis, R. C. Champin, Miss M. J. Gillespie, H. S. Gilliam, Benj. Lilly, D. R. Roper, Miss Lydia Stewart. R. M. Norment P. M.

Agreeably Surprised.

Mr. W. F. Carlisle, of Newbern, who was one of the surveyors for the Carolina Northern, now Raleigh and Charleston railroad, was in the city last week on a visit. It had been some time since he was here and he was agreeably surprised by the progress the town had made. He said that he considers Lumberton the best town of its size in North Carolina.

Mr. R. C. Parvin, of this city, has been awarded the contract to build the new Baptist church at Elizabethtown.