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LUMBERTON'S TEAMS WIN

Both Teams of the Lumberton High School Win the Preliminary Debate and Will Be Represented in the Final Contest—Boys Did Themselves Proud—Enthusiastic Over Victory.

Shall women in North Carolina vote? This subject was debated Friday night in 90 high schools scattered throughout the State, these schools constituting what is known as the "High School Debating Union of North Carolina." As mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, the Lumberton graded school belongs to this union and it played well its part in the discussion of this momentous question. Each of these 90 schools has two teams, one affirmative and the other negative. Both of Lumberton's teams won Friday evening and they will have the honor of going on March 7th to Chapel Hill to participate in the final contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup.

Lumberton, Laurinburg and Gibson are grouped together. Friday evening all the affirmative teams were at their respective homes and the negative teams were visiting. Lumberton's negative was at Gibson, Gibson's negative at Laurinburg and Laurinburg's negative was at Lumberton.

The debate here took place in the graded school auditorium, beginning about 8:30 o'clock, and it was excellent entertainment for a large audience. The boys all did fine and surprised many by the manner in which they handled the subject. They did great credit to themselves and the schools they represent. Messrs. Murdock McKinnon and Lawrence Everett represented the Laurinburg school and local school was represented by Messrs. John Warwick and Lewis Shelby. Mr. Warwick is crippled and has to walk with a crutch but there is nothing wrong with his speaking apparatus. Shelby is no man's big son, but to his opponents in a debate he is a mighty giant. The Laurinburg boys had excellent speeches, but it was very evident that they were not near so much at ease on the floor as the representatives of the local school. Messrs. L. R. Varner, W. S. Britt and G. T. Page acted as judges, and the decision was cleverly announced by Mr. Varner.

At the opening of the speakers, with Mr. James Cowan acting president and Mr. Robert Proctor acting secretary, marched on the stage, after which the audience was asked to stand and join in singing America, Miss Ethel Williams being at the piano. Then W. K. Bethune, in the absence of Superintendent R. E. Sentelle who had to be away on business at Raleigh, called the house to order and explained the nature of the contest. The fighters were then turned loose and the battle was on. It lasted for an hour. While the judges were out making their decision the high-school girls, who were occupying front seats in the auditorium, marched to the stage and sang two songs, "Star Spangled Banner" and "Massa's In De Cold, Cold Ground." And it was fine. The stage was beautifully decorated in red, white and blue, several large pictures of George Washington were in evidence, and the girls carried out the color scheme in their dress. After these songs Prof. B. P. Caldwell, superintendent of the Laurinburg school, who came down with his boys, was called on for a few remarks with regard to debating societies in schools. He responded and made a short but interesting talk. The decision was announced and all was over but the congratulations.

Messrs. Knox Proctor and Ertle Carlyle constituted Lumberton's negative team and they went Friday morning to Gibson. Mr. J. M. Hester, president of the local debating society, and Mr. Glennie Wishart, a member of the society, went with them. They all returned Saturday morning on the ten o'clock train and were met at the station by an enthusiastic crowd consisting of Superintendent Sentelle, who returned late Friday night from Raleigh, several of the other teachers of the graded school, quite a number of the pupils and a great many others, who were rejoicing over the success of the boys. Several automobiles were in evidence and the victorious debaters were not permitted to walk up town. It is said that the Gibson school had excellent speakers, but they couldn't hold any light for the Lumberton boys. News of the victory at Gibson was received here by phone Friday night about 11 o'clock and the boys were ready to shout back "We were victorious here also." The boys who went to Gibson say they were treated royally and that this is a fine school.

The Laurinburg boys, while here, were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Caldwell. They arrived Friday morning and returned home Saturday morning.

—Misses Dora Smith, Mary Pope and Flora Bone left Saturday afternoon for Laurinburg, where tomorrow evening they will be bridesmaids at the marriage of Miss Hattie Birmingham to Mr. Edward Gibson. They will probably return tomorrow.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Bill to Encourage Road Building—To Work Convicts on Public Roads—Rural Credits for Farmers—6-Months School Bill Passes Senate.

The House Saturday passed on its final reading the bill by Representative Kellum to encourage road building in North Carolina by the State issuing its bonds to take care of good roads bonds by the counties. The bill provides that the State may issue \$300,000 in bonds semi-annually, sell these bonds at 4 per cent. interest and with proceeds purchase the bonds issued by the counties for good roads construction. The county bonds are to bear five per cent. interest. The bonds are to run 41 years and it is a mathematical calculation that these bonds can be issued by the counties and retired in 41 years at five per cent. The application of the measure is left optional with each county. No county can issue its bonds under this plan except after an election has been held and a majority of the votes cast must favor the issues. Such an election cannot be called except upon petition of twenty-five per cent of the voters of the county.

In the Senate Saturday a bill was introduced to require boards of education of all counties to publish annual reports of their receipts and disbursements; in the House, to prohibit cigarette smoking around churches in the State during religious services.

Senate and House will meet in joint session tomorrow to elect trustees of the University of North Carolina.

The Senate has set the Torrens land title bill for special order tomorrow.

The six-months school bill was passed by the Senate Saturday on third roll-call reading and ordered sent to the House for concurrence in Senate amendment.

A public meeting of the committee on agriculture is called for tomorrow afternoon to consider the cottonare bill. Farmers interested are asked to be present.

The Senate Friday night passed the bill to work convicts on public roads.

A bill to incorporate the North Carolina Rural Loan Bank was introduced in the House Friday by Kellum of New Hanover, the establishment of such an institution for the special purpose of providing rural credits for farmers of the State.

A bill has been passed incorporating the town of Proctorville, Robeson county.

The State-wide primary bill was killed by the House Thursday. Dr. McMillan of Robeson voted for the bill and Mr. McNair voted against it.

A bill was introduced in the House Friday by Dr. McMillan to appoint ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill a justice of the peace in Thompson township, Robeson county.

Negro Who Shot Mr. M. H. Mitchell at Fairmont Captured Here.

The negro Blaney Dawson, who, as mentioned in Thursday's Robesonian, shot Mr. M. H. Mitchell at Fairmont last Wednesday evening about 6:30 o'clock, was captured here Friday afternoon about 4 o'clock at the Kingdale lumber plant by Mr. H. C. Conner. Conner and Mr. Alfred Britt brought the negro up town and turned him over to Chief of Police Redfern, who placed him in jail. Dawson was given a preliminary hearing Saturday afternoon before Justice J. A. Rowland and was remanded to jail without bail to await the result of the wound which Mr. Mitchell suffered at the hands of the negro. It is reported that the condition of Mr. Mitchell is improving and it is thought that he will soon be entirely well.

Dawson is a young black negro and it is said that he made considerable effort to escape when Mr. Conner tackled him, but several bystanders came to Conner's aid and the tussle was soon over. The negro was brought up town very much tied. His hands were tied to his back with ropes. It is said that Dawson is a "professional loafer."

In the Mayor's Court.

B. F. Johnson, Spurgeon Small and Frank Wishart were before the mayor Saturday afternoon on charges of disorderly conduct. They were fined \$5 each and costs. Johnson was also up on a charge of retailing and for this he was bound to court under a \$150 bond and failing to make same was jailed.

Johnson has been living in Lumberton about two months, coming here from Cumberland county. He says that this is the first time he was ever indicted.

Several boys of the town, participants and witnesses in a disturbance that took place in North Lumberton on Valentine night, when Mr. Lewis Shelby was struck on the head with a brick, were before the mayor this morning. Mayor Caldwell lectured the boys and after a promise that they would behave in the future he told them to go on back to school.

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PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

A Successful Church Social—Keep Up Your Chickens and Hogs—Contemplating New School Buildings—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Feb. 20.—It was not my intention to elapse this week, but time flies rapidly and if a correspondent gives a weekly item he must hustle.

Well there is just so much doing up here that I hardly know where to begin. The box supper and apron party that was to have been Friday night was put off until Monday of this week, as the weather was so inclement. The night was an ideal one Monday night and just such a time never came this way before. It was the largest patronized social affair ever held in our town, and was enjoyed to the fullest by everyone present, both old and young; and a success in every respect. It was held under the auspices of the Ladies Aid Society of the Methodist Episcopal church. At 7:30 o'clock the band formed in front of Cobb Bros.' store and rendered three fine selections, which were greatly enjoyed and was beneficial for the occasion. Then followed Rev. E. L. Stack with a brief speech of explanation of the arrangements. The first part of the programme as well as we remember was 32 selections enclosed in envelopes bearing the number of the apron that the gentleman was to hem. All of these were sold at auction and within a short time, the gentlemen that bought the ties were presented with the apron and needle and thread, and for some time you never saw busier fellows in your life. It certainly was amusing to see these bachelors and youngsters rushing the needle, all striving to win the prize. After all were through and the judges passed their best judgment, the first prize was awarded to Mr. J. C. Lancaster, and the booty to Master Alvey Wright. Mr. Lancaster was awarded a nice box of candy. Fun—fun inexpressible. Then came the boxes. No one ever saw the like and some of the prettiest that could be made. They were all sold to the highest bidder. The highest price paid for a single box was \$3.75. The boxes were well sold. Much of the success was due to the manner in which Rev. Mr. Stack conducted the sales. It was all thoroughly arranged and conducted in a very satisfactory manner. Oysters were served and several different articles were sold at a handsome price. One quart of fresh peaches of Mrs. J. C. McNatt's sold for 50 cents but they were beauties. \$65.12 was the total collection. After all expenses more than \$60 was realized, which will go to the building fund of the Methodist Episcopal parsonage.

We think everybody should be law-abiding citizens and shut up all fowls and pigs. If not, why not? It is a shame for any one to have to fence against his neighbor's chickens when both State and town say you must keep them on your own premises. Congratulations to Scottish Chief for its valuable issue boosting its town and citizens. Better been at that while he was dragging Mr. Simmons at such a speed. But how about Brother Poole? Well, I believe he has dropped Mr. Simmons at last and is boosting some too.

We learned that Red Springs, Raeford, St. Pauls, and Lumber Bridge are contemplating new school buildings, as their present buildings are inadequate. That's the ting to do—we know by experience. Miss Ethel Cashwell spent Saturday and Sunday with home folks.—Mrs. J. P. McMillan, of Lake Joe, Fla. is on a visit to relatives in our town and on route 1.—Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Daniel returned home from Georgia today and are receiving congratulations from their many friends.—Mrs. Telia McNair accompanied by her sister Miss Essie Lancaster returned home Wednesday from Florida and Georgia where they had spent a month visiting relatives and friends.—Miss Roena Odum went up to Raleigh last Thursday to attend the funeral of her uncle, Mr. Cragg, and returned home Saturday p. m.

The band will furnish music for the big land sale next Thursday morning near Rex.

The Duke moving picture show will hold its first series of shows on Monday night, 24th, in the band hall.

Horse and Buggy Thief Arrested.

John Leslie, colored, who about three months ago hired a horse and buggy from Mr. H. M. Beasley's livery stable, on Fourth street, to drive out to Back Swamp, about 6 miles from town, but did not return or send the horse and buggy back, was arrested Thursday at Loris, S. C., and was brought to Lumberton yesterday by Mr. I. F. Green, chief of police from Loris. Leslie is in jail. He says that he left the horse and buggy beside the road between Rowland and Dillon, S. C. Mr. Beasley has never been able to hear or learn anything as to the whereabouts of his horse and buggy, but it is thought that the negro sold the horse and buggy and has spent the money.

MADERO SHOT DEAD.

Deposed Mexican President and Vice-President Slain During Melee with Mob Which Attacked Official Auto Carrying Them to Penitentiary.

Mexico City Dispatch, 23d. Francisco I. Madero and Jose Pino Suarez, deposed President and Vice-President, respectively, of the Mexican Republic, were shot and killed today when an attempt was made to rescue them from an automobile that was transferring them to the penitentiary.

News of the death of Madero and Suarez was confirmed by General Huerta. Previously it had been announced that the transfer from the Palace to the penitentiary had been made successfully. Two of the party that attacked the automobile were killed in the exchange of shots.

Large crowds assembled at the scene of the killing. While women wept, and there were signs of disapproval, the city generally is quiet. The guards at the penitentiary have been increased and no one is permitted to see the bodies of the slain men.

Major Cardagas and two other officers who were in charge of the guard of rurales escorting the automobile, have been imprisoned pending an investigation by the Attorney General.

The bodies of Madero and Suarez are being held in the penitentiary. Relatives and friends are making an effort to recover them.

General Huerta in an official statement said that when the attempt to rescue the mwas made Madero and Suarez tried to escape. "The Government," he continues, "promises that society shall be fully satisfied as to the facts in the case. The commanders of the escort are now under arrest."

The attempt to rescue Madero and Suarez, the official version says, was made about midnight when the party escorting the prisoners was approaching the penitentiary.

FAIRMONT NEWS LETTER.

Addition to Warehouse — Mr. Mitchell's Wound Not Serious—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, Feb. 21.—Mrs. A. G. Stafford and Miss Ethel Ivey of Latta, S. C., are guests of Mrs. E. B. Hayes. Mrs. S. T. Moyle and little daughter left Tuesday for a visit to homefolks at Nashville.

Mr. H. G. Stubbs' family moved here from near Ionia church last Thursday and are occupying the Thompson house on Trinity street.

Mrs. H. B. Phillips of Suffolk, Va., has been visiting her husband and friends of North Fairmont. She returned home Wednesday.

Miss Annie McMillan left Monday for Baltimore to select spring millinery and Miss Lorena Lewis left on Tuesday for the same purpose. We are glad to learn that Miss Monroe of Baltimore will be with Miss Lewis again this season.

An addition will be built to the warehouse of the Robeson Tobacco Warehouse Co., before time for the opening of the season and leaf houses will be built also.

Mr. Bruce Baker returned Tuesday night from a few weeks stay at the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, much to the pleasure of his friends.—Mr. Bowie Drummond of Wilmington spent last Sunday in town the guest of his friend Hoke Floyd.—Miss Fannie Belle Taylor spent a short while in Bolton last week the guest of her cousin C. F. Ashley.

Mr. Meade Mitchell, manager of the hotel of the Beaufort Lumber Co., was shot in the side by a worthless vagrant negro last Wednesday. Fortunately the wound was not deep and we trust Mr. Mitchell, who is one of our best and most popular young men, will soon be entirely well. He is at present in the hospital at Fayetteville.

O. I. Floyd leaves this week for Baltimore and other points north and expects to witness the presidential inauguration.—Miss Pauline Jones, of Mullins, S. C., has been visiting her cousins Misses Mitchell and Floyd.—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thompson visited Laurinburg last week, guests of Mrs. N. A. Carter.

Mass Meeting to Consider Movement of LaFayette Mutual Offices in Lumberton.

A mass meeting of citizens will be held in the court house Thursday evening for the purpose of discussing the proposed removal of the home offices of the LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co. from Fayetteville to Lumberton. As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, a party of Lumberton gentlemen went to Fayetteville Thursday to convince the officials of the company of the interest felt here in the proposed change and they were assured that the change would probably be made if Lumberton will guarantee to give the company insurance to the amount of \$100,000. The town is not asked to put up any money. The prospects seem bright for securing the home offices of this successful company.

MASS MEETING TONIGHT.

Will Consider Matter of Extension of Graded School Limits—Radius of 2 Miles from Court House Proposed.

A mass meeting of citizens to consider extending the limits of the graded school district so as to take in a radius of two miles from the court house will be held at the court house this evening at 8 o'clock.

It was stated in Thursday's Robesonian that at a meeting of the graded school board Thursday morning it was decided to ask the Legislature to extend the limits of the school district and Supt. R. E. Sentelle went to Raleigh Thursday night to present the matter to Senator McLeod, returning Saturday. Mr. McLeod stated to be sure that the change was desired by the citizens before introducing a bill to this effect and he came home Saturday night to consult with citizens of the town. He returned to Raleigh last night, but will be governed by what the majority determine.

By extending the limits as proposed the school fund will be between \$8,000 and \$10,000, about double what it is now. This would provide ample funds to run the central school in town the 9 months required for high school work. Under this plan branch schools would be provided in East, West and North Lumberton up to the seventh grade, and pupils who had completed the seventh-grade work would be received into the central school.

The graded school board has decided upon this plan as the only practical one for increasing the school fund, which stands sadly in need of being increased. It seems to be either this or increasing the tax rate, and the tax rate is already high.

PARKTON PARCELS.

High School Athletic Association—A Play in Near Future By School—Box Party.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, Feb. 20.—Each day at noon the ten-acre campus about the graded school building swarms with merry children playing games.

With the return of the sunny days baseball has been by far the most popular game. The high school boys have organized an athletic association. A baseball team is in the process of training, the following officers being in charge: Supt. R. A. Pope, coach; Dan McMillan, captain; Currie McMillan, manager. Candidates for positions on the team are very promising.

A play, "Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party," is to be presented by the school, the date as yet being undecided. Valentine decorations have made the school very attractive for the past week.

A well attended box-party given by the Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church cleared \$60. Boxes of food, aprons, and oysters were sold. Such is the attendance at these functions that the catfish-necked, cross-eyed, celibate, and crossroads country store clerk as well as the toothless, thin, tiny, and untainted old maids may still have a part.

The Scarlet Fever Situation.

By Dr. B. W. Page, Robeson County Superintendent of Health.

A few cases of scarlet fever have been found in East Lumberton and around Shannon within the last few weeks. The disease has been of a mild type.

Scarlet fever is highly contagious and infectious. It may be transferred by objects which the patient has touched, such as linen, clothing, furniture or toys. A single approach to a patient ill with scarlet fever may suffice to communicate the disease. It is most contagious during the stage of desquamation. Without proper fumigation the patient's home may be a source of danger to others for several weeks after his recovery.

Predisposition to scarlet fever is far less universal than is predisposition to measles or smallpox. In families with several children often only one or two contract the disease, while the rest escape, although equally exposed. As age increases, liability to the disease greatly diminishes. The majority of patients are between two and ten years of age. The disease is rare during the first year of life.

The incubation period is usually from two to seven days. There is considerable variation in the different epidemics of scarlet fever, as in many other infectious diseases, the general character of the disease, and above all the prevailing mildness or severity of cases and the frequency of complications. The mortality varies in different epidemics from 5 to 40 per cent.

To Those Who Have Ordered Bibles.

The demand for the Bibles The Robesonian has been advertising in exchange for a coupon and 98 cents has run out for the present, but another supply has been ordered and those who have sent in their orders since the supply gave out will be supplied as soon as another shipment is received.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

WATCH—Watch the label on your paper. If renewals are not in by date on label paper will be stopped.

—Middling cotton today, 11½ cents.

—The firm of R. D. Caldwell & Son is adding much to the appearance of its store building by having the front of the store repainted.

—The condition of Mr. I. L. Pope, who has been confined to his home for the past 5 weeks, seems to be very little, if any, improved.

—Miss Josephine Breeca left yesterday for the Northern markets, where she will spend some time purchasing goods for her millinery store on Elm street. During her absence the store is being kept open by Miss Grace Redmond.

—Miss Amelia Linkhauer, who has charge of the millinery department of R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, left Saturday afternoon for Baltimore and New York to purchase goods. She will be away eight or ten days.

—As advertised in The Robesonian, a Buster Brown watch and fob is given away each week at John T. Biggs Company's store to the holder of the lucky numbered coupon given away with each pair of Buster Brown shoes. Miss Lizzie Pitman of Lumberton held the lucky number for last week.

—The Christian Endeavor society of the Presbyterian church had intended having a social some evening during this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. McAllister, but on account of some other social events to take place in town this week it has been decided to postpone the Christian Endeavor social until next week.

—Excellent entertainment was afforded the audience which braved the unfavorable weather Thursday evening and witnessed the presentation at the opera house by Miss Mary Weddell's music class of the opretta "Cinderella in Flower-Land." About \$40 was realized for the graded school piano fund, for the benefit of which the play was given.

—Robeson county will be well represented at the banquet which will be given at the Yarrowburgh House in Raleigh Friday night of this week in honor of Governor Craig, Senator Simmons and Editor Josephus Daniels. Mr. A. W. McLean of Lumberton is on the program to respond to the toast "Hon. F. M. Simmons, Our Senior United States Senator."

—Mr. G. Y. Jones, general passenger agent for the V. & C. S. Ry. Co. returned home Thursday night from Baltimore, where he spent three weeks undergoing treatment for stomach trouble. His condition is much improved and he is thought to be on the way to complete restoration to health. Mrs. Jones spent one week in Baltimore with Mr. Jones, returning with him.

—Miss Anna Thompson, who for four or five years has conducted a boarding house in the old dormitory at the graded school building, is moving today to a house on First St., owned by Mrs. Agnes Edmund, where she will continue to take boarders. It is expected that the old dormitory will be torn away in the near future and part of the material in the building will be used in a graded school building to be erected over the river for the colored people.

Soldiers Ordered to Galveston—Open Way for Invasion if Necessary. Washington Dispatch, 22nd.

About 4,000 soldiers were ordered today to Galveston, Texas and vicinity, the nearest seaport adapted to the embarkation of troops for Mexico. They are not under orders to proceed to Mexico and it is the expectation and the hope of the Administration that it will not be necessary to issue orders for such a movement. The situation in that country, however, is regarded as sufficient to warrant the concentration of a force strong enough to take possession of a seaport and open the way for an invasion of the country.

It will be for President Woodrow Wilson to determine whether such an expedition will be dispatched although of course it is assumed that he first will seek the guidance of Congress. Through trusted agents, though not directly, the President-elect is understood to have expressed his interest in the situation and has placed himself in a position to acquire specific knowledge as to all the details before he comes to Washington on March 3.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Experienced salesman wants position in Lumberton.

Lumberton Motor Car Co. wants scrap iron.

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