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RECORD-BREAKING OPENING

Graded School Opens With Largest Attendance In Its History—Supt. Sentelle Says He is Going to See That Compulsory Attendance and Anti Cigarette Smoking Laws Are Enforced.—Fifth Grade Without Teacher for the Present.

Lumberton's Graded School opened Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock with the largest attendance in its history, the number being 351. This is 22 more than the highest attendance ever reached before, which was during the last session.

When students and teachers marched into the auditorium for the opening exercises it was very evident to all present that not much longer can enlargement of the school building be put off if it is to meet the demands for space. There were several visitors on this first morning, among them Rev. J. W. Bradley, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, who led in prayer, and three members of the school board—Mr. C. B. Townsend, chairman, and Messrs. Q. T. Williams and Alf. H. McLeod.

In his remarks outlining in a brief way some things that would be expected of the pupils, Supt. R. E. Sentelle said that he is going to see to it that the compulsory school law is enforced in this district, also the law against the smoking of cigarettes by boys. And he served notice on the boys that any boy caught smoking a cigarette on the school grounds would have to take a licking or go home.

All the teachers were on hand Tuesday except Miss Corinne Doles of Elm City, who had been assigned to the fifth grade. Miss Doles received an offer of more salary in her home town and notified Supt. Sentelle that she would resign unless her salary here could be raised. This leaves the fifth grade without a teacher for the present and it has been dismissed until a teacher can be secured. Supt. Sentelle thinks he will secure a teacher for this grade within a few days. The boarding problem for the teachers, which seemed serious Monday, has been solved for the present, and a move is on foot to make permanent arrangements for a boarding place for all the teachers.

All the members of the faculty are new except Misses Pennie and Winnifred Rowland and Fannie Knight. The grades have been assigned as follows:

First grade, Miss Fannie Knight of Raleigh; second, Miss Annie Rowland of Lumberton; third, Miss Winnifred Rowland of Lumberton; fourth, Miss Mary Henderson of Davidson; fifth, vacant for the present; sixth, Miss Iris Cashwell of Lumberton; seventh, Miss Mamie Highsmith of Fayetteville.

Work in the eighth, ninth and tenth grades has been divided up among Supt. Sentelle, Miss Edith Pipkin of Reidsville and Miss Ruby Johnson of Delway on the departmental plan. Supt. Sentelle will teach mathematics and Latin, Miss Johnson will teach English and French, and Miss Pipkin will teach history and science.

Miss Ethel Williams of Lumberton, who has taught music for the past few sessions, has a class again, and Miss Mayce B. Glasgow of Knoxville, Tenn., is the new member of the music faculty. Miss Glasgow, besides piano, teaches violin, guitar and cornet. Many pupils have enrolled with both music teachers.

Small Blaze Quickly Extinguished at Mr. G. E. Rancke's.

There came near being a fire early this morning at the home of Mr. G. E. Rancke, Sr., when the roof of the kitchen caught fire. It was discovered by Mrs. Amanda Pitman, who lives just back of the Rancke residence. The fire was discovered about 7 o'clock and was only a small blaze and by the timely aid of two or three carpenters who were on the lot it was soon put out without having to turn in the alarm. It started from the stove flue. The carpenters on the lot were just finishing up the work on Mr. Rancke's new house and the place where the fire started is a part of the old house and will be torn down later. The old kitchen adjoins the new house and if the fire had gotten just a little further under way before being discovered it probably would have greatly damaged the new building before it could have been stopped.

The A. and M. College at Raleigh has opened with the largest registration in its history, 700 up to yesterday, and with prospects of a much larger registration. Wake Forest has enrolled more than 400.

TARIFF BILL PASSES SENATE.

Democratic Measure Now Goes to Conference Committee—Senators LaFollette and Poindexter Vote With Majority — President Wilson Expresses Gratification—Simmons Predicts Stimulus to Commercial Life. Washington Dispatch, 9th.

The Democratic tariff revision bill passed the Senate at 5:43 o'clock this afternoon amid a burst of applause that swept down the crowded galleries and found its echoes on the floor of the Senate. Its passage was attended with surprises in the final moments of the voting, when Senator LaFollette, Republican, cast his vote with the Democrats and was joined later by Senator Poindexter, Progressive.

The Democrats had counted throughout the long tariff fight upon losing the votes of Senators Ransdell and Thornton of Louisiana, Democrats, who voted against the bill today because it would put sugar on the free list.

Until the names of Senators LaFollette and Poindexter were called, however, no one knew definitely the stand they would take and their votes were greeted with enthusiastic applause.

President Wilson tonight expressed great gratification over the end of the long struggle in the Senate. Senator Simmons, chairman of the finance committee, who had piloted the bill through the finance committee, the Democratic caucus and the Senate predicted that its passage would bring immediate stimulus to the commercial life of the country. In many important places the Senate has changed the bill that passed the House and a conference committee of the two houses will begin Wednesday or Thursday to adjust these differences. Leaders of both houses predict that the conference will consume less than two weeks time.

appointed in his place. The House con-hasten the bill on its progress to the White House by naming its members of the conference committee as soon as the bill passed.

Vice President Marshall appointed Senators Simmons, Stone, Williams and Johnson, Democrats, and Senators Penrose, Lodge and LaFollette, Republicans, as the Senate conferees.

Senator Stone withdrew from the committee and Senator Shively was to be representatives Underwood, Kiferes it was reported tonight, will Payne and Fordney, Republicans. Each chin and Rainey, Democrats and Payne and Fordney, Republicans. Each house will have an equal vote in the conference committee, even though each does not name the same number of conferees.

When the vote had been announced Senator Gallinger of New Hampshire, the leader of the minority, was recognized and congratulated Senator Simmons "for his courteous, kindly and considerate manner" in the conduct of the debate. He said he knew of no tariff fight characterized by such good feeling throughout, and attributed it to the personality of Senator Simmons.

Senator Simmons expressed his appreciation. The bill, he asserted would go to the country and speak for itself.

"I am greatly gratified that the bill was passed and I think that it will not be long in conference. In my opinion there has been some stagnation of business in the country pending the action of the Senate. Now I believe there will be an immediate stimulus of business and that in the end we will have better times in this country."

The tariff bill as it passed the Senate today retained the principal House provisions, including free sugar and free raw wool, but revised other rates still further downward. The average ad valorem rate in the bill now is approximately 20 per cent from existing rates and nearly four per cent lower than the rates of the House bill.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS.

An enormous loss in the production of corn and indications of the biggest wheat crop ever produced were features of the Government's September crop report issued Tuesday.

Put-In-Bay, Ohio, dispatch, 10th: A towering shaft of white marble, erected in commemoration of Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry's victory in the battle of Lake Erie and the one hundred years of peace between the United States and Great Britain, was formally dedicated today by former President William Howard Taft. Inaugurating the dedication ceremonies cannon boomed at the hour of the firing the opening gun of the famous battle fought one hundred years ago today, within view of the Put-In-Bay shores.

PATRICIDE IN SCOTLAND.

Stephen B Carter Shot and Killed at His Home Near Old Hundred by His 19-Year-Old Son Duncan—Boy in Jail at Laurinburg. Laurinburg Exchange, 11th.

Early Saturday morning at his home near Old Hundred, about nine miles from Laurinburg, Mr. Stephen B. Carter was shot to death by his son Duncan, who is just 19 years of age.

The trouble between the father and the son, from the evidence given before the coroner's jury, seemed to be because of the father's abuse of the boy in that he had talked rather rough to him and had armed himself with an iron fire stick and invited the boy out on the porch if he cared to fight. The boy stepped to the door leading out on the porch where his father was standing and opened fire upon him with a 22 calibre rifle. Only one shot was fired, this penetrating the heart and producing death quickly.

Deputy Sheriff Smith, together with Coroner Jordan, left immediately for the scene of the killing. Upon reaching the home the body was found lying on the floor just inside of Mrs. Carter's room where he had walked after being shot.

Mr. Carter, it is said, was not kind to his family and from statements of Mrs. Carter had been ill and cross with Duncan at various times.

The young man was brought to the county jail Saturday at noon and will have to await the November term of court for trial.

Mr. Carter, several years ago, was sent to the State prison for a term of four years for killing a man named Bustle in Hamlet.

The young man had accepted a position at Gibson and was making preparations to leave the home and go to his new work Monday when the tragedy was enacted.

At the coroner's inquest it was in evidence that Carter got mad with his son about going to Laurinburg and cursed him.

FARM-LIFE CONFERENCE.

Farmers' Union Endorses Plan to Hold a Great Meeting in Charlotte Next May.

The executive committee and the advisory council of the North Carolina Division of Farmers' Union, in session in Charlotte Tuesday, decided to hold a farm life conference in Charlotte May 22 and 23, 1914. It is expected that this conference will attract more than 1,000 people and it is planned to have present such noted speakers as Hon. D. F. Houston of Washington, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Bradford Knapp, special Government agent for Farm-Life Demonstration in the United States, and others. Also there will be a number of speakers of authority upon almost every phase of farm life in America, from the question of cattle, hogs, sheep and poultry to schools, literature and the home.

Speakers upon the great question of co-operation in the distribution of farm products will be present. Mr. Leak Caraway, secretary of the Greater Charlotte Club, was asked to begin at once the preparation of a program, incorporating all the ideas brought out in the conference, and to have this program ready for the council in December, when the Farmers' Union will meet in Shelby and at that time the council will formally present and recommend this farm conference be called and that the regular meeting of the Farmers' Union be called to meet in Charlotte at the same time. The Charlotte Observer says that never before in the history of the State has such a great meeting been planned for the farmers, though the same thing is very successful in the West and North-west.

Freight-Rate Conference—Steamship Line from Wilmington. Raleigh Special, 10th, to Wilmington Star.

President Fred N. Tate, of the North Carolina Just Freight Rate Association, and his advisory board were here today for a conference with Governor Craig concerning the freight rate situation and the probable course to be pursued in view of impending further negotiations with the railroad presidents as to intra-State rates and the near approach of the convening of the special session of the Legislature.

The members of the advisory board are discussing with an increasing degree of approval the proposition to establish an independent steamship line from Wilmington.

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LUMBER BRIDGE LOCALS

Cotton Gins On Full Time—Mr. Duncan Monroe Building a Bungalow—Church Services—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, Sept. 10—Both of our cotton gins have been running on full time now for several days. Every few minutes one can see loads of the staple on the way to be ginned. The rains kept the picking of the cotton behind for a little while, but the pickers seem to be making up for the lost time since then. The prices too are bringing smiles on the faces of the farmers.

Mr. Duncan Monroe is building a bungalow west of the academy which he hopes to complete soon.

Miss Elma Johnson has returned from a pleasant visit to Fayetteville. Mr. D. C. Curry and family with Miss Ruby Adams of Florida, are visiting at the home of his father, Mr. Ed Currie.

Mrs. D. Z. McGougan spent Tuesday in Fayetteville shopping.

Misses Sallie McQueen and Annie McNeill of Red Springs have been visiting Miss Emma Currie.

Rev. J. T. Jenkins filled his appointment at the Baptist church on last Sunday. We were glad to have him back after a month's absence.

Rev. J. E. Berryhill will occupy the Presbyterian pulpit on the coming Sabbath, having returned from his vacation spent at his old home in Tennessee.

Cumberland County Man Charged With Poisoning Wife.

Fayetteville Special, 10th, to Wilmington Star.

Joe Smith, a white man of Linden, is in jail here charged with poisoning his wife. Smith was arrested last night. Some very ugly circumstantial evidence against the husband was adduced to an inquest held this afternoon by Coroner McGougan.

An autopsy on the body of the woman was performed at the same time by County Physician J. W. McNeill, the stomach and liver were removed and sealed up and will be sent tomorrow to Raleigh to be analyzed by the State chemist.

The evidence before the coroner's jury was that Smith, some time in June, borrowed a quantity of strychnine from Mrs. A. B. Walker, for whom he worked; that last Wednesday he returned the strychnine with one third of it gone; that his wife was taken sick Sunday night and was given a dose of salts by her husband, dying a few hours later with convulsions and exhibiting symptoms of strychnine poisoning.

Smith made a statement when arrested, but it was not made public.

RESIDENCE BURNED.

Home Belonging to Mr. R. S. Bond of Rowland, Second and Chestnut Streets, Destroyed by Fire Monday Night.

Monday night between 11 and 12 o'clock the alarm was turned in for fire in the house on the corner of Second and Chestnut streets, occupied by Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Rogers. There was no one at home when the fire started and when discovered it was well under way and before the fire fighting force could turn water on the house was almost half burned down; but even then quite a bit of the building was saved. Mr. Rogers was at Dr. J. D. Regan's office having some dental work done and Mrs. Rogers was at the home of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Sallie Rogers, Third and Chestnut streets, when the fire was discovered by some parties passing. Mr. Rogers says that he has no idea how the fire started, but thinks it possible that it started from the stove flue, as there had been fire in the stove that evening. He also says that when he and Mrs. Rogers left the house there was a fire in one of the fire places and a lamp left burning in the dining room. Quite a bit of household effects were burned, though most of the furniture was saved. On the furniture and household goods Mr. Rogers had \$450 insurance. The house was owned by Mr. R. S. Bond of Rowland and it is understood that there was no insurance on it. Miss Josephine Breece recently had the house remodeled for Mr. Bond and it was practically good as new.

Mr. Rogers has had his household effects that were saved from the fire stored at the home of his father-in-law, Mr. Steve Freeman, and at present he and Mrs. Rogers are boarding at the home of his mother, Mrs. Sallie Rogers.

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BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

—Cotton today, 12% cents.

—A negro minstrel band in red uniforms gave a concert and parade on the streets at noon.

—Collier Cobb was yesterday appointed postmaster at Parkton to succeed A. Parham, deceased.

—Victor McNair, colored, was taken to the Goldsboro hospital Tuesday by Mr. Jim Freeman, acting as a special deputy.

—There will be a special meeting tomorrow evening of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M. for degree work. A full attendance is desired.

—Mr. Lonnie Baxley of St. Paul's was in town Monday and left Monday night for Raiford, Fla., where he has accepted a position with the Benbow Lumber Co. as locomotive engineer.

—The Central Drug Company of Lumber Bridge, authorized capital, \$4,000, with \$2,000 subscribed for by Dr. Thomas Stamps, Dr. J. B. Surlis, J. L. Shaw and others, was chartered Tuesday.

—Mr. Richard M. Noormant has accepted a position with The Columbia Record, a daily paper published at Columbia, S. C. He will do editorial work. Mr. Noormant left Sunday evening for Columbia.

"Oh, you beautiful doll, you great big beautiful doll." In a show window at Messrs. White & Geugh's store pouring coffee. It's a dandy display and does Mr. Elwood Whaley, who rigged it up, credit.

—A colored excursion from Marion, S. C., to Wilmington via the R. & C. and S. A. L. is scheduled to pass here tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock, but it is understood that no passengers will be taken on here.

—Miss Loretta Spivey entertained Monday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Spivey, Walnut street, in honor of Misses Ethel and Lillian Lawson of Winston-Salem, who are guests at the home of

—The LaFayette Mutual Life Insurance Co., the home office of which is in Lumberton, has appointed Mr. Oscar McFayden of Fayetteville district agent for the counties of Cumberland, Sampson, Lee, Harnett, Johnston and Hoke.

—Messrs. J. A. McRae and T. B. Bullard of Elrod passed through town Tuesday en route home from Bladen county, where they had been spending some time with relatives. They report good crops, especially corn from Lumberton to Tar Heel.

—Mr. Harry Weinstein of Fairmont passed through town Tuesday evening en route to Baltimore and New York, where he will spend several days buying goods for his big drygoods store at Fairmont. He has only been in business at Fairmont for a few months, but has had great success.

—Miss Julia Culbreth, who had been a guest for some time at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Dr. and Mrs. B. W. Page, went Tuesday to Maxton, where she is in charge of the music department at Carolina College, which opened for the fall term yesterday.

—Mr. J. S. Oliver and daughter, Miss Helen, of Marietta spent yesterday in Lumberton. Miss Oliver will go next week to Greensboro to enter upon her third year at the State Normal College. Miss Alice Page, daughter of Mr. J. J. Page of Marietta, left yesterday for Meredith College, Raleigh.

—Mr. W. Chafin Boone left Monday for Augusta, Ga., where he has accepted a position as manager of a dairy. For several months Mr. Boone held a position in Greenville, but resigned that position about a week ago to accept the one in Georgia. He spent several days in Lumberton before leaving for Augusta.

—Mr. J. R. Inman, who had been visiting relatives and friends in the county for two weeks and who spent yesterday in Lumberton, left this morning for his home at Lyons, Ga. Mr. Inman left Lumberton 25 years ago for Georgia. This was his first visit to Lumberton in four years and he said he noticed wonderful improvements in that short time.

—Ex-Sheriff and Mrs. Geo. B. McLeod and their daughter, Miss Irene and son Mr. G. Badger returned Tuesday evening from Waynesville where they had been for something over a month, but Mr. McLeod had only been there for about a week. The condition of Mrs. McLeod, who when she went away was very unwell, has greatly improved. She has gained several pounds in weight and says that she feels much better.

—The report of one or two pistol shots on the premises of ex-Sheriff Geo. B. McLeod, Elm and Fifth streets, just a few minutes after two o'clock this afternoon attracted considerable attention and in a few minutes a crowd gathered in front of the residence. Nothing could be learned beyond the fact that nobody was hurt.

—Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor and daughter, Miss Lillian, expect to leave tomorrow morning for Jackson Springs, where they will spend a few days, from the Springs they will go to Charlotte for two or three days and thence to Spartanburg, S. C., where Miss Lillian will enter Converse College, school opening there on the 23rd. Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Parnell.

—Miss Lillian Ferguson, the photographer who spent the spring here, leaving June 1st for Montreal, where she spent the summer returned last night accompanied by her friend Miss Mary Alice Mechaux of Sumter, S. C., who will spend several days here. Miss Ferguson expects to locate permanently in Lumberton.

—Miss Amelia Linkhaur, who has charge of the millinery department of R. D. Caldwell & Son's big department store, returned yesterday morning from New York, where she spent two weeks purchasing millinery goods for the fall season. Miss Gooch arrived Tuesday evening and Miss Koontz arrived this morning. They will have their opening Thursday and Friday, 25th and 26th inst.

—It was stated in onday's Robesonian that some further account would be given in today's paper about the mix-up on the streets last Friday evening when Mr. John Pope was arrested, but the trial, which was set for Monday afternoon before the recorder, was continued until Saturday, so no further report will be made until the trial is held, and the evidence brought out can be given.

—Charity and Children: We are glad to hear that Rev. A. C. Sherwood has accepted a call to the church at Red Springs. Mr. Sherwood is one of our strongest young preachers, and he goes to a very intelligent and appreciative community. Our brethren at Red Springs ought to rise up and build a church house that is worthy of the congregation and the town.

—In last Thursday's Robesonian mention was made of the fact that worms are destroying cotton on some farms out Saddle Tree way. Tuesday Mr. R. R. Prevatt, Jr., who lives in the Back Swamp section, brought to The Robesonian office from his farm, which adjoins the farm of Mr. J. A. Thompson of Lumberton, quite a number of bolls showing the ravages of the same kind of worm, which Farm Demonstrator J. A. Boone says is the same worm that attacks corn.

—Mr. and Mrs. A. Weinstein returned Monday evening from a trip to Baltimore and New York. The object of Mr. Weinstein's going was to purchase goods for his big department store, Fourth and Elm streets, and Mrs. Weinstein went with him for a visit to relatives. They were away about ten days and Mr. Weinstein has bought the largest stock of fall goods that he has ever purchased in one season during the life of his business. He is looking for large business this fall.

—"Pathe Weekly No. 23," "A Spendthrift's Reform," Pathe, and "Ranch.Mates," Lubin, will make up a three-reel show at the Pastime this evening. Tomorrow evening another fine 2-reel Pathe feature picture will be put on. This picture, which is entitled "Don Juan and Chas. V.," is a beautiful hand-colored picture and shows a beautiful and intensely interesting love story. An extra Edison reel will also be run entitled "No Place for a Minister's Son," making a 3-reel show.

—Miss Jean Pratt of Hendersonville arrived yesterday from Baltimore and will again this season be with Miss Josephine Breece, in whose millinery store she has been head trimmer for several seasons. Miss Pratt accompanied Miss Breece on her recent trip to New York to study fall and winter styles. Miss Vinda Rogers of Stanley, Va., who was with Miss Breece last season, will be with her again this season. She will arrive Sunday. Miss Breece will have her opening on the 23rd and 24th inst.

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