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THE FARM-LIFE SCHOOL.

Act Providing For Establishment of Such Schools Explained—A Reading of the Act Would Satisfy Many Who Now Raise Objections—Answers to Objections That Have Been Raised—Robeson Cannot Afford to Vote This School Down.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

May we ask your indulgence and the patience of your readers to say a few words relative to the "farm-life school" and the election in regard thereto to be held on May 9th? When we first heard this measure mooted we were inclined to oppose it and intended to vote against it. Since then we have read a copy of the full act and find it to be far different from what common rumor would have one believe. A reading of the act itself would satisfy many of those who now raise objections thereto. Safeguarded as the act is, we are satisfied that the establishment of such a school in our county would result in great practical good to our people.

As there seems to be some confusion as to the provisions of the law, it might be illuminative to refer, in a brief way, to the provisions of the measure. The act provides that only one school may be established in any county. Not more than ten counties can take advantage of the act in any one year. Therefore the first ten counties voting the bonds will secure the ten schools. Upon request of the county board of education, the commissioners are directed to call an election upon the question of the issuance of bonds to an amount not exceeding \$25,000. This money is to be used in the purchase of land (25 acres arable land), erection of buildings and purchase of supplies and equipment. If the election carries, the funds for maintenance, payment of teachers, etc., is provided for as follows: The State gives the school \$2,500 annually; the general county fund gives the school a like amount annually; and the State further contributes the annual sum of \$1,500 for the benefit of the high school to be established in connection with the farm-life school proper. This provides a total of \$6,500 annually for maintenance, of which the county contributes only \$2,500. The school will be managed by a board of trustees consisting of one member from each township in the county and the trustees are elected by the county board of education. The location of the school is in the hands of the trustees and they are to locate it in the community which offers the most inducements in the way of cash or land or both. If a community should offer, say, \$10,000 to secure the location of the school, then this amount is to be deducted from the funds to be raised by the election and the county would only issue \$15,000 in bonds. The act provides that the school be located either in the country or else near a small town. It cannot be located in Lumberton. No person can be elected as principal or teacher except upon the approval of the president of the A. & M. College and the State Normal College. The course of instruction is intensely practical and in addition to the school work proper, demonstration and experiment work will be carried on throughout the county for the benefit of adult farmers. Tuition is free to the people of the county and board, etc., is furnished at actual cost.

The objections we have heard advanced against the school are as follows, and we have endeavored to answer each objection:

1. That it is a bill applicable only to Robeson county and is a "scheme" of Senator Cobb. It is well known that these writers and the Senator did not always agree upon local legislation in the last Legislature. But this charge against him is unfounded. The act is of State-wide application and was prepared by Superintendent Joyner and is modeled after the law now in force in many Western and Northern States where the schools have been in operation with great satisfaction. Senator Cobb

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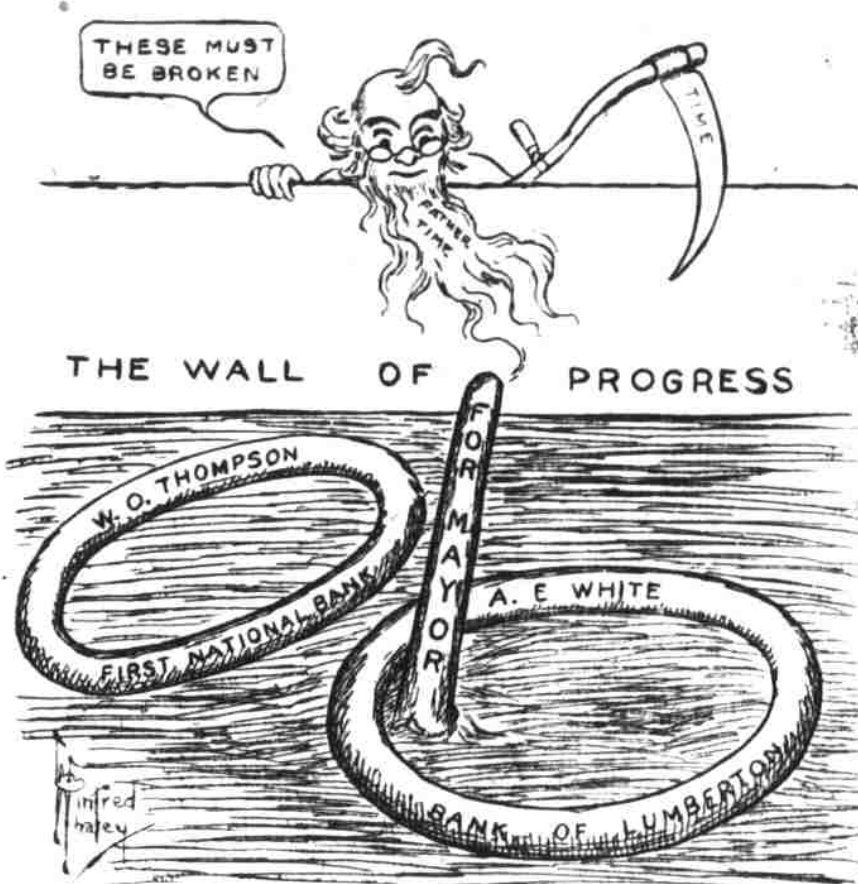
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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Chain Gang Doing Good Work
—A Play by Rowland Talent
—Protracted Meeting Closes
—Town Primary Friday Night
—A Store Breaking—Personal

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Apr. 28.—The county chain gang under Mr. Prevatt is doing some excellent work on the road towards Orrum and Barnesville. We never saw any work make a greater change in the appearance of a community. Byrd's crossing of Hog swamp is now a splendid thoroughfare. It actually improves the appearance of a man's house and yard to have a good road in front of his farm.

Mrs. John E. O'Neill of Chadbourn spent Wednesday with homefolks.

We regret to note the illness of Mrs. Nettie Ashley, who has been quite sick for several days.

Mrs. Pennie McMillan returned from a visit to her daughter at Mt. Tabor last Tuesday.

Messrs. Knox Kyle, John Purvis and Edgar Thompson returned home from Dell high school this week, all looking well and happy.

Nearly all the young people of the town attended the annual commencement of Orrum high school last Thursday and of course had a most enjoyable day.

The first strawberries on the local market, and fine ones too, were brought in on Thursday by Mr. J. M. Ashley.

"Valley Farm," a drama in four acts, was presented by Rowland home talent in the school building Wednesday night, and was all to the good and highly enjoyed by the large crowd present. The beautiful music by Miss Hallie Lytch between acts added much to our pleasure. We hope they may favor us again.

Rev. C. W. Smith left Wednesday morning to attend Rockingham district conference, which is held this year at Biscoe, the opening service being held Wednesday night.

The very interesting protracted meeting at the Baptist church closed last Sunday night, though the new members will not be received until next Sunday night. Our people were much pleased with Bro. Padgett and trust he may return at an early date.

Messrs. Redmond and Will Byrd, who have been away for several years, are guests of their father, H. G. Byrd, and are gladly greeted by their friends.

Mr. D. G. Rouse, formerly of this place, came over from Bennettsville last week and spent some days with his wife and children, who are with Mrs. Rouse's mother, Mrs. Ashley.

Miss Irene Sinclair of Maxton, route 4, is visiting her sister Mrs. Lock McLean.

Mr. A. L. Jones and family are enjoying a handsome new motor car.

Mr. N. W. Jenkins is visiting his cousin W. T. Jenkins of Vialia, Ga.

Mr. Knight Cashwell lost his boiler house and C. S. McKenzie

his barn by fire this week.

The town primary will be held next Friday night. Hope we will not have so hot a time over it as Lumberton.

Rev. John A. Hurshey of Dillon, S. C., was greeting many old friends in town last week.

Mr. A. C. Thompson's store was broken into on Thursday night by breaking a window in the back of the store. As this is written the hounds are trailing but no clue yet.

Slogan Suggestions For Lumberton.

The Robesonian has not been advised when the Industrial and Commercial Club, which is offering \$5 for a slogan for Lumberton, will close the contest, but it is probable that it will close soon. The number received since the last issue indicates, however, that interest holds up. A large number has been received and printed, but some one who has not yet tried may hit upon just the thing, so if any others care to try they are urged to do so at once. The following have been received since last Thursday:

Come on.
Ever onward.
God, Lumberton and prosperity.
Always for the right.
No parasites allowed.
Always up-to-date.
In the lead for right forever.
Welcome to the good.
God and peace.
Discovered: Perpetual motion—Lumberton on the forward march.
Never digressing but ever progressing.
Nulli secundus Lumberton.
Optimates Lumberton.
Let Lumberton look lovely.
More people for Lumberton.
Lumberton first, Lumberton the best, Lumberton always ahead of the rest.

Hark the call, ye Scotchmen, and all for Lumberton!

Hurrah for Lumberton! ye Scotchmen and all.

Larger, livelier, Lovelier Lumberton.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

—There will be a regular meeting of Unity Lodge No. 202, K. of P., this evening at 8 o'clock.

—Miss Lucy Grantham, of Fairmont has accepted a position as saleslady with Mr. A. Weinstein. She began work this morning.

—Mr. W. N. Gibson was the nominee for mayor of Red Springs in the election held there today, and as nomination is equivalent to election he will be the next mayor of that town.

—The first meet of the Lumberton Gun Club will be held tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at the trap in North Lumberton. Mr. Robbin, salesman for the Peter's Cartridge Co., will be present with the boys.

—The union meeting of Robeson Baptist Association was held at Big Branch church at Orrum Friday, Saturday and yesterday. Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth and Dr. R. T. Allen attended from Lumberton, the latter attending only one day, Friday.

—Telephone service has been very bad for the past few days, owing to the fact that the operators have not gotten accustomed to the new switch boards, but it is thought that when they get broken in the service will be better than ever. It is devoutly to be hoped that it will be.

—The county board of education is in session today. Besides transacting routine business it has received and approved a petition for a special school tax election in district No. 5, Alfordville township, for a special tax of 20 cents on the \$100 valuation of property and 60 cents on the poll. The road commissioners are also in session today and may elect a road superintendent this afternoon.

—Rev. J. S. Hunter, colporteur for the Virginia Conference, preached at the Methodist church yesterday morning and evening to large congregations. Mr. Hunter attended the Rockingham district conference last week at Biscoe, and came to Lumberton Saturday night with Rev. E. M. Hoyle, being a guest while here at the Methodist parsonage. He left this morning for Wilmington.

There was no preaching service at the First Baptist church yesterday on account of the illness of Mrs. Durham, wife of the pastor, Rev. C. H. Durham, nor at the Presbyterian church.

—Messrs. Duncan M'White of Barker's Rod M'White of Moss Neck and A. W. Peace of Lumberton returned Friday from Biscoe, where they went as delegates to the Rockingham district conference, which was in session there from Wednesday to yesterday. Rev. S. J. McConnell, in charge of Lumberton and St. Paul's mission work, also returned Friday night. Rev. E. M. Hoyle, pastor of the Lumberton Methodist church, and Mr. W. H. Humphrey, a delegate from the same church, returned Saturday night. Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of Robeson circuit, remained over Sunday.

At The Opera House.

Mr. Polk Miller and Col. Tom Booker, with their quartette of Southern negroes, delighted a large audience at the opera house Saturday night. Their entertainment is all to the good. Mr. Miller is a quiet delight in his jokes and songs and banjo picking. Col. Booker is a rocking, raging Hip! Hip! Hurray! in his songs and banjo picking, and the negroes are singers from 'way back. Every minute of the entertainment was enjoyed. The entertainment was given under the auspices of the local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy, and they realized about \$20.

The motion picture shows at the opera house are attracting large crowds every evening. The show was suspended Saturday night to make way for the Miller-Booker show, but will be on regularly when nothing else is on.

Miss Lillian Fonville went Saturday to Charlotte, where she will spend a day or so visiting.

Bids For the County's Funds Under New Law.

The county commissioners are in regular session today and received bids this morning for the handling of the county's funds under the law passed by the last Legislature. Bids were submitted by five banks—Bank of Maxton and Bank of Robeson, both of Maxton; Bank of Rowland; First National Bank and Bank of Lumberton, both of Lumberton—and the bids were exactly the same, as follows: Each bank offers on time certificates of deposit 3 months or longer, 4 per cent per annum; on daily balance, 1 per cent per annum; and agrees to loan money to the county up to the sum of \$20,000 at the rate of 6 per cent per annum.

Quite a coincidence, all the banks bidding the same, but such things will happen. Under the law the commissioners must divide the funds between these banks.

Farm-Life School Speakings.

The farm-life school question, which will be voted on in this county Tuesday of next week, will be discussed at the following times and places, and the speakers, it will be noticed, are men who are well prepared to discuss the subject and are well worth hearing:

Prof. J. A. Bivens, chief clerk in the office of State Supt. of Public Instruction J. Y. Joyner, will speak at McDonald tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock and at Purvis tomorrow night at 8:30. Dr. H. G. Hill, president of the A. and M. College at Raleigh, will speak Wednesday at Fairmont at 11 o'clock a. m.; at Orrum at 3 p. m.; and at Lumberton at 8:30 p. m.; and Thursday he will speak at Baie at 10 a. m.

Town Election.

The town election to confirm the action of the primary held last Tuesday is being held today. As nomination is equivalent to election, interest is slight and a light vote is being cast. The polls will close at sundown this evening, when the following will be declared duly elected: Mayor, A. E. White; commissioners for two years, M. W. Floyd, W. J. Prevatt, J. Howard Morrison; board of audit and finance, ex-Judge T. A. McNeill, Frank Gough, A. T. Parmele; graded school trustees, for two years, L. E. Whaley, L. H. Caldwell, W. S. Britt; for one year, unexpired term of the late Col. N. A. McLean, C. B. Townsend.

Bangor, Me., April 30.—Property valued at upwards of \$6,000,000 was destroyed, hundreds of people made homeless and almost the entire business section of the city devastated during the conflagration which at midnight tonight was believed to be practically under control, although the fire was still burning in many places. A light rain fell which helped to check the fire. One life is known to have been lost, an unknown man who was killed by a falling wall.