

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES ARE LARGELY ATTENDED

Close of Successful Year's Work at Robeson Institute—Prof. Carlyle to Make Address.

The commencement of Robeson Institute is in progress this week, and all of the exercises are attended by large audiences. The first event of the week was the exercises by the several departments Tuesday evening, and Wednesday evening the contest in elocution and entertainment by members of Miss Winborn's class in expression took place.

The first part of the exercises Tuesday evening was by the primary department. The opera house was well filled with people and all greatly enjoyed the exercises. The first number was "A Funny Little Fellow with a High, High Hat," a song from comic opera, by six little girls, and it made a decided hit. Master Rexford Stephens recited Burns' poem, "For a' That and a' That," which was followed by a song, "Mother is my Sweetheart," sung by seven boys.

The last number of the primary program was "Mother Goose Reception and Drill" by the children of the section. This proved one of the very best features of the evening. The bright and catchy verses were sweetly sung by the children. The costumes were gorgeous and of variegated colors, making a pleasing effect in the ensemble, and in the marches and counter marches.

The second part of the evening's program was by the intermediate and high school students. The first number was a duet, "Mardi Gras Quadrille," by Misses Ruth Whaley and Lillie Barker. This was followed by a chorus of girls, who sang "When Life is Brightest," with splendid effect. Mr. J. Elmer Kinlaw recited "The Unknown Speaker," a touching declamation, which he delivered with feeling and grace.

"The Dolls' Lullaby," by five girls was very much enjoyed. Some of the dolls' heads reminded one of an Indian massacre, as their scalps were missing, but that detracted nothing from the song. But it remained for "The Spirit of the Banjo," a male quintette, to bring down the house. This song was sung by Messrs. M. White, D. T. Townsend, J. E. Kinlaw, R. G. Barrett and W. K. Bethune. The same young men sang later in the evening "Lindy—A Love Song," with no less effect.

Miss Louise Turnley recited very beautifully "The Volunteer Organist," and Misses Dovie and Edna Prevatt played "Witches' Flight, Galop Caprice," from Russell. One of the best features of the program was "Surry's Dream," a declamation by Mr. W. K. Bethune. This was followed by music, "Waves of the Ocean," from Hannon, a duet by Misses Annie Ruth Caldwell and Louise Turnley.

A number of students were participants in "The Magic Mirror," in which three scenes were presented. Mr. W. K. Bethune, as the man in search of a wife, had the most prominent part. "Good-night," sung by the chorus, brought to a close a most enjoyable evening's entertainment.

MISS CALDWELL GETS MEDAL. The program Wednesday evening was presented by members of the expression school taught by Miss Elberta Winborne. Before the contestants for the medal spoke, there were two readings, "Absolution," by Miss Edna Prevatt, and "Buyin' a Feller," by Miss Dovie Prevatt. Both of these readings were very greatly enjoyed.

There were five contestants in

the contest for the gold medal, offered to the one who made the most graceful appearance and recited with the greatest ease. The judges were Mrs. J. R. Poole, Col. N. A. McLean and Mr. Charles A. Hines. When the contestants had spoken, the committee retired and awarded to Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell the medal. Miss Janie Carlyle was a close second in the contest for the medal. The readers and their selections were: Little Johnnie at the Dime Museum, Janie Carlyle. Aunt Sylvia's First Geography Lesson, Lillian Proctor. My Lost Dog, Lina Gough. Naughty Zell, Annie Ruth Caldwell. Higher Culture in Dixie, Irene McLeod.

The second part of the program was a drill, entitled, "A Gypsy Encampment and Festival." There were in this a number of of catchy songs and short recitations. The Gypsy girls wore fancy costumes and the marches and drills were pleasing features of evening's entertainment. The queen was Miss Dovie Prevatt; the chief, Mr. R. G. Barrett; the fortune-teller, Miss Edna Prevatt; and the Gypsy girls, Misses Irene McLeod, Annie Ruth Caldwell, Lina Gough, Louise Townsend, Lillian Proctor and Ruth Whaley.

At the conclusion of the program, Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, announced the decision of the judges in the medal contest, and presented, in a short speech, the medal to little Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell.

PROF. CARLYLE TO SPEAK. The last event of the commencement exercises of Robeson Institute this week will be the address of Prof. John B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, Friday night. Prof. Carlyle is well known in Robeson county and is expected that his address will be one of more than ordinary interest. This will bring to a close a successful year's work. Prof. Vann will on Friday evening make announcements for the coming year.

OXFORD ORPHAN CONCERT.

Children From Home to Give Concert Tonight.

The singing class from the Oxford Orphan Asylum will be at the opera house this (Thursday) evening at 8 o'clock and give their entertaining concert. Those who have heard the Orphans in former years will need no one to tell them that they will miss a treat by not going. The class is a well-trained one and is composed of children cared for in the orphans' home, supported at Oxford by the Masons of North Carolina. The money realized from the sale of tickets goes to meeting the expenses of the home. We sincerely trust that a large number of Lumberton people will attend.

PHILADELPHUS HIGH SCHOOL.

Commencement Exercises Held at School This Week.

The commencement exercises of Philadelphia High School were held this week. Sunday the Rev. R. W. Jopling preached the annual sermon to a large congregation. Monday and Tuesday nights the concerts by the primary and high school students respectively were given. Large audiences attended and greatly enjoyed the pleasures of the entertainments.

Wednesday was commencement day. The principal feature of the day was the address of Prof. Z. V. Judd, superintendent of schools of Wake county. The address was a most interesting one. Dr. C. G. Vardell made a short address. Dinner was served on the grounds to the large crowd present.

Monday, the 21st, being a legal holiday, all the banks of the city will be closed.

BODY OF JOHN BOWDEN FOUND IN LUMBER RIVER.

Man Who Disappeared Last August—Supposed to Have Been Killed at Night.

Maxton, May 16.—The body of a white man, supposed to be that of the young John Bowden who disappeared August 25, 1906, was found in Lumber River yesterday afternoon by two negro fishermen. Coroner Rancke arrived on the early train Wednesday morning and proceeded to hold an inquest over the body.

The result of the inquest held by Coroner Rancke Wednesday was the verdict of the jury that the deceased came to his death by some means unknown to them. The body of the man was very badly decomposed. One arm was off at the shoulder and the other hand was off at the wrist. The body showed a number of bruises and gashes, which leads to the conclusion that he was killed by stabs and, then, with a weight tied to his hands, thrown in the stream.

Bowden disappeared on the night of August 25, 1905. He was last seen near Floral College on the Atlantic Coast Line railway and was then under the influence of whiskey. Search was made for him, the county offered a reward, but no clue was found until Tuesday evening, when two negroes fishing in the stream found the body lodged against some logs.

Mr. D. W. Townsend, one of Maxtons enterprising merchants, is making a speciality of clocks. He bought a car load of large clocks commonly called Regulators, which he sells at \$7.50 on the installment plan. His agents sell from one half dozen to a dozen and half per day and every morning a large wagon load is sent out for delivery.

The North Carolina Military Academy baseball team passed through here Wednesday morning on their way to Fort Caswell, where they go to play two games with the Soldiers.

The handsome new residence of Mr. J. C. McCaskill, Jr., is now completed and they have already moved in and commenced house-keeping.

There was a game of base ball here Tuesday between the boys of Maxton and Red Springs. The score was 12 to 5 in favor of Maxton.

Miss Georgia Biggs, of Selma, Ala., was her yesterday for a few hours on her way to Red Springs where she goes for a visit.

Miss Katie McLean, of Laurinburg, is spending the week here with friends and relatives.

Mr. W. F. Steed, of Pates, was here on business Monday.

Mr. J. P. Wiggins left Tuesday for Wilmington on business.

FOR GOVERNOR.

Friends of Judge McNeill Want Him to Enter Race.

Some of the friends of Judge McNeill are urging him to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for governor two years from now. They say that the Judge, should he decide to be in the race, would be a strong candidate and could easily secure the nomination. There are few men in the State so well and favorably known as he, and he would receive a hearty support from all sections, and especially from Eastern North Carolina. Judge McNeill says he is not a candidate. Having declined to be a candidate for judge, he desires to retire to private life.

Messrs. J. G. McCormick, S. McIntyre and R. E. Lee were in Wilmington Tuesday and Wednesday attending the hearing in the matter of the Builders Lumber Co., bankrupt.

DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED

Charming Social Event at Maple Shade Inn, Maxton.

Maxton May 16th.—At the Maple Shade Inn on Friday evening, May the 11th., a porch party was given in honor of Miss Lucy Cobb, and Mr. and Mrs. John Chesley McCaskill, Jr., who have recently returned from their bridal tour. This was an unusually delightful social affair and will be remembered by the guests with peculiar pleasure. The spacious and cool verandas and parlor were especially arranged and lighted and decorated for the occasion and afforded luxurious seats, hammock and means of being comfortable. The hours were from 8:30 until 11:30, and at 10 o'clock a delicate repast was served which contributed to the enjoyment of the evening. Those present were Misses Margaret Baldwin, Elizabeth McNair, Katie Thompson, Leila Barnes, Lucy Cobb, Cammie McCaskill, Annie Hill, Sadie McKinnon, Gertrude Gibson, Mabel Wooten, Jimmie Croon, Sarah McLean, Margaret McKinnon, Bessie McKay, Messrs. M. W. Cole, A. M. McNair, M. L. McLean, Lamar McCallum, J. G. Baldwin, E. L. Wooten, F. L. Black, J. D. Croon Jr., J. D. McLean, Herbert Ramsour, Jim Walsh, J. M. McKinnon, L. T. Cook, Dr. D. C. Melver, G. B. McCallum, E. Weatherly J. B. Weatherly Jr., Joe Adams, D. R. Barnes, Mr. & Mrs. McKay McKinnon, Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Womack, Mr. & Mrs. J. C. McCaskill, Jr.

Rev. L. A. McLaurin has asked his churches, Raeford, Bethel and Montpelier, to concur with him in a request to Fayetteville Presbytery to convene at Aberdeen, June 5, 1906, to dissolve the pastoral relations that exist between him and them. His decision is reached after careful consideration. We are sorry to hear it. He has been a successful worker and will be greatly missed in the Presbytery.

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RECITAL GREATLY ENJOYED

Miss Lessie Norma Lindsey, of Greensboro, Graduates.

Red Springs, N. C., May 17.—The year is closing at the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music at Red Springs. As the end approaches music lovers are delighted. Graduates' recitals usually precede it and are annually sources of great enjoyment not only to the community, but to increasing numbers from a distance.

The auditorium Monday evening was a scene of beauty. A splendid audience came from many points to hear the first graduate recital of the series. It was by Miss Lessie Norma Lindsey, of Greensboro, assisted by Miss Johnnie Evans Bason, violinist. It was a carefully wrought program. The numbers chosen showed strong faith in the pupil by her cultured teacher. Nothing but a full knowledge of her nice training and ripe culture could have warranted such a venture. There was no disappointment.

Miss Bason played two numbers with rare grace and technical finish that added to her credit as an accomplished violinist. Mrs. C. G. Vardell, the gifted director, whose touch is always so musical and fascinating, played the accompaniment.

After one more graduate recital the commencement exercises will open. The baccalaureate sermon will be heard next Sunday. The final day is Wednesday, when Hon. G. B. Patterson will deliver the literary address, the diplomas will be awarded and the valedictory spoken. A great crowd will throng the halls and grounds of the institution as usual.

Meeting of Commissioners.

This first meeting of the newly-elected board of Town Commissioners was to have been held Tuesday night, but was postponed until Thursday afternoon, when it is expected the Town Clerk, Chief of Police and other town officers will be elected. It is said that Ex-Sheriff Floyd will probably be selected as Chief of Police to succeed Mr. Spivey, who says he is not a candidate. Mr. C. B. Skipper has been mentioned for the office of City Clerk.

REV. MR. McLaurin ASKS CONGREGATIONS TO MEET

Will Offer Resignation as Pastor—Lecturer Decides not to Speak—Other News.

Red Springs, May 17.—F. A. Holtzhausen, a minister, once also an educator, now a lecturer, with many fine testimonials, appeared here the past week with a view to the delivery of his lecture, but finding so many nights taken up with appointments he left, expecting to return when the field would be more open for an engagement. His theme is Martin Luther, "The Monk that Shook the World." He charges no admission fee, but contends himself with a "silver collection."

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The closing exercises of the High School at Philadelphus have been attended by fine crowds and very greatly enjoyed. The town folk have gone out in large numbers and reported a good time. This is a good school and is doing great good in the community.

Col. A. T. McCallum spent last Sunday in Laurinburg. The stay in the town is all that could be wished: Returning Monday his train was too late in reaching Maxton. Being late often brings trouble.

Capt. W. F. Williams, who has returned from a visit to his old Virginia home, tells of a man up there who, in his 92nd year, readily lays his hand on a fence five feet high and bounds over like a boy.

The registration of new students for the next year at the college was never so great at this time in any preceding year.

Maj. E. Tully, one of the most gallant of Confederate braves is in town, the guest of Mr. James Williams.

SPECIAL MASTER'S HEARING.

In the Matter of the Builders Lumber Co., Bankrupt.

Before Special Master Geo. H. Howell, in the United States court room in Wilmington Tuesday and Wednesday, was held a hearing in the matter of the Builders Lumber Company, bankrupt, of Marietta. The special master has not yet rendered his decision. The question is the priority of various claims against the Company, but notably the United Lumber Company, of Springfield, Mass., Carolina Northern Railroad, the American Wood Working Machinery Company, of New York, W. H. Saunders, R. H. Lynn and R. N. Harper, of Washington, mortgagees.

Among the attorneys interested in the case are Meares & Ruark, of Wilmington, and R. E. Lee, of Lumberton, for the United Lumber Company and other petitioning creditors; M. C. Woods, of Marion, S. C., for the Carolina Northern; Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy, of Wilmington, and J. G. McCormick, of Lumberton, for the mortgagees, and Stephen McIntyre, of Lumberton, for the bankrupt.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Number of Road Matters Considered at Meeting Monday.

The Board of County Commissioners met Monday, as per adjournment, and the following members were present: J. W. Carter, chairman; A. R. McEachern, J. A. Hodgkin and C. A. Oliver.

It was ordered that the petition for road in Lumber Bridge township be referred to W. G. Allen, superintendent, for investigation.

The bill for work on Big Swamp bridge was ordered paid as follows: W. H. Bullard \$11.00, Joe Edwards \$4.80, L. M. Roach \$5.98, Joe Bryant \$5.00, D. W. Means \$4.50, James Locklear \$9.27, J. P. Means \$15.

Petition for road from McDonalds to Rowland was referred to Superintendent Allen.

It was ordered that the petition signed by A. D. McLean, R. L. King and others, for road in Alfordville township from ford of Wilkinson Swamp to Alex. McLean's to intersection of Brown's bridge, road at D. A. McGirts, on east side of Watering Hole Swamp, be granted and Superintendent Allen was instructed to lay out and open said road.

It was also ordered that petition signed by J. S. Oliver and others for road in White House township be granted.

D. W. Biggs was allowed \$19.40 for the capture of Neill Brown. N. M. Allen was allowed \$6.90 for lumber for Big Swamp.

The petition signed by J. W. Ashley and others for road from Lumberton and White House road to Orrum and Wire Grass roads was granted.

The report of W. G. Allen, superintendent of roads was received and ordered filed.

It was ordered that the bill of W. G. Allen, superintendent of roads, \$141.67, salary for April, 1906 be paid.

Thereports of the several supervisors of roads in townships were received and ordered filed.

Henry Edwards was allowed a rebate of \$2.64, poll tax, in Thompson's township.

A. D. McKenzie was allowed a rebate of \$20.63, over valuation of land in Thompsons township.

The bill of D. B. McKee, \$18.15, lumber for Big Swamp bridge, was allowed.

W. D. Neves was allowed \$12.75 for surveying roads in Britts and House townships.

Bill Jackson was allowed \$55.00 on account of cutting ditch on line between Burnt Swamp and Smith's townships, each of said townships to pay \$12.50.

It was ordered that the board borrow \$200 from the Bank of Maxton to be used for work on roads in Alfordville township, the note to be due Dec. 10, 1906, and to be paid by Alfordville township road fund.

The bill of Sellers and Co., \$32.34, for lumber for bridges, was allowed, to be paid by Maxton road fund. Among other bills ordered paid were: Robesonian, \$1.00, for advertising, J. W. Carter, \$2.88 for tiling, T. B. Upchurch and Bros., \$181.30, wire for stock law fence.

It was ordered that Major Anderson be admitted to the County Home.

Baseball at Red Springs.

The North Carolina Military Academy and Fort Caswell will play three games of baseball on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, May 21, 22 and 23, at the Academy Park, Red Springs. The games will be called at 3:30 o'clock. The Academy team will be strengthened by the addition of three or four of the best players in this section of the country.

Mr. Lotte W. Humphrey, an attorney of Charlotte, was in Lumberton Tuesday, returning from B. rnesville, where he had been on legal business.

RE-APPEARS AFTER A

FOUR WEEKS ABSENCE

Mr. James Bullard Comes to Home of His Father—Been in Woods for Month.

After an absence of more than five weeks, Mr. James Bullard appeared at the home of his father, several miles from town, Wednesday night. Readers of The Robesonian will remember that a few days after the fire on Sheriff McLeod's farm, Mr. Bullard, who occupied the place, mysteriously disappeared. Search was made and a reward offered for information as to his whereabouts, but nothing was heard of him until Wednesday night.

He, it seems, having lost his mind, had been wandering in the woods, living on whatever he could find. His family has been greatly distressed over his disappearance, fearing he had committed suicide. He is now in poor health, and his mind seems to be affected. A physician is attending him.

GOT IN FRONT OF GUN

Barber at Ashpole Shot in Shoulder—Other News.

Ashpole, May 16.—Norman McLean, Ashpole's only barber, had the misfortune to get in the way of the other man's pistol last Sunday and was badly hurt in hip and shoulder. He is very popular and all hope for his speedy recovery.

A fishing party to Princess Anne last Monday had a delightful time and plenty of fish for dinner. They were Messrs. F. C. and A. L. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McLean, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Carter, Mr. and Mrs. F. Reeves and Mr. J. E. Thompson and daughter.

We wish to call the attention of our people to the large and attractive advertisement of J. D. McLean & Co. All Ashpole merchants should follow their example and advertise in The Robesonian.

The Ashpole Drug Co. began the ice-business last week with 10,000 lbs. This is a needed convenience and we hope will prove successful.

We are sorry to report the illness of little Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Floyd, and trust she may soon recover.

It was Mrs. Olin Floyd who went to Cary last Tuesday. Mr. Floyd is still here, and joined the army of lonely bachelors.

Misses May and Eva Thompson returned Monday night from a pleasant visit to Parleton.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Thompson spent last week with relatives over in South Carolina.

Rev. J. B. Jackson is attending the Southern Baptist Convention at Chattanooga, Tenn.

Mr. and Mrs. Rouse attended the fishing party at Princess Anne last Monday.

Messrs. W. F. and G. G. French, of Lumberton were in town last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Brown spent last Sunday in Wilmington N. C.

LUMBERTON'S STEAM LAUNDRY

Machinery for Concern has Been Shipped.

Townsend and French is the name of the firm which is to own and operate Lumberton's new steam laundry, which will be located in East Fourth street. Mr. Ira B. Townsend says that the machinery for the plant is now on the way and he hopes to have it installed and ready for operation in thirty day. The laundry will be modern and up-to-date in every respect, and the concern will be prepared to turn out a high grade of work. Messrs. Townsend and French hope to have the patronage of all Lumberton people.