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## GRADED SCHOOL SITUATION

**First Five Grades Badly Crowded—Some Relief Must be Provided or the Children Will Suffer—Possible Solutions of the Difficulty—A Serious Problem.**

To the Editor of The Robesonian:  
The people of Lumberton keep asking me what we are going to do about the crowded condition of the graded school. Honestly I do not know, and I want to ask in return what the people are going to do? The first five grades are so crowded that we cannot possibly give the pupils any individual attention, and they cannot make progress without a certain amount of special work by the teachers with the individual pupils. In the first grade we now have 64 pupils, and I know not where from—they keep coming. No primary teacher can teach 64 children with any degree of satisfaction to herself or to the patronage. So we are wondering not only what we are to do with the 64 now enrolled, but how we are to manage the others that are certain to ask for admission from day to day hereafter. Many of these children are too small to take care of themselves, and all through the day the teacher is giving special attention to the little fellows—such as arranging their clothes after they have been dismissed from the room for a few minutes. I wonder what the mothers of the town think of a teacher giving these personal attentions to 64 children and at the same time teaching them all the things they learn in the first grade?

But aside from the burden placed upon the teacher, that is a larger number of children than ought to be placed together in one room. Cold weather will soon be on hand, and it will be impossible for us to ventilate the room so as to give the children the required amount of fresh air without freezing them.

We ventilate the rooms with two ends in view: 1, To furnish a sufficient supply of oxygen to the pupils; 2, to provide air that can carry off dust, noxious gases, and moisture. Scientific men who have made a study of ventilation, and are in position to give expert testimony along this line, tell us that each pupil should have at least 2,400 cubic feet of fresh air every hour. Taking this as a basis we find that it would require 153,600 cu. feet of fresh air in the room every hour to give 64 children the amount they must have in order that their minds may be active, and their bodies be in a healthful condition. It is an utter impossibility for us to supply more than half that much air to the rooms here with our present methods of ventilation. When cold weather comes 64 children will be sitting in our first grade with only a little more than one half the fresh air they should have.

Now the conditions that I have outlined for the first grade, with the exception of personal attention given to the children, obtain in all the grades up to the sixth. In the fifth grade 67 pupils have been enrolled. It is utterly impossible for the teachers to do efficient work under such conditions.

The first five grades, then, must be divided. This is a cold fact for the people of the community to think about, and the sooner the grades are divided the better it will be for the school. In order that they may be divided, more room must be provided. If the people will furnish the room and the other equipment necessary to the work I will guarantee to them satisfactory school work in return. We try to be progressive, but, honestly, I see very little hope of much progress being made until something is done to relieve the congested conditions in these lower grades.

What are we going to do about the school work any way? There is not a single cent of money to the credit of the school, and this has been the usual condition since the graded school was established; and we have never been able to put in the necessary equipment, especially in the high school department. We are lacking in maps, globes, laboratories, and any other physical apparatus that other high schools have, and without which we cannot thoroughly prepare students for college. The board of trustees and the whole faculty are doing the very best they can with the facilities we have, and as we understand it the people of the community are the ones to provide better facilities.

Several solutions of the problem have presented themselves to my mind: First, to drop the last three grades of the high school work, and do only eight grades of work and not

## THE BROWNING MEETING.

**First Services in Tent on Elm Street Last Night—Day Services Began This Morning—Special Services at 3:30 Sunday Afternoon.**

The place of holding services in the series of meetings which began Sunday at Chestnut Street Methodist church shifted last evening from the church to a large tent on Elm street, and they will be held in the tent from now on. This tent belongs to Rev. Raymond Browning, who is conducting the meeting, and will seat about 1,800 people.

Day services were held this morning for the first time and will be held until further notice at 10 a. m. each day for one hour only. Evening song service begins at 7:30 and preaching begins about 8 o'clock. The choir is seated on a platform which will seat quite a number and the singing, led by Mr. Joseph H. Chamberlain, is good.

Sunday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock Mr. Browning will preach a special sermon to girls and boys. He says he calls this a bear story. Older people may of course attend this service but it is intended especially for girls and boys.

Like a thunderbolt out of a clear sky came a hot "roast" from the pupil Tuesday night at the church because Mr. Browning thought he had not been given the proper help in erecting his tent Tuesday. The members of the official board of the church say they were dumbfounded at what Mr. Browning had to say, for they quite naturally assumed that all the machinery would be attended to on the outside and that they would be notified, as usual, of anything to be done, through the regular channels, this is, that the chairman of the board of stewards would be notified of what was expected and that it would be done speedily and without friction. The officials of the church say they were waiting for notice of any work to be done from the chairman, and the chairman says he was not asked to have any work done. The "roast" struck those who were conversant with the facts as being so unfair and unjust that considerable resentment was felt, but the matter has blown over and the damper it threatened to throw on the meeting happily has been avoided and a great meeting is expected.

**Personal Items From Clarkton.**  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Clarkton, Sept. 30.—Mr. and Mrs. Hector Gooden of Wilmington, formerly of this place, have moved back here, where Mr. Gooden has accepted a position.

Dr. and Mrs. G. L. Clark returned Friday from Richmond, where Dr. Clark had been under treatment at the Johnston Willis sanatorium. Glad to report Mr. Clark's condition improved.

Mr. John Skipper has returned to his home at Red Springs after spending a week with his uncle here.—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Cromartie returned to their home near White Oak last week after spending a few days in this vicinity with relatives.—Senator L. B. Evans is attending the extra session of Legislature. He spent last Sunday in town.—Mr. W. M. Monroe spent the week-end in town with relatives.

**Barn and Contents Burned.**  
Special to The Robesonian.

Bellamy, Sept. 30.—Mr. J. D. Duncan had the misfortune to lose his barn and its contents yesterday by fire. No one knows how the fire originated. There was no one at home, the family being a mile from home. Mr. Duncan is a hard working man. Luckily the wind was not blowing toward his dwelling; if it had been his dwelling would have been burned also. Mr. Duncan's loss is \$500 or \$600.

**Working for Equal Rights.**

Mr. Frank Gough, president of the Lumberton branch of the Just Freight Rate Association, will leave tonight for Raleigh, where tomorrow he will attend a joint meeting of the Just Freight Rate Association and the members of the Legislature. Mr. Gough is working hard for the people of this section of North Carolina, and says no compromise for him, but rather equal rights for all.

try to prepare for college; second, to add five rooms to the present building; third, to build a high school building separate and apart from the other building. One of these plans must be carried out in the near future. The people must say which, and it is of vital importance to the community that some action be taken at the earliest possible date.

R. E. SENTELLE, Supt.

## BARNESVILLE NEWS BATCH

**New Residence—School Progress—Sunday School Rally and Other Items.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Barnesville, Sept. 30.—Rev. Mr. Bridges filled his regular appointment here Sunday. The baptizing was in the afternoon. Thirteen were baptized and a big crowd witnessed the scene. Such experiences reassure us of this fact, that we are conquering in the fight for God and right. We hope to see the day when all shall enlist in the work.

The anniversary of Orrum is near at hand. We are expecting a great time.

Mr. Pitman Barnes has just returned from Red Springs, where he spent a week with friends and relatives.

Mr. E. T. Lewis has completed his new home, a ten room house, which is very attractive.

The Barnesville band filled an engagement with Pennix Bros. of the Greensboro Realty Co. at a land sale near Nichols, S. C., Saturday. They report a great time.

The school at this place is progressing nicely. Prof. Owens is doing efficient work. He seems to have taken hold of it with a determination to develop the minds of our boys and girls, who will soon have to take up the tasks which we must soon lay down.

The instrumental quartette and the prominent voices of our choir will attend a Sunday School Rally day at Western Prong, Bladen County, third Sunday in October. The object is to arouse greater interest and encourage the work.

**Cold Lunches vs. Hot Dinners—Alertness vs. Dullness.**

The Robesonian received this morning from Supt. Sentelle a communication explaining why announcement has been made that, beginning next Monday, school children will be required to bring lunches and stay on the grounds until the school day's work closes. On account of the length of the communication and the crowded condition of the paper today it is necessary to hold this over until Monday's paper. Experience at the school here and everywhere else has demonstrated that a continuous session—of course ample time is allowed for dinner; in fact the pupils have more time for dinner, since time does not have to be wasted going home and returning—is far and away better for the children.

A petition is being circula'ed asking that a dinner hour during which the children may go home be given. Some have signed this under a misapprehension of the real facts in the case and without a knowledge of what is best for the pupils.

But read Supt. Sentelle's arguments in Monday's Robesonian and then see if you can muster up any argument as sound on the other side. If you cannot, then it would be the part of wisdom not to dry, to interfere with the conduct of the schools on the part of those who are employed for that purpose.

**Auto Attacks a Telephone Pole.**

Something of an auto wreck that was yesterday when Dr. W. L. Grantham and Mr. R. McA. Nixon, riding in a Ford car, came in contact with a telephone pole on North Elm street. The wheel on the steering gear came off, and Dr. Grantham, who was driving, says that he didn't have the least bit of a chance to control the car. The telephone pole was up-rooted and broken in two. The car, which belonged to Mr. Evander Faulk, was damaged to some extent. Both Mr. Nixon and Dr. Grantham were shaken up very badly, but nobody was "kilt."

**Cotton and Hay—Difference in Making.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Marrietta, Sept. 30.—All the farmers in and around Marrietta are more than glad to see the weather so beautiful again so their cotton will open. For cotton picking and hay cutting seem to be the leading occupations, and it seems like the latter is yielding the more bountiful harvest. The only difference we find in making them is it takes work to make one and fishing or some other pleasure trip to make the other.

**Superior Court.**

Nothing of special interest except to the litigants concerned is transpiring in Superior Court, Judge C. C. Lyon presiding. Many cases have been disposed of, among them two divorces granted—W. M. vs. Druccilla Demery, William vs. Barbara Roseborough. Court will continue into next week.

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## HOPE MILLS NEWS.

**The Final Summons—Successful Meeting Closes—Cotton Gin Burned—School Prospects Bright.**

(By Owen C. Rogers.)

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Hope Mills, Sept. 29.—Mrs. Virginia Novella Ray, wife of Mr. J. G. Ray, died at her home three miles from Hope Mills, Sunday afternoon. Mrs. Ray was the daughter of Mr. C. L. Thagard and is survived by her husband and two small children. The burial took place in the cemetery at Green Springs Baptist church, of which she had been a faithful member for a number of years.

Mrs. Caroline Smith, aged sixty-four years, died this morning in the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Butler at Cotton. The funeral will take place at Lumber Bridge tomorrow at 2 o'clock, and will be conducted by Rev. Mr. Strickland, pastor of the Methodist church here. Mrs. Smith had been a faithful member of the Methodist church for a number of years.

A very successful meeting was closed at the Presbyterian church on the third Sunday. Rev. Mr. Fairley of Fayetteville did the preaching, and six additions were made to the church.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will serve refreshments at the parish house on next Saturday night, the proceeds of which will go to the Presbyterian church. The public is cordially invited.

Mr. J. M. Morgan has a position at Winston-Salem, and his family will move there within the next few weeks. The people of Hope Mills will regret to lose these good people from their midst.

Early Sunday morning Dr. J. C. Gilbert's cotton gin was destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. The loss was more than \$4,000 with about \$2,000 insurance.

The Hope Mills graded and high school will open on Monday, October 6th; and the principal, Prof. E. I. Olive, will be assisted by Mrs. Lochlin McDonald, Mrs. Maggie Butt, Miss Irene Parker, Miss Annie McLaughlin and Miss Crockett of Fayetteville, who will be in charge of the music department. With the success the school has made in past years, and with a strong faculty of experience and ability, the prospects are indeed bright for still greater achievements during the ensuing year. Each department is offered a prize of \$5 in gold for the best average grade by the J. O. U. A. M. of Hope Mills, while the best debater is offered a prize of an unabridged dictionary by the writer.

**OUT BARKER'S WAY.**

**Cotton Crop Short—Old-Time Corn Husking—Personal Mention.**

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 1, Sept. 30.—Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Groves, who for some time had been in a hospital in Richmond have returned home.

Rev. Mr. Massey, editor of The Raleigh Christian Advocate, preached at Barker's Sunday p. m.

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Holden of St. Paul's spent Sunday with Mrs. Holden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Inman, at Barker's.—Mr. B. L. Kinlaw of Wilson spent last week with his mother, Mrs. Lucy Kinlaw, at Barker's.—Mrs. Ada Brisson of St. Paul's is visiting her sister, Mrs. R. A. Rozier at Barker's.—Miss Lottie Rozier of Rozier is visiting her sister Mrs. N. A. Russ at Powersville.—Miss Eva Powers of Powersville left a few days ago to go to Clarkton, where she entered college.—Mrs. Clelia McDonald and children of St. Paul's spent last week with her mother, Mrs. D. L. Kinlaw, at Barker's.—Miss Lilly Townsend of Ten Mile, who has been at Buie's Creek going to school, was taken a few days ago to the Thompson hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Patterson are all smiles: it's a girl.

Owing to the boll weevil and cotton boll worm cotton is very short. The worms have eaten up the cotton until the cotton is about all open. Old-time corn huskings are coming.

**Unknown Negro Killed by Log Train**

A negro whose name has not been learned, was killed by a log train on the Beaufort County Lumber Company's track near Ten Mile church yesterday afternoon. It is said that the negro who was in the employ of the lumber company, got sick in the woods where he worked and tried to catch a moving train, getting under the cars. His head was cut off and his body terribly mangled.

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## THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

**Stock Law for Sampson County—Beginning of End of Free Range—Local Bills.**

Robeson's Legislators have introduced several local bills. Local bills have been introduced as follows: McLeod—to amend the road law; amending the charter of Rowland so as to provide for municipal improvements, for the proper deposit of public funds of Robeson; Change name of special tax district in Rowland township, and to authorize, board of trustees to issue bonds; protect birds in Robeson; amend charter of town of Lumberton, allowing town to borrow money from sinking fund for improvements; McMillan—to provide for rural policemen in Robeson—presumably defining more clearly the duties of the rural policemen provided for in a bill which passed at the regular session.

The Senate Tuesday passed the bill for the protection of uniforms of the army, navy and State militia. This bill had caused more debate in the Senate than any other measure taken up by the body at this session. It would prohibit any person other than members of the army, navy and State militia from wearing the uniforms of these organizations.

The Senate and House adopted a joint resolution inviting President Woodrow Wilson to deliver an address at the unveiling of the monument to the Confederate women—the gift of Hon. Ashley Horne—next year.

Representative D. M. Clark introduced a bill in the House to reduce passenger rates in North Carolina to two cents a mile.

The House of Representatives Tuesday night passed on its second and third and final readings the bill introduced last week by Senator George L. Peterson to put Sampson county under the stock law. The bill was passed after an amendment by Representative Faircloth, of Sampson, to leave the question to a vote of the people of the county had been defeated, on a roll call of 70 to 19. The bill had already passed the Senate. Sampson county has stock law at last.

Applying stock law to Sampson county is believed to be the beginning of the end of "free range" in Eastern Carolina, and over the whole State. The courts have ruled that the adjacent "free range" counties and not the "stock law" townships or county, must provide the fencing about stock law territory. This means that in making Sampson county "stock law" territory, Pender and other adjacent territory, still having "free range," must do the fencing against Sampson. This condition brought yesterday a bill from Representatives Hawes, of Pender, for a stock law election in this county, and other counties are to follow suit.

**"SNEAK" BILL CAUSES STIR.**

**House "Unbeknownst" Passed Bill That Would Change Political Complexion of State.**

Raleigh Special, 1st, to Charlotte Observer.

A stir was created in the Legislative circles tonight when it was found that the House had, without knowing it passed and sent to the Senate a bill that would take Wilkes county from the seventh congressional district and restore it to the eighth, the scheme behind the attempted legislation being alleged to be to upset the political complexion of the two districts and restore the eighth to the Republican column. It is charged to be a "sneak bill" and was introduced by Representative Bumgarner of Wilkes and the house passed it without reading it on the assurance, it is said, of Bumgarner that it was a local bill affecting his county.

Senator Daniels of Halifax was running through his bills for the Senate calendar tonight and found it. Its title is "a bill to be entitled an act relative to Wilkes county, to repeal chapter 593 Public Laws of 1913." Chapter 593 is relative to the board of county commissioners of Wilkes county and allowances for clerk hire by the commissioners. There is another section of the bill that proceeds to specify that the section of the law as to congressional districts that puts Wilkes county in the seventh district be amended so as to restore Wilkes to the Eighth district.

Leaders of the Democratic side of the House declared that they will call Representative Bumgarner to account tomorrow morning for this piece of attempted legislation. Mr. Bumgarner's friends insist that they do not believe that he knew of this feature of the bill, and hint that he has been duped as well as his Democratic colleagues. It is known that the bill was sent to him from Wilkes to be introduced.

## BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Cotton today, 13.875 cents.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Shockley Adams and Margaret McClellan.

—Mr. T. N. Higley since Tuesday has been confined at his home, Ninth and Cedar streets, suffering from chills and fever. His condition today is thought to be somewhat improved.

—Mr. Dan Nye of Fairmont passed through town yesterday en route home from Hamlet, where he had been visiting his brother Mr. Graddy A. Nye, who was very sick last week but is better now.

—Mr. H. M. McAllister, who for several days had been confined at his home, Seventh and Chestnut streets, with chills and fever is able to be out again. He came down to the First National Bank, of which he is cashier, for a short while yesterday afternoon and he also spent a short while at the bank today.

—"The Retreat From Moscow," one of Pathe's best 2-reel feature pictures will be shown at the Pastime theatre this evening. The historic retreat of Napoleon's army from Moscow in 1812 is here reconstructed with the aid of the Imperial Russian army, on the exact locations where the events occurred. A Lubin reel containing two pictures will also be run, making a three-reel show.

**REV. C. H. DURHAM RETURNS.**

**Pastor of First Baptist Church Home After Extended Trip Given Him by Member of His Congregation—Places Visited.**

Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, returned home Monday from an extended trip through the West. Mr. Durham left Lumberton August 19, went to New Orleans by way of Atlanta, Ga., and Birmingham, Ala., stopping over in each of these cities. From New Orleans he went to Dallas, Texas, and from Dallas he went to Oklahoma and Arkansas, where he visited relatives, then returned to Dallas, spent a few days, and went to Colorado Springs, and Denver, Col., spending some time in these cities and visiting many places of interest about them, such as Manitou, "Garden of the Gods," South Chyene Canyon, Seven Falls and Pike's Peak. From Denver he went to Salt Lake City, Utah, from there to Yellow Stone Park, and then to the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river in Arizona. From there he went to San Francisco, Cal., thence to Seattle, Wash., and returned by way of Chicago, stopping over in that city for a short while.

Mr. Durham says he was well every hour of the six weeks he was away and he enjoyed the trip immensely.

While away he traveled 11,600 miles, including side trips, and traveled twenty-four hours through snow that was 18 inches deep. This was in Montana and North Dakota. Just a week before this Mr. Durham experienced the hottest day of his life, the thermometer registering 115. This was in Sacramento Valley, California.

As has been mentioned in The Robesonian before, the expenses of Mr. Durham's trip were paid by a member of his church, but his name The Robesonian is not at liberty to give. This shows in part the high esteem in which Mr. Durham is held by his flock.

**Postoffice Site Inspector Here.**

Mr. Sedley Chaplin, a postoffice site inspector, has been in town since yesterday looking over the lots available for a Federal building and hearing arguments in favor of the different sites offered. He will not say what his recommendations will be but it is guessed that he will recommend as first choice the lot on the corner of Elm and Seventh, as second choice the French lot, Walnut and Fifth. This leaves the Bond lot, Chestnut and Third—this being offered now, whereas at first the Bond lot on the other corner of the same lot was offered—out in the cold. But this is largely guess-work, or rather information that is not authentic. Anyway, everybody hopes that the site will be selected soon and that an appropriation of \$75,000 for a building will be put through at the next session of Congress.

Mr. Chaplin, who leaves this evening for Raleigh, says that it is not a Federal building Lumberton needs but a hotel—but that's another story.

Eczema spreads rapidly; itching almost drives you mad. For quick relief, Doan's Ointment is well recommended. 50c at all stores.

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