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HOPE MILLS NEWS.

Graded and High School Commencement—An Unusual Band—Lumber for New Railway Station—A Business Change—Infant Burned to Death.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, April 11. — The Hope Mills graded and high school last Friday closed its most successful year's work. The closing exercises were held on Friday night and were of an unusually high order, reflecting great credit upon pupils and faculty. The audience was large and expressed pleasure at the way the pupils acquitted themselves. One feature that deserves special mention was the music rendered by the "juvenile band" composed of Mr. John Beaman West and his four children ranging in age from seven to thirteen years. We dare say that no town in the State enjoys the unique distinction of having such a splendid band, making fine music on wind instruments from a cornet to a bass, whose members are so young.

The program was well rendered from start to finish. The pantomimes and drills were very beautiful. The songs and solos showed evidence of excellent work done in the music department. The recitations were fine, one of which capped the climax when at the close of the exercises Miss Flora Kate Johnson recited in such an acceptable manner "High Culture and Dixie." Three prizes were awarded, two for good attendance and one for the greatest improvement in penmanship. Miss Elizabeth McDonald having attended school for three years without missing a day, received the first prize; Miss Alice West, not having missed a day in two years, received the second prize. Miss Ollie Myrtle Johnson received the prize for the greatest improvement in penmanship.

Notwithstanding the fact that the house was filled to overflowing, the best of order was maintained. Mr. James H. Johnson was chairman of the order committee, and he certainly filled this position well.

On Sunday morning the annual sermon was delivered by Rt. Rev. Robert Strange. For eloquence and scholarship Bishop Strange ranks among the foremost in the South. His theme was education, and in beauty and expression it was faultless; in thought it was helpful and inspiring. Education, he said, helps us to appreciate the good, the true and the beautiful; it gives us the capacity to enjoy and to know the truth. On Monday night Dr. Henry Lewis Smith, president of Davidson College, delivered the literary address. Dr. Smith was introduced by Mr. Jno. A. Oates of Fayetteville. Dr. Smith is a ripe scholar and a gifted speaker. His subject was education, and he handled it in such a manner that the smallest school-boy and girl could not fail to grasp his meaning, as he drove home with apt illustration and piercing logic the great fact that this is the age of mind; that whereas in past ages of the world's history muscle ruled, now the intellect is king.

Misses Mary McLaughlin of Wagram and Lettie Cable of Parkton, who were former teachers in the school here, attended the closing exercises of the Hope Mills graded school. — Miss Davie Britt of Lumberton attended the Hope Mills graded school commencement.

Mr. Sam Jones has sold out his cafe business to Mr. W. H. Guley, who will continue the business.

The first carload of lumber for the new waiting rooms at the A. C. L. Ry. station was received today. This means that Hope Mills will have better accommodations in the way of a passenger station in the near future.

This afternoon Mr. W. W. Wallace received a telephone message from his brother Mr. C. M. Wallace of Greensboro, saying that his little one-year-old daughter was instantly burned to death at 3 o'clock this afternoon, and that the remains will be brought to Hope Mills tomorrow afternoon, where the child will be buried at the cemetery at Big Rockfish Presbyterian church.

WHO KNEW THESE MEN?

Chance for "Oldest Inhabitants"

The authorities of Davidson College are preparing a General Catalogue, to be issued soon, which is to contain a sketch of every man who has ever studied at that college. Below are given the names of some who, as students, were from Robeson county. No doubt relatives or other persons who knew these men are still living. Any person who knows any facts about any one of these men is requested to write all he knows at once to the undersigned or to Prof. Thos. W. Lingle, Davidson, N. C. Otherwise all records of these men, except the scanty facts given herewith, are lost forever, as the next General Catalogue after this one will not be issued until a quarter of a century later and then it will be too late to learn anything about any of these men. Who can give information about any of the following?

William McLeod, entered with the class of 1841. Was from Robeson Co. Farmer. Died before 1888 in Arkansas.

Hector R. McLean, entered with the class of 1842. Was from Robeson Co. Physician, Robeson Co. Died before 1888.

Joseph B. McCallum, entered with the class of 1845. Was from Robeson Co. Took his A. M. degree at Davidson in 1848. Teacher, farmer, Maxton, N. C. Died before 1888.

Hector McNeill, entered with the class of 1845. Was from Robeson Co. M. D. Physician, Robeson Co. Died before 1888.

John W. McRae, entered with the class of 1846. Was from Robeson Co. Lawyer, Robeson Co. Died before 1888.

Gilbert Murphy McNeill, entered with the class of 1856. Was from Robeson Co. Died before 1888 in Marion Co., S. C.

Give date and place of death, and any other facts about them, whether alive or dead.

J. A. McAllister, Lumberton, N. C.

Flour Mill Matter Still Pending—Movement Depends on Stock Subscriptions.

The directors of the Robeson Milling Co.—W. K. Culbreth, J. L. Prevatt, Walter Bridges, Jas. McLaughlin, Henry Lowry, Arch. Odum, J. W. Lowe, F. Odum—met here yesterday in the office of R. E. Lee, attorney for the company, to further consider the matter of moving the company's flour mill from Pembroke to Lumberton or elsewhere. The committee appointed a week ago to find out what Red Springs and Lumberton would offer in the way of taking stock reported that more time was wanted and the matter is left open for a few days. Lumberton has offered a site between Tenth and Eleventh streets, close to the V. & C. S. Ry., that is acceptable to the directors, and if enough interest is taken in the matter of taking stock the mill will come to Lumberton; otherwise it may remain in Pembroke or go to Red Springs, which is making a bid. Pres. Culbreth will call a meeting within a few days to take final action.

New Hotel Badly Needed.

Capt. A. Bickery, who for the past three and a half years has conducted the Waverly hotel as well as anybody could with the poor equipment at command, has about decided to give it up as a bad job and go somewhere where he can get a better run for his money. He has given notice to the owners that he wants to vacate some time in June and he has several other hotel propositions that he is considering. Capt. and Mrs. Bickery have labored under difficulties here—the Waverly falls ridiculously short of meeting the town's needs—and it is to be hoped that their decision to leave may bring the movement for a new hotel to a head. Beyond all question a better hotel is Lumberton's greatest need just now.

—Col. E. F. McRae's many friends throughout the county will be glad to know that he is able to be out again. He was a Lumberton visitor yesterday, the first time he has been out in several weeks, coming down from Maxton, where he was taken four weeks ago from his country home, "Raemont," near Maxton.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Death of Margaret Tolar—Easter Services—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, April 9.—Rev. J. M. Dunaway filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Saturday p. m. and Sunday, preaching with his usual ability. His theme was to the fathers in the morning and to the mothers at night. These special sermons are calculated to influence any home, pure or impure.

Margaret Janette, the loving and tender sweet 5-months-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Tolar, died Saturday night at twelve o'clock, after four days illness. The funeral was held Sunday p. m. at four o'clock at the Presbyterian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Cochran, in a very impressive manner, assisted by Rev. J. M. Dunaway, and the interment was at the Parkton cemetery. Those who attended from a distance were: Mr. Neill A. Brown and wife and daughter Mae, Mr. L. M. Cook, Rev. G. T. Pace and wife of Red Springs, and Miss Emma Higley of Lumberton. The little grave was covered with beautiful flowers. We all extend our deepest sympathy to the stricken parents in this hour of sorrow.

Misses Ethel Marsh and Sadie Johnson of the Southern Presbyterian College, with their friends Misses Ruth Todd and Burnice Smith, spent Sunday and Monday with home folks.—Miss Ethel Williamson, who has been teaching at Smyrna, came home Friday night.—Miss Lela Cobb spent Sunday at Hope Mills.

We are sorry to report Mr. A. G. Culbreth very sick.—We are glad to report Mrs. A. C. McCormick, who has been very sick, is improving.

The M. E. Sunday school has prepared a nice Easter program to be observed on next Sunday p. m. at 4 o'clock. The songs are very beautiful, and the recitations attractive. The best singers of the town will participate and a beautiful anthem "Tell it with a Joyful Voice," a quartette, will be enjoyed. The public is most cordially invited to attend. The collection will go to the famine sufferers of China.

Heavy Wind Storm Kills 13 People and Destroys Much Property.

Washington Dispatch, 12th.

A heavy wind storm attaining the velocity of a tornado in some sections, and accompanied by rain, hail and lightning, swept over western Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma today, killing thirteen persons, practically destroying two towns, injuring almost a hundred persons, wrecking scores of buildings and putting almost every telephone and telegraph wire in the territory out of commission.

Notices of New Advertisements.

The Lumberton Drug Co. will give a \$400 piano to some one of its customers.

The bank for savings—Bank of Lumberton.

Mrs. Flora Norment has qualified as administratrix of estate of T. N. McDiarmid.

A. Weinstein's Easter opening is a success. A page ad. tells of special offerings.

House and half-acre lot for sale—Geo. M. Whitfield.

Velvet bow for hat and artificial violets lost.

Woods-rider and bookkeeper wanted.

John R. Smith's Buffalo Ranch Wild West Shows in Lumberton next week.

Protracted Meeting Closes.

The protracted meeting which had been in progress at the Methodist church since Sunday, the 3d inst., closed last evening. There were about 15 professions of faith and 10 applications for church membership. Rev. J. M. Rowland of Richmond, Va., who assisted the pastor, Rev. E. M. Hoyle, in conducting the meeting, was very much liked here and his preaching was of the sort that does much good. He left this morning to visit relatives near Rowland and Dillon, S. C., before returning to his home in Richmond.

DEATH OF S. S. PHILLIPS.

Aged and Highly-Esteemed Confederate Veteran Passes in East Lumberton—Funeral Yesterday Largely Attended.

Mr. Samuel S. Phillips died suddenly Tuesday morning between 9 and 10 o'clock at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Taylor, in East Lumberton. He was sitting in a chair reading and fell over dead immediately after remarking to his daughter that he had earache that was going down into his shoulders. He was 79 years and 11 months old on the date of his death and was born and spent his entire life within three miles of Lumberton. He was a Confederate veteran, a member of the Baptist church, and was highly esteemed.

The interment took place yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the cemetery at the old home, known as the Jesse Phillips place, about 2 miles from town, below East Lumberton, services being conducted at the cemetery by Revs. A. H. Porter of Whiteville and I. P. Hedgpeath of Lumberton. Messrs. J. A. McAllister, M. G. McKenzie, Irvin Jenkins, A. B. Small, Thos. Prevatt and Dr. J. C. McKenzie, constituting a committee from Camp Willis H. Pope, of which deceased was a member, attended the funeral in a body, in uniform, and a wreath was sent by the Daughters of the Confederacy. The funeral was attended by an unusually large crowd, the procession being fully half a mile long. His wife and two daughters, Mesdames W. H. McDonald and J. D. Taylor, two brothers and four sisters, all of whom live near Lumberton, survive.

Slogans For Lumberton—Still They Come.

Still suggestions for a slogan for Lumberton come. You can judge for yourself whether anybody has hit the nail on the head. If you can make a better suggestion than has been made, fire away for the offer of \$5 is still open. These have been received since Monday:

Lumberton, the home for happiness, prosperity and the honor of God.

Lumberton, the home of benevolence, prosperity and progress.

Lumberton, ever achieving, still pursuing.

Progressive, prosperous Lumberton.

See Lumberton and stop.

Up and ready, first and foremost, always ready.

Live to love lively Lumberton.

New Lumberton, the dividend town.

New Lumberton, the town that does things.

Lumberton don't dread no noise.

This last suggestion comes from a near-by town and the author adds: "Shake 'em up, Mr. Editor, for a change of pace will help. If success cannot be secured on one tack a change of action will bring the glad tidings. Have 'em add a 'little pep'—a trifle more activity and just a little better exhibition of spryness in the line-up. That wouldn't hurt Lumberton any. In the slogan 'Lumberton don't dread no noise' grammar has been ignored. Two negatives are equivalent to an affirmative. I believe, however, the idea is expressed."

Supreme Court's Decision Saves State Schools Over \$400,000.

Raleigh Special, 12th, to Wilmington Star.

In an unanimous opinion the Supreme Court reverses the lower court and the Supreme Court precedent in Russell vs. Ayers, 1897, and directs that State Auditor Wood shall advance the State poll tax from \$1.29 to \$1.35 to a parity between property and poll tax as required by the constitution instead of setting aside the tax levies of the 1911 revenue act and levying the old 1909 property and poll tax, thereby cutting the public schools out of some \$450,000 for the next two years, the ruling just made saving to the schools fully this amount.

Good results always follow the use of Foley Kidney Pills. They give prompt relief in all cases of kidney and bladder disorders. Try them. J. D. McMillan & Son.

East Lumberton Briefs—A Revival Meeting Begins May 8.

The Psalmist gave out a beautiful expression in saying, "I have loved the habitation of thy house, and the place where thine honor dwelleth;" and by the constant attendance of so many good people upon the church services we are encouraged to think they agree with the sweet singer of Israel. Mr. Watts had the same spirit, as the following lines indicate:

"Lord, how delightful it is to see,
A whole assembly worship Thee,
At once they sing, at once they pray,
They hear of heaven, they learn the way.

I have been there and still will go;
'Tis like a little heaven below.

We are pleased to announce that Rev. F. T. Wooten of Chadbourn will assist the pastor in a revival meeting, beginning Monday night, May 8th, and we hope many earnest prayers may be offered for the success of the gospel.

It is with sincere regret that we report the condition of Mr. W. L. Phillips unimproved; but the kindness of many friends and relative who unite in extending a helping hand is gratefully appreciated. May the blessings of heaven rest upon them all.

Mr. J. L. McPhail, who has been very sick with pneumonia, is rapidly recovering and we hope he will soon be out again. A good man, he.

J. M. Fleming.

Blewett Falls Power Plant Transferred to New Concern—Big Developments Planned.

Raleigh Special, 10th, to Charlotte Observer.

Deeds and mortgages involving the transfer of the Rockingham Power Company (Blewett Falls plant) to the Yadkin River Power Company of Raleigh, chartered recently with \$4,000,000 capital, were filed today, the deed being given by E. C. Potter and wife of Newton, Mass. There is also a mortgage deed by the Colonial Trust Company to secure \$15,000,000 bonds.

President Charles E. Johnson of the Carolina Power & Light Co. and Yadkin River Power Company says big developments by these allied interests are under way. They have purchased eleven and a half acres of land west of the State Fair grounds for a big electric station. Transforming lines are being surveyed from Blewett Falls to Raleigh, thence to Durham, Henderson, Goldsboro, Fayetteville and other nearby towns.

Taken in connection with the great developments of the southern Power Company heading this way from Charlotte via Greensboro and Durham in interurban lines, the Yadkin River Power Company movement here is most significant.

Superior Court.

The case of the Methodist Protestant Church vs. the Methodist Episcopal Church, a contention as to which Indian congregation should be entitled to the use of a church in Smith's township, which has been on the docket many years, was compromised this morning. The M. E. church is to pay the M. P. church \$400 and retain the property, each side to pay its own costs. In the case of Red Springs Trading Co. vs. Albert McNeill et al. judgment has been rendered against Defendants Albert McNeill and D. F. Messiner in sums of \$260 and \$194.54, respectively. Thirty-five final judgments have been signed. Court will probably last the balance of this week. Judge C. M. Cook of Louisburg is presiding.

Robeson and Hoke Arbitrators.

State Senator J. W. McLaughlin and Mr. J. H. Smith, arbitrators appointed by the commissioners of Hoke county to act with Messrs. A. T. Parmele and M. L. Marley, Robeson's arbitrators, in determining the amount of Robeson's indebtedness to be paid by Hoke, etc., were in town Tuesday to hold a meeting, but Monday was the appointed time, Mr. Marley was not here, and nothing was done. The law provides that the arbitrators shall meet from time to time until their work is done and another meeting will be held here on the 25th inst.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—The three banks of Lumberton will be closed Monday on account of Easter.

—The Robesonian is indebted to Mr. Bunyan Y. Tyner for a neatly-engraved invitation to the commencement exercises of the Wingate school April 21 to 24.

—Fayetteville Observer, 12th: Mr. J. R. Boyd, manager for the telephone company, says that soon a cable system will be installed at Red Springs and Maxtox.

—Miss Myrtle Perry and Mr. J. B. Ashley, both of Fairmont, were married Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perry. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church of Fairmont.

—Messrs. Frank Gough and John French left Tuesday afternoon for Winston-Salem, where they will run a sale for a few days on a stock of goods the firm of White & Gough bought last week. The goods not sold during the sale will be packed up and shipped here.

—A small boy came into The Robesonian office Tuesday and "asked to know" if "that man" told the reporter to put it in the paper that 13-year-old Lacy Oxendine, a student at the Indian Normal at Pembroke, was in Lumberton Tuesday. No, "that man" did not. "Put it in," said Lacy. And there it is.

—Mrs. R. Humphrey, of Saddle Tree, who has been sick for some time, was taken Monday night to Charlotte, to the Charlotte sanatorium, where she will undergo an operation as soon as her physicians consider it advisable. Her son Dr. David Humphrey accompanied her and is still with her. Her husband spent yesterday in Charlotte, returning last night.

—Cards have been received here this morning reading as follows:

Eugene Grissom Davis,
Amanda Drucilla Kindley,
Married,
Wednesday, April the twelfth,
nineteen hundred and eleven,
Fayetteville, North Carolina.

The bride has many friends in Lumberton, having been head nurse at the Thompson hospital here two or three years ago.

—Dr. C. T. Stronsider, one of the assistants in the department of the State Health Board that has in charge the eradication of the hook-worm, will visit with Supt. J. R. Poole next week the schools at St. Paul, Parkton, Lumber Bridge and Philadelphia to make investigations as to prevalence of hook-worm. Five counties have already been canvassed. A campaign will be waged against his hook-worm-ship next fall if he is found to be prevalent among the school children.

—The order for a new fire pump will probably be placed this afternoon, when the committee that has the matter in charge will meet to consider a proposition from a representative of a pump manufacturer. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the town commissioners last week passed an order for the purchase of the pump, the board of audit and finance has since approved, so all things are now ready for placing the order, which will perhaps have been placed by the time this gets in print.

—Charlotte Observer, 12th: Mr. and Mrs. Mogan B. Spier and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McDonald left yesterday afternoon for Rock Hill, S. C., to attend the double wedding of Miss Edith Stewart and Mr. T. E. Cummings and Miss Katherine Stewart and Mr. Benjamin C. Barnes which took place last evening at 7 o'clock. The ceremony was followed by an elaborate reception which was attended by several hundred guests. The affair was one of the most noteworthy in the annals of Rock Hill society as the two brides are among the most cultured and popular young women of the State.

The brides are double first-cousins of Mrs. Essie McLean of Lumberton.