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PHILADELPHUS SCHOOL DEDICATED.

Masons Lay Corner Stone of High School Building and State Superintendent Joyner Delivers Address—Best High School Building in Country in the State.—Supt. Joyner Urges that it be Turned Into Farm-Life School—A Progressive, Wide-Awake Community—An Excellent Picnic Dinner.

At Philadelphia Friday Masons performed the ancient rites of free masonry in laying the corner stone of a high school building that has no superiority and perhaps no equal in all North Carolina as a school building erected right out in the heart of the country. One so competent to judge as Dr. J. Y. Joyner, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who delivered an address in the school auditorium in the morning, paid that high compliment to the building, and not one of the thousand or more people gathered there to take part in and witness the dedication of this splendid building to the cause of education doubted it in the least. Between the speaking and the corner stone laying there was a great oasis of something good to eat—of plenty good to eat—not meaning at all to say that the speaking and other exercises were waste places, but merely saying with emphasis that the dinner was out of the ordinary. There was class to it; and by the same token there was class to the appetites with which many of the town dwellers there attacked it.

It was an altogether enjoyable day at Philadelphia Friday. The exercises began at 11 o'clock when children from several schools formed in line and marched into the building and sang the school song. Prof. C. E. Teague, principal of the school, made some announcements as to the order of the day and introduced Prof. W. A. Deese, principal of the Rowland high school, who in a neat short speech introduced the speaker of the day, Supt. Joyner.

Dr. Joyner spoke for two hours but did not really get down to his knitting, so to speak, until after he had been speaking about an hour and a half. In fact this is such a good school building and Philadelphia is such a wide-awake, progressive community, that Dr. Joyner had not much to preach about. All the props were knocked out from under him, almost, for this school has all that he has been trying to get communities all over North Carolina to get. But the farm life school idea gave an opening, and Dr. Joyner, urged earnestly that this school be converted into a farm-life school. All that is necessary is to obtain 25 acres of land and go after it. The school already has all else needful.

This makes an attractive proposition to the patrons of the school and it is probable that the idea will be carried out. It is indeed an ideal place for a farm-life school. Dr. Joyner complimented the people of Philadelphia highly on their school. He declares that he has seen nowhere right out in the country such a beautiful school building; and he declared further that in its erection some of the best sort of hard sense had been used, for that it had been constructed at a wonderfully low cost and every dollar had been made to count. He was positive that the building could not be duplicated in any town in the State for less than \$20,000; maybe not for less than \$25,000.

This is a handsome brick building with a portico supported by Ionic columns. The building has 10 recitation rooms, a splendid auditorium which will seat 500 people, a library and office. Some of the recitation rooms are furnished with patent desks. Hard by the school building is a new 12-room dormitory building completely furnished. And these two buildings were built out of \$15,000 raised by a bond issue and \$1,500 insurance money from the school building which was burned down last March. Acetylene lights are used in the dormitory and are being installed in the school building.

Here is an unusual record: School building burned down last March; election authorizing bond issue not exceeding \$15,000 carried on Saturday before the first Monday in May following; new brick school building and handsome frame dormitory building occupied before Christmas during the same year—for Supt. Teague and his assistants have been at work in this new building about a month.

That is a record that tells in itself what a progressive community Philadelphia community is. Prof. C. E. Teague of Cameron has been principal of the Philadelphia high school for the past 2 years. His assistants are: Miss Katie Lee McIntyre of Clio, S. C., assistant in high school work; Miss Roberta Cox of Red Springs, intermediate; Miss Katie McEl. Bule of Red Springs, primary department; Miss Mabel Currie of Maxton, music.

Out of 106 school children in the district, 104 are enrolled in the school. After Dr. Joyner's speech dinner was served on tables in the school grove. And such a dinner! It was well prepared and bountiful, and the crowd that fell upon it made the best of their opportunities. It was such a dinner as one seldom has the pleasure of partaking of and that one

CELEBRATES 81ST BIRTHDAY

Mr. Willis Pitman Passes 81st Mile Post—Wonderful Events Have Transpired During His Long Life—Marriage of Miss Verona Odum and Mr. J. L. Thaggard. Reported for The Robesonian:

Mr. Willis Pitman, who lives on rural route No. 3 from Lumberton, celebrated the 81st anniversary of his birth Tuesday, the 20th instant, and to be a guest on that much-enjoyed occasion was a special privilege.

But for a rather brisk north-west wind which brought a few clouds obscuring the sun now and then, the weather was ideal.

All of his own children and grandchildren, and two sisters, together with a goodly number of the immediate neighbors and a few special invited friends, among whom was Mr. W. L. Phillips of route No. 5 from Lumberton, a distinguished gentleman of the same number of winters, were present.

Dinner was elaborate. The table was spread in the yard and every one had free access to the tremendous supply of good things which make for the satisfaction of the physical man, and to say there was plenty to spare is but a mild description of that irresistible tempting display.

Mr. Pitman is a deserving and honorable man. He is easily one of the ripest Christians we ever knew. He has lived in the very best age of our country's history. At the time of his birth Andrew Jackson was President of the United States and David L. Swain was Governor of North Carolina. The country then had a population of thirteen million souls. He has outlived 23 Presidents, except three, and 28 Governors of the Old North State, except four or five. During his lifetime he has seen the wilderness and the solitary place become glad, and the desert rejoice and blossom as the rose; railroads span the country, tying the oceans together, and mighty cables the continents. He has seen Christian civilization rightly interpreted and government dignified. By means of electricity distance has been annihilated and the human voice immortalized. And who can tell what will take place during another lifetime like his? We congratulate him and wish for him many more such festive occasions, and that we may be present upon them.

Then, Wednesday night at 8:45, the 21st instant, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus Odum, near Pembroke, another very memorable social event transpired, when their amiable and attractive daughter, Miss Verona, became the bride of Mr. John L. Thaggard, the writer performing the ceremony.

There were no attendants, just a quiet home affair, except Mr. O. O. Fowler of Pembroke, the clever railroad agent, acted as best man, and Miss Bessie Cashwell of Parkton, who is teaching in the community, was maid of honor.

Mr. Thaggard is one of Pembroke's hustling business men in the capacity of merchant and postmaster, and useful in everything that pertains to the development of his town. He enjoys the confidence of all who know him, and the young woman, whose hand he has won is a special favorite with all her very large circle of acquaintances.

Immediately after the ceremony the bride and groom were driven to the station by Mr. N. A. McCormick in his splendid auto, where they boarded the S. A. L. train No. 20, which passed Pembroke at 9:20 p. m., for the City by the Sea, from which they will visit Southport and other points of interest along the Atlantic board.

After about ten days they will be at home to their friends at Pembroke. A host of friends congratulate them both and wish for them every happiness in life.

J. M. FLEMING.

MAD DOG BITES CHILD.

A Child of Mr. Jim Townsend of McDonald Taken to Raleigh for Pasteur Treatment—Epidemic of Hydrophobia.

There seems to be an epidemic of hydrophobia among the dogs of south Robeson. In the Mt. Ellum and Orum sections most all the dogs have gone mad or been bit by one mad and killed, also many hogs, chickens and geese have been bitten, and at McDonald it seems to be the same way.

Mr. Scott Stone lost two dogs last week that he had refused \$150 for.

One of Mr. Jim Townsend's children was bitten by one last week, and was sent to Raleigh, where the Pasteur treatment will be given. Mr. Townsend lives at McDonald.

Six and Thirty Birds at a Shot.

Instead of "four and twenty black birds to bake in a pie," Mr. W. T. Ivey, who lives near Proctorville, had six and thirty yesterday, all of which he killed at one shot Saturday. Mr. Ivey says he got 36 and crippled many more that got away before he could pick them all up. A mighty good shot that was.

Sures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Foster's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Itch at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00.

BUCK HORN NEWS

A New Residence—Literary Society Organized—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton, R. F. D. 1, Jan. 24.—Rev. J. E. Berryhill filled his regular appointment here Sunday afternoon. His sermon was enjoyed by a large crowd as usual.

Mr. Arch McCormack has erected a new residence on his farm near here, also Mr. M. W. McArthur is having one put up.

Miss Mary B. McRainey is visiting relatives and friends in Fayetteville.

Mr. J. G. Council left today to attend the Farmers' Institute at Red Springs. From there he will go to Mt. Tabor to visit friends.

Miss Mayme Tyner is visiting friends at St. Paul's.

Mrs. Randolph Hulon of Edonia was a visitor at Mr. J. T. McRainey's Wednesday.

Mrs. R. E. McArthur is spending a few days with her son Mr. Walter of Cedar Creek.

The B. H. Literary society which was organized last Friday night, will meet next Friday night, January 30th. Everybody in the neighborhood come and join us and we will do thee good. Let's meet regularly and learn how to speak, act and express our thoughts in public. It will make better men and women of the younger people and revive the youthful spirits of the older ones.

OUT SADDLE TREE WAY.

All Interested in School—Woman's Betterment Association Organized. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. F. D. 2, Jan. 24.—Our school is progressing nicely with our most efficient teachers—Prof. A. F. Mitchell, principal, Miss Annie Belle Humphrey, assistant, and Miss Augusta Britt, music teacher.

The new addition to the building has been completed and the music class is very much interested in their work. We have a fine class of about 25 students.

Everybody seems to be interested in the school and Friday afternoon a Woman's Betterment Society was organized with 18 members. The following officers were elected: president, Miss Hattie Powell, vice-president, Miss Flora McPhail; secretary, Mrs. T. W. Baxley; treasurer, Miss Annie Belle Humphrey, assistant secretary and treasurer, Miss Mamie Humphrey. With this society, we hope to get all the ladies interested who are not. We hope to enroll many more members and make our society a success.

Programme of Indian Teachers' Meeting.

An Indian teachers' meeting will be held at the Indian Normal school building at Pembroke Friday, February 13, 10:30 a. m.

The program is as follows: Aims of the school—A. A. Chavis. Proper assignment of Lessons—W. F. Sampson.

Moral training—J. W. Smith. Government—D. F. Lowrey.

Fair Play in the School Room—C. D. Brewington.

Importance of the Teachers' Reading Circle—J. R. Poole, S. A. Hammond.

Value of Music in Public Schools—Annie E. Carroll.

Mr. E. E. Sams, of the State Department of Education will be with us at this meeting.

All teachers are required to attend these meetings and are allowed pay just the same as for teaching.

E. LOWREY, Chairman. D. F. LOWREY, Secretary.

Recorder's Court.

Murk and Henry Mercer of Howellsville township were before the recorder Saturday for assault. The case was dismissed and the prosecutor was taxed with the costs.

C. A. Patterson was arrested Saturday by Chief Redfern for practicing optometry without license. He was given a hearing before the recorder Saturday afternoon and judgment was suspended on payment of cost.

White Way for Chestnut Street.

The property owners on Chestnut street from the Seaboard railroad to Sixth street have agreed to sign a contract to rite "white way." This means that at an early date instead of the unsightly wires and poles this street will be beautifully lighted at night by large cluster light stands. As was mentioned in a recent issue of The Robesonian a move has been made to install the white way on Elm street. Watch Lumberton do things.

Thunder and Lightning and Hail.

Last night during the wee sma' hours it thundered, and—lightning played in the air same as if it had been July; after which it hailed very rapidly for a short time.

Refused \$500 an Acre.

The fact that tobacco land is valuable in south Robeson was made plain recently when a man refused \$500 for an acre right out in the country, several miles from any town.

Doan's Regulents are recommended by many who say they operate easily, without griping and without bad after effects. 25c at all drug stores.

JUSTICE NOT A CANDIDATE.

E. J. Justice Will Not Be in Race for Overman's Seat in Senate.

Washington Cor., 23rd, Greensboro News.

E. J. Justice of Greensboro, who has been in Washington conferring with Attorney General McReynolds about his trip to the Pacific, talked interestingly of his work with the Federal Government and incidentally mentioned politics. Mr. Justice does not believe at this time that he will be a candidate for the Senate against Senator Overman. He said that to make a campaign such as to get a majority of the votes of the people, would mean a township campaign and that with his present work, or even if he followed his profession with private clients, he would not be able to make.

Mr. Justice said that the acceptance of the Government work is not due to any expressed or implied obligation not to run for the Senate. He said that nothing whatever had transpired between Senator Overman and himself as to his employment. "As a matter of fact I have not seen Senator Overman to talk to him for over six months and the only letter that has passed between us was one I wrote him thanking him for what he told the Attorney General as to my ability as a lawyer. I read these things in the papers while in California and wrote the junior Senator to thank him for what he said."

"I came to Washington on the same business which I went to the Pacific coast on," said the Greensboro attorney when asked as to his business here. He said the Government has a large number of suits in California, Oregon, Wyoming and Colorado involving complicated questions of law and in which there is more than enough money involved to pay the entire expense of the Panama canal.

BRIEF ITEMS OF STATE NEWS.

C. C. McAllister, a prominent citizen of Fayetteville, was run down and severely injured on a street in Fayetteville Friday by an auto driven by Mr. Malcom McNeill of Raeford.

John McKinney, aged 70, a farmer residing near Asheville, dropped dead Friday afternoon after a messenger had read to him a telegram telling of the death of his cousin, Joe McKinney, aged 60, who was killed a few hours before.

Mrs. C. N. Martin was fatally burned at her home at Winston-Salem Thursday night. While sitting before the fire her clothes became ignited, and she rushed into the yard, where her clothes were burned off. She died of her injuries Friday.

The Western Newspaper Union, one of the foremost establishments of its kind in the country, is planning to establish at an early date a wholesale printers supply house in Charlotte. It has been operating a branch office in Charlotte for a number of years, the home office being in Chicago.

A further extension to March 20th was ordered Saturday by Governor Craig for the application of the impending intra-State freight rates prescribed in the Justice act, being heard as to confiscatory and unreasonable effect on the railroad companies before the special commission. This extension is at the request of the special commission. The Governor will order further extensions as the special commission may require, to finally pass on the rates and promulgate rates for enforcement.

Raleigh dispatch, 24th: His wife's dead body under a brush heap was the gruesome find of William Lynch, a farmer, about 11 o'clock tonight. He lives 2 miles from Wendell, 15 miles from Raleigh, and returning home late joined searchers looking for his wife who had been missed from the house. Mrs. Lynch's face was mangled, her body bruised from being dragged over the ground. There had been thefts of potatoes from the barn lately and it is supposed she heard a noise, went into the yard and was killed by the thief who escaped, after dragging her body some distance and covering it with brush.

—Messrs. Braxton Branch and Eli Wishart, who were students at Oak Ridge, returned home last night on account of the recent fire which destroyed most of the buildings at the school and will not return until the buildings are replaced.

On the second page of this issue will be found an account of difficulties with which Mr. R. P. Doye of Dillon, S. C., met in attempting to move a family from the Dresden cotton mill to a mill in Dillon, S. C. The last of this chapter was written Saturday when a bank at Dillon wired the Bank of Lumberton to pay Mr. Doye the \$14 cost and Mr. Doye went on his way with his load Saturday afternoon.

At the request of Mr. A. W. McLean, Senator Simmons has introduced a bill in the United States Senate to grant a pension to Mrs. R. M. Norment of Lumberton as the widow of the late Dr. R. M. Norment, who served through the War with Mexico. Senator Simmons assures Mr. McLean that he will press the bill through as fast as possible. Of course after it is put through the Senate it will have to be put through the House.

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Middling cotton today, 11 1/4 cents.

—Mr. L. C. Holland, from the U. S. recruiting station, Raleigh, spent last week here trying to enlist men for the army.

—License has been issued for the marriage of H. T. Gore and Roxie Wiggins; Grady Willoughby and Gusie Herring.

—Miss Zara Shaw of Elkton passed through town Saturday en route to district No. 4, Howellsville, where she began teaching this morning.

—Miss Mary Surles, who for some time had held a position as saleslady in Mr. W. J. Prevatt's store, resigned Saturday and will leave tomorrow for her home near Barnesville.

—Rural Policeman Eli Phillips made 31 arrests last month and served during the month 116 summonses. That seems to indicate that he was reasonably busy.

—There were 11 who stood the civil service examination here Saturday for clerk and carrier. All who stood were boys. Assistant Postmaster R. O. Edmund gave the examination.

—Mr. H. H. Stanley of St. Paul's, route 1 was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Stanley says the farmers in his section have not a move on, and many of them will try a few acres of tobacco this year.

—Miss Ganelle Barnes daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, who has been a student at Carolina College, Maxton, returned home Saturday night and on account of her health will not return to the college this spring.

—There will be a musical recital at Bloomingdale school house, near Barnesville, Friday night of this week. There will also be an address and some music by Lumberton talent. Oysters will be served and some boxes will be sold. The public is invited.

—Evangelist Fletcher Smith of Fayetteville preached yesterday morning and afternoon at Baker's chapel, about five miles from town on the Elizabeth road, and at the Presbyterian church here last evening. He ordained Elder W. H. Bullock at Baker's chapel yesterday morning.

—Rev. A. J. Groves of Barker's, pastor of the St. Paul's circuit, will go to Goldsboro tomorrow to meet with the board of missions, of which he is a member, and the presiding elders of the North Carolina Conference. This meeting is to lay plans for greater missionary work throughout the entire Conference.

—Mrs. Easter J. Branch, who lives with her son Mr. Joe S. Branch at East Lumberton, was thrown from a buggy and seriously hurt yesterday afternoon. One of her legs was sprained and her side also painfully bruised. Mrs. Branch is not able to walk today. In the buggy with Mrs. Branch was her little granddaughter, who was not hurt.

—Mr. J. M. Wilson of Howellsville township was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Wilson says somebody got chicken hungry one night recently and went to his coop and was making preparations to lift a hen or two, when he caught on to what was going on and burned a little powder, which caused something to move very rapidly.

—Rowland Sun, 22nd: It is now an assured fact that Rowland is really to have electric lights and water works before many months. A bill passed by the last Legislature provided that bonds for these purposes may be issued on petition of a majority of the qualified voters of the town. Petitions were being circulated yesterday, and it looked like everybody was signing.

—Maxton Scottish Chief, 23d: Mr. H. F. Carter, accompanied by Dr. L. R. Kirkpatrick went up to Richmond last Friday, where, on Saturday Mr. Carter was operated on for appendicitis at St. Luke's Hospital. The operation was successful and the patient is in good condition, feeling no aftereffects of the anaesthetic. Dr. Kirkpatrick returned Wednesday night—his patient is doing well.

—Mr. J. I. Carter, who lives on Dr. H. T. Pope's place 4 miles from Lumberton on route 4, was in town Saturday showing eggs of some sort of worm which he found in bolls of cotton, bolls which had been ruined by the worms. Mr. Carter says he is going to plow up all the cotton stalks in his fields and burn them, as that is the only way he knows to destroy these pests.

—The Pastime theatre will offer three good reels of pictures this evening, all being single reels. The pictures will be "A Letter to Uncle Sam," by Edison, "His Father's Deputy," Selig, and "A Window on Washington Park," Vitagraph. Tomorrow evening a Selig feature in 2 reels, entitled "A Wise Old Elephant," will be shown. The third will be "Bedelia Becomes a Lady," Vitagraph.

—Mr. J. A. McAllister of Lumberton has been appointed by State Auditor W. P. Wood as a member of the pension committee of Robeson to succeed Mr. J. S. Thompson, deceased.

—Mr. H. T. Gore of the Lumberton cotton mill and Miss Roxie Wiggins of the Dresden cotton mill were married Saturday afternoon on the streets in front of Beasley Brothers livery stables, Justice J. H. McNeill officiating. An open air wedding.