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PRECINCT MEETINGS SATURDAY.

Everything Harmonious and Unanimous in Lumberton—Delegates Instructed for Craig and McRae Only—Township Executive Committee Chairman—County Convention Saturday.

At a precinct meeting held in Lumberton Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock for Lumberton township the following were elected delegates to the county convention which meets at the court house here Saturday of this week:

Delegates—R. D. Caldwell, Frank Gough, D. B. McNeill, A. E. White, A. W. McLean, R. C. Lawrence, C. M. Fuller, Lester Townsend, W. S. Wishart, L. C. Townsend, M. W. Floyd, A. K. Morrison, J. L. Stephens, Gus Prevatt; alternates—R. E. Lee, D. D. French, L. R. Varner, W. J. Prevatt, S. J. Webb, L. T. Townsend, T. A. McNeill, Jr., Dennis Biggs, A. E. Spivey, D. P. Walters, W. K. Bethune, H. McE. McMillan, Jno. Knox, Marshal Boddiford.

R. D. Caldwell, R. E. Lee, D. D. French, Gus Prevatt and W. S. Britt were elected the executive committee for the township and after retiring for a few minutes these gentlemen returned and announced the election of D. D. French as chairman of the committee.

At the suggestion of Mr. A. W. McLean, who was asked to make a motion to that effect by Mr. Craig's manager, Lock Craig was unanimously endorsed for Governor, since there is no other candidate in the field, and Col. E. F. McRae of Robeson was unanimously endorsed for Lieutenant Governor. No vote was taken on other State officers.

Mr. E. M. Britt, former chairman of the township executive committee, presided at the meeting and Mr. Lawrence Parker acted as secretary.

A more harmonious meeting could not be held. Only one set of nominations was made for each ballot and each election was unanimous, by a standing vote. The meeting did not last longer than 15 or 20 minutes. At the conclusion of the regular business Mr. C. B. Townsend suggested and moved that a test of the strength of the candidates be taken, but Mr. R. C. Lawrence suggested that as there had been a unanimous vote on every question so far, a thing that had not happened here before in a blue moon, it would be wise to stop right there. This suggestion met with hearty approval and a motion to adjourn prevailed.

Other townships so far heard from elected executive committee chairmen as follows: Alfordville, Neill McRimmon; Back Swamp, Jno. T. Singletary; Britt's, Luther Thompson; Burnt Swamp, Chas. Terry; Fairmont, A. E. Floyd; Howellsville, J. M. Butler; Lumber Bridge, M. L. Marley; Maxton, S. B. McLean; Parkton, J. B. McCormick; Pembroke, Neill McInnis; Raft Swamp, W. C. Townsend; Orrum, M. Shepherd; Saddle Tree, R. E. Lewis; St. Paul, A. R. McEachern; Smith's, D. L. Stewart; Thompson No. 1, Graham McKinnon; Thompson No. 2, E. Wheeler Stone; White House, C. A. Oliver; Wishart's, J. Ed Tyson; Red Springs, Dr. B. F. McMillan.

This leaves Rennert and Sterling's still unheard from. These township chairmen will elect a county chairman Saturday, when the county convention will be held in Lumberton.

Lumberton, Maxton, White House and Thompson No. 2 instructed for Craig for Governor and McRae for Lieutenant Governor, leaving delegates otherwise uninstructed. So far as has been learned, none of the other townships did more than elect delegates and executive committees, except Red Springs, which instructed for Wilson for President and Craig and McRae.

Very few of the counties over the State voted on the presidential candidates. Seven counties are believed to have expressed a preference for Gov. Woodrow Wilson, while five counties expressed preference for Underwood. Indications are that the State convention will be about evenly divided between instructing and against it. Some coun-

RED SPRINGS BUDGET.

S. P. C. Commencement—Philadelphus High School and Its Principal—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, May 17—Miss Lina Washington Crews of Durham is visiting friends in town and at S. P. C.—Mrs. D. P. McEachern has returned from a visit of a few days to relatives in Fayetteville.—Dr. Lilly of Fayetteville spent Thursday night in Red Springs on professional business.—Mr. John McSweeney of Timmonsville, S. C., spent a few days of this week at Hotel Red Springs.

On Friday evening Miss May Carmichael, soprano, and Miss Janie Patterson, pianist, gave their graduating recital in the college auditorium. Miss Carmichael has a rich voice of rare quality, and she charmed her hearers with several sweet and pretty ballads. Then her heavy numbers, selections from famous operas, were equally well rendered, and were much enjoyed by the large and appreciative audience. Miss Patterson is a skilled and brilliant pianist and she was at her best in this her graduating recital. The difficult selections she played with perfect ease, and each note was struck with clearness and precision.

The regular commencement exercises will begin with the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 19. This will be preached by Dr. Sevier of Augusta, Ga. On Monday night the senior class will give their class day exercises; Tuesday afternoon the reception and art exhibit, followed by the regular annual commencement concert given by the conservatory pupils Tuesday evening. Then Wednesday the graduating exercises are held, the address will be delivered by Dr. I. I. Hill of Columbus, Miss. This will be followed by the conferring of the degrees on the graduates. Wednesday night the annual alumnae reception and banquet will be held. We are looking forward to a fine commencement at S. P. C. and we hope to have a large crowd here to enjoy it with us.

Little Miss Claude Toon has been very ill at her father's home on College hill, but we are glad to report her condition somewhat improved.

Dr. I. I. Hill of Columbus, Miss., the pastor-elect of the Presbyterian church here, is expected to arrive in Red Springs Saturday. Dr. Hill will spend several days here looking over the field of labor before deciding to accept the call to the pastorate of this church.

Quite a number of people from Red Springs have been attending the commencement exercises of Philadelphus high school. That flourishing school has just completed another prosperous year, and has sent out another large graduating class to fields of usefulness in our colleges and universities. Prof. R. L. McMillan, principal of the school, has proven himself an able and proficient instructor and manager, and it is with much regret that we hear he will not return to carry on the work next year. However, another good principal has been secured for the coming session and Philadelphus will still hold its place among the best high schools of the State.

Mrs. Burgess and little son of Erie, Penn., are spending several weeks, as guests at Hotel Red Springs.—Mrs. Adrian McNeill of Fayetteville spent several days of this week the guest of her aunt Mrs. Munely, at Hotel Red Springs.

—Prof. G. P. Jones, who taught the graded school at Fairmont this year, is getting up a class in bookkeeping and shorthand here.

—Mr. Wade Wishart has been appointed listtaker for Lumberton township to succeed Mr. A. P. Caldwell, who resigned when elected mayor of Lumberton.

ties injected the senatorial fight into the primaries, Senator Simmons leading, Gov. Kitchin second and Judge Clark a close third. A. D. Watts, Senator Simmons' private secretary, defeated ex-Lieut. Gov. Turner for the State Senate in Iredell.

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FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Excavating for New Baptist Church—New Bell for Presbyterian Church—Tobacco Warehouses and the Weed—New Residences and Residents.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Fairmont, May 17—Mrs. L. E. Ricks, who has been in poor health for some time, was taken last week to the Highsmith hospital for treatment.

Mrs. S. T. Moyle and Miss Maggie Floyd are attending the woman's home mission conference at Weldon this week. Both will visit other points before returning. Miss Floyd will attend the commencement exercises of Louisville College and accompany her sister on the way home.

All our young people are due to return from school next week except Mr. F. F. Thompson, who is at Trinity College and will not arrive until the first part of June.

Mr. J. E. Anderson's family have been quite sick with measles and Mrs. Anderson is still on the sick list, but we are glad to note her improvement.

The new quarters of the post-office are quite comfortable and will be up-to-date in every respect when the new fixtures are put in place.

Prof. Wilson of Orrum, who recently bought a lot here, has not waited to build but moved his family here last week and is occupying the Jenkins house on N. Main street.

Messrs. A. J. Floyd, D. W. Galloway, J. P. Brown, Percy Wilson and H. V. Brown represented Fairmont township in the citizens meeting of Lumberton last Wednesday, and seem to have had an interesting visit.

Rev. S. T. Moyle and J. E. Thompson attended district conference at Red Springs last week and report a most delightful stay among our fine upper-end friends. The Fairmont correspondent had a special invitation to that conference and regrets exceedingly inability to attend.

The building committee of the new Ashpole church met on the grounds this week and laid off the plan for the excavation on which work has been begun. It was a great source of regret to all of us that the work on this handsome building could not be started last year, as was intended, but we hope everybody will take an interest and our town will soon boast of its handsome Baptist church.

A splendid bell has been bought for the Presbyterian church and the building is to be remodeled by the addition of a tower and the bell hung at once. The Robeson warehouse grows apace, and we hear plans discussed for dry-house, stemming, etc. There is no reason why the town should not have them all and the best tobacco market in eastern North Carolina. We have the right soil and men who know by experience how to make the finest weed. The crop is most promising, so reports E. J. Chambers, who is progressive enough to be interested in both old and new warehouses.

Mr. Jas. Everet resigned his position with the Pittman Drug Co. last week and after a visit to home folks in Pitt county expects to locate in Norfolk, Va.

The handsome residence of Dr. L. E. Ricks on N. Main street is already showing how much addition it will be to the town.

E. J. Davis and sons of Martinsville, Va., have secured the Robeson warehouse for five years and will soon be here. He writes that he has secured buyers of the very best companies, and will be accompanied by his own corps of workers. Mr. Davis has been at Fair Bluff three years but was so much attracted by Robeson that he decided to cast in his lot with us, and expects to make to his future home and build up a permanent business for his sons.

Mrs. Belanger went to Fayetteville last Tuesday and returned with her mother, Mrs. Nettie Ashley, who is much improved by her stay at St. Luke's.

Messrs. E. V. McDaniels and A. S. Thompson have part of the material on hand and will begin at once remodeling their brick buildings, just above the bank.

Mr. Dicus, representing the Southern Realty & Development Co. of Wilmington, has been in town and surrounding country all this week and hassold several lots

INDIAN NORMAL CLOSING.

Commencement of Indian Normal School at Pembroke—An Excellent Address by Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton—Great Progress Made by this Race in Robeson in Recent Years.

Friday was the day of the annual commencement exercises of the Indian Normal School at Pembroke, and from all parts of the county and some of the adjoining counties the Indians, to the number of several hundred, there assembled. It was a large crowd and evidenced some of the interest these people are taking in education. The weather was ideal and while the crowd was large the order was almost perfect. The exercises began about 10 o'clock in the morning with a May-pole dance in front of the school building. This was fine, all the students playing well their parts. After this there was a march or drill and saluting the flag. Then the pupils were all marched into the school auditorium, where exercises consisting of recitations, declamations, dialogues and the like were carried out. This ended about 12 o'clock, after which Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton was introduced by Prof. H. L. Edens, principal of the Normal, as the speaker of the day.

Mr. McLean spoke for about an hour and he made a most excellent speech, spending almost the entire time talking up on various subjects that greatly concern the Indians. At the outset of his speech he told his audience that he did not come to make them a speech but to talk to them about things in which they as a race are interested, and that he hoped that he would be able to say something or give light on some subject that might help them in their effort to help themselves. And he did all of that. Several of the Indians were heard to remark that Mr. McLean made them the best speech they had ever had, because he talked about and gave enlightenment upon subjects that most vitally concern the Indians of Robeson. Mr. McLean told the Indians that he was not there to flatter them and that he did not expect to deal in flattery other than to give them credit for what they deserve, and at the same time he might say some things that might not be any credit to them, but as to that, the same could be said of other races. He said of the three distinct races in the county he believed the Indians during the last 10 or 15 years had made the greatest progress, citing several instances as evidences of the advancement the race is making along many lines. He mentioned the fact that some of them were making much a-do about their origin. He told them that he was unable to give any definite information as to their origin but that he felt sure that they belong to some branch of the Cherokee Indians, though he was unable to see where it would be of any advantage to them if they were able to prove it; therefore he did not attach much importance to the matter. He explained to them that they now have advantages over the Cherokee Indians in that they can vote. He made special mention of the progress that the Indians are making in agriculture, mentioning the fact that in a corn contest conducted by the Bank of Lumberton, in which prizes were given for the greatest production per acre, an Indian won third prize in the 1910 contest and that last year an Indian won first prize. As another evidence of their development and progress, he mentioned the fact that not half so many of them appear on the criminal court docket as formerly. He told them that one of their greatest evils had been drinking liquor, but he was glad to be able to say that there had been a decided improvement among them as a race in this particular. He attributed this improvement largely to their education. In conclusion Mr. McLean told the Indians of many things that had been accomplished for them in the past and mentioned efforts that are being made to give them better things in the future; and he impressed upon them the necessity of stand-

ing together in all things for their common good.

With Mr. McLean's speech the exercises closed until 8 o'clock in the evening, when a concert was given by the intermediate and advanced pupils; and while this reporter did not witness the concert it is understood that the entertainment was unusually good. There was no public dinner spread, but most everybody had their dinner. In one of the rooms of the school building a dinner was spread for the faculty, speaker and a few other invited guests. This was prepared principally by some of the girls in the school and the dinner was fine, substantial proof that these girls know a great deal about cooking. The teachers say the girls are anxious to learn more about cooking and sewing and an effort is being made to teach these things in the school next year. In fact, sewing was taught some this year, the girls took great interest in the work, and many of them made great progress.

The following constitute the faculty: Prof. H. L. Edens, principal; Miss Leila McCulloch of Pennsylvania, intermediate department; Miss Belle Armstrong of Pittsburgh, Pa., primary department. Miss McCulloch has only been teaching in the school since January this year. This makes Miss Armstrong's fourth year and Prof. Edens has been principal for five years.

Oscar Sampson, W. D. Oxendine, Gaston Oxendine, Edmond Lowrie, J. E. Dial, Ralf Lowrie and A. A. Locklear compose the board of trustees.

This commencement was probably the best the school has ever had. This reporter has been witnessing the closing exercises of this school for the last five years and feels justified in making the statement that these people are making rapid progress. Improvement is shown in many ways. The school needs more money and teachers and it is to be hoped that it will have both in the near future.

Congressman Heflin Failed to Speak Here Friday.

Congressman J. Thomas Heflin was advertised to speak at the court house here Friday evening in the interest of Congressman Oscar Underwood, candidate for President, but the engagement was called off. Mr. Frank Gough received a telegram Friday morning from Mr. H. B. Varner of Lexington, manager of the Underwood campaign, stating that all engagements for Underwood speakers had been canceled. It was too bad. Congressman Heflin is said to be a tall spellbinder and many were disappointed in not being able to hear him.

Miss McMillan Gives a Reading at Opera House This Evening.

As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, Miss Georgie Ray McMillan will give a reading at the opera house this evening for the benefit of the Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church. Lumberton's new brass band and the orchestra will furnish the music. The prices of admission will be 50 cents first floor, 35 cents second floor and 25 cents for all children.

Miss McMillan will give a reading tomorrow evening at Cheraw, S. C., Wednesday evening at Parkton and Thursday evening at St. Paul.

—Dr. T. C. Johnson returned this morning from Baltimore, Md., where he went Thursday evening with a patient, Mr. Harry McGill, who sustained injuries at the Dresden cotton mill recently on account of the falling of an elevator. Mr. McGill is in Johns Hopkins hospital and will probably be there for some time.

—Miss Nina Patrick of Lowell, Gaston county, has been employed to succeed Miss Mamie Avent as teacher of the sixth grade in the graded school. Miss Patrick is a graduate of the Presbyterian College at Charlotte and has had five years experience in school work. She made many friends here during a visit to Mrs. W. A. McPhaul, a former schoolmate, last summer. Miss Avent, as has been stated, resigned to accept the position of principal of the school at Pembroke.

LOCAL BRIEFS

—Middling cotton today, 10 1/2 cents.

—A week's term of civil court, Judge R. B. Peebles presiding, began this morning.

—The Ladies Missionary Society of Chestnut Street Methodist church will meet tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock at the church.

—The Commercial & Industrial Club will give a smoker Thursday evening in the club rooms at 8:15 o'clock for the benefit of its members.

—Mr. Thos. Kinlaw, of Howellsville township, enters the race for county treasurer against Treasurer McKenzie, as will be seen from his announcement in today's paper.

—Miss Minnie Stephens and Mr. Dan Shaw, both of the Jennings cotton mill village, were married yesterday afternoon at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. C. H. Durham, on Fifth street.

—Mr. Albert Boylin returned last week from Richmond. He decided that he does not want the position offered him in the office of the Southern Express Co. at that place but may accept a position on the road with the same company.

—Colonel Cole, colored, was before Mayor Caldwell this morning on charges of carrying concealed weapon and being drunk and disorderly. For being drunk and disorderly he was fined \$5 and costs and for carrying concealed weapon he was bound to court under a \$50 bond, and failing to make same was remanded to jail.

—The ice-cream festival for the benefit of the Lumberton brass band that was expected to have been given Friday evening at the court house, but which was postponed on account of a political speaking that was to have been but wasn't, will be given Friday night of this week and it will be given at the artesian well, near the power house, instead of the court house.

—The East Lumberton Methodist Sunday school, Mr. G. F. Brietz, superintendent, picnicked at the High hills, 3 miles down the river from town, Saturday afternoon and had a delightful time. The crowd, about 150 strong, went in wagons, one bunch going and returning through town in a cart drawn by one strong ox. There were cakes, groundpeas, lemonade and bananas in abundance to satisfy the inner picnicker.

—Misses Dovie and Edna Prevatt, students at Meredith College, Raleigh, came home Thursday. Miss Edna has been ill for several days, which is the reason for their coming home. Her condition is not thought to be serious and she is improving, though she is not able to return to school. Miss Dovie returned this morning to Raleigh. Miss Laura Prevatt, their sister, went to Raleigh Thursday morning and returned with them.

—Chas. Conoly, a young white man, was arrested and tried Saturday at Lumber Bridge on a charge of larceny and was bound to court under a \$400 bond, failing to make which was ordered to jail. Saturday afternoon Conoly was started toward Lumberton in the custody of Constable A. F. Graves, of Lumber Bridge, and everything went smoothly until the V. & C. S. train was slowing up for Lumberton, when Conoly "lit" off the train. Mr. Graves fired a shot or so, but Conoly kept on traveling.

—In the coolth of about 7:30 of the clock Saturday morning—and if you remember it was pretty chilly about then—a sight for the gods was witnessed on Elm street. A pickaninny about the size of one of the Gold Dust twins, all dolled up in a starchy frock that stood out all around, with a red vanity bag hung across her left arm, which she held crooked at a stylish crook, was sauntering down the street in morning glory carefully holding a parasol over her black self. It was a sight to behold. And the morning sun felt grateful. But what's a grateful morning sun on a cool morning to style? Did you say anything?