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HOTTEST PRIMARY EVER.

After Fierce Contest A. E. White Wins Nomination for Mayor of Lumberton in Primary Tuesday Over W. O. Thompson—Hooks Withdrew from Race—White Supporters Elect Entire Ticket—Election Monday.

The primary in Lumberton Tuesday for nomination of mayor, town commissioners, board of audit and finance and graded school trustees resulted as follows:

For Mayor—A. E. White. White received 193 votes, his opponent, W. O. Thompson, receiving 154.

For Commissioners—M. W. Floyd, 297; J. Howard Morrison, 198; W. J. Prevatt, 184. Floyd was the only member of the old board who was renominated, the other members of the old board who were candidates for renomination, E. B. Freeman and J. H. Wishart, receiving 145 and 154 votes respectively.

For Board of Audit and Finance—Ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, Frank Gough, A. T. Parmele—no opposition—267 votes each.

For Graded School Trustees—C. B. Townsend, to fill unexpired term of one year of the late Col. N. A. McLean, 211; L. E. Whaley, 223; W. S. Britt, 187; L. H. Caldwell, 238. Votes received by defeated candidates: J. P. Townsend, 108; R. C. Lawrence, 57; Dr. H. T. Pope, 60. W. P. Barker and M. G. McKenzie received 4 and 10 votes respectively, but both are county officers and had refused to allow the use of their names.

The total vote cast was 349.

This was perhaps the hottest fight the town has ever known over the nomination or election of town officers. Lines formed several weeks ago and the contest waxed hotter and hotter day by day, and on the day of the primary several encounters personal were narrowly averted. As soon as it became known that Mr. White, who served the town well as mayor several years ago, would be a candidate, lines of opposition began to form. Mayor J. A. Rowland was at first a candidate for renomination, and Mr. W. E. Hooks was the first man to formally announce his candidacy. Mayor Rowland withdrew from the race, however, a week before the primary and Mr. W. O. Thompson entered, Rowland supporters rallying to his standard. On the night before the primary Mr. Hooks withdrew, leaving the race to White and Thompson, with the result as recorded above.

Nomination is equivalent to election, but the action of the primary will be ratified in a formal election Monday. The new officers have ten days after the election in which to qualify. It is understood that some changes will be made as soon as the new mayor and the board of commissioners, with two new members, take charge.

Farm-Lite School Speakings.

President Hill, of the A. and M. College at Raleigh, will speak at the following times and places in the interest of the farm-life school: Wednesday, May 3, 11 a. m., Fairmont; 3 p. m., Orrum; 8:30 p. m., Lumberton; Thursday, May 4, 10 a. m., Buie.

County Supt. J. R. Poole and Supt. R. E. Sentelle, of the Lumberton graded school, will speak at Ten Mile Saturday.

Meeting of Tax Assessors.

In response to a call issued by County Tax Assessor W. H. Humphrey, 16 of the 21 township assessors of the county met here yesterday to go over the new law with Mr. Humphrey and receive instructions as to their duties. County Auditor A. T. Parmele and County Attorney E. J. Britt assisted Mr. Humphrey in explaining the details of their work.

Ex-Gov. Aycock, who has been mentioned repeatedly lately as a probable candidate for the seat in the Senate now occupied by Simmons, says that the people must run him if he is a candidate. Simmons, Gov. Kitchin and Judge Walter Clark are known to be candidates for the place.

FLOUR MILL SECURED.

Directors of Robeson Milling Co. Accept Lumberton's Offer and Flour Mill Will be Moved From Pembroke to Lumberton at Once—Capacity Will be Enlarged and Corn Mill and Ice Plant Will be Added.

At a meeting of a majority of the directors of the Robeson Milling Co. held here yesterday it was decided to move the company's flour mill from Pembroke to Lumberton, the Lumberton Industrial and Commercial Club giving a free site and the business men of the town taking \$1,000 in stock. The work of moving the mill will begin next week. It will be located at the corner of Third and Chippewa streets, near the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railway, or Ninth street, on same railway. The capacity is now 15 barrels of flour per day—30 barrels, counting day and night run—and this will be doubled. A corn mill will be added, and it is also the intention to operate an ice plant, as there will be ample power for this purpose.

This mill was started a year ago at Pembroke and the first year's operation resulted in an earning of 10 per cent. It is claimed that the establishment of the mill has resulted in increasing the acreage to wheat in the county threefold. It will have much more wheat to grind this year than last, and with the addition of a corn mill and an ice plant it is confidently expected that it will be a much more profitable enterprise. As mentioned in The Robesonian, some time ago there was a reorganization and the name was changed from the Raft Swamp Co-operative Milling & Ginning Co. to the Robeson Milling Co. The directors here yesterday were W. K. Culbreth, president; W. F. Prevatt, secretary; W. M. Bridges, J. L. and Jno. Prevatt and S. H. Townsend. W. K. Culbreth, J. L. and Jno. Prevatt and Jas. McLaughlin were appointed a committee on the part of the old company, K. M. Biggs and Frank Gough on the part of the new, to take immediate steps to move the plant. These committees met yesterday afternoon and took steps to begin moving next week.

Red Springs put in a bid for the mill and it was said here yesterday that with the offer of \$2,000 in stock that came from that town was the admission that it was done just to keep the mill from coming to Lumberton. But the directors preferred to come to Lumberton.

The County Division Crowd Still at It.

As mentioned in last Thursday's Robesonian, a meeting of county division advocates was held Tuesday of last week at Pembroke and the Red Springs Citizen says that "all were of the opinion that chances were bright for a division two years hence." At this meeting it was decided to have a picnic at Alfordville Tuesday, July 4, with prominent speakers, etc. Dr. J. L. McMillan and Messrs. H. M. John, Alex. Alford, J. B. McCormick and H. C. McNair were appointed a committee to make arrangements for this picnic and for a vigorous campaign to divide the county. The Citizen says that the proposed lines for division are as follows:

"Beginning where the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad crosses the Cumberland line, and running in a southerly direction to New bridge, over Drowning creek, near Moss Neck, then a direct line to the northeast corner of Thompson township line to Bullock's ford; thence a direct course to the South Carolina line at a point about two miles west of the Raleigh & Charleston Railroad."

The Citizen adds: "These lines are drawn with a view to fairness both as to property valuation and territory. The court house site will be left with the voters in the proposed territory after the division is made."

—Rev. J. S. Hunter, colporteur for the Virginia Conference, will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

What Voting for Bond Issue for School Building Means—Bonds Should be Voted—Residence Improvements—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, April 24.—Mr. F. N. Fisher has moved to his new and elegant home in town.—Capt. J. D. Cobbs painting his residence, also Prof. J. H. Forbis is having his beautiful residence painted. Commencement is fast approaching and the greatest time in the history of the school is anticipated. The big day is May 3rd.

Supt. J. Y. Joyner is to speak at the academy Tuesday at 11 o'clock in the interest of education.

The next and most important occasion is voting for the bond issue of \$12,500 for the erection of the proposed new school building which is to be voted on Monday, May 1st. This means much to Parkton and the community at large. The bond issue means, if carried, prosperity forever to the school, but on the other hand if defeated means the death knell forever to the school, as there is no substitute for the building. Of course we do not apprehend a defeat by any means, but we hear of some opposition. This should not be so. This election should be carried by the same majority that prohibition was carried. Why not?

The Parkton band will leave for Clio, S. C., this p. m. to play at a land sale and barbecue Tuesday.

Mrs. L. E. Hughes is on the sick list, we are sorry to say.—Miss Jane MacMillan spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks at Edonia.—Mrs. Annie Haywood has returned home from an extended visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Smith of Sanford.—Mr. R. H. Williamson of Lumberton, R. F. D., visited friends here Sunday.—Miss Mary Louise Culbreth spent the day in Fayetteville today.—Miss Mary Stuart spent Saturday in Fayetteville.—Mrs. Alice Malloy is visiting relatives in Lumberton this week.

Stores Will Close at 6 P. M. Beginning May 2d—Remember and be Good.

Beginning Tuesday of next week, May 2d, Lumberton merchants will close their stores at 6 o'clock p. m. every evening except Saturdays until September 1. An agreement to this effect was signed yesterday afternoon by practically every merchant in town.

The ladies of the town can make this agreement of none effect if they are a mind to. All they have to do is to put off their shopping until 6 o'clock. A tired clerk may be all ready to close and get out for the recreation for which his tired body and mind stand sorely in need after being on the job long hours, but if a lady walks into the store just then he becomes at once all polite attention and she may rob him of just as many minutes of the time that should be his off duty as she wants to. But they will not do it. They will remember that if they had been on a fatiguing job all the long day and their employers—just supposing, you know, that they had swapped places with the clerks—had generously agreed to let them have all the time after 6 o'clock until the next morning, and somebody were to come along all in fresh raiment and rested and gay and say, "Oh, I just couldn't get here any sooner; I won't detain you but a minute," and then walk in and take 5 minutes or 10 minutes, or even just one little minute of their time—My, but wouldn't they be mad as hornets!

So, ladies and gentlemen, remember that the stores will close at 6 p. m. after May 2, and let the storekeepers and clerks have all that is coming to them.

Edison's new storage battery street car, a car without a trolley, was tried out in Concord Tuesday, the first one tried in the South.

The 28th annual session of the North Carolina Sunday School Association convened in High Point yesterday.

HOPE MILLS NEWS.

Death of Young Wilbur Rollins—Town Primary—A Successful Term of School—Church Items.

Correspondent of The Robesonian.

Hope Mills, April 25.—On last Tuesday evening quite a number of our young people attended a party given by Mrs. R. L. Braxton, of route No. 2.

On Monday evening the children of the Episcopal Sunday school had a very delightful outing and Easter egg hunt.

On last Tuesday night Mr. S. G. Rollins' little 6-year-old son Wilber died, and the burial took place in Big Rockfish cemetery, Thursday morning, the funeral being conducted by Rev. N. M. McDonald.

Mrs. C. Carver and her daughter Stella last week attended the funeral of Mr. L. W. Strickland, Mrs. Carver's brother-in-law, which took place at Bethany church.

Mrs. Myra Bell and Misses Marie and Louina Bell and Elizabeth Rensberg, of Fayetteville, visited Mrs. H. M. Pate last week.

Rev. E. I. Olive closed a very successful term of school at King Hiram last Friday, and Mr. Olive will make his headquarters at Hope Mills after this week. Mr. Olive is pastor of the Baptist church here, and we are very glad to have this excellent gentleman come into our midst.

The ladies of the Methodist church are planning to have a supper in the near future, announcement of which will be made later.

Pursuant to call, issued according to law, a primary was held in Hope Mills on Monday night, April 17th, for the purpose of nominating a mayor and five aldermen. Mr. Z. B. Newton was elected nominee for mayor, and Messrs. W. J. Hollinsworth, W. J. Beattie, Jr., J. P. Wheeler, E. D. Tyson and R. E. L. Woodel were nominated for aldermen. The election will take place on Tuesday, May 2, at the Hope Mills library.

Rockingham District Conference.

Revs. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Lumberton Methodist church, S. J. McConnell, in charge of Methodist mission work here and at St. Paul, and W. A. Jenkins, pastor of Robeson circuit, went yesterday to Biscoe, Moore county, to attend the Rockingham district conference, which convened at that place last night and lasts through Sunday. Mr. W. H. Humphrey went this morning and Mr. A. W. Peace will go tomorrow. Mr. Peace will return tomorrow night and Messrs. Hoyle and Humphrey will return Saturday night. Messrs. Jenkins and McConnell will remain over Sunday.

Clean-Up Day Observed.

Many citizens of the town responded to the request of the Civic Association to make yesterday general clean-up day in town and much unsightly and disease-breeding trash was hauled off by the wagons that were secured for the purpose. Mrs. A. T. Parmele, chairman of the committee that has the work in charge, had the promise of 6 wagons, but only 3 reported. These, however, did good work and the town wagon will keep at the work of removing trash until it is completed. Those who for any reason could not get their work done before yesterday are urged to have it done as early as possible and any trash they may put out for the wagons will be removed.

Among the Sick.

Ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod continues very sick. He is not so well today as he was yesterday and Tuesday. Mrs. Ann Eliza Williams, widow of the late Dr. Williams, who has been very ill for several days, was thought to be somewhat improved this morning. Frances, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Jennings, who has been seriously ill for several days, was not thought to be any better this morning. The 16-months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. M'White is very sick.

Graded School Commencement

—Patrons Invited to Visit School—An Excellent Talk by President Poteat of Wake Forest College.

Next week will close the fourth year of the graded school, which, under the management of Supt. R. E. Sentelle, has made great progress in improved methods and attendance and is an institution of which the town may be justly proud.

Commencement exercises will begin Thursday night with a concert consisting of drills, choruses and plays. Class exercises will be held Friday morning, beginning at 11 o'clock. The literary address will be delivered by Prof. Z. V. Judd, superintendent of public instruction of Wake county. There are 11 in the graduating class. Miss Callie Edwards is valedictorian; Miss Mary King, salutatorian; Miss Lillian Nance, class historian; Miss Lois Thompson, class prophet; Miss Ruth Jackson, class censor; Miss Bessie Powell, class artist.

Supt. Sentelle extends a cordial invitation to patrons and friends of the school to attend the opening exercises any morning at 8:45 o'clock, see the children march into the auditorium, hear them sing, and visit the class rooms and hear them recite. Several have responded to the invitation this week.

Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, who was in town on his way to Lumber Bridge, where he delivered the literary address at the closing of the Lumber Bridge high school Tuesday night, made a talk to the children Tuesday morning that was regarded as one of the finest ever made at school. His subject was "Put first things first, second things second, third things third and last things last," and it was handled in a masterful way. Dr. Poteat was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence Monday night and was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre Tuesday.

Slogan Suggestions For Lumberton.

Still come suggestions for a slogan for Lumberton. There is no limit to the number of suggestions any one may offer, so if any one who has already tried thinks he or she—some of the best so far received have been sent by ladies—can do better, try again. It is open to anybody, but it is to be hoped that Lumberton people will not allow some outsider to walk off with the honor and the prize. Here are suggestions that have been received since the last issue of The Robesonian:

Lumberton! Luminous, learned, lively and lucky, progressive, prosperous, pretty and plucky. (Several rhyming slogans have been sent in, but they have not been printed in verse form. It will be noticed that alliteration plays a part in this one. The author adds this postscript: "Take the whole or else curtail, in either case I guess I'll fail.") Wide awake Lumberton.

Stop! Look! Locate! Lumberton advancing.

Next station, city of Lumberton.

Lumberton—Not significant of lumber, but of health and prosperity.

Change thy name quickly, O, Lumber-town.

All for God.

London for size and Paris for fashions, but for progress, Lumberton.

The town that never was bum, where you hear old progress hum.

Get right. Push promotes progress. Grit, grind, glory.

Watch Lumberton grow. Our Lumberton, yours if you come.

First, greatest and best Lumberton.

Lumberton for learning, liberty and religion.

The State Corporation Commission is issuing orders exempting a number of towns of around 2,000 inhabitants from the operation of the statute by the recent Legislature requiring two ticket windows at railway stations. The right is reserved to order in the two windows at any time conditions may make it advisable.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—In a news letter received too late for this issue mention is made of a series of meetings which will begin at the Baptist church at Barnesville Sunday.

—Prof. R. E. Sentelle and Mr. T. L. Johnson made speeches last evening at Raft Swamp school house in the interest of the farm-life school. Quite a crowd was present.

—Mrs. K. M. Biggs went Tuesday morning to Raleigh in response to a message announcing the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. Ella Duckett. Mr. Biggs received a message yesterday stating that Mrs. Duckett's condition was somewhat improved.

—Mr. J. Buck Bowen, who had held a position as bookkeeper for the St. Paul Cotton Mill Co. at St. Paul since the first of the year, has resigned and accepted a position with the Kingsdale Lumber Co. Mr. and Mrs. Bowen came to Lumberton Tuesday.

—Mr. Jno. W. Smith, who is mayor of the newly-incorporated town of North Lumberton—the Jennings Cotton Mills village—has the distinction of having driven a coach and four for Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederacy, on an inspection trip in 1864 to Fort Fisher, near Wilmington.

—The Robesonian is indebted to Mr. S. Raymond Thompson, a former Lumberton boy, for an invitation to the commencement exercises of the North Carolina Medical College at Charlotte, in the Academy of Music, next Monday, May 1, at 8:30 p. m. Mr. Thompson is taking a course in medicine there.

—Miss Essie McLean of Glasgow, Scotland, who had been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. McLean for several months, left last evening over the V. & C. S. on her return home. Mr. and Mrs. McLean and Mrs. McLean's mother, Mrs. J. W. Griffith, left with Miss McLean and will accompany her as far as New York.

—Mr. N. A. McNeill, contractor and builder, of Marion, S. C., who has charge of the erection of Mr. Amos King's residence on the corner of Second and Pine streets, has received plans and specifications for a \$50,000 tobacco factory to be erected at Mullins, S. C., on which he expects to bid; and he has also received drawings of a \$25,000 residence for Mr. Henry Mullin, of Marion, S. C., on which he will bid.

—This was handed to the reporter written out: Mr. Rembert Williamson, one of the most prosperous young farmers of the Smyrna section, came to Lumberton early Saturday a. m., and took passage by way of the Seaboard to Pembroke and from there by way of the Coast Line to Parkton, arriving in that town about 11 o'clock, where he remained until late Sunday p. m. in the interest of the farm-life school or some other very important business.

—Work was begun Monday morning on Mr. C. M. Fuller's sales stables, which are being erected on the corner of Second and Chestnut streets. The building will be 108 x 200 feet. There will be a department in the building for buggies and wagons, and for the accommodation of the public Mr. Fuller says that he will have hitching space in the house for 50 mules and horses. Mr. Fuller expects to have the building finished by the first of July.

—Mr. D. C. Sinclair, who recently gave up his position as clerk at the Yarrowhouse in Raleigh and will take charge of the new Chetwynd hotel in Laurinburg May 1, passed through Lumberton Tuesday on his way to Laurinburg from Elizabethtown, where he and Mrs. Sinclair have been visiting relatives. He and Mrs. Sinclair went this morning to Wilmington and will return to Laurinburg Saturday night. They will entertain some friends at dinner Sunday at the new hotel, which will be formally opened for the traveling public Monday.