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LUMBERTON, NORTH CAROLINA TUESDAY, MAY 1, 1906.

MASS MEETING TO BE HELD FRIDAY

To Nominate Candidate for Town Officers Next Year

LITTLE INTEREST MANIFEST

Few, if any Avowed Candidates - Not Near so Much Interest in Election as Last Year - Some of Present Officers May be Candidates for Re-election.

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Robesonian* appears a card, signed by the mayor and town clerk, calling a meeting of the citizens of Lumberton to be held in the court house Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The purpose of this meeting is to nominate candidates for the offices of mayor and town commissioners. The election will be held Monday, the 7th.

There is little interest manifested in the approaching convention and election. Compared with the excitement immediately preceding the election a year ago, the interest this year is small. There are few candidates, or, at least, few who admit they are in the race.

Men who were said to be candidates when seen by the writer refused to state that they were candidates for office. It is thought that some of the present town officers will be candidates for re-election. Everyone seems to be waiting for the mass meeting Friday afternoon, when the campaign, to be only two days long, will commence.

CHARLOTTE CELEBRATION.

Big Preparations Being Made for 20th May Event.

Charlotte, April 30. Contract was let today for the erection of a huge grand stand that will be located on the Cramer lot on South Tryon street. In front of this grand stand during the four days of the celebration some of the best features of the big meet will take place. A firemen's tournament which will consist of reel races and steamer contests will be pulled off directly in front of this large structure.

Hon. Champ Clark of Missouri, who will be the chief orator of the occasion has written that he and his wife will arrive in Charlotte on morning of the 23rd. His oration will be delivered in Charlotte's pretty play house, the Academy of Music.

All of the railroads leading into Charlotte have been very considerate in the matter of reduced rates from Washington and he states that both the Southern and the Seaboard have agreed on this rates.

One of the most attractive features of the coming celebration will be the gorgeous floral parade that will take place the second day of the celebration. It is estimated that at least 300 of Charlotte's prettiest vehicles will be in line.

An additional feature will be a parade of business floats to be arranged by the numerous business houses of the city. Many northern firms have asked to be included in the line-up and positions have been granted them.

Orphan Children's Concert.

The Oxford Orphan Asylum Singing Class will begin a concert tour of North Carolina Monday, May 7th, and, until near the first of July, will travel mostly in the eastern section of our State. The second, or western, tour will begin about the last of July and will continue until the middle of September. The class is composed of ten girls, four boys, the teacher and a gentleman in charge.

ROBESON COUNTY WEDDINGS.

List of Marriage Licenses Issued Within Two Months.

Among the marriage licenses issued in Robeson county during March and April were the following:

White.—W. B. Stubbs and Cattie Holcomb, O. C. Spaulding and Claudia Townsend, Jesse W. Brown, Jr. and Sallie M. Smith, Lillie Williamson and H. P. Wilkins, R. G. McCormack and Jackie A. Williams, J. G. Ray and Jennie Thagard, Charles Kinlaw and Minnie Smith, J. R. Nance and Rosa Pitman, T. Pitman and Minnie Cox, Manly McLean and Ida May McRae, M. B. McRae and Lanie McLean, J. S. Branch and Nona Smith, Angus Evans and Adelia E. Tyson, John G. Little and Mary C. McNair, Ben. Freeman and Mary Pitman, J. B. Clark and Elizabeth A. Holder, J. C. Parham and Eliza Henley, David G. Rouse and Eva Ashley, H. B. Underwood and Georgia May Cobb, J. G. Ivey and Sallie Stone, Luther Williams and Golda Shooter, Shelton West and Della Willoughby, Frank Pitman and Ophelia Willoughby, H. B. Gibson and Ila May Humphrey.

Negroes.—Wm. T. McNeill and Adeline Clark, Ed Nicholson and Daisy Means, Owen Howell and Dollie Rozier, Doyle Cameron and Berta McMillan, D. W. Ray and Sarah McKinnon, N. E. Merriek and Lula Leach, Jerry Campbell and Susan Calman, Duncan McPhatter and Julia Ann McCall, J. M. McMillan and Sallie M. Thompson, Oscar Taylor and Lizzie Stephens, Ducksy Lennon and Estella Ellis, Gus Clark and Leslie Brown, M. H. Blunt and Camie Johnson, Richard Rozier and Ellen Davis, Thomas Graham and Ora Humphrey, Willie McNair and Lizzie McKee, G. E. Leach and Sarah McNair, Arthur Sinclair and Mary Humphrey, June Baker and Plummer Taylor, Arthur McArthur and Laura Mullins, Peter Johnson and Francis Harrington, Henry Bullock and Maggie Tooner, Ed Platt and Lon Matson, Sam Carter and Lane Edmonds, Morris McMillan and Eliza E. Hester.

Croats.—James Oxendine and Mary Graham, J. B. Rozier and Fanie Hagins, Daniel Dees and Lillie Jane Oxendine.

"WHO KNOWS THEM?"

Young Matrons Test Their Knowledge of North Carolina Counties.

Mrs. R. E. L. Correll was the charming hostess of the Young Matrons' Club at the last meeting, on Thursday afternoon. The feature of the afternoon was a contest, "Who Knows Them? The Counties of North Carolina." Mrs. F. J. Thomas won the prize for the largest number of correct answers.

Forty-two sentences, suggesting the names of as many counties, were neatly typewritten in a booklet and one given to each guest. In addition to serving their purpose in the contest, they made nice souvenirs of the occasion.

An elegant luncheon was served by Mrs. Correll and other forms of entertainment made the meeting by far the most interesting held in a long while. The Club will next meet with Mrs. J. R. Poole.

Death of a Child.

Earle Malloy, the six-months-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Carson Barker, died at their home in Lumberton Thursday morning at 5 o'clock. The funeral was held from the residence Friday afternoon, the Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist Church, conducting the service. The interment was in the cemetery east of the city.

Mrs. M. G. McKenzie, of Maxton, is spending a few days in the city with her husband, County Treasurer M. G. McKenzie. They are staying at Mrs. M. G. Redmond's.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

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

Mr. S. A. Edmund spent Monday at Kingsdale.

Mr. D. H. Brown, of Cromartie, was in town Friday.

Mrs. A. Nash visited relatives in Hamlet last week.

Mr. J. McR. Bracy, of Rowland, was in the city Sunday.

Mr. Stephen McIntyre spent Saturday in Laurinburg.

Mr. W. A. Smith, of Cromartie, was in town Saturday.

Mr. R. T. Gaitley, of Affordsville, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Conderly Arnett, of the Kingsdale community died last Friday.

Mr. J. G. McCormick spent Sunday with relatives and friends in Maxton.

Mr. R. A. Womack, of Winston-Salem, was here last week on a business trip.

Mr. C. D. Smith, of Rowland, gave *The Robesonian* a pleasant call Friday.

Mr. Geo. H. Howell, of Wilmington, spent Friday night in Lumberton.

Mr. S. B. McLean, of Maxton, spent Saturday in Lumberton on professional business.

Miss Annie Neill McLean returned Sunday morning from a visit to Richmond and Baltimore.

Messrs. J. L. Townsend, of McDonalds, and Charles Rankin, of Raynham, were in Lumberton Saturday.

There will be a regular communication of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 114, A. F. and A. M., Tuesday night. A large attendance is urged.

Mr. Thomas F. Bright will leave in a few days for a trip through Randolph and Davidson counties. He will go to Tennessee before returning.

Every Pythian is urged to be present at the meeting this (Monday) night. An interesting program has been prepared. There will be degree work.

Messrs. A. W. McLean and H. B. Jennings returned Sunday morning from a business trip of several days to Philadelphia and other Northern cities.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Shaw have moved in the residence, corner of Eighth and Water Streets, recently occupied by Rev. A. E. Baker. Mr. Shaw has bought this residence from Col. N. A. McLean.

Rev. A. E. Baker and family have moved into the handsome new manse just completed by the Presbyterian church, of which Mr. Baker is pastor. The manse is quite an addition to the pretty residences of the town.

The Robesonian is requested to state that there will be a meeting of the Robeson Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy at the home of Mrs. J. A. McAllister Tuesday afternoon at 3-30 o'clock. A large attendance is desired, as at this meeting steps will be taken to further assist the local Camp of Confederate Veterans in the arrangement for memorial day exercises.

Trinity College Catalogue.

The Annual Catalog of Trinity College for the year 1905-1906 has just come from the press. It makes a volume of 162 pages, well executed from the College. The fifteen departments of the College proper now offer 115 full year courses.

The professors, instructors and administrative office of Trinity College are thirty-three in number, and the Trinity Park School employs seven masters, making a total of forty. They are enrolled in Trinity College 227 students and in the Trinity Park School 193, making the total number of students on the Trinity campus 477.

Cotton growers Meeting.

The County Cotton Growers Association will meet at Red Springs on the first Wednesday in May. This meeting is to be a very important one and it is sincerely hoped that there will be a large representation present from each township in the county. The work of the Association must be carried forward with unabated zeal if the purpose of the Association is to be accomplished.

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THE ROBESONIAN,
Lumberton, N. C.

PRESIDENT MOORE WRITES THE COTTON GROWERS

EDITOR ROBESONIAN:

A few weeks ago I traveled many miles in your county and drove by you and I thought of you—you are on my mind, I cannot stop thinking of you and I feel that I must write a letter to you and I do hope my letter will make you and your children think.

Madam, you live in a big county, the largest in the State but I notice that land is scarce, so scarce that your loving husband cannot give you a green lawn around your home, can't let you have land for flowers, your kitchen garden is not large enough to furnish your table with vegetables, you have no fowls because the good man you cook for, wash for, mend clothes for, the man you love, is so scarce of land he can not give you an acre and fence it for your poultry yard, you are not waded to a "hay seed," I am sure you are not because I watched closely to see if there was hay on the farms I passed, I did not see the hay.

What sort of a man do you love any way. A no corn man? I saw corn in but two cribs. A no hog man? I did not see twenty-five hogs in the three days drive.

A no cow man? Madam you need cream and milk every day, you want it to drink and for the coffee, for cakes, custards and other good things you can cook for your loving devoted husband. There are very few cows in Robeson county.

Miss Farmer you should demand your rights, yes "Women rights."

You should tell your good man that he cannot plant cotton right up to your door, tell him in the first place he should plant less cotton and more good crops and that the five acres around the house must be used for the green lawn, flower garden, kitchen garden, poultry yard, plots to make cow feed and for two or more good cows.

My dear madam you are not enjoying your life, you are a slave to cotton, can you not realize this?

When the good man comes in to dinner I wish you to talk to him, show him the error of his way, ask him to repent, turn from the evil ways of the past forty years and be a better husband.

That cotton planted on the five acres near the house must be ploughed up today, order out the teams after dinner and you boss the job. Have this five acres put in good shape for your own use and so long as you live do not permit cotton to be planted on the five acres again.

Madam, there is a man who wants to buy your husband's 1906 crop of cotton, that man is your enemy, he will rob you of comforts you might have. If your husband sells his cotton for future delivery he is helping to make cotton sell next fall for 7 or 8 cents per pound. Ask your husband to stop and think. Tell him he cannot make cotton to

sell for less than 12 to 15 cents and give you any comfort.

Once we get the women to see that we are slaves to the English spinner we will be safe. Robeson county is so scarce of land there is no room for barns, there is no land to grow corn on or to sow peas on and the roads are so narrow it is impossible for two vehicles to pass.

Mr. Farmer you are living in cramped quarters and all for the benefit of the man who charges you from \$1.50 to \$24—per 200 pounds of cotton goods you buy.

I am not in the habit of asking another man's wife to write to me, but if you will send me your name I will try to furnish you literature that will tell you something about the Southern Cotton Association and what this Association is trying to do for you and your children. With great respect.

C. C. MOORE, Pres.
N. C. Div. S. C. A.

STINCEON INSTITUTE.

Fourth Annual Commencement Exercises, May 4-5.

The Robesonian is indebted to Prof. M. Shepard, principal of Stinceon Institute, for the following invitation:

"The faculty and students of Stinceon Institute, Orrum, N. C., request the pleasure of your presence at their Fourth Commencement Exercises, May Third and Fourth, nineteen hundred and six." The program follows:

Thursday, May 3rd, 7:30 o'clock, p. m.—Annual Concert.

Friday, May 4th, 10:30 o'clock, a. m.—Literary Address, by Editor John A. Oates, of Fayetteville.

Friday, May 4th, 2:00 o'clock p. m.—medal contest and awarding of medals.

Marshals—Rufus Proctor, Jordanville, S. C.; B. G. Walters, Orrum, N. C.; J. A. Nye, Orrum, N. C.; Guttino Bostick, Brittons Neck, S. C.

ELROD NEWS ITEMS.

Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Bridgers moved to Chadbourn last week. They expect to make that their home for a few months, at least. We are sorry to lose them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Steed and son, of Pates, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John McRae.

Mr. W. F. Bullock and children, of Affordsville, were here Tuesday.

Mr. Chas. Stubbs, of Fort Myers, Fla., is visiting his parents near here.

Mr. D. D. McCall, of Raleigh, spent part of this week with his mother.

Mrs. R. H. Poole is visiting relatives at Maxton this week.

Mrs. G. L. Norment, of Columbus county, is visiting her sister, Mrs. John Bridgers.

Messrs. Ernest and Carl McLean, of Ashpole, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. R. W. Bullard.

Misses Susie Holcomb and Juliet Bullard went to Raynham one day last week.

Mr. Chas. Paul, of Florence, S. C., spent part of this week with relatives near here.

code seems center. the dull plans for n. ones for their result a cotton an assured fu While the doctor v. scriptions, the m sight to me was who looking young farmer ward and subscribed hundred dollars for stor. the farmers make the cotton manufacture it, they will then too busy looking after profits I know or care much about Wall

street. If every farmer near Ashpole with a few hundred dollars surplus to invest, knew how easy it is for a well managed factory to make money they would not hesitate to invest in it. The farmer who owns factory stock receives a profit from his raw cotton at eleven cents, and in addition a larger profit from the manufactured cotton, or if the raw cotton drops below ten cents, his factory stock gathers up the loss and returns it as a dividend. Besides, the factory buys the farmer's wood, vegetables, poultry &c. No class of men have so many ways of being benefited by a factory as have the farmers.

Sheriff Pitman called my attention to the great quantity of baled hay being sold from Ashpole this year, to the cotton sections. Marietta's record in this line is also broken. Mr. D. H. Nance has an oat patch of a few acres, that illustrates the easy and simple solution of the gain and forage supply for stock.

I recently dined with a gentleman of wealth and intelligence, whose little daughter or twelve summers presided at the table, the mother being absent. Her grace and care in the presence of a stranger showed that she had been carefully trained in domestic affairs. This elicited comment to which the father replied in substance, that they as parents, believe that domestic training is not less important than that of the schools. Such homes will send out women and not butterflies.

H. L. E.

NOTES FROM BARKERS.

Barkers, April 30. Quiet reigns at Barkers High School. Teachers and pupils have scattered and gone to their respective homes, carrying with them delightful recollections of their busy and happy life in the dormitory for eight months.

Miss Sadie E. Lambert will spend the summer at her home in Virginia. She is considering several propositions for work next session in her chosen line—music and elocution.

Miss Minnie Daniel will have charge of the School of Art at Southside Female Institute at Chase City, Va., the school that Prof. Loving will conduct next session. She will spend the summer at her home in Davidson county, N. C.

Miss Mary V. Whitley is visiting friends in Robeson county for a few days before returning to her home near Charlotte, N. C. She has not decided as to a position for next session. The services of one so competent, refined and popular will be in demand.

Mr. A. O. Osborne and family, who have constituted a charming addition to the dormitory circle, will take up their residence in Lumberton in a short time.

Prof. Loving and family will go to their new home at Chase City, Va., about the 25th of May, where he will begin at once his work as principal of Southside Female Institute.

Commencement at A. & M.

The Robesonian acknowledges receipt of the following invitation: "The Graduating Class of the North Carolina College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts requests the honour of your presence at their Fourteenth Annual Commencement, May 27th to 30th, nineteen hundred and six, Raleigh, North Carolina."

invitations were lately received by the young people of Maxton and vicinity, viz: "On Friday evening at the hour of eight, The latch string will hang out of our front gate, of course the guests of honor will be our cousins, young Mr. and Mrs. McC. 8 1/2 o'clock. Miss Clarkie McLean."

The entertainment, as indicated in the cards, was given in honor of Mr. John Chesley McCaskill Jr. and bride, nee Miss Virginia McCall, of Bennettsville, S. C., who have just returned from their wedding tour. The other young ladies and gentlemen present were Miss Bessie McNair with Dr. J. D. Croom, Jr., Miss Lola Barnes with Mr. J. Dickson McLean, Miss Be Weatherly and Mr. Leon Cook, Miss Florence Wooten and Mr. S. B. McLean, Miss Lucy Cobb with Mr. A. M. McNair, Miss Mabel Wooten with Mr. M. P. McLean, Mrs. R. D. Croom, Mr. R. D. Croom, Miss Mayne Currie with Mr. L. W. McKinnon, Miss Cammie McCaskill with Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick, Miss Sadie McKinnon with Dr. D. C. McIvor, Miss Olivia Russell with Mr. Arvin McEachin, Stags: Roscoe McMillan, M. L. McLean, F. L. Black, Neill Alford, George McKay, Smith Purcell.

Among those who assisted in receiving were Misses Allie and Edna Purcell, Miss Lucy Cobb, Miss Blanche Fore and Miss Mabel Wooten.

"The Big Four Orchestra" from Maxton was present and at various times during the evening rendered a number of beautiful selections. They never played better and the whole company was delighted with the musical treat afforded. About 10 o'clock an elegant repast was served in the artistically decorated dining room. The occasion was one of the most enjoyable ever.

Mrs. A. B. Croom returned home Wednesday night from Rockingham where she attended the marriage of Miss Lucy Cobb to Rev. Plato Durham.

At a meeting of the Graded School Board held a few nights ago the old corps of teachers were re-elected as follows: A. S. Webb Principal, Misses Maggie Patterson, Lucy Cobb and Katie Thompson, Assistants, and Miss Bee Weatherly Music Teacher. Miss Sallie McLean was added to the force on account of the increased patronage, which this year is almost 25 per cent. larger than last and already the prospects seem brighter still for the next year.

Mr. R. W. Livermore, of Red Springs, was in town Thursday night.

Mr. J. P. Wiggins left Friday morning for Wilmington on business.

Death of Miss Anderson.

Major Anderson received a message Friday informing him of the death of his sister, Miss Francis J. Anderson, in Evansport, Indiana, after a brief illness. The Major and his sister were the only living members of the family. Major Anderson was born in Indiana, but in his service as printer he has travelled far and wide. He is now in ill health.