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A GREAT DAY.

The Farmers' Union Educational Rally Held in Lumberton Friday Was a Great Occasion—Despite Rains and Frowning Skies the Crowds Gathered—Parade by School Children—Speeches by Gov. Kitchin, Assistant Secretary Hayes and Chief Drainage Engineer Elliott of the National Department of Agriculture—Music by Parkton Band—A Day of Pleasure and Profit.

EVENTS OF THE DAY.

Parade by school children. Address of welcome by L. R. Varsor of Lumberton. Response by J. E. Carlyle, president of the county Farmers' Union.

Educational address by Gov. W. W. Kitchin, introduced by R. D. Caldwell, president of the Commercial & Industrial Club of Lumberton.

Address—Family Farms, the Consolidated Rural School and Farm-Life School—W. M. Hayes, Assistant Secretary U. S. Department of Agriculture, introduced by Prof. Stacey of Rowland.

Intermission for dinner. Address on drainage by C. G. Elliott, chief of drainage investigations, U. S. Department of Agriculture, introduced by Congressman H. L. Godwin.

Judge Frank Carter, who is presiding at Robeson superior court, adjourned court while the speaking was going on. The Parkton band furnished excellent music. A conservative estimate between 2,000 and 3,000 people, 1,000 of whom were school children, attended the rally.

Nor rain nor threatening clouds nor muddy roads nor any other creature is able to keep a push of Robeson county folk from rallying when they are on rallying bent, and so, despite the abundant rains for two days and nights before, the frowning aspect of the morning and the roads that had been muddy for a week, a goodly crowd of future and present citizens and citizenesses of the county—school children and their parents—gathered in Lumberton Friday to be a part and parcel of the much-heralded Farmers' Union educational rally held here on that day. It is hard to get a proper estimate of a crowd. Some say there were not more than 1,500 or 1,800 people here, while other some say the crowd numbered fully 3,000 or 4,000. Anyway, it was a crowd good to look upon—especially as it was good to look into the bright faces of the more than 800 school children—there would have been heaps and heaps more school children and of other people had the weather been favorable—and it was good to be a part of such a rally. The speaking was of a high order and the day was one of pleasure and profit.

Owing to the unfavorable weather in the morning—you will observe that it is impossible to get away from the weather in writing about this day. It had been simply villainous for two days and the morning was gloomy as gloom, but in the afternoon the sun shone out with such blessed warmth and brightness, with such hearty cheerfulness that even the metallic keys of this typewriter are tempted to get poetic about it; hence this haste, that there may be no tears—well, to proceed, owing to the weather (there it is again!) the floats were conspicuous by their absence. A float can't float very well in wet weather, you understand. But that did not make much difference, for the famed Parkton band was here in all its glory, parting the atmosphere every now and again with the sunniest brass band music at all, and—but this is getting ahead of the story.

At something after 11 o'clock the school children formed in line of march in front of the Waverly hotel, Elm street, and marched, on the sidewalk, on the west side of the street, to Tenth, then down the east side of Elm to the court house. The Lumberton graded school, East Lumberton, St. Paul and Back Swamp were well represented and a large number of other schools were represented

in smaller numbers—some of them not in the parade—so the total number of school children was close to if not quite 1,000. Beside them, on their fiery steeds, brave and handsome in their bright sashes and rosettes and things, as knights of old, rode Chief Marshals E. Wheeler Stone and W. K. Bethune and some of their assistants, and, as far as the court house, the automobiles containing the speakers. There the speakers waited until the children marched back.

It had been intended to put up a speakers' stand at the front entrance of the court house and seats in front, but owing to the rains that plan had been abandoned and it was intended to have the speaking in the court house. But this last plan was abandoned at the last moment, a speakers' table was provided, and the speakers spoke from the front steps of the court house to a patiently standing audience on the broad walks in front.

Mr. Jno. E. Carlyle, of Raft Swamp, president of the county Farmers' Union, took charge of the proceedings after the crowd assembled and announced the order of the program. The first man he called on was Mr. L. R. Varsor of Lumberton, who was down for the address of welcome.

Mr. Varsor set an example of brevity which the other introducers followed. There was nothing "short"—if slang may be pardoned—about his address of welcome, though, except its length. He gave the people to understand that Lumberton is always heartily glad to welcome them as often as they choose to come and hold their important gatherings. Mr. Carlyle, as gracefully and even more briefly, responded on the part of the union, taking the place of Mr. K. M. Barnes, who was down for the response but was not present.

Then Governor Kitchin was introduced in a few well-chosen remarks by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of the Industrial and Commercial Club of Lumberton. Gov. Kitchin's speech was along educational lines and was a good one. He gave the people something to think about. He was in good form and the people were glad to see and hear their Governor. He said in part:

During the first two of the three years he has served as Governor he made enough on the farm he owns with a brother to make up for his losses in office, but this year it looks like he is going to fall behind, but he said he was going to hold his cotton as long as he could for a better price and was going to reduce cotton acreage next year and grow more corn and raise more hogs and other home supplies. No State or people is making more genuine progress in everything that tends to make people better and happier than the people of North Carolina. Great strides are being made along all lines and those who do not keep up must lag behind. Twenty-five years ago he worked on a farm and it was the work of three men to plant corn, but the farmer who undertakes to farm that way now will fail. It is the same in every profession. You can't face the present with any hope of success with old methods. The great schools of the land are our hope for learning better methods and for getting equipped for the struggles of life. Children who start now without preparation will drop out of the procession, for they will on every hand meet keen, active, intelligent competition. An honest, intelligent and conscientious citizenship cannot be deceived and misled by schemers. As well be bought with cold cash as with any other selfish consideration. There never was a wrong committed by a government that the people were not first convinced that they would be given an advantage over their fellows. We need intelligent, conscientious, courageous citizens that cannot be intimidated, deceived or bought. Do not expect any advantages except such as you are willing to shoulder the burden for. The government has no hocus-pocus by which to make improvements; the people must pay for any improvement that is made. He congratulated the members of the Farmers' Union upon their organization. It is a great educational and business organization.

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SUPERIOR COURT.

Criminal Term Ended Saturday and a Week's Special Civil Term Began This Morning.

A week's special civil term of Robeson superior court began this morning, Judge Frank Carter of Asheville presiding. The term which began last Monday was a regular two-weeks' criminal, but provision had been made for holding civil court this week in case the work of the criminal term was disposed of in time, and the criminal term closed Saturday afternoon. Up to the noon recess today the time of the court was taken up with going over the docket.

The following cases have been disposed of since the report in Thursday's Robesonian:

Lindo Covington, who plead guilty Wednesday a. d. w. and escaped Wednesday night, was sentenced Thursday to 1 year on the roads. He was also convicted Wednesday of a. d. w. and c. c. w. and sentenced to 2 years on roads, to begin at expiration of first term. Disturbing religious congregation; to be kept on docket 5 years unless disposed of.

Wiley c. c. w.; plead guilty; \$40 and costs.

Richard Thompson, Wiley Thompson, Gordon Berry et al, larceny; Wiley Thompson, not guilty; Richard Thompson and Berry guilty; 2 years each on roads; ordered that \$16.21 be returned by sheriff to Wiley Thompson and balance of money in his hands be returned to W. H. Beasley.

Wm. Scott, larceny; 6 years on roads; house breaking; case to be kept on docket 5 years unless disposed of.

Flute Sellars (another one of the escaped prisoners), c. c. w.; 1 year on roads.

Jasper Bullock, a. d. w.; not guilty.

Cal White, retailing; plead guilty; judgment continued from term to term for 3 years unless sooner pronounced; defendant to give bond in sum of \$201.10 to appear at each criminal term and pay costs.

Dorse Bowen, c. c. w.; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Gordon Oxendine, larceny; plead guilty; judgment continued on payment of costs; defendant to give bond of \$100 for appearance at first spring and fall term for three years and satisfy court of good behavior.

Fuller McQueen, burglary; plea of guilty of attempt at burglary accepted by solicitor; judgment, that defendant reimburse Hattie Jane McNair, the prosecuting witness, expense of prosecution, \$53, and 3 months on roads.

J. C. Lewis, larceny; guilty; 2 years on roads.

Will Edwards, larceny; plead guilty of forcible trespass; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Dan Walker, bigamy; not guilty.

Jno. Skipper, Edgar Overby, cruelty to animals; nolo contendere; defendants to pay costs that county would have to pay and give \$50 bond to February term and show that costs are paid.

Dan Walker, fornication and adultery; plead guilty; 4 months on roads.

Wm. Davis, a. d. w.; called and failed; 6 months on roads; c. c. w.; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

Lewis Walker, judgment continued on payment of costs but to be pronounced at any time in 5 years when defendant can't show good behavior.

Geo. McKay, c. c. w.; 6 months on roads with leave to commissioners to hire out; a. d. w.; judgment suspended on payment of costs.

M B Haywood, threat to kill; judgment suspended on payment of costs and to give \$300 bond.

Nol Pros has been entered in the following: Hugh Kenney and Wm Irvin, larceny; Nettie Barber, assault; Jas. Porter, murder; Lawrence Bartley, c. c. w.

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IN RE JAIL DELIVERY.

Grand Jury's Report of Investigation of Escape of Prisoners—Prisoners Not in Their Proper Cells—Prisoner Assigned to Care of Prisoners Has Free Access to Keys.

To Honorable Frank Carter, Judge of the Superior Court, November Term, 1911:

Your grand jury beg to submit the following report in regard to the jail of Robeson county, and in regard to the escape of four prisoners from said jail on the night of November 8, 1911.

We find that on the evening of the 8th inst., when the jailer went to close up the prisoners for the night, he properly locked the cells, but at the time the cells were locked he had failed to put four of the prisoners in their cells. Two of these prisoners, the jailer says, were sick at the time, but the other two the jailer thought at the time that he locked the cells were in their proper cells. We further find that the cell door not in use was locked with a large, round padlock, and that prisoners secured a large iron bar and broke the padlock.

We further find that the staple to the lock had been sawed about half in two at some time previous to the breaking. After breaking through the door, the prisoners made their escape from the jail by digging a hole through the south wall of the jail. We further find that if said prisoners had been properly confined in the cells prepared for that purpose, that they would not have had access to the bar of iron used in the breaking of the padlock, and would not have had access to the door which was locked with the said padlock. We find that the male prisoner now serving sentence to be used by the jailer in looking after and caring for the prisoners, has free access to the keys of the jail that open all the outside doors, thus giving ample opportunity for communication between the prisoners confined in jail and any and all persons on the outside.

And we further find that it is frequently the case that when the male prisoner goes up stairs in the jail, he leaves the door down stairs unlocked. We further find the two trusty prisoners have been in the habit of delivering packages from parties on the outside to the prisoners in jail, without the proper inspection by the jailer.

We further find that the commissioners have condemned the cells in the south wing of the jail, as not being tool proof, and that the board of commissioners have served notice on the company that put in the cells and have passed an order that the cells be replaced with tool-proof cells, and that this work be done as soon as practicable.

Respectfully submitted,
M. W. Floyd,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Edgar Thompson of Whiteville Arrested on Bench Warrant on Charge of Poisoning Wife.

Edgar Thompson of Whiteville was brought to Lumberton Saturday night by Deputy Sheriff Ammons of Whiteville, having been arrested on the charge of poisoning his wife on a bench warrant issued Tuesday by Judge Frank Carter at the instance of Solicitor Sinclair. Mr. Sinclair had left for Fayetteville when Thompson arrived and he was taken back to Whiteville yesterday to await developments in jail there. Some ten days ago some Columbus county physicians who examined the stomach of Thompson's deceased wife reported to the coroner that they found no trace of poison and that deceased came to her death from natural cause; but members of the family of the deceased sent the contents of the stomach of the dead woman to Raleigh to be examined by the State chemist and made representations to Solicitor Sinclair which resulted in the bench warrant for Thompson's arrest and detention until the result of this analysis is made known.

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GRAND JURY'S REPORT

Good Conditions at County Home and Convict Camp. With Some Recommendations—Part of Jail in Bad Condition—Commends Sentence of Prisoners to Serve as Trustees at Jail—Other Recommendations.

The grand jury made its report Friday afternoon as follows: To His Honor, Frank Carter, Judge Presiding, Robeson Superior Court, November Term, 1911:

We have passed upon 57 bills of indictment, finding 47 true bills. We return 13 presentments.

COUNTY HOME.

We visited the county home by committee and find eleven inmates—6 white and 5 colored—well cared for and we heard no complaint for lack of proper food or clothing. All seem to be well pleased with Mr. F. J. Meares, their keeper. We find about one dozen window lights broken out, and we recommend that they be replaced immediately. We found the houses and bedding all in good sanitary condition. We desire to renew the recommendation of a former grand jury, that a good milk cow be furnished for the benefit of the inmates.

CHAIN GANG.

We visited the chain gang by committee and found the gang in St. Paul township. We found 28 convicts engaged in road work in charge of Mr. Oscar Prevatt, the keeper, and three guards. The convicts are well provided with sleeping quarters, get plenty of food, and seem to be well cared for, except bedding and heat. We recommend that the bedding be kept in a better sanitary condition, and also recommend that they be provided with better heating facilities in their sleeping quarters.

COUNTY JAIL.

We visited the jail in a body and found the sanitary condition fairly good. We found one panel in a cell in the south side of the jail condemned and removed, which leaves this part of the jail in bad condition. We have been informed that the commissioners are doing what they can to have this section of cells replaced with tool-proof cells, which are badly needed. In the opinion of the grand jury, it is a bad policy for the county for a man who has been convicted of a crime to be sentenced to serve as a trusty and work around the jail and to be allowed free communication with the prisoners in jail and the outside world. We recommend that shower bath and wash tub be installed on the second floor of the jail, where we understand the jailer and committee on this arrangement have already agreed to install the same. We further recommend that the sheriff of the county and superintendent of health for the county visit and inspect the jail at least once a week.

COURT HOUSE AND GROUNDS.

We examined the several offices and rooms of the court house in a body and found all of them in excellent condition. We recommend that a metal bookcase, with roller cover and lock for keeping the North Carolina Reports and other law books, be placed in the court room. We further recommend that coat and hat hooks and umbrella stands be placed in the court, consultation, judge's and solicitor's rooms. We suggest that lawn grass be sown on the lawn of the court yard immediately, as November 1st is the best time for sowing the same.

COUNTY OFFICES.

We visited the offices of county officers in a body and found them well attended to and the records and books neatly kept.

M. W. Floyd,
Foreman Grand Jury.

Change in Date of Real Estate Auction Sale at Rennert.

The real estate auction sale at Rennert, advertised in Thursday's Robesonian for tomorrow, will take place Wednesday, the 15th, instead, as will be seen from the advertisement in today's paper. The mistake was in the copy sent The Robesonian and the paper has been asked to make the correction.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER

The Final Summons—A New Residence—Personal and Social.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, Nov. 10—Mrs. Walter Mottinger of Marion visited home folks last week for the first time since her marriage.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist church enjoyed a pleasant Halloween party.

Mr. and Mrs. Huyden Rouse were bereaved this week by the death of their dear little daughter, who had been seriously ill for some time.

Mr. Berry Ashley of Boardman spent last Sunday in town, accompanied by his friend Miss Geddie.

A. L. Jones, Esq., is having a house built for rent on upper Main street.

Dr. L. E. Ricks and family are receiving the sympathy of their friends in their bereavement. Their baby son Eugene died last Saturday after a long and hard struggle for life.

Rev. C. W. Smith visited Durham the first of the week.

Dr. Brown was the only visitor from here to the educational rally at Chadbourn last Wednesday. He reports a large crowd and splendid time.

Prof. Jones visited his home at Mooresville last week. We regret to know that he returned sick, but glad he is out and at work again.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lewis have returned to their home at Moultrie, Ga., after a pleasant visit to relatives here and in other parts of Robeson.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

—The Firing Line is the attraction at the opera house tonight.

—Licenses have been issued for the marriage of Ela Steed and H. B. Ashley, Hattie Scott and Guss Scott.

—Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Evans entertained a few friends at their home, Pine and Sixth streets, Thursday evening in honor of their guest Mrs. R. M. Denny of Greensboro, a sister of Mr. Evans.

—A phone message was received from Highsmith's hospital at Fayetteville, at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon to the effect that the condition of Mrs. T. A. McNeill, who underwent an operation there something over a week ago, is still very critical.

—The Woman's Foreign Mission Society of Chestnut Street Methodist church will observe a week of prayer all in one day, tomorrow, from 9:30 a. m. till 12:30 p. m. and from 2 to 4 p. m. The official board of this church was installed at the morning service yesterday.

—Mrs. Mollie R. Norment returned this morning from Fayetteville, where she had been since Saturday. She went to see Mrs. T. A. McNeill, who is in Highsmith's hospital, where she underwent an operation something over a week ago. Mrs. McNeill's condition was but little, if any, better this morning.

—Miss Jessie Fuller entertained the Round Dozen Club and other invited guests at her home, Chestnut and Sixth streets, Saturday afternoon. The rooms were beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. The game of nations was played and the pink ribbon was won in cutting by Mrs. Irvin Jenkins.

—Messrs. White & Gough purchased, about a year ago, 15 acres of the Pliin Higley property in the eastern portion of town and the other day they bought two or three more acres of this property, which includes all the tract except about an acre or a little more that Mr. Higley has reserved for himself, on which his home is located. This is fine property and that portion of the town is destined to be one of the finest residential sections of the city. Messrs. White & Gough are now having the property cleaned off and cut up into lots, which they expect to sell at public auction on the 6th of December.

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