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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.

Orrum High School Commencement Attended by Large Crowds—Excellent Addresses and Exercises Well Carried Out.

The closing exercises of the high school at Orrum, Prof. S. P. Wilson, principal, were held Thursday evening and Friday and were attended and enjoyed by large crowds. Thursday evening the following programme was rendered:

PROGRAMME.

1. Song—"Pretty Summer Flowers."—Mrs. Waton. Primary Grades.
2. Duet—"March of the Dwarfs."—Holst. Misses Docia and Athesia Powell.
3. Drill—"New Tambourine Drill."—Rook. Sixteen Little Girls.
4. Play—"Gadsby Girls' Characters." Joseph Parker, Mr. Broughton Nye, Morris Young, Enoch McConnell, Richard Stanley, Bert Ivey, Mabel Parkins, Miss Flora Carlyle, Esther Carrol, Tommie Nye, Grace Chester, Maggie Graham, Mrs. Dodge, Agnes Stroud, Maximilian Gadsby, Mr. I. P. Graham, Steve, Carl Nye.
5. Recitation—"Aunt Cindy's George Washington." Miss Lillian Humphrey.
6. Solo—"Hunting Song"—Mendelssohn. Miss Tommie Nye.
7. Operetta—"Boating Party"—Boardman. Sixteen Girls.
8. Monologue—"Dr. Sprout's First Case."—Griffith. Mr. Worth Hatcher.
9. Solo—"Invitation to the Dance."—Weber. Miss Flora Carlyle.
10. Pantomime—"The Holy City"—Adams. Several Girls.

Exercises opened Friday morning with a song by the audience, after which Maj. A. J. McKinnon, of Maxton, was introduced by A. J. McConnell. Mr. McKinnon delivered an interesting address on "Agricultural Education and the Need of It."

At 11:30 o'clock Rev. L. R. Pruitt, of Charlotte, preached a sermon on "Love," making several good examples of living, what we should live for, our highest ambitions, etc. Mr. D. P. Bridgers offered prayer and the services closed with a song, "Holy Zion," and benediction by Rev. L. P. Hedgpeath.

Public dinner was served at 12:30 and at 2:30 p. m. exercises were resumed by a song by the school.

Prof. John B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, introduced by D. P. Bridgers, delivered an excellent address on "Larger Life." He told how the man who cultivates the physique alone becomes a brute, fit for a brute's work alone, and the man who cultivates the physique and intellect alone might become a brute, cunning, crafty and daring; but the man who cultivates the physical, intellectual and spiritual body in harmonious proportion and symmetrical fashion becomes God's glorious handiwork—a man. With vision clear, with body strong, with heart upright in the endowments of kingship and the qualities of royalty, the humblest citizen of Orrum may go to the ballot-box in November a superior of Edward VII, upon whose princely domain the sun never sets. He told what life is and gave it from the standpoint of the partisan, the miser, the voluptuary and the soldier, making beautiful comparisons of each with life in its reality. He told of the achievements of the past, culminating in the opening years of the 20th century, and asked the question what the mighty Julius Caesar would do were he to see Bleritt cross the English Channel to-day in 25 minutes when it took him so many days and the lives of so many men to accomplish his great end. He made like examples of Socrates, Cicero, Cinna and Demosthenes. He closed his address by making an appeal to the people to improve the sanitary side of life, thereby eliminating the dread diseases which are a drawback to

ST. PAUL PACKAGE.

Concert a Success—Commencement Wednesday—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, April 23—Messrs. Harry Fisher, J. A. Johnson and J. C. Blanchard went to Lumberton Monday.—Mrs. W. P. McAllister, of Lumberton, spent Monday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John McArthur.—Miss Fannie McArthur, who is a student at the Southern Presbyterian College, spent Sunday at her home and returned to Red Springs Monday.—Mr. G. G. French, of Lumberton, spent Monday in town on business.—Mr. C. L. Baker, of Lumberton, made a business trip to our town Tuesday.—The Robesonian man, Mr. W. K. Bethune, was here Wednesday.—Mrs. L. Shaw went to Fayetteville Friday, also Mr. J. A. Johnson.—Mr. L. A. McGeachy went to Lumberton Friday.—Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Humphrey, of route 1, were in our town Thursday.

Mr. W. K. Brock, who is running Mr. R. R. Covington's farm at Oakland, has moved his family out there and has rented his house to Mr. H. E. Carter, salesman for McAllister Hardware Co. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Carter to our town. Mr. H. C. Roberts, who has been helping in the hardware store here, went back to Lumberton Wednesday and resumed his duties there.

The concert at the academy last Monday night was a success, although the weather was not very favorable. The Parkton concert band furnished good music all the way through and the ice cream was very much enjoyed by all the crowd.

Prof. J. B. Carlyle will deliver the educational address at the commencement exercises here next Wednesday and it is desired that all come who can and hear this address.

Messrs. J. B. and B. N. Duke unfolded in Charlotte the other day a gigantic plan by which they and their business associates propose to build and operate an interurban trolley system between Durham and Anderson, S. C.

The day exercises were closed with a song by the school.

The commencement exercises closed with the following programme in the evening:

PROGRAMME.

1. Song—"Churning"—Eldridge. Primary Grades.
2. Duet—"Rock Two Step."—Streabogg. Misses Norris and McRae.
3. Play—"Mr. Bob." Characters.

Philip Royson, Stinson Powell, Robert Brown, Clerk of Benson & Benson, Garland Brown, Jenkins, Miss Rebecca's butler, G. V. Williams, Rebecca Luke, a maiden lady, Katherine Rogers, her niece, Rebecca Lawson, Marian Bryan, Katherine's friend, Beulah Prevatte, Patty, Miss Rebecca's maid, Quessie Prevatte.

4. Operetta—"Funland"—Spaulding. A number of Boys and Girls.

5. Duet—"Intermezzo"—Mascagne. Misses Tommie Nye and Phreza Purvis.

6. Monologue—"A Heartrending Affair"—Locke. Miss Meekie Graham.

7. Duet—"Moonlight Reverie"—Allen. Misses Katie Stone and Hattie Brown.

8. Duet—"Holliday March"—Kimball. Misses Lizzie McConnell and Mary Warwick.

9. Recitation—"The Conductor's Wife."—Miss Straudie Ivey.

10. Drill—"Sword Drill."—Morton. Sixteen Boys.

11. Drill—"Tambourine Drill"—Hurst. Thirteen Young Ladies.

Large crowds attended the exercises and they were among the most enjoyed in the history of the school. The programmes both Thursday and Friday nights were exceedingly well carried out and showed care and work on the part of teachers and pupils in such excellent preparation. We congratulate Prof. Wilson and his excellent corps of teachers.

LUMBERTON GRADED SCHOOL.

Always a Treat to Attend Morning Exercises—Rev. C. H. Durham to Talk About Mammoth Cave—Commencement.

Wednesday morning of this week Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the first Baptist church, will deliver an address at the graded school, just after the opening exercises, on the far-famed Mammoth Cave of Kentucky, which he visited last summer. The public is cordially invited and all who can take advantage of this opportunity will be given a treat.

It is a treat at any time to attend the opening exercises at the graded school and Supt. R. E. Sentelle and his excellent assistants gladly welcome visitors. The children are well trained and to see their orderly march into the auditorium and to hear them lift their voices in song is as good as a tonic to begin the day. A representative of The Robesonian had this pleasure Friday morning and after seeing the children and teachers march in, some 250 of them, hearing them sing two verses each of "Onward Christian Soldiers," "Joy to the World" and "Carolina," and seeing them march out again, he felt that the children who have the privilege of attending the Lumberton graded school are fortunate indeed.

As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, an effort is being made to improve conditions on the school grounds and much improvement has already been made, and in a short talk after the songs Friday morning Prof. Sentelle urged all the children to put every scrap of paper in receptacles that have been provided for the purpose and to help keep the grounds clean.

Teachers and pupils are busy now preparing for the first commencement, which will be held Friday, May 6. The commencement will begin Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock with exercises by the graduating class, which has 14 members. Besides these there are four or five of the class last year who may complete the work required and graduate with this year's class. At 11 o'clock there will be an address by Prof. J. A. Bivens, superintendent of colored and Croatan normal schools of the State, diplomas will be delivered by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, and Supt. Sentelle will close the day exercises with a few remarks.

In the evening there will be a concert—a forest carnival—in which 130 children will take part. This will be the most elaborate entertainment of the kind ever attempted here and it promises to be a rare treat. The platform in the auditorium will be extended four feet all the way across in order to stage it. Three hundred and seventy-five pupils are enrolled and the daily attendance is between 250 and 275.

Members of the Round Dozen Club Entertained.

The members of the Round Dozen Club were entertained by young men of the Industrial and Commercial Club Thursday evening in the reading room of the club. Those present were: Misses Leslie Proctor, Ruth Whaley, Lizzie Whitefield, Jessie Fuller, Josie McNeill, Claudia Davis, Mamie Avert, Pearl Floyd, Leila May Gill, Sallie McLean, Marion Mooring; Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Cladwell, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Norment, Jr.; Messrs. John Fuller, F. P. Gray, R. R. Carlyle, Ed. Ranke, R. H. Critchton, C. P. McAllister, R. A. McLean, S. F. Caldwell, E. J. Britt and Dr. Jno. Knox, Jr. Games of various kinds were played, Miss Proctor played a number of selections on the piano, and ice-cream was served. The evening was very much enjoyed by all present.

License has been issued for the marriage of Ida Ivey and Ed. Sealey; Alley D. Malloy and Leslie L. Shaw; Hattie Wilson and Luther M. Wilkins; Mollie Dunn and Fred Meacher; May Julia Thompson and W. S. Kyle.

TELEPHONE IMPROVEMENTS.

Reasons for Delay in Promised Improvements—Preliminaries Over and Work Will be Rushed—Toll Line.

Lumberton people are beginning to feel that it is taking the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., which took over the local plant last November, a mighty long time to make the promised improvements and Mayor J. A. Rowland has been writing to the officials of the company to find out the reason for the delay. He received a letter Friday, dated 20th inst., from J. Epps Brown, vice president and general manager of the company, which throws some light on the subject. It was understood that the Bell people would immediately reconstruct the local plant, replacing the open wires with lead-covered cables and installing additional facilities. Mr. Brown writes that plans and specifications have been made and material has been ordered but that it is necessary to have the cables made especially to order and is requiring about 45 days to secure delivery.

Mr. Brown further states that the material for building a toll line from Maxton to Wilmington via Lumberton has been ordered and the work of stringing the wires for this toll line will begin in 30 days. It is the purpose to begin the work in Lumberton within this period and to have it completed as early in the summer as possible. All the preliminary work has been completed and the company is ready to proceed with the work, Mr. Brown states, as rapidly as possible.

Offices for the central station here have been rented in the Bank of Lumberton building and the change from the old exchange to the new will be made after the new phones have been put in. There will be no loss of time to the patrons while the change is being made.

MARK TWAIN DEAD.

Some of the Principal Facts About His Life.

Samuel Langhorn Clemens (Mark Twain) died at 6:30 o'clock Thursday evening of angina pectoris, a paroxysmal affection of the chest, at his home, Stormfield, near Redding, Conn.

He was born in Florida, Mo., November 30, 1835, and was in his 75th year. He was apprenticed to a printer when 12 years old, later became a Mississippi pilot, was city editor of a Nevada newspaper in 1862 and alternated between mining and journalism. In 1884 he founded the publishing house of C. L. Webster & Co., the failure of which involved him in heavy losses, and though the debts of the company were not his he started at once on a tour of the world lecturing and writing, and in two years paid them. Some of his best-known books are "The Innocents Abroad" (1869), "The Prince and the Pauper" (1880), "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" (1885), "Articles on Christian Science" (1903) and "The \$30,000 Bequest" (1906).

Mark Twain was America's foremost humorist. The remains were interred yesterday at Elmira, N. Y., beside the bodies of his wife and children.

District Conference.

Rockingham district conference will be held in Rockingham this week, beginning Thursday. The delegates from the Lumberton Methodist church are Messrs. W. H. Humphrey, C. B. Townsend, O. C. Norment and L. C. Townsend. Mr. Humphrey, who is district leader of the Laymen's Movement, has arranged a programme for a laymen's meeting Saturday. Messrs. A. W. Peace, of Lumberton, and Rowland Covington, of Laurinburg, will be among the speakers.

A lively little scrap in which three young men were mixed occurred on a side street Friday morning. First reports of it on the streets were much exaggerated. There was nothing much to it—nobody was "kilt" and nobody hurt.

A LARGER HOTEL.

Plans for Enlarging and Remodeling Waverly Hotel—Better Facilities Needed.

A meeting which was opened in the pool room of the Industrial and Commercial Club and adjourned for more room to the Pythian hall on the same floor was held Thursday evening to consider the matter of enlarging the Waverly hotel. The meeting was called by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the club, and its object was known only to a few until, at the request of Mr. Caldwell, it was explained by Mr. A. W. McLean.

Plans have been prepared which provide for extensive improvements. They contemplate extending the present building 20 feet on the south side, putting in a new front of pressed brick, adding a third story, doubling capacity of the office and kitchen, adding about 40 bed rooms, including 6 with private baths, providing 3 or 4 sample rooms—making, in fact, practically a new building, with steam heat.

In explaining the need for the enlargement of the hotel Mr. McLean called attention to the evident fact that the town has outgrown its hotel facilities. Since the present hotel was remodeled about 7 years ago the town has more than doubled in population and material wealth and it cannot afford to delay longer the important matter of providing creditable hotel facilities. Capt. A. Bicherey, proprietor of the Waverly, is doing the best possible under the circumstances and there is no criticism of him, but the accommodations are simply not sufficient to take care of the traveling public and something must be done. As it is largely a public enterprise the owners of the property decided to call a meeting and explain the proposition and offer stock for sale. No one was asked to contribute at this meeting but a committee will be selected to solicit subscriptions.

No one will question the statement that the improvements contemplated are badly needed and it is to be hoped that there will be no difficulty in selling the amount of stock necessary and that the work will be put under way at once.

Commencement at St. Paul—Address on Agricultural Education.

By its president, Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, The Robesonian is requested to announce that the Robeson County Farmers' Union will have Prof. E. L. Worthan, State soil chemist, to make an address on agricultural education at the closing of the school at St. Paul Wednesday of this week, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The commencement exercises of this school will begin tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock with a concert by the primary and intermediate departments. Wednesday the exercises will begin at 10:30 o'clock a. m. with a song exercise and at 11 o'clock Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, will deliver the literary address. Prof. Worthan's address will follow a public dinner on the grounds. Wednesday evening there will be a concert by the advanced pupils.

Track Being Laid to Jennings Mill Site.

A track a mile and three-quarters long will be completed by the middle of this week from the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad at a point near the plant of the Acme Brick Co. to the site where the Jennings Cotton Mills will be built. One hundred convicts, brought from the road which the V. & C. S. is building from St. Paul to Elizabethtown, have been on the job for the past week. Work will begin on the mill building as soon as plans for it have been received.

Patrons of the local telephone will regret to learn that Miss Flora Prevatt, who has served so faithfully and with uniform courtesy in the capacity of operator for the past 6 or 7 years, will not serve in that capacity longer. Her always cheerful and courteous service will be missed.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

A called meeting of St. Albans Lodge A. F. & A. M. will be held tomorrow evening for the work of the Master Mason's degree.

On account of unavoidable delays in starting, Nathan Bros. shows, advertised to be in Lumberton last Friday, will not exhibit here until Friday of this week.

From May 1 to September 1 the stores in Lumberton will be closed every evening except Saturdays at 6:30 o'clock. One wonders why the time was not made 6 o'clock instead of 6:30, but that is better than closing later.

A Methodist church was organized at St. Paul last night by Rev. S. J. McConnell, who is in charge of Methodist missions in Lumberton. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Methodist church here, has gone to St. Paul today to attend to some of the details of organization.

A special programme has been arranged for the young men's union prayer-meeting tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. There will be much good music, and it is to be hoped that a large crowd of the young men of the town will be present. The exercises will last one hour.

Raeferd facts and figures: We heard a Robesonian saying a few days ago that it wasn't worth while for anybody to run against Treasurer McKenzie; that the people had made up their minds to re-elect him, and they will surely do that thing. We do not know how they could improve on the present incumbent.

Mr. L. T. Townsend says that he saw Halley's comet this morning and that as it now appears it is a mighty poor show and not worth getting up to see. He thinks the comet ought to be ashamed of itself to cut such a poor figure after all the fuss that has been made over it. It will do better, though, when it gets down to business as an evening attraction.

Mrs. J. P. Russell and four children arrived Friday from Augusta, Ga., their former home, joining Mr. Russell, who came to Lumberton recently to assume the duties of superintendent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Ry. They are living in the house recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Peace, next to the opera house, on Elm street.

The amount of damage done by the cyclone last Sunday at West Wm. Stone's, three miles west of town, was considerably underestimated in Thursday's paper. Instead of being only \$1,500—the estimate did not assume to be accurate—it was \$2,500 or \$3,000. Mr. Stone, who was in town Saturday, says that no one who has gone carefully over his place since the storm has estimated the loss at less than \$2,500.

Mrs. Valentine Stone, of Boardman, who was visiting at the home Mr. and Mrs. Murdock Stone and was injured during the cyclone a week ago yesterday, was able to leave the Thompson hospital Friday. Mrs. Charity Nicholson, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at the hospital last Monday, and Mrs. J. W. Sessoms, of Howellsville, who underwent an operation last Tuesday, are getting along nicely. Prentice Barker, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barker, was taken to the hospital yesterday for treatment for typhoid fever.

Saw-Mill Plant Burned.

A saw-mill plant about one and a half or two miles north of Lowe, belonging to Mr. T. R. Tolar, was burned Thursday night between 12 and 1 o'clock. The origin of the fire is unknown. Everything was in flames when discovered. The loss, including quite a bit of lumber that was burned, amounts to something over \$2,000. The insurance covers just about half the loss.

Investigations are being made by some Northern capitalists which may result in the establishment of a paper manufacturing plant in Wilmington.