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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

"Pull-Together" Organization Formed at Enthusiastic Mass Meeting — Chamber of Commerce of Lumberton—Mr. J. P. Russell Elected President—Purpose is to "Boost" Lumberton — Hotel Will Be First Concern—Meeting at Court House at 8 O'Clock Tonight.

An enthusiastic mass meeting held Thursday night at the court house the Chamber of Commerce of Lumberton was organized for the purpose of pulling together to advance the interests of Lumberton along all lines—for the purpose, in a word, of "boosting" this good town by the Lumbee. Mr. J. P. Russell, general superintendent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railway, a live wire and a "level-headed man," as Rev. C. H. Durham said when he placed him in nomination for the head of this organization, was elected president, and other officers were elected as follows: Vice presidents—H. M. McAllister, M. W. Floyd, J. P. Townsend; secretary-treasurer, J. A. Sharpe.

The mass meeting was attended by more than a hundred citizens and 62 gave in their names for membership.

A meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held at the court house tonight to adopt by-laws and elect an executive committee and transact any other business that may come before it.

In calling the meeting Thursday night to order Mayor A. E. White read the call as published in The Robesonian and stated that the object was to organize in order to pull-together for the upbuilding of the town. He asked Mr. H. E. Stacy to act as temporary chairman, and Mr. J. A. Sharpe as temporary secretary. The temporary organization was made permanent.

Mr. Stacy said the time was past ripe for the people of Lumberton to get together, to pull together and do something. Mr. Stacy referred to the good that had been accomplished by the Commercial and Industrial Club, which has been inactive for some time, and Mr. R. D. Caldwell, president of that club, who made a few remarks after Mr. Stacy referred also to that club and to the good that had been accomplished by it, and while he did not think any one need entertain the idea that an organization would be formed that would last forever it was certain that an organization was needed and that it might accomplish much good and would be worth while if it did not outlast the immediate purposes for which it was formed.

In order to get something definite before the house, Mr. T. L. Johnson moved that a committee be appointed to retire at once and suggest a name for an organization. Messrs. Johnson, A. E. White, R. D. Caldwell, K. M. Barnes and H. M. McAllister were appointed on that committee. This committee returned almost immediately and suggested unanimously the Chamber of Commerce of Lumberton, its report being adopted without a dissenting vote.

As this committee retired Rev. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, was called on for a few remarks. Mr. Durham said he was there to let it be known that he is heart and soul in favor of any move that has for its object promoting the best interests of the town, for he likes the town and it is his earnest desire to see it prosper. He recalled that last summer while on a trip out West, in the State of Washington, when the train stopped at some small town, the name of which he had forgotten, people passed through the cars and handed to every passenger a rose. Every man in the car put down his paper or whatever happened to be engaging his attention at the time, and looked out the window. There were flower gardens in sight, the streets were clean, there were evidences of prosperity everywhere; and all were impressed that that must be a good place to live. That incident impressed Mr. Durham mightily. But instead of having that sort of work here we have no hotel to which to invite people, said Mr. Durham; but he declared his firm conviction that the town is on the verge of a change and that conditions will be better in the near future.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell was placed in nomination for president by Mr. W. S. Britt. Mr. Caldwell immediately asked that his name be withdrawn, saying that he had headed every other organization that had been formed in the past and he could not accept the honor, though he would work in the ranks. Mr. J. A. McAllister thought that because Mr. Caldwell had been so efficient in other organizations he ought to be pressed into service again, and others felt the same way, but finally at Mr. Caldwell's earnest request his name was withdrawn. Mr. Frank Gough was placed in nomination by Mr. M. W. Floyd; Mr. J. P. Russell by Rev. C. H. Durham, and Mr. H. M. McAllister by Mayor White. Mr. Russell received 46 votes on the ballot, Mr. Gough 23 and Mr. McAllister eighteen, Mr. Russell being declared elected.

Messrs. H. M. McAllister, M. W. Floyd and J. P. Townsend were elected vice presidents by acclamation and Mr. J. A. Sharpe was elected secretary-treasurer in the same way. President Russell asked Messrs. J. A. McAllister, A. E. White and R. D. Caldwell to meet with the officers on the following night and assist in drawing up by-laws to submit to an

TOBACCO WAREHOUSE ASSURED

Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse of Lumberton is the Name by Which it Will be Known—Sufficient Stock Already Subscribed to Purchase Lot and Build Warehouse—Charter Has Been Applied For and Company Will Be Organized as Soon as Charter is Received.

Lumberton will build a tobacco sales warehouse right away and will furnish a market for tobacco during the coming season.

The Farmers' Tobacco Warehouse of Lumberton will be its name. Sufficient stock has already been subscribed to purchase a lot and erect a building, and application has been made for a charter.

The name of the warehouse was determined at a meeting Thursday night at the court house of those who had subscribed stock. Messrs. T. L. Johnson and H. E. Stacy volunteered to get the charter free of charge and the application was sent off the following day. Just as soon as the charter is received the company will be organized and steps will be taken at once to erect a warehouse that will meet all the needs of the trade for the present.

This meeting was held immediately after the mass meeting, mentioned in this issue, held for the purpose of forming a "pull-together" organization. Mr. W. O. Thompson, chairman of the committee which was appointed at a meeting held a week before to solicit stock, was called to the chair. He reported that 438 shares of stock valued at \$10 a share, had been subscribed. Of course no organization could be perfected prior to securing the charter, so with the action noted above the meeting adjourned and another meeting will be held and officers elected just as soon as the charter is received.

Much interest was manifested at this meeting. Lumberton is determined to furnish for tobacco growers a market second to no market in this section. The committee appointed at the meeting on the 13th inst. to solicit stock was continued and will continue to take subscriptions. Several citizens of the town who will take stock have been out of town and have not had an opportunity to subscribe. These will subscribe liberally it is expected.

Farmers are especially invited to take stock in this enterprise.

Music Recital at Barker's

Reported for The Robesonian.

A very interesting and instructive musical recital was rendered by the music class of Barker's school Thursday night to a large audience. All who attended the recital seemed to enjoy it to the fullest extent, and it was a credit to Miss Lucile Straubon, the music teacher, who arranged the program, as well as the students who took part in it. The rendition of the program indicated that the pupils had good instruction, and that no small amount of work had been given for its preparation. There was excellent order throughout the program.

There will be little more than two months of the school yet, instead of six weeks, as some one reported not long ago.

Recital at Opera House Next Monday Night.

A recital will be given at the local opera house Monday night of next week, beginning at 8:30 o'clock, by Miss Julia Culbreth, director of voice, and Miss Donaghy, teacher of expression, both of Carolina College, Maxton. They will be assisted by Mrs. H. M. McAllister of Lumberton as accompanist. This recital will be given under the auspices of the local work department of Chestnut Street Methodist church, and it promises to be a treat that one cannot afford to miss.

Another meeting to be held tonight at 8 o'clock at the court house.

This committee met at the appointed time and has ready for submission to the meeting of the organization tonight a full set of by-laws. Besides adopting by-laws, an executive committee will be elected tonight.

When the executive committee is elected tonight it will at once appoint a committee to take hold of the hotel situation and try to have a hotel built here as early as possible.

Every citizen who is interested in helping to promote the best interests of the town of Lumberton is urged to attend meeting tonight and join this organization. The dues will be so small as to not be a burden to any one.

President Russell went to Wilmington Saturday to get some information as to the most effective methods of work and he will no doubt have something interesting to report at the meeting tonight.

Lumberton's "Pull-together" mass meeting was quite a success. The Chamber of Commerce has already started to work with a will and it may confidently be expected that things will be brought to pass.

Dr. Shosuke Sato, Carnegie exchange professor from Japan to the United States, was one of the speakers at the ninth annual municipal dinner given by the Greater Charlotte Club at the Selwyn hotel Friday night. One striking statement made by Dr. Sato was: "War between Japan and the United States is not to be thought of. To wage it would be a crime against the cause of civilization and against humanity."

ROBESON TEACHERS' MEETING

Teachers Association of Robeson County Held Interesting and Profitable Meeting Here Saturday — Address by Prof. M. C. S. Noble of the State University—"The Changing Conception of the Teacher's Work—Meetings of Teachers of Different Grades—County Physician Talks on Health Work.

Saturday was a good day for the teachers of Robeson. Although the weather was cold and very disagreeable a large number of teachers attended the teachers meeting held in the auditorium of the graded school building here. There were 96 teachers in attendance, and never have the teachers of Robeson been more fortunate than when the principal speaker of the occasion, Prof. M. C. S. Noble, professor of pedagogy in the State University agreed to come and address them.

The exercises were opened at 11 o'clock a. m. with devotional exercises very beautifully conducted by Prof. C. G. Vardell, president of the Southern Presbyterian College, Red Springs, after which Miss Mayce Glasgow, music teacher in the Lumberton graded school, sang very beautifully, two selections.

The speaker of the day was introduced by Mr. H. E. Stacy, a young attorney of Lumberton. His words of introduction were well chosen, and his remarks always are, right to the point. He assured the speaker that he was about to stand before the handsomest-looking set of public school teachers in North Carolina, and so rightly assured the teachers that they were about to listen to one of North Carolina's ablest educational speakers.

After paying high tribute to the great county of Robeson, Prof. Noble took as his subject, "The Changing Conception of the Teacher's Work." He painted very plainly the school buildings of days gone by, when they were the sorriest buildings to be found in the community, with no attractions about them, and then called attention to the fact that today in most all school districts nice, attractive new buildings have taken their places, buildings of which the parents as well as the teachers are rightly proud. He then took the old-time teacher, who he said, did a great work according to his chance, and brought to the memory of many the days when they were boys and girls. He showed the ways of teaching in old times, as he termed it, mentioning their ways of punishing pupils, their ways of having lessons and other things, and told it in a way that made it very interesting. He then showed the improved methods which are being used today. He mentioned the fact that parents very often let their children do as they please at home until they are of school age, very often threatening them with the teacher, and then expect the teacher to make saints of them. He said many a boy had been sent off to school to break him of some of the things he had learned in the home. His speech was a gem, a speech worth while, and was greatly enjoyed by all present.

After Prof. Noble had finished his address Dr. B. W. Page, county physician, made some timely remarks on sanitation and health work, which he rightly terms one of the most essential things in school work.

Meeting of Grammar Grade Association.

Reported for The Robesonian.

After a general meeting of the Teacher's Institute, the grammar grade department held a separate session. The meeting opened with an especially interesting demonstration of a model lesson in Dodge's Comparative Geography, given by Miss Jane McBryde, of the St. Paul's graded school, in connection with which unusually good maps and drawings done by the pupils were exhibited. Miss Marguerite Townsend also gave some very good ideas on the subject. Miss Bessie Blackney gave a very interesting talk on "The Value of Home Study in the Grammar Grades." She presented her subject with clearness and emphasis. We feel sure that all who heard her were greatly benefited. "Nature Study in the Schools" was discussed by Mrs. E. L. Austin in a most instructive manner. After hearing her talk all were convinced that more attention should be paid to this very interesting phase of school work.

Miss Marguerite Townsend of the Alma school discussed "Literature in Grammar Grades." She handled this subject in a way that showed her absolutely familiarity with her work. It

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETS TONIGHT AT COURT HOUSE.

As stated elsewhere in this issue, the newly-organized Chamber of Commerce of Lumberton will meet tonight at 8 o'clock at the court house in order to consider the report of the committee appointed to draft by-laws for the organization. All who joined Thursday night are urged to be present and any others who may desire to join or who are in sympathy with the movement, for the upbuilding of Lumberton, are urged to attend.

JETTON FOUND NOT GUILTY.

Man Who Shot Dr. W. H. Wooten at Davidson Freed by Jury—Verdict Received With Sensational Demonstration of Approval by Crowd That Packed Court Room. Charlotte Observer, 22nd.

Two words from the lips of Jury Foreman J. Lee Campbell at two minutes to 11 o'clock last night set free Monroe Jetton from the charge of murder in the first degree and precipitated the most dramatic and uproariously enthusiastic scene ever witnessed in the staid criminal court room of Mecklenburg county.

A crowd which exceeded by far the seating capacity of the hall; a crowd which was jammed from outermost door to topmost gallery; a crowd which with exhaustless patience had followed the details of the case since early morning and had refused to leave until the verdict was announced, unloosed its pent-up exuberance of approval in the clamor that continued for nearly 90 seconds.

The verdict of the jury in the case of Mr. Jetton, who on the night of February 10 shot and killed Dr. W. H. Wooten in the bedchamber of the former's wife at Davidson, was read just 30 minutes after the case had been committed to its hands at 10:28. Judge Adams recalled the jury once to give additional information, so in all only 25 minutes was occupied in deliberation.

When the jury filed in to give their verdict Judge Adams requested the crowd to abstain from any demonstration until they reached the street, whether or not the verdict was acceptable to them. But no sooner had the foreman in answer to the question of Deputy Clerk Yandle pronounced the two words that freed Jetton, than an outburst of cheering that swept the building from end to end. It was a purely spontaneous outbreak which came simultaneous from every section.

Mrs. Jetton, whose corroboration of her husband's story made it more easily possible for the jury to acquit her husband on the legal ground of self-defence, threw her arms around Mr. Jetton and kissed him. The erstwhile prisoner received the news with the same coolness which has marked his demeanor from the very inception of the tragedy which focused the spotlight of public attention on him. Seemingly had the verdict been otherwise the same, but he returned Mrs. Jetton's embrace, and kiss but apparently without emotion.

Dredge Boat Stranded for a Short While.

Because of the fact that a dam broke, the dredge boat which is digging one of the drainage canals just out of town ceased to float Friday while it was right in the middle of the road leading to Fairmont about half a mile from town, and it caused the traveling public quite a deal of trouble Friday, Saturday and yesterday. The boat, was started to work again this morning, and it is expected that people will be passing in a short time.

Opposed to Labor.

Mike Lowery a young white man, was arrested by Night Policeman D. Berry Friday night on a charge of vagrancy, and was given a hearing before the recorder Saturday morning. He was sent to the road for 30 days. Lowery said his home was in Ohio, and that he hadn't had anything to eat for two days when arrested. He seemed to be opposed to labor.

Superior Court.

A two-weeks term of civil court convened this morning at 10:30, Judge Geo. Rountree of Wilmington presiding. There are a number of cases to be tried, and it is likely that court will last through the entire two weeks.

was an inspiration to hear her talk and her methods will be helpful to all who were privileged to hear her.

Then Prof. Noble had the attention of his audience while he discussed the correlation of the grammar-school with the high school. His speech was sparkling with humor and yet so full of valuable material. His suggestions were timely and his criticisms of present methods very much to the point.

Prof. Noble will ever be pleasantly remembered by the teachers of Robeson county.

Primary Teachers Meeting.

Reported for The Robesonian.

The Primary Teachers Association met in the auditorium of the graded school.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Miss Sallie McColman. An instrumental solo by Miss Sallie Thompson was greatly enjoyed. Miss Forest Lancaster ably discussed the value of story-telling in lower grades. Miss Ina Edwards gave a reading, which was much appreciated. Miss Elizabeth McNair illustrated the value of the notebook in geography. A story as told to a first grade was interestingly related by Miss Beatrice Bagley.

The general discussion was very instructive.

Harsh physics react, weaken bowels, will lead to chronic constipation. Doan's Regulents operate easily. 25c a box at all stores.

FUN AT LONG BRANCH.

Box Supper and Other Amusements Raised Nice Sum for School Library—Educational Address by Mr. E. J. Britt.

Long Branch was a place of much enjoyment Saturday night. There were many enjoyable things pulled off.

The first thing—something that caused barrels of fun and amusement—was a fish pond. To fish in this pond one had to pay ten cents. A girl would bait your hook and after putting your hook into the water it wasn't long before something would give you a severe pull, and when brought to land it was something very useful that had your hook, but always something needed by the other sex. Boys caught "powder spreaders" and other things more frequently used by the girls, while the girls caught things used by boys. It was very amusing indeed.

After the fishing was over Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton was called on to make an educational address, and he made a good one, one that, if heeded, will mean much to the boys and girls of the Long Branch district.

After Mr. Britt had delivered his address some very beautiful boxes filled with good things to eat, boxes that were beautiful on the outside and still more attractive on the inside, were sold for the high dollar. Each box bore the name of the girl who prepared it, and to buy a box meant that you were to eat supper with the girl whose name appeared on the box. The boxes were sold by Mr. Grover Britt of Lumberton, some of the selling as high as \$4.

After the boxes had been sold the "postoffice" was opened up, and most all present could get a letter by paying 5 cents postage; and as luck would have it this reporter received a parcel-post package in which was many good things in the line of supplies for a hungry man.

Some old-time fiddling was pulled off, and as a whole it was an evening of great merit for all present.

Quite a nice little sum was realized, which will be used in purchasing a library for the school.

Record Given of Court Martial of El Paso, Tex., Dispatch, 21st.

The record of the court martial of William S. Benton, made public at Juarez late today asserts that the Scotchman was present at his trial, that he was represented by a rebel officer as attorney and was permitted to testify and that the session was public.

He was executed for attempted armed violence against General Villa, declares the record and was found guilty of giving aid and comfort to the enemy by giving them cattle and forage and by giving them information.

Benton's friends on this side of the Rio Grande received the report with sneers. They pointed to their knowledge of many years that he guarded against possible serious results of his high spirit and temper by never carrying a pistol. The statements that Benton was allowed to testify and that the proceedings were public, carried no conviction to the men who assert that their friend was deliberately murdered.

Present Hotel Situation Only Temporary.

President J. P. Russell, of the Chamber of Commerce of Lumberton, spent Saturday in Wilmington in the interest of the work which this organization hopes to do for the town. He says that he had a most satisfactory trip and that he is now sure that the present unsatisfactory hotel situation here is only temporary. That would seem to indicate that Mr. Russell will have something interesting to report at the meeting at the court house tonight.

Baltimore School Closes Friday.

Friday of this week will mark the close of the public school at Baltimore, near Fairmont. There will be a declamation contest Thursday night, when Dr. B. W. Page, county physician, and Mr. T. L. Johnson of the Lumberton bar, will deliver addresses; and on Friday night the annual concert will be given by the school. This will close one of the most successful sessions in the school's history. Prof. C. A. Waldrop and Misses Augusta Waldrop and Hattie Watson are the teachers.

Four-Months-Old Baby Found Dead in Bed.

A four-months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Lavender Gregory, who live near Lowe, was found dead in bed yesterday morning. The child had been sick for some time, but was thought to be better Saturday. It was not cold when found.

A stubborn, annoying, depressing cough hangs on, racks the body, weakens lungs, and often leads to serious results. The first dose of Dr. King's New Discovery gives relief. Henry D. Sanders, of Cavendish, Va., was threatened with consumption after having pneumonia. He writes: "Dr. King's New Discovery ought to be in every family; it is certainly the best of all medicines for coughs, colds or lung trouble. 'Good for children's coughs. Money back if not satisfied. Price 50c and \$1.00. At all druggists. H. E. Bucklen & Co., Philadelphia or St. Louis."

BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Barnes, last Wednesday night, a boy.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank Atwood and Clemmie Phillips, R. H. Livermore and Gretchen McCullers, Dan Hinson and Anna Green.

—Business was good with Register of Deeds T. N. Higley for a while this morning. He sold \$12 worth of marriage license before 9 o'clock. Folks will marry.

—Miss Clara Edwards and Mr. A. B. Freeman, both of Bladenboro, were married last night at 11 o'clock at the home of the officiating magistrate, Justice J. H. McNeill, about 3 miles west of Lumberton.

—Miss Josephine Breece will leave this evening for Baltimore and New York to purchase spring and summer goods for her millinery store. She will be away about two weeks. Miss Grace Redmond will keep her store during her absence.

—The play "Josiah's Courtship," which was to have been given at the Raft Swamp school house on last Friday night, on account of the inclement weather was postponed till tomorrow night. A box supper will follow the play. The public is invited.

—Mr. W. A. Porter, of The Robesonian's composing room here, returned Friday night from Concord, where he was called Wednesday night on account of the fatal illness of his father-in-law, who died Thursday within a few hours after Mr. Porter reached home.

—Mr. J. P. Townsend will be careful how he monkeys with pieces of dress about a foundry hereafter. He picked up a piece at the foundry of the Lumberton Motor Car Co. Thursday morning and snapped it just to hear it pop, and as a result he is nursing a badly-cut thumb. The piece bounced back and cut his left thumb early in two.

—Ex-Sheriff G. B. McLeod had on exhibition Saturday at the First National Bank three wild turkeys, and so many quail this reporter didn't have time to count them. Mr. McLeod had four turkeys, but gave Gen. F. A. Bond the largest one, which weighed 20 pounds. They were all large fellows and were killed in Berkeley county South Carolina by a Mr. Salvage for Mr. McLeod.

—A four-legged rooster about a year old, belonging to Mr. Arch Spivey, passed away at the home of Mr. Spivey yesterday, the rooster being murdered by another rooster. This rooster, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian before, had four well-developed legs, on which legs were four spurs. This rooster was a great fighter, but the rooster he met yesterday proved too much for him.

—Friday evening of this week there will be an entertainment and public debate at Orrum in the high school building. The query is, "Resolved, That the Constitution should be so amended as to have the initiative and referendum form of directing legislation." Messrs. Gualtney McDowell and L. J. Britt will uphold the affirmative side while Messrs. George Nye and W. Y. Floyd will uphold the negative. The public is cordially invited to attend.

—There was a box supper and big time in general at Baker's chapel Friday night. There was a large crowd present and good order prevailed. The boxes sold numbered 13, and brought a very satisfactory price. Mr. Marcus Allen sold the boxes, and is right on the job when it comes to getting the high dollar for anything. A cake was sold for the most popular girl present Misses Olah Bryant and Lizzie Allen being the contestants. Miss Bryant won the cake, but had a close call. The proceeds amounted to \$34 and will be used for the benefit of the church. It was a sure enough lovely time for all present.

—Scottish Chief, 20th: Next Sunday is the last that Rev. A. A. McClelland will fill the pulpit at the Baptist church before his departure to his new field at Andrews, N. C. He expects to leave with his family next Tuesday or Wednesday. These good people have been a power for good during their stay in Maxton and regret at their departure will not be confined to the church which he has served so faithfully for the past four years. The people of Andrews are to be congratulated upon succeeding in their long quest. May they render their pastor and family all the assistance they so richly deserve, is the fervent wish of the Scottish Chief.

Will Probe Details of Benton's Death.

Washington Dispatch, 21st.

Secretary Bryan has ordered a far reaching investigation for the killing of William S. Benton, the British subject at Juarez. He announced today that until all facts in the case had been gathered from all available sources, no opinion would be expressed by the State Department. All information received will be transmitted to the British Government.

Box Supper at Indian Normal School House.

The Robesonian is requested to publish the following:

The Excelsior Literary Society will hold a box supper at the Indian Normal school at Pembroke, on Friday evening, Feb. 27th. All proceeds for benefit of piano fund."

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