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GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING.

Commencement Exercises This Evening and Tomorrow, —Graduating Exercises at School Auditorium Tomorrow, Literary Address by Rev. P. T. Durham at First Baptist Church—Exercises at Opera House This Evening and Tomorrow Evening.

Graded school commencement exercises are on today and will last through tomorrow evening. The first of special public interest begins this evening at 8 o'clock at the opera house, an entertainment by the primary grades, consisting of songs, recitations, drills, etc. An admission fee of 10 and 15 cents will be charged.

This morning the school assembled in the chapel at 9 o'clock and talks were made by Rev. R. E. Steele, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and Supt. R. E. Sentelle, the latter commending teachers and pupils for excellent work during the past session. Then prizes for spelling were presented by Mr. W. S. Britt, a member of the board of trustees, to Margaret Durham, Ingram Hedgpeth, Max Weinstein and Wm. Caldwell. Following the chapel exercises field-day exercises, consisting of basketball, tennis, races, jumping, etc., were held on the campus. A fuller account of these exercises will be given in Thursday's paper.

Tomorrow morning, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock, the graduating exercises will be held in the school auditorium. These will last about an hour, after which the school will march in a body to the First Baptist church, where the literary address will be delivered by Rev. P. T. Durham of Winston-Salem.

Special to parents: It is important that all the children be at the school building not later than 11:30 tomorrow morning to join in the march to the church.

The address by Mr. Durham will be one of the most enjoyable features of the commencement. If any one stays away from this under the impression that it is merely a perfunctory part of the programme, that one will regret it, for Mr. Durham is a speaker of rare power and charm, and his address will be a treat.

Tuesday evening at the opera house beginning at 8:30, the advanced pupils will give an operetta "Pauline, or An Eventful Day", which will wind up the commencement. This is said to be unusually fine, perhaps the best ever given by the graded school pupils. Admission will be 15 and 25 cents.

A music recital lasting about an hour was given Friday evening at the school auditorium by small pupils of Miss Mary Weddell. This was a delightful recital, unusually good, pronounced by all the patrons of the music department the best of the kind ever given here.

At a meeting of the school trustees Friday evening the superintendent and teachers were all re-elected and all accepted except Miss Avent, who, as has been stated, has accepted work elsewhere.

Annual Election of Officers of Camp Pope May 10.

Headquarters Camp Willis H. Pope.

Lumberton, N. C., May 4, 1912.

Comrades: You are reminded that May 10th is the day for the annual election of officers of the camp. Besides this there is other business to be transacted. You are therefore notified to be on hand promptly at 10 o'clock in order that the business may be transacted before the hour for the memorial address, which will be delivered at 11 o'clock, by Mr. W. P. Stacey of Wilmington. The camp is to be congratulated upon the opportunity of hearing this brilliant orator and of enjoying another feast prepared by the hands of our noble women.

By order of
M. G. McKenzie J. A. McAllister
Adjutant. Commander.

—Mrs. Elisha Lambert Holloway will entertain the Young Matrons' Club Thursday afternoon at her home on North Elm street in honor of her guest Miss Roberta Lord of Asheville.

TOWN BEAUTIFUL WORK.

A Beautiful Sunken Garden to Delight the Eye at the Seaboard Station Where Now an Untidy and Forsaken-Looking Waste Shocks—Railroad and Town to Share Expense—Landscape Gardener to be Employed to do the Work at Once.

A sunken garden, with the artesian well that now flows in one corner in the center; with concrete walks to the well, a concrete basin around it and a summer pavilion over it; with the sides of the enclosing embankments terraced and with hedges to cut off unsightly views from the station; with an iron railing between the embankment and the railroad, at the Seaboard station, just to the left of Elm street as one approaches the station—sounds good, doesn't it?

That, in brief, is what is going to result from a conference held at the station Friday afternoon between some members of the Lumberton Civic Association, Mayor White and members of the board of town commissioners, and Mr. W. A. Gore, division superintendent of the Seaboard, whose headquarters are at Hamlet. Supt. Gore agreed for the Seaboard to furnish iron pipe to carry off the overflow and the iron railing, and the balance of the expense of beautifying this place is to be borne equally by the Seaboard and the town. Mrs. R. D. Caldwell, president of the Civic Association, appointed Mayor A. E. White and Messrs. H. B. Jennings and W. J. Prevatt, town commissioners, to employ a landscape gardener and have this work done at once.

When this job is completed this will be one of the most attractive places in town. Supt. Gore quite won the hearts of the ladies by his ready acquiescence in their requests.

"My dream is coming true," said Mrs. L. T. Townsend, chairman of the railroad committee of the Civic Association, when the doing of this work was assured Friday. It has been a dream of Mrs. Townsend and Mrs. Caldwell, president of the association, to have just such work as this that is provided for done, but none dared hope that it would be done quite so soon; but when, Friday afternoon, the two ladies named above and Mrs. E. K. Proctor, also a member of the railroad committee, surrounded Mr. Gore at the station, Mr. Gore gracefully surrendered and—"the dream is coming true."

Besides those mentioned, Mr. L. T. Townsend, also a member of the railroad committee; Mayor White and several town commissioners; and Mr. Ira Mullis, who has been very active in assisting in helping to interest the railroad in the work and who has offered his services in the matter free of charge, were present at the conference at the station Friday afternoon.

The artesian well that now flows in one corner of this at present unlovely place is to be moved to about midway between the embankment next the railroad and the brick store buildings opposite the railroad, and about 30 feet from the sidewalk on Elm street, from which walk concrete steps will descend to the level of the basin and a concrete walk to the well, around which will be a concrete circle and over which will be a shelter of some kind. Then a hedge is to cut off the unlovely view behind the brick stores and towards the river.

Mayor White and Messrs. Jennings and Prevatt, the committee appointed by Mrs. Caldwell to look after this work, will secure the services of Mr. Robt. Lamb of Fayetteville, a landscape gardener who has done a great deal of work here, and this work will be done at once.

—Mr. W. J. Prevatt, general merchant, has moved his furniture and some other goods which he had stored in the old cotton warehouse near the V. & C. S. railroad, to one of Mr. W. W. Carlyle's store buildings on Chestnut street, recently vacated by Mr. Saloom Saleeby. This is nearer and much more convenient to Mr. Prevatt's store, corner of Elm and Third streets.

COUNTY PRIMARY AUGUST 10.

Date Fixed at Meeting of County Democratic Executive Committee Saturday—Important Meeting May 15 to Discuss Road Law and Other Matters of Interest—Precinct Meetings May 18—Col. E. F. McRae Endorsed for Lieutenant Governor.

August 10 was fixed as the date for the primary for the nomination of county officers at a meeting of the Robeson county Democratic executive committee held here Saturday pursuant to a call issued by Chairman Geo. B. McLeod, who presided. If a second primary is necessary it will be held August 24. The rules and regulations of two years ago were adopted and will govern in this primary.

May 18 precinct meetings will be held in each township at 3 p. m. except in Britt's, which will hold its meeting at 10 a. m., to elect delegates to attend a county convention to be held in Lumberton on May 25, which county convention will elect delegates to the State convention to be held in Raleigh June 6, for the nomination of State officers. Also on May 18 each township will elect a new executive committee of five.

The chairman was authorized to call a meeting of the executive committee to be held here Wednesday, May 15, at 11 a. m., for the purpose of selecting judges and pollholders for the congressional primary to be held June 18; and the entire membership of the township executive committees, consisting of five from each township, are requested to attend this meeting in order to discuss the road law and other matters of importance.

In response to a question from Chairman McLeod, Col. E. F. McRae of Maxton stated that he had decided to be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor and he was unanimously endorsed by the committee for this office and pledged hearty support.

The meeting of the committee was entirely harmonious. Chairman McLeod called attention to the fact that there is wide dissatisfaction with the present road law and suggested that it would be well for the road commissioners to attend the meeting on the 15th inst., to discuss the matter; also that it would be well to consider at that meeting the offices of county auditor and superintendent of health, about which there is more or less dissatisfaction.

PRESIDENT PASSES PEMBROKE.

Talks Conversationally to a Few of the Boys at Station—At Night and Not Expected.

Mr. Hector Brown, of Pembroke, was in town Saturday. He says that President Taft passed through Pembroke Thursday evening about 10 o'clock on train No. 86 en route from Florence, S. C., and that the President walked out on the rear of his car and exchanged words with a few of the boys that were at the station. Mr. Brown says that Mr. Taft did not make a speech, but that he talked freely with the boys for some time. The President's appearance was very much unexpected and Mr. Brown says that if he had known that Mr. Taft would come out of his car as he did he would have had a large crowd assembled to greet him.

Among the Sick.

Mr. George Thompson, of route 4 from Lumberton, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at Highsmith's hospital, Fayetteville, something over a week ago, is getting along nicely and it is expected that he will be able to come home within a few days. His father, Mr. Span Thompson of route 4 spent Saturday in Fayetteville with him.

Dr. R. M. Norment, who for a year or more has been confined at his home on Sixth street on account of ill health, has been very sick since Saturday night, but his condition this morning was thought to be somewhat improved.

Mrs. Belle McMillan, who has been very sick for several days at her home on Cedar street, was thought to be somewhat better this morning.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

New Postoffice Quarters—Among the Sick—Successful Protracted Meeting—Pushing Warehouse—Measles and Whooping Cough Among the Children—Town Primary—Social and Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, May 3d.—Postmaster Andrews is most comfortably installed in the new Jones building, which is a great improvement over the old quarters.

Mrs. Nettie Ashley, accompanied by her daughter Mrs. P. Belanger, went last week to the sanatorium at Fayetteville for treatment. She has been quite ill for several weeks but seemed a little better when she left and, we understand, is still improving. Mrs. Stokes of N. Fairmont is also at St. Luke's, Fayetteville, and we hope will soon be much improved.

We parted with Miss Bessie McLeod of Alma and Miss Mildred McCubbins of Salisbury with great regret last Tuesday and hope they will be with us again next fall.

Prof. G. R. Jones is taking his vacation in pleasant work among the berries of Chadbourne.

The Young Peoples Union of the Baptist church was reorganized last Monday night and we hope may be successful.

Dr. Brown accompanied Mrs. Lily Randle to the Highsmith sanatorium, Fayetteville, last Tuesday, where she will be treated a short while for severe indigestion.

Our commencement passed off pleasantly last week, large crowds attending the exercises each time. Misses Mary and Bennie Baker and Messrs. Geo. Galloway and Ben Floyd won medals. The pupils have mostly done unusually well this session.

The recent protracted services at the Methodist church resulted in 17 accessions to the church and much good among the membership. Rev. S. T. Moyle is considered the finest preacher who ever held a meeting here by many who heard him, and he is liked extremely by all, regardless of denomination.

The stockholders of the new warehouse have bought three of the most desirable lots on Center street and are already at work with a large force of hands on the building, and will undoubtedly have it ready for the opening of the tobacco season. Mr. Davis, who is the leading spirit in the movement, is making a fine impression on our business men.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a strawberry and ice-cream supper at the hotel next Friday night for the benefit of their church work. These occasions are always pleasant and we hope this one will be as successful as usual.

The host of friends of Mr. Clem B. Thompson of Philadelphia will be glad to learn that he has so far recovered from his recent severe illness as to be out again, though we are very sorry to know he is still on crutches.

At the town primary last week the old board was put into nomination with the exception of B. L. Page, Esq., who declined reelection, and was superseded by Dr. W. F. Stephens.

Drs. McPhaul and Thompson of Lumberton were both business visitors in town this week.

Measles and whooping cough are still playing havoc with our children, the baby daughter, Martha, of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kyle being very ill with the former. Most of the cases are proving very light, we are glad to know.

Miss Marie Thompson of Lumberton spent last week with her cousin Miss Vera Purvis.—Mr. Eric Jones of Mooresville visited his father and sister last week and seemed to like our town very much.

The ball team returned in triumph Wednesday night from a three-days' play spell against Parkton, where they beat two out of three easily. Several friends went up to root for them.

Mr. W. F. Mitchell, who had been very sick with pneumonia, is out again, much to the pleasure of his friends.—Miss Plummer, the popular saleslady of Miss Lewis' millinery, visited home folks at St. Paul last week

AGREEMENT REACHED.

Seaboard and Town Reach Agreement Whereby Sanitary Conditions Along Former's Right-of-Way are to be Remedied.

As the result of a warrant Mayor White caused to be issued against the Seaboard Air Line Ry. Friday for allowing unsanitary conditions along its right-of-way south of its freight and passenger depots, a hearing was held before Mayor White on the same day and an agreement was reached whereby the town is to open and keep in good condition two ditches leading from the right-of-way to the river, the railroad to bear half the cost of this work, and the railroad is to ditch and drain its right-of-way so as to take off all the water into these two ditches. This agreement is to be in force two years.

Supt. W. A. Gore, of the Wilmington-Hamlet division of the Seaboard, was present at the hearing to represent the Seaboard and the matter was adjusted satisfactorily to both parties. There has been an unsanitary condition along this right-of-way for some time and in order to reach this and other conditions of a like nature an ordinance was passed some time ago. The Seaboard agrees to keep this right-of-way free from all decayed vegetables or other matter that would cause unsanitary conditions, so the purpose for which the warrant was issued will be met. Owing to the fact that Town Attorney T. A. McNeill, Jr., was out of town Thursday a defective warrant was made out and served upon Agent M. Beverly of the Seaboard and Mr. Beverly was brought before Mayor White Thursday afternoon to answer for allowing these unsanitary conditions, but when it was brought to the attention of the mayor that the warrant should be made out against the company and not its agent the action was dismissed and another warrant was issued, with the result given above.

MEMORIAL DAY.

Preparations Being Made For a Great Day Friday—Daughters of Confederacy Will Serve Dinner for Veterans—Address by W. P. Stacey of Wilmington.

It is expected that a large crowd will attend the Memorial Day exercises to be held here Friday, May 10. Mr. W. P. Stacey of Wilmington will deliver the address and there will be special music and other features. The local chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy will serve dinner for the veterans and it is desired that all veterans attend who can possibly do so.

Mrs. J. A. McAllister, president of the Robeson Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, asks all veterans who want crosses of honor to apply for them as soon as possible, as none will be issued after November 1 this year.

The town election to confirm the nominations made in the primary last Tuesday is going quietly on today, the voting being very light.

Miss Mabel Wallace, who has held the position of head nurse at the Thompson hospital for some time, left yesterday for New York, in the Polyclinic hospital of which city she has accepted a more remunerative position. Miss Wallace is an excellent nurse and the hospital here regrets very much to lose her services.

Mr. W. M. Burney, contractor, had the misfortune Thursday afternoon of cutting his right foot with a hatchet while at work on Mr. J. L. Stephens' residence, North Lumberton, which he is building. The hatchet slipped out of his hand and stuck in his foot, making a bad wound. He is confined at his home but is improving.

and returned much refreshed.—Mr. Brown and son Hal are at Marietta today and, we presume, doing justice to commencement picnic dinner.—Mrs. Gusie Ashley was called to Red Springs Thursday by the illness of her little grandson David Rouse.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Cotton today, middling, 10 5-8; good middling, 11.

—Mr. Harvey Webster has accepted a position as salesman in Mr. W. J. Prevatt's store. He began work a few days ago.

—Mr. W. L. Parham, of Lowe, has accepted a position as salesman in the big department store of R. D. Caldwell & Son. He began work a few days ago.

—Mr. E. B. Huggins, local agent of the V. & C. S. railroad, has had some changes made on the interior of his office that have added much to its appearance and convenience.

—The Robsonian acknowledges with thanks an invitation to the commencement exercises of the graded school at Clement on the 10th inst. Miss Floy Butler is principal, Miss Lizzie Smith assistant.

—Mr. F. P. Humphrey, of Saddle Tree township, one of the leading candidates for office of county commissioner, spent Friday in Lumberton. Mr. Humphrey seems entirely pleased with the outlook for his nomination at the hands of his fellow Democrats.

—The 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Teel of East Lumberton died Wednesday of cholera infantum. The remains were interred at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the East Lumberton cemetery, services being conducted by Rev. I. P. Hedgpeth.

—It was decided recently by the Industrial and Commercial Club that a smoker would be given on the second Thursday evening of each month for members only, but on account of the fact that this week will be well crowded with entertainments the smoker due Thursday evening of next week.

—Mr. Albert Boylin, who was in charge of the Southern Express Co's. office here during the 3-months' absence of Mr. F. J. Thomas, agent, left Saturday evening for Richmond, Va., in the Southern Express office at which place he has the offer of a position. He has not fully decided to accept the position yet and if he does not he may return home within a few days.

—Mr. E. L. Holloway purchased last week a lot on Chestnut street from Messrs. Geo. B. and Alf H. McLeod. The lot is 70 feet by 216 and is the second lot north of the one on which Mr. J. L. Stephens is having his new residence erected. Mr. Holloway says that he expects to begin the erection of a residence on his lot just as soon as he can have plans drawn.

—In the report in Thursday's Robsonian of the delightful stag dinner Mayor A. E. White gave last Tuesday evening at his home on Chestnut street to the town fathers, names of two of the guests were inadvertently omitted.—Mr. M. W. Floyd, one of the commissioners, and Mr. J. P. Townsend, chief of the fire department. The omission of these names was of course entirely unintentional and is regretted.

—Mr. E. J. Chambers, a tobacco buyer who for several years has been at Fairmont during the tobacco season, is in town today. Mr. Chambers works tobacco at Fairmont in the summer and in Virginia during the winter. Since leaving Fairmont last fall he had been at Elba, Va., where the season closed a week or so ago. He arrived at Fairmont last week and expects to leave this or next week for Asheville, where he will spend a month or so before the season opens at Fairmont.

—Mr. R. E. Lee gave a smoker Friday evening in the hall of the old Columbia hotel building to the boys who were active in the election of Mr. A. P. Caldwell as mayor. It was a pleasant time and about 35 or 40 of the boys participated in the jubilee. Mr. Caldwell, of course, was present and made a speech thanking the boys for active support in the recent campaign and assuring them that he would endeavor to execute the duties of the office of mayor to the best of his ability. Mr. W. H. Kinlaw and others made short talks.