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BARKERS COMMENCEMENT.

Addresses Well Received—Two Contests Which Proved Interesting—Elaborate Dinner—Powerful Sermon.

The commencement exercises of Barkers High School were held Saturday and Sunday, and proved interesting and full of enjoyment to the large crowd in attendance.

The welcoming address was made by Mr. W. H. Humphrey, who was for years a citizen of the Barkers community and has the interest and welfare of the school at heart. It has had no more liberal patron or energetic worker in its interests. His speech was delivered in his usual easy and pleasant manner and was much appreciated. In speaking of the conduct of the crowd, Mr. Humphrey said that a special act was passed in the last legislature incorporating Barkers High School and giving them the right of a police force to serve on all public occasions; that there was a man present who had kindly consented to act as chief-marshal, and who has been a very successful official, (he referred of course, to Mr. J. A. Barker); that a number of police would be present during the occasion to prevent any of the disturbances which too often arise when so large a crowd gathers for a good time.

A contest between eleven little girls then took place. Messrs. Frank Humphrey, W. H. Kinlaw and N. A. Townsend, acting as judges, although feeling that they deserved much praise, found fit to award the medal, a handsome Bible, to little Miss Jessie Powers. While the judges were deciding, Mr. Jas D. Proctor, the speaker of the occasion was introduced by Mr. W. H. Humphrey. He made a splendid educational address. His subject was Our Racial Relations and the Possibilities that lie before us. He called attention to the fact that ninety per cent. of the leaders in the various avocations of life, come from the farms and that now, any one can obtain an education who will. He said there was room for talent in everything but "law" and that seemed about crowded out. His address was one in which much earnestness and wit was blended, and was a splendid effort. He made a most favorable impression on his hearers, none of whom would have dreamed that this was his first educational address to the public. At the conclusion of the speech, dinner was served. Everything which the good people of that section know so well how to prepare was placed before the visitors, and it was hard to find the one who didn't do justice to it.

In the afternoon, the crowd re-assembled and enjoyed a contest between a number of young ladies. Messrs. J. A. Barker, Jas. D. Proctor and W. H. Kinlaw were selected judges. After consultation the prize was given to Miss Lottie McWhite, it being a ring. Both medals were presented in a most delightful way by Rev. F. F. Eure. Saturday evening the hours passed rapidly in the enjoyment of the exercises rendered by the pupils, composed of a number of dialogues, recitations, vocal and instrumental music. The exercises were a credit to the faculty who had the training in charge.

On Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. P. K. Kirton, pastor of the Methodist church, preached

the annual sermon to one of the largest congregations that has ever assembled at Barkers. His text was from Acts 16th chapter and 30th verse,—What Shall I Do To Be Saved. As our readers will recall, this was the language of the jailor on entering the jail, and finding that the doors of the jail had been opened miraculously. The context gives an account of the saving of the damsel, the sooth sayer, whom, it is said, had brought her masters much gain by her sooth saying, and also the conversion of Lydia the seller of purple and her household. He emphasized the necessity of training the mind and heart in order to get the proper conception of life. He called attention to the benighted condition of the damsel and how she had been enslaved on account of this condition and how she became free, upon the enlightenment of her heart and mind. He deplored that some parents deprive their children of the advantages of moral and mental training in order that they may use them as so many cattle in the accumulation of wealth. He showed by some very appropriate illustrations the duty of educating the boys and girls regardless of cost. That after all, character can not be measured by a money standard. He also emphasized though that parents have a right to claim the blessings of moral and mental enlightenment for their children as illustrated in the case of Lydia and her household and the jailor and his household. He said that no person should be satisfied to be saved himself, but that his obligation was to his household as well. His sermon was pronounced by many to be the best sermon they had ever heard.

TENTH OF MAY CELEBRATION.

Public Dinner For Veterans—Gov. Glenn Will Speak.

May 10th promises to be a great day for the people of Robeson, the majority of whom it is hoped will spend it in Lumberton. Gov. R. B. Glenn as our readers know, will be the speaker of the occasion, and the knowledge of this is sufficient to insure an immense crowd. Who, having heard him once, would not go to much inconvenience and overcome many difficulties to hear him a second time! The monument will be unveiled by Miss Bonnie McBryde, the charming daughter of Capt. Tom McBryde. Floats will be furnished from a number of townships throughout the county. Let every body come and bring their dinners with them. Dinner will be prepared for five hundred veterans, but it will be impossible to prepare dinner for the entire crowd which is expected.

Camp Hoke United Confederate Veterans.

Comrades:— You are hereby directed to meet at the Court House in Lumberton on Monday May 6th, at 2 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of arranging the necessary details for participation by the Camp in the ceremonies attending the unveiling of the Confederate Monument on May 10th, for the purpose of enrolling new members, and also for the purpose of electing delegates to the Re-Union at Richmond. The meeting is important and every member of the camp should attend.

By order of J. A. McAllister, Capt. Commander. J. S. Thompson, Adjutant.

MR. BRITT NOMINATED.

The Middle of the Roaders Elect Mayor and Half the Commissioners.

In the vernacular of the streets, the primary here Tuesday for the nomination of candidates for the town offices "passed off" very quietly. Mr. E. J. Britt was nominated for mayor by 8 majority. The following commissioners were: For one year, Messrs. C. M. Fuller, John D. McMillan, Jr., and W. I. Linkhaw; for two years, Messrs. E. B. Freeman, J. H. Wishart and M. W. Floyd. Judge T. A. McNeill, and Frank Gough were nominated as two of the board of audit and finance. There was a tie for the third member of the board between Messrs. R. C. Lawrence and J. B. Pitman.

The two tickets before the primary were known as the Old Ticket and the Middle of the Road Ticket. The former, in other words, was the present incumbents, headed by Mr. W. O. Thompson for mayor. The Middle of the Road Ticket was started and elected by a number of citizens with the express purpose of beating all candidates of what is considered factions.

The polls were opened at 7 o'clock, instead of at 8 o'clock as advertised. The town charter provides that the polls be opened at 7 o'clock but also provides that the managers of the primary have a right to adopt rules suitable for holding the primary. These managers agreed upon opening the polls at 8 o'clock and so advertised through these columns, as provided by law. This change in the time of opening caused some confusion. When 8 o'clock came probably as many as fifty votes had been cast. There were a few over three hundred registered and about 265 voted.

Both sides worked earnestly and faithful for their candidates but no one could form any accurate idea as to how the "thing was going at any time during the day. A great many folded ballots were voted and the workers on neither side could claim or say who they were for. As the final result, which was known about 10 o'clock that night, the Middle of the Roaders elected the mayor and three of the commissioners: Messrs. Freeman Fuller and McMillan. This ticket also elected the two members of the board of audit and finance that were elected. The third member will be decided later.

After the results were announced, there was much rejoicing by the friends of the Middle of the Roaders and both the successful and the defeated candidate for mayor had something to say, one accepting the honor and the other in yielding it.

There is no doubt but that the ticket will be elected next Monday.

Against The A. C. L.

After years of consideration the Supreme court of the United States announced Monday a decision in favor of the North Carolina Railroad Commission in its efforts to compel the Atlantic Coast Line to make a desirable passenger connection with the Southern Railway at Selma, N. C. The commission ordered the railroad to run an extra train, if necessary in order to facilitate passenger traffic between Western and Eastern North Carolina, this being one of the most important junctions in the State.

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