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EDUCATIONAL RALLY.

County Teachers and Farmers' Union Join Forces—A Large Crowd Attends—Speeches of a High Order—A Great Day for Lumberton and the County.

Any old time the Farmers' Union and the teachers of the county unite to have an educational rally and fail to make the occasion a great one no others need try. But they never fail. And the rally held in Lumberton Friday was typical of such occasions in Robeson in that it was attended by a large number of people from all sections of the county, the speeches were of a high order, and the day was one of profit and pleasure to all.

Early in the morning the people began to come in and when President W. S. Cobb, or the county Farmers' Union, called the meeting to order the court room, where the speaking was held, was filled to overflowing. Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, delivered the address of welcome, taking advantage of the opportunity to submit some appropriate remarks in regard to caring for the health of children. President Cobb then introduced County Superintendent J. R. Poole, who replied briefly for the Union and the county teachers and closed by introducing Prof. W. H. Swift, of Greensboro, who conducted the county teachers' institute which closed on that day.

Prof. Swift's address was a gem, packed full of good thought eloquently expressed, and was well worth coming to Lumberton to hear from the remotest corner of the county. If there had been no other speech the occasion would have been a great success. In his brief remarks introducing Supt. Poole, Pres. Cobb stated that the Farmers' Union had a committee behind Supt. Poole and the teachers' urging work along agricultural education lines that the Union wants done, and Prof. Swift said that he was pained to hear such a statement, for having worked with the teachers for two weeks he knew that they needed no pitchfork behind them to make them do their duty. He paid a passing tribute to the greatness of the county and said that the people of the county had not done their duty in letting the world know what a magnificent county is theirs, that he had no idea until he came to the county two weeks ago of the splendid resources of the county, which, he declared, was not his fault but the fault of the citizens of the county in not advertising. His address was along practical educational lines and it was the sort of straightforward talk that intelligent people like to hear. He reviewed the revolutions that have taken place within the past 20 years along educational lines in the State. It is no longer necessary, he declared, as it was ten years ago, to preach to the people the necessity and duty of educating their children; the people are thoroughly alive to that duty; the question now is how to educate so that each boy and each girl shall be of most service to the State and shall discharge the duty that devolves upon every man and woman to be a producer. The old method of education turned out some of the greatest leaders any land ever produced and made the highest type of womanhood, but it left one boy of every 12 untrained and one girl of every 12. We must give to the 11 that the old system left untrained the training that will make them useful men and women, for every untrained man and woman in a community lowers the general tone and productivity of that community. He declared that we must train our boys and girls so that we shall no longer have to send to other sections to get trained men and women to take charge of our industries and make us work for them at small wages; we must educate our people so that when we import people into the State we shall make them work for us. He put squarely upon the committee and the people of the school districts responsibility for the sort of schools they shall have, declaring that a mighty

sorry teacher can conduct a mighty good school if the people of the district co-operate and help to make it good; and the best teacher must fail who works against the odds of a fault-finding school committee and community. He declared that one serious drawback to good schools is the habit of making frequent changes and said that the teacher ought to go into a community to teach there until he dies, like the Presbyterian minister.

Too much could not be said in praise of Prof. Swift's speech and it is matter for regret that space will not permit a more extended notice.

Dr. Harrison, professor of English at the A. and M. College at Raleigh, was the next speaker. He made a practical and helpful talk along the line of agricultural education, showing conclusively how it pays, and forcefully refuted the old idea that one cannot be educated without a knowledge of Latin and Greek. Dr. Harrison's speech brought the first session to a close at 1 o'clock p. m.

After an intermission of an hour and a half the crowd reassembled in the court room to hear an address by Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College. In introducing the speaker, Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton referred to the fact that when the great rally was held in Lumberton last January among the distinguished speakers there was no Robesonian, but on this occasion the people were fortunate in having with them a native of the county who perhaps knows more people all over the State than any other man.

Prof. Carlyle was entirely happy in his remarks. He began with a few good jokes and then handed out some compliments. He complimented Lumberton on its magnificent graded school building, second to none in the State, and upon the excellent management of the same; upon the Truman Quartette, which he had the pleasure of hearing at the sociable the evening before, and upon the young ladies who gave readings upon the same occasion; and upon its civic association. He complimented Robeson upon its court house, which he declared to be the finest in the State except the Henderson county court house; upon its fine body of teachers and its Farmers' Union, the latter 2,200 strong; and on the Parkton band. Then he got down to his subject—"Back to the Country"—and rung the changes upon that happy phrase until every mother's son and father's daughter in the audience was dead sure that the country is the only place if one wants to live long in the land and prosper. It was a good speech and was thoroughly enjoyed. Prof. Carlyle is always sure of an appreciative audience in his native county. That concluded the exercises of the day and it was also the winding up of the teachers' institute, which had been in session two weeks. "The Parkton Concert Band furnished music for the occasion and, though only 6 months old, that is no slouch of a band, if anybody should happen to ask you. Its members are, each and several, on to their job."

Meeting of Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

The Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association will meet in Lumberton Monday of next week, September 5th, at 11 o'clock a. m. All carriers are earnestly requested to be present. The subjects and speakers for the meeting will be as follows:

"Good Roads"—J. S. Humphrey, Shannon.

"How to Get All the Carriers Interested in Our Associational Work"—A. S. Pittman, Lumberton.

"What is the Best Plan to Get Patrons Interested in Rural Free Delivery and Good Roads"—Carrier from Orrum.

C. H. Howard, Pres. E. B. Hayes, Sec'y. Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

Mr. T. A. McNeill, Jr., returned Saturday morning from Charlotte, where he had been on legal business.

GODWIN VS. CLARK.

Indications Are That Fight Will be Between Them Alone—Primary September 15—Candidate Receiving a Majority to be the Nominee.

Raleigh Special, 27th., to Charlotte Observer.

The sixth district muddle as to whether H. L. Godwin shall have the Democratic nomination to succeed himself or whether O. L. Clark or some other Democrat of the district shall be the nominee—Godwin and Clark having both claimed the nomination in the former sensational district convention—is to be settled September 15 with a general uniform voting primary throughout the district, the candidate that receives the most votes to be declared the nominee provided he receives a majority of the vote cast. All who expect to enter the race for the nomination are to file notice to this effect with the special State committee on or before September 1.

This was the decision reached this evening by the special committee of the State Democratic executive committee named to hold the primary composed of Hon. J. R. Young, Col. J. Bryan Grimes and H. A. Foushee. During the afternoon the committee heard suggestions from O. L. Clark, A. J. McKinnon, H. L. Godwin, J. C. Clifford and E. F. Young. All were found to be pretty close together in the matter and were entirely willing to cut out any postprimary convention.

The knottiest problem is how to deal with the legalized primary laws of New Hanover and Robeson counties. This is to be worked out later and the impression seems to be that the uniform voting primary can be had in these counties just as they are the others for the reason that this is simply an extraordinary feature of party machinery that is not obliged to conform to these special county laws.

The detailed machinery for the primary is being worked out and will be announced later. One of the pollholders at each precinct is to be sent on September 17 to the county seat with the precinct returns. These returns for the county are to be referred to the special State committee here in Raleigh and this committee, J. R. Young, chairman, will canvass these returns, and formally declare the nominee on September 20.

J. A. McKinnon of Maxton says he will not re-enter the race for the reason that he had acquired in the nomination of Clark in the former convention. So he will make a fight this time for Clark. It is said here that McClammy of New Hanover will not run in the primary and that it is very doubtful if Cook of Cumberland will run. So it looks like a clean field for a sharp fight between Godwin and Clark. Both express themselves as thoroughly satisfied with the primary.

Horse Shies and Turns Buggy Over—No Serious Damage.

While entering town on Fifth street Friday morning Mr. Furney Davis and son, Mr. Ira, of Lowe, had an exciting experience which might easily have been serious but which, happily, ended without any very serious results. The Messrs. Davis were driving a horse to a buggy. In front of the residence of Dr. W. A. McPhaul was standing the doctor's auto and there was a pile of brick in front of the new building being erected just opposite the house where Dr. McPhaul lives. The horse shied at the auto and ran the buggy on to the pile of brick. A work-bench kept the buggy from turning over for a little distance and then it turned, throwing Mr. Davis senior against the brick pillar of the wooden office building near by and cutting a slight gash in his head. Mr. Davis junior escaped unharmed, as did also the horse and the buggy. The horse broke over and was caught on another street. Dr. McPhaul dressed Mr. Davis' wound.

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A DELIGHTFUL SOCIABLE.

The Graded School Trustees Provide a Pleasant Evening for Visiting Teachers and Others.

The sociable—that's what Col. McLean said it was—at the graded school building Thursday evening in honor of the teachers attending the institute was a most enjoyable affair. The trustees of the school, desiring to contribute something to the enjoyment of the visiting teachers, threw the building open to the teachers and citizens of the town from 8:30 to 11 o'clock, and a large number of people was present.

In one of those delightful and happy talks which he knows so well how to make Col. N. A. McLean, chairman of the school board, welcomed the teachers and others and prepared the way for the introduction of a programme that had been arranged, as follows: Instrumental solo (piano), Miss Bonnie Barker; song by Truman Quartette and encore; reading by Miss Janie Carlyle; song by Truman Quartette and encore; reading by Miss Lillian Proctor; reading by Miss Annie Ruth Caldwell; instrumental solo (piano), Miss Jackson; reading—Poe's Raven—by Miss Edna Prevatt; reading—Tara O'Shanter—Prof. Roy McMillan of Riverton, principal of Philadelphia high school, and encore, two of them; vocal solo by Mr. Woodberry Lennon, Miss Bonnie Barker playing piano and Mr. R. R. Carlyle playing violin accompaniment; song by Truman Quartette.

Every number on the programme was enjoyed thoroughly and all acquitted themselves exceptionally well. The audience fell in love with the Truman Quartette—which is too well known to Robesonian readers to need any more definite designation—and got everything out of that bunch of sweet singers it could; and the good-natured members of the T. Q. were willing, as they always are to contribute to the enjoyment of any crowd. All the music was fine and every one of the readings was all to the good. At the conclusion of this informal programme the guests were left to their own devices for amusement.

PENALTY CASES DISMISSED.

Hearing Before Justice Rowland This Morning and Commissioners Exonerated.

The penalty suits against Messrs. J. W. Carter, chairman, C. A. Oliver, A. L. Bullock and A. R. McEachern, of the board of county commissioners, which first came up for hearing before Justice J. A. Rowland in Lumberton last Wednesday and were continued until today, were heard this morning in the court house before Justice Rowland and were dismissed.

As has been mentioned, the suits were brought by Mr. Ben Brewer through his attorney Mr. Wade Wishart. It was alleged that the commissioners had violated the law and were liable to a penalty of \$200 each in each case for allowing a claim of Jailer J. H. Floyd for \$117 on the first Monday in June last and for paying Rufus McLaurin \$22, the contract price for work on a bridge over Shoe Creek. It was made to appear to the satisfaction of the court that in these instances the commissioners had complied with the law and that there was no ground for the complaints. Messrs. McLean and McLean, McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor and E. J. Britt represented the commissioners.

A Dangerous Condition.

Mr. A. S. Tyner, of rural route No. 2 from Buie, says that while on his way to Lumberton Friday to attend the educational rally, in crossing McNeill's bridge he met Mr. Tom Fulmore and Mr. Fulmore's mule broke through the bridge, bruising him slightly. Mr. Tyner thinks that unless the commissioners have that bridge repaired at once somebody is liable to be indicted.

Messrs. Jno. French and R. A. McLean are spending a few days at Blowing Rock.

McALLISTER-CROSBY.

Miss Olive Crosby of Hampton, Va., Becomes the Bride of Mr. J. D. McAllister of Lumberton.

Mr. Jno. D. McAllister of Lumberton and Miss Olive Elizabeth Crosby were married Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. Crosby, 404 Newport avenue, Hampton, Va. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Carter Jenkins, a Presbyterian minister of Norfolk, Va., in the presence of the immediate members of the bride's family. Immediately after the marriage the bride and groom left for Richmond, Va., and thence they came to Lumberton, arriving Friday afternoon, and are making their home at present with the groom's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McAllister, corner of Fourth and Walnut streets.

Though friends of the contracting parties were expecting the event to take place at some time in the near future, when news of the marriage reached Lumberton Friday it occasioned surprise. The bride spent the past two seasons in Lumberton as assistant milliner for Miss Josephine Breece and she and Mr. McAllister, who is a member of the McAllister Hdw. Co., have many friends who wish for them much happiness. The groom was accompanied to Hampton by his brother, Mr. A. P. McAllister, who returned Friday morning.

Mrs. A. E. White Entertains the Young Matrons' Club.

Mrs. Albert E. White entertained the Young Matrons' Club and other friends at her hospitable home, corner of Walnut and 8th streets, Thursday afternoon from five to seven o'clock. The guests were met at the door by Miss Mattie Lee Pittman and ushered into the hall, where the hostess and Mrs. Ira B. Townsend received. Punch was served by Miss Claudia Davis.

When all had arrived a contest was distributed which was familiar to all housekeepers, entitled, "Vegetables in disguise." When the result of the contest was ascertained it was found that four worthy dames had answered each hidden question correctly.—Messdames Ira B. Townsend, C. F. Simmons, N. A. McLean and F. J. Thomas, Mrs. McLean winning the blue ribbon in cutting. Refreshments were daintily served by Misses Vashti White and Epsie Fuller. Attractive souvenirs in vegetable shape were presented each guest by the little ladies.

Out-of-town guests present were Messdames Ira B. Townsend of Charlotte, Charles F. Simmons of Greenwood, S. C., and Miss Annie Turner of Fair Bluff.

First Bale of Cotton—Sold by Col. E. F. McRae of Maxton.

Col. E. F. McRae, whose farm "Raumont" is near Maxton, sold at Maxton Saturday the first bale of cotton for the county—and for the State, too, isn't it?—for this year. The bale weighed 468 pounds and was purchased by Mr. J. W. Carter at 16 1/2 cents a pound.

Col. McRae, who is a candidate for the Democratic nomination for the State Senate, is not only one of the best farmers in Robeson—which is equivalent to saying that he is one of the best in the State—but is one of the best-known men in the county and a leader in all that makes for the upbuilding of his county and State.

Meeting of Camp Willis H. Pope, U. C. V., No. 1707.

The officers and members of Willis H. Pope Camp, U. C. V., are requested to meet in the court house in Lumberton Saturday afternoon, Sept. 3, at 3 o'clock. The object of the meeting is to appoint delegates to the reunion at Norfolk, and other business.

By order of Com. J. A. McAllister. M. G. McKenzie, Adj.

Postmaster L. A. Lawson, of Orrum, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—Chief of Police H. H. Redfern returned Friday from Wadesboro, where he was called the first of the week on account of the illness of his infant son, his son's condition having very much improved.

—Dr. W. L. Grantham, who since coming to Lumberton for the practice of his profession has had an office at the Pope drug store, has moved his office to the Lumberton Drug Co.'s store. The change was made last week.

—The present indications are that a large crowd will take advantage of the extremely low rates to be given on the excursion to Richmond, Va., on the 7th of September. The managers are making arrangements to accommodate a large crowd.

—Mr. Ervin Grantham, who was employed at the Pope drug store, has returned to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Grantham, near Fairmont, for a short vacation before entering school. He has been succeeded by Mr. Earl Carter, of Maxton, who was formerly with the Lumberton Drug Co.

—Mr. W. D. Lewis, who farms near Pembroke, was among the business visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Lewis is one of the contestants in The Robesonian cotton contest and says that somebody will have to "git up and git" or he will be somewhere not far off in the winning. He has some fine cotton and also some good corn.

—A Mr. Martin, manager of the chain gang of Marion county, S. C., was in town Saturday for W. O. Watts, white, an escaped convict who was arrested here Monday afternoon of last week and placed in jail by Chief of Police H. H. Redfern. Watts refused to go without requisition papers, which Mr. Martin did not have; so Watts remains in jail here for the present.

—An infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Branch, of the Dresden Cotton Mill village, died Saturday night and the interment took place yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the family burying ground at the home of the late Jno. G. Smith, in Howellsville township. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Robeson circuit.

—Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Durham and children returned Friday from a month's vacation which they spent in Gastonia, Hendersonville and Asheville. Mr. Durham preached at the First Baptist church, of which he is pastor, yesterday morning, and last evening Prof. J. B. Carlyle, of Wake Forest College, delivered an address at this church on phases of the Laymen's Missionary Movement.

—Mr. Rory M'White, who lives near Moss Neck, came near having some watermelons scattered on the streets Saturday afternoon. Mr. M'White drove up in front of Messrs. Crump and Floyd's store on Elm street with a one-horse wagon load of melons and left his horse standing unhitched while he walked into the store. An auto came by and the horse took fright, going off down the street at a rapid pace, but was stopped in front of Messrs. Caldwell and Carlyle's store before any damage was done.

Graded School Opens September 13th—Another Teacher to be Selected.

Lumberton's graded school, Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent, will open for the fall term Tuesday, September 13.

Miss Mary Millner, of Leaksville, Rockingham county, who was elected some time ago to assist Supt. Sentelle in teaching the 9th and 10th grades, has decided not to accept the position and the school board will meet within the next few days and select a teacher for these grades.

Ten Mile Picnic Called Off.

The picnic which was to have been held on Thursday of this week at Ten Mile church has been called off. All who have been looking forward to this occasion will please take notice.