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SCHOOL CLOSING.

Commencement at Rowland High School—Excellent Exercises and Good Speeches—An Institution to be Proud Of—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Rowland, May 25—Miss May Stewart, of Carthage, is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. A. Evans. Miss Sallie Graham attended the commencement at Farmont last week. Miss Ruby McCormick, who has been attending Greensboro Female College, came home last week. Mr. John McArn and Miss Bess McCormick spent Sunday in Clio, S. C. Miss Jewell Ballard, who has been attending Oxford Seminary, came home last Saturday. Miss Ruth Smith, of Fayetteville, is visiting relatives in town. Miss Sarah Hamer, of Hamer, S. C., is the guest of Miss Margaret McQueen. Messrs. Ernest Wooten and Robert Blackwell spent Sunday in Maxton. Miss Kate Johnson, of Clarkton, is visiting her brother, Mr. A. C. Johnson.

Rev. W. H. Moore, D. D., of Rockingham, spent Sunday at the Methodist parsonage. He held the second quarterly conference of Rowland circuit at Centenary Monday morning.

The commencement exercises of Rowland high school were held last Monday. In the morning at 11:00 o'clock the exercises began with a beautiful piano duet by Misses Flora Pittman and Mary Burke Cooper, after which Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest, delivered an educational address taking as his subject, "Man: His Dignity, Development and Destiny." Before going into his subject, he made some preliminary remarks in which he spoke of the wealth of our Nation, State and county. What he said about Robeson was enough to make the heart of every Robesonian swell with pride. Mr. Clarence Poe, of Raleigh, was expected to deliver an agricultural address that evening, but owing to sickness he could not come. We regret not having him, but at the same time were fortunate in having three other speakers who were "equal to the occasion". After a piano trio by Misses Bessie McCormick, Mary Burke Cooper and Lucile Straughton, Supt. J. R. Poole, of Lumberton, was introduced and made a few remarks, congratulating the school for the work it has done during the past year, and offering words of encouragement. His talk was helpful and instructive.

Mr. W. S. Cobb, of Lumber Bridge, president of the Farmers' Union of this county, was then introduced. He spoke of the work of the Farmers' Union, what it is, what it has not done and its prospects for the future. Mr. Cobb can not only plough a straight furrow, but he can make a good speech as well.

At the conclusion of Mr. Cobb's talk, another trio was rendered by Misses Cooper, McCormick and Straughton. Mr. G. B. McLeod, of Lumberton, was then introduced, and he delivered an eloquent address on agriculture. He discussed the need of better agricultural training for our boys and deeper study into the arts of domestic science for our girls. His address was full of enthusiasm, and no doubt aroused enthusiasm in his hearers.

The last part of the evening exercises was given to the graduating class. The first diplomas that have ever been given from this school were presented by Prof. Herbert to a class of six. The following received diplomas: Misses Mattie Johnson, valedictorian; Fannie Robertson, prophetess; Bessie McCormick, poet; Hattie Johnston, historian; Messrs. Robert Crawford, salutatorian, and Wiley Alford. Mr. McKoy Pleasants, not having finished the full course, received a certificate. Rev. A. W. Crawford led in prayer, after which Prof. Herbert, with a few impressive words, presented the diplomas. The essays read showed the ability of these young graduates and they are worthy of much praise. Each member of the graduating class was the recipient of handsome bouquets.

MAXTON NEWS.

Sad Death of Mr. J. B. Weatherly—Presbyterian Church Dedicated—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, May 25—Miss Mabel Wooten left Tuesday morning for Scotland Neck, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. O. F. Smith.

Mr. J. P. Wiggins went to Fayetteville Tuesday. Messrs. Ernest Wooten and Blackwell, of Rowland, spent Tuesday in town, the guests of Mr. Wooten's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Wooten. Mr. S. B. McLean attended court in Lumberton Monday.

On Sunday last the Presbyterian church of this place was dedicated. Dr. Walter W. Moore, of the Theological Seminary of Virginia, preached the dedicatory sermon, which was a very fine one. A tremendous crowd attended the services and quite a number of people from a distance came over in automobiles.

A very sad death occurred here Tuesday night a few minutes before ten o'clock, that of Mr. J. B. Weatherly. He had been very ill for two weeks with a serious stomach trouble. Finally an operation was advised as the only thing possible to save his life. Drs. West and Hayes, of Fayetteville, performed the operation in the Maxton hospital Tuesday afternoon, shortly after which he passed away. Mr. Weatherly will be sorely missed, not only in town but throughout the whole county. He was loved by everyone who knew him. The little verse which was written by one of our poets of his dearest friend could be well applied to our friend Mr. Weatherly—

None knew thee but to love,
None named thee but to praise.

The funeral was preached in the Baptist church, of which he was a strong member. Touching and tender tributes were paid this grand man, both by Dr. Hill and his pastor, Rev. Mr. McClelland. Mr. Weatherly was 57 years of age at his death. Several out-of-town guests were here to attend his funeral. Among them were Messrs. McKenzie and McNeill, of Lumberton, Capt. Plummer, of Wilmington, Mr. Chapman, of McColl, and others.

News Notes and Personals From Back Swamp.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Back Swamp, May 24—Several of our people went to Farmont last Friday to attend the commencement and also to see the horse racing.

Mr. Claud Singletary came home from Wake Forest last week, to be with his father, Mr. J. K. Singletary, who is very ill.

Mrs. J. A. Thompson and daughter, Miss Ruby, are visiting at the home of Mr. Silas Giffin, near Farmont. Miss Cattie Howell spent a few days in Farmont last week with Miss Amanda Townsend. Mrs. W. N. Townsend and daughter, Ele, spent a part of last week in Orrum. Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose Prevatt spent Sunday at the home of Mr. T. N. Lewis. Mr. and Mrs. Scott Stone, of Raynham, visited at the home of Mr. J. C. Barnes Sunday. Miss Ethel Pittman is spending a while in Farmont, the guest of Miss Christine Jones. Mr. Haynes Prevatt, of Orrum, visited his daughter, Mrs. W. N. Townsend, last week.

Master Knox Thompson, who has been sick, is much improved.

Miss Minnie Howell, who is attending the business school at Lumberton, spent Sunday at home.

Belinda Jane.

The school has been under the management of Prof. W. C. Herbert, principal, Misses Irene McQueen, Kate McKenzie, Grace McCallum and Carrie Kilgore. Great progress has been made in the school during the past year and we wish to congratulate this faculty for the good work they have done. A good school is something to be proud of, and judging by the number who attended these exercises we are sure that the Rowland people are proud of their school and deeply interested in its welfare.

Lawrence Crawford, colored, 39 years old, considered a desperate character, escaped Monday from the New Hanover jail, where he was awaiting trial on the charge of storebreaking.

INDIAN NORMAL SCHOOL.

Commencement Exercises—Evidences of Progress.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Indian Normal school closed the year's work with appropriate commencement exercises, beginning at about 11 o'clock a. m. Friday, the 20th inst., and closing about 10 o'clock at night, which were enjoyed by from 1500 to 2000 people. These exercises consisted of declamations, recitations, dialogues, music, etc., by the school, with some excellent special music furnished by Miss Bonnie Barker and Mr. C. B. Skipper, of Lumberton.

A telegram read by Prof. Edens announced that Prof. J. A. Bivens, who was expected, could not possibly be present, and without previous notice Mr. W. H. Humphrey was called upon to deliver the eighteen certificates of graduation, which were awarded to as many of the students, who had passed the required examination and (if several of them were not too young) are now ready to enter the arena as teachers among their race. Mr. Humphrey in a well-chosen address both as to substance and length, presented the certificates, in such a way as to delight and instruct all present.

Thos. T. Johnson, Esq., of Lumberton, delivered the address of the day. His subject was "The Undeveloped Resources of North Carolina". His address was well delivered and well received and was conceded by all to be a most excellent and instructive address.

There are unmistakable evidences of great improvement in this school in every way. At the time Prof. Edens took charge of the school as its principal there was strong talk of discontinuing the State appropriation on account of the small attendance and want of interest in the school (the enrollment being about 75 students), but the enrollment for the past year reached over 200 and the interest has increased correspondingly. They have now a very much better and more up-to-date building, but there is great need of more room and more teaching force, though Prof. Edens has been able and acceptably assisted by Miss Armstrong.

In fact, the patrons seem to be well satisfied with the school and especially the last year's work.

It was a subject of remark that the boys and girls showed that they have bright, intelligent minds that are capable of great achievements along educational lines.

Perhaps the greatest mark of improvement with the people and evidence of the high estimate they place upon this school was the excellent order observed, especially at night. It has not heretofore been considered expedient to have night exercises at their commencement occasions, and this is the first of the kind they have ever had, but the order at night would have done credit to any school in North Carolina.

With a little more help from the State, as Mr. S. McIntyre suggests, there seems to be no reason to doubt that this school would soon measure up to our most sanguine expectations.

Art Exhibit Under Auspices of Civic Association.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

An art exhibit will be given under the auspices of the Lumberton Civic Association in the commissioners' room at the court house, June 1, 2 and 3. This will consist of hand-colored engravings from Richard Powell, London, England, by masters of the English school of the Eighteenth century period, such as Reynolds, Romney, Gainsborough, Sir Peter Lely and others; imperial, royal and folio carbons—religious and classical subjects; American carbons—hand-colored platinum, sepia prints, photo colors and others, with mouldings and frames to suit all.

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HOPE MILLS NEWS.

Mr. Angus D. McPhail Dies Suddenly—Special Train to St. Paul—Farmers' Unions Progressing—Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, May 25—Mr. L. B. Fleming, cashier of the Bank of Hope Mills, attended the Country Bankers' Association at Rockingham last week.

Rev. Watson Fairley, of Fayetteville, conducted preaching services at Big Rockfish Presbyterian church last Sunday afternoon.

Rev. J. M. Gibbs will deliver the literary address before the students of Whynot Academy, Seagrove, on next Thursday, May 26th.

Mr. A. M. Vestal will conduct a singing school in the Methodist church, beginning next Wednesday night. Mr. Vestal is an excellent teacher of vocal music and it is hoped he will have a good class.

Rev. H. C. Duncan is in Wilmington this week on a visit. Mr. Duncan will preach in Christ church on next Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

The anniversary sermon of the Jr. O. U. A. M. was preached in the Baptist church at Cotton Sunday at 4 o'clock by Rev. J. M. Gibbs. The text was "But one thing I do,"—Philippians 3:15.

The Farmers' Unions of this place and Cotton, which were recently organized, seem to be progressing nicely. They are already buying a large part of their provisions through the Union.

Hundreds of our people are now visiting Johnson's spring, near this place, which has suddenly become popular on account of its great medicinal value. Mr. John Henry Johnson has been drinking this water for more than thirty years, not knowing its excellent qualities.

On next Friday at 7:30 p. m. a special train will be run from this place to St. Paul, at the rate of fifty cents for the round trip, for the convenience of those who will attend the public debate at that place between the schools of St. Paul and Hope Mills. Tickets are on sale at office of Owen C. Rogers.

It is with regret we note the sudden death of Mr. Angus D. McPhail, of Hope Mills, R. F. D. No. 1, who fell dead this morning at 10 o'clock while engaged at his work at his saw mill. Mr. McPhail went to work this morning in apparent good health and his death is thought to have been caused from heart trouble. Interment will be made in Long Street cemetery Tuesday. The deceased is survived by six daughters, two sons, four brothers and one sister, as follows: Mrs. D. McL. Holt and J. H. McPhail of Hope Mills; W. J. McPhail and Campbell, of DeFuniac Springs, Fla.; and D. A. McPhail, of Floralla, Ala.

New Graded School Teacher.

At a meeting of the board of graded school trustees held Tuesday afternoon Miss Mary Johnson, of Thomasville, was elected teacher of the second grade to succeed Mrs. R. S. Sledge, who was re-elected at a recent meeting of the board but who has since resigned. Miss Johnson is a daughter of Mr. Archibald Johnson, the well-known editor of Charity and Children.

Some time in the near future, perhaps next week, the graded school trustees will meet for the purpose of considering further the election of an additional teacher to relieve the teachers who have had charge of two grades. It has been necessary to place the fifth and sixth grades under one teacher, also the seventh and eighth, thus crowding the work to such an extent that the best results are impossible, and at least one additional teacher is considered necessary.

Miss Jessie Lennon returned Tuesday from Farmont, where she spent some time visiting relatives.

Miss Ethel Higley left Monday afternoon for Brunswick, Ga., where she will spend several weeks visiting relatives.

AMUSEMENTS.

Concert by the Oxford Orphanage Singing Class Next Tuesday Evening.

The singing class from the Oxford Orphanage will give a concert in the Lumberton opera house Tuesday evening of next week. Lumberton people have always patronized these concerts well heretofore and will doubtless greet the children this year with a good house. The excellence of former concerts warrants the assertion that this concert would merit large patronage even though it were for a less worthy cause. It will be worth more than the small admission fee charged and by your patronage you help these children to do a part in maintaining the institution which is giving them care and training.

An Excellent Concert Enjoyed by a Small Audience.

A most delightful concert was given Tuesday evening at the opera house by Miss Marion B. Kinne, directress of the violin department of the Southern Conservatory of Music at Durham, assisted by Mr. Orme G. Edwards, a graduate of the above-named institution. It is a pity that the audience was so small, due largely to unfavorable weather conditions and to the further fact that a series of meetings is in progress at the Presbyterian church. If Miss Kinne does not know how to get all the exquisite music possible out of a violin no one in her small but appreciative audience could detect that fact. Every number was pure delight. It is to be hoped that Miss Kinne will come this way again.

OUT BARKER'S WAY.

Great Picnic in August—Church Services—Fruit Dropping.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, May 24—Among those who attended preaching at Saddle Tree last Sunday were Mr. Albertus Rozier and little daughter, of St. Paul.

Rev. I. P. Hedgepeth filled his regular appointment at Saddle Tree Saturday and Sunday.

We are to have a picnic and educational rally at Saddle Tree on the 11th of August. Prof. J. B. Carlyle and Mr. Alexander are to speak. All are invited. You may bring your baskets, but come anyway. We are anticipating a great day.

A lot of the fruit is dropping off the trees for some cause, we suppose from the cold.

Dr. Zolicofer is to speak on the Laymen's Movement at Barker's church the third Sunday in June, 11 o'clock a. m. Come and hear him.

Our H. M. S. will meet at Barker's church the 2d Sunday evening in June.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins filled his regular appointment at Barker's Sunday evening. There will be no preaching at Barker's the 2d Sunday morning. Rev. W. A. Jenkins will preach at Pine Grove (at Moss Neck) the 2d Sunday morning so he can be at Barker's the 3d Sunday with Dr. Zolicofer. The 3d Sunday is his regular time at Pine Grove.

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Notices of New Advertisements.

Seasonable things in hardware—L. H. Caldwell.

A convenient form of investment—Merchants & Farmers Bank.

Young man wanted to learn a good trade. Pocketbook and check book lost.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York, J. A. Barker, district manager.

Complete stock of watch chains and fobs—Boylin's Jewelry Store. Typewriters sold on easy payments—S. H. Hamilton.

Mr. M. W. McLean, of Raeford, was among the business visitors in town this morning.

Misses Cammie McNeill and Agnes McLean, students at Peace Institute, Raleigh, came home last evening for the summer vacation.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Flora A. McGirt and John Clark.

—Mrs. T. D. Kitchin will entertain the Young Matrons' Club this evening from 5 to 7 o'clock at her home on North Elm street.

—There will be a meeting of the Social and Athletic Club in the commissioners' room, court house, this evening at 8 o'clock.

—The Lumberton Opera House Co. has been incorporated with authorized capital stock of \$25,000. Messrs. Geo. G. French and H. M. McAllister are the incorporators.

—Miss Alice Tait went this morning to Bladenboro, where she will attend the funeral of Miss Susan Edwards, who died at her home there yesterday afternoon.

—The series of meetings at the Presbyterian church, services twice daily, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., will last through Sunday. Rev. M. McG. Shields, of Greensboro, is assisting the pastor, Rev. A. E. Baker.

—Mr. E. Odum, of Buie, was in town Tuesday and brought to this office two ripe peaches. He had been getting ripe peaches from some of his trees for several days before that date and the trees were loaded.

—Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded school, and family left this morning for Waynesville, where they will spend the greater part of two or three months. Prof. and Mrs. Sentelle expect to go next week to Spartanburg, S. C., where they will attend the commencement exercises at Converse College, where Miss Lucie Terrell, a sister of Mrs. Sentelle, is a student. Prof. Sentelle will return to Lumberton for a few days the last of next week.

Rain Interrupts Ball Game—Mr. Wallace Norment's Nose Broken.

The Laurinburg baseball players were here Tuesday for a game with the local team, but on account of bad weather the game was not played to a finish, being called off at the end of the third inning, at which time the score stood 3 and 1 in favor of Lumberton. While it is hard to say what might have been the result, things started off looking very much like it was going to be a walkover for the local team, which is casting no reflections on the visitors; for the home boys just simply know how to take care of the ball. During the three innings played Mr. Wallace Norment ran into the first baseman and broke his nose, but he says that that is nothing unusual, as he has had it broken before. He thinks it will be all right in a few days.

Mr. Geo. G. French spent yesterday in Fayetteville on business.

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Brown, of Farmont, were in town a while this morning, coming over in their automobile.

In the opinion of Dr. W. D. Hunter, entomologist of the United States Department of Agriculture, the boll weevil will have invaded the entire cotton belt within the coming 15 years.

During a severe electric storm in Wilmington yesterday Miss Caledonia Rodderick was struck by lightning and her right shoe torn to shreds. She was knocked unconscious but no injury resulted other than the severe shock and a slight burn on her foot.

Capt. John Pembroke Jones, the oldest graduate of the Naval Academy at Annapolis and a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars, died at his home in Pasadena, Cal., yesterday. He was born at Hampton, Va., in 1826 and was formerly a citizen of Wilmington, this State. At the outbreak of the civil war he joined the Confederacy and in the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimac he was executive officer of the Merrimac.