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DR. POTEAT THE SPEAKER

President Wake Forest College Will Deliver Address at Robeson County Commencement April 9—Prizes Will be Offered

Supt. J. R. Poole has secured Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, to deliver the address at the county commencement here April 9. Those who know Dr. Poteat know that no better selection could have been made. He will interest the large crowd that will attend the commencement.

Committee on Prizes.
Messrs. Elizabeth Sneed, Katie Lee McKinnon, Mary E. Carrington, Bernice Olive and Louise Turney, and Messrs. L. B. Olive and H. W. Doub have been appointed a committee to secure prizes.

Messrs. White & Gough have offered a prize of \$10 for the best school exhibit at the commencement.

Prizes will be announced later for the following: Best attendance at commencement according to enrollment; winner in elementary spelling contest; winner in high school spelling contest; running broad jump; standing broad jump; high jump; 100 yard dash; 220 yard dash; 440 yard dash; boys' potato race; girls' potato race.

Interest in Town Primary—Candidates Coming Out.

Notwithstanding the fact that the town primary is yet more than a month off, interest is growing and it looks like a hot fight will be on. As mentioned in Monday's Robesonian, Mayor A. E. White is in New York and it is not known whether or not he will be in the race for reelection. However, his friends are inclined to believe he will make the race if urged to do so by them. Dr. W. A. McPhaul says he is a full fledged candidate for this office and others may place their hats in the ring. Chief of Police H. H. Redfern is in the field for reelection and Mr. D. P. Walters is also in the race for chief. Madam Rumor had it that Mr. Alf. H. McLeod would also make the race for this office, but, as will be learned from his card elsewhere in today's paper, he will not make the race. The Robesonian has not been able so far to learn of any candidates for town commissioners. Mr. L. T. Townsend, one of the town commissioners, whose term expires, says he will not be a candidate for reelection, and Mr. L. R. Varner says he will not be a candidate for reelection on the school board. Some of Mr. Varner's friends are urging him to make the race for mayor, but Mr. Varner has not yet indicated that he is at all inclined that way.

Japan Warned Not to Go Too Far in Demands on China.

A dispatch of the 17th from Peking, China, states that Russian and British Ambassadors at Tokio informed Foreign Minister Kato Saturday that if Japan persisted in pressing upon China demands beyond those contained in their original communication to the Powers it would be difficult for Japan's allies to negotiate diplomatically with her in the future. On the same day the United States Government, acting independently, informed Japan that certain Japanese demands were not in consonance with treaty agreements between China and the United States. It is thought that Japan will withdraw a substantial portion of her demands because of the attitude of the Powers that have called China's attention to the fact that she has no right to make a treaty with Japan contravening existing treaties with them.

Judge Peebles Reversed—Editors Brown Not in Contempt

The State Supreme Court yesterday reversed Judge R. B. Peebles in his sentence of Editors Chas. A. and Geo. Brown of The Weekly Record, Goldsboro, to 30 days in jail and \$250 fine for contempt of his court in the publication of an editorial criticizing the judge in connection with his conduct in holding a term of Wayne court. The court holds that the statute under which Judge Peebles held the editors to be guilty applies only to publication of grossly inaccurate reports of trials or other matter pending and that the right to punish summarily for defamatory reports and criticisms of matters past and ended no longer exists.

Royal Arch Masons Elect Officers.

At a special convocation of Lumberton Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., called for election of officers on Monday, March 15th, the following officers were elected: G. E. Rancke, Jr., E. H. P.; Alf. H. McLeod, K.; J. T. Williams, S.; John P. McNeill, Sec.; L. McK. Parker, Treas. Installation of officers will be on Friday evening, March 26th, at 8 o'clock.

Threats to Blow Up German Cruiser Eitel.

Newport News, Va., Dispatch, 17th. As the result of threatening letters said to have been received by Commander Thierichens of the German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, precautionary measures were taken tonight to guard against any attempt to destroy the ship.

MARIETTA NEWS NOTES

G. W. Club Meets With Miss Rachel Oliver—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Marietta, March 17—Miss Annie Harrington of Mullins spent one day last week with Mrs. O. L. Henly. Mrs. R. L. Page of Lyons, Ga., came last week to be at the bedside of her brother, Mr. R. M. Oliver, who remains very sick. Miss Lula Page, who had been teaching in Columbus county, has returned to her home here. Her commencement was attended by Miss Anna Pace, Messrs. Daniel and Oliver Page and Mr. Hoyt Harrington of this place. Mrs. R. O. Townsend, of Dunn spent Friday and Saturday with her mother-in-law, Mrs. S. M. Oliver. Mr. L. M. Oliver spent Monday in Wilmington on business. Mr. Roy Floyd attended the Woodmen meeting in Durham last week. He also visited other places, returning home Sunday. Miss Mary Page of Chadbourn is spending several days at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Page. Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Purvis and Miss Thelma Reynolds of Orrum spent the week-end with relatives here.

On last Saturday afternoon the G. W. Club met with Miss Rachel Oliver at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver. The guests were received at the door by the hostess and shown into the parlor and living room, which were beautifully decorated with flowers, the color scheme being yellow and white. From the arrival of the guests every minute was one of pleasure. The meeting was called to order by the president, and after the reading of the minutes and business session, "Current Topics," were read by Miss Mollie Hill, while the guests were busily engaged in talking and embroidering. After some musical selections by Mrs. W. M. Oliver, which added much to the joy of the occasion, the hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. S. Oliver and her sister-in-law, Mrs. W. M. Oliver, gracefully served delicious refreshments consisting of two courses followed by mints. There were ten members present. At a late hour the guests bade the fair little hostess adieu.

BACKED OFF EMBANKMENT

Mr. John H. McNeill and Horse and Buggy Take a Plunge of 20 Feet Down Embankment Near River—No Serious Damage—A Dangerous Place.

An accident that had a thousand chances to have been a serious one, occurred yesterday afternoon just across the river from the double iron bridge at the foot of Fifth street when a horse driven by Mr. Jno. H. McNeill became frightened and backed off the embankment, which is something like 20 feet. As it happened, the whole turnout fell into the water, which fact no doubt saved serious trouble. Mr. McNeill had a miraculous escape and came out as good as he went in with the exception of being wet from the hide out. The horse also escaped unhurt. The buggy was not damaged much but the harness was broken up somewhat. "The boys" tell it on "Squire McNeill" that though he fell into water up to his neck and got wet as a drowned rat from his neck down, he never let his cigar go out.

The Robesonian, along with some others, has remarked several times that it would be a most sensible thing to place a railing along the road for some distance out from the foot of this bridge, and this occurrence seems to be another fair warning.

Instructing Farmers on Hog Cholera and Raising Peanuts.

State Veterinarian B. B. Flowe of Raleigh, Mr. T. E. Brown of Raleigh, in charge of Boys' Corn Club work for the State, and County Farm Demonstrator L. E. Blanchard met with farmers in the Red Springs and Philadelphia sections yesterday and gave instructions in raising peanuts and on hog cholera. Mr. Brown, who has had much experience and is well informed along that line, talked on raising peanuts. Dr. Flowe talked on hog cholera and Mr. Blanchard yesterday afternoon in company with these gentlemen vaccinated hogs on the farms of County Commissioner Frank McKay, Mr. N. B. McArthur, and others.

Mr. D. W. Biggs of Lumberton Purchases Furniture Stock of D. G. Rouse of Fairmont.

Mr. Dennis W. Biggs, proprietor of the Lumberton Furniture Store, purchased Tuesday the entire stock of the D. G. Rouse Furniture Co., bankrupt, at Fairmont. The stock was sold at public auction to the highest bidder and Mr. Biggs secured the stock at a low bid. He is advertising the stock to be sold at the store in Fairmont.

Former President W. H. Taft delivered at Chapel Hill last night the first of a series of 3 lectures on "The Presidency" to students at the State University. He urged "the united support of the country of the policies of President Wilson in this critical period of the Nation's history."

UNION FARMERS MEET

County Meeting of Farmers' Union Held Here Yesterday—Law Providing for Cotton Weighers and Graders Pleases Farmers—Community School Work Recommended—Spirit of Unionism and Co-Operation Growing.

A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting of the Robeson Division of the Farmers' Union was held in the court house here yesterday.

The members present expressed themselves as being well pleased with the bill passed by the recent Legislature as asked for by the Union appointing a public cotton weigher and grader for Lumberton and Maxton and making it possible for any other town in the county to have one appointed by petitioning the county commissioners. The farmers think that they have been discriminated against in the matter of grading cotton in the past.

It was recommended that each local appoint a committee to look after the school district in which it is located and see to it that the proper amount of money goes to the school; also to look after having the grounds beautified and kept in good condition.

Reports from the various Locals showed that the spirit of unionism and co-operation is growing. Organizer-lecturer W. K. Culbreth stated that last week he succeeded in organizing Locals at Saddle Tree, Rozier, Sand Hill and Smith's. This brings the total of new Locals organized, or re-organized this year, to six. The work of organizing will be continued till every rural district in the county has a Local.

There were other matters discussed and steps taken, but not of a public nature.

ORRUM OCCURENCES

Lycium Attraction Saturday Night—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Orrum, March 16.—The Treble Cleff Club, a lycium attraction, will give an entertainment in the high school auditorium here Saturday night of this week. Let everybody come. Mrs. A. J. Surles spent Monday at Evergreen visiting friends. Mr. A. C. McCallum was a business visitor in Lumberton Tuesday. Mrs. A. M. Floyd and daughter, Miss Cora, visited friends near Barnesville Wednesday. Mr. Mosley Page of Fairmont was a pleasant visitor here Sunday afternoon.

Miss Allie Frink, a student in the Orrum high school, left Sunday for her home at Bladenboro on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. M. Frink.

Mr. Dan Atkinson of Chadbourn was in town Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Owen Powers of Chadbourn visited Messrs. Dovie and Edna Prevatte here Sunday. Mrs. W. O. Britt spent the week-end at Mt. Elish with Miss Sarah Stone. Messrs. B. L. and W. Y. Floyd visited friends near Lumberton Sunday. Messrs. I. H. and Henry Warwick visited friends at Exergreen Sunday.

Bellamy Briefs—More Corn and Less Cotton.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Bellamy, March 17.—Farmers are very busy getting ready to plant more corn and less cotton than they did last year.

Rev. W. R. Davis filled his regular appointment at Antioch Sunday p. m. He will preach there again the 4th Sunday at 3 p. m. on missions.

Mr. J. B. McLean was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dellinger of Alma spent Sunday in this section visiting friends and relatives. Mr. I. J. Wilkins spent a short while at the capital Saturday. Sorry to report little Miss Ava Todd on the sick list. Mr. J. D. Melvin went to Wilmington Monday of business. Mr. Isaac Wilkins spent Sunday with his brother Frank. "Aunt Becky" write oftener, your letters are highly appreciated.

Pennsylvania Launched, Largest Warship in World.

The United States dreadnaught Pennsylvania, the largest battleship in the world, was successfully launched at Newport News Tuesday with a prayer that she might prove a messenger of peace rather than a weapon of destruction. She was christened by Miss Elizabeth Kolb of Germantown, Pa., and the 15,000-ton hull slid into the historic James river as Secretary of the Navy Daniels gave the signal for launching. At a luncheon which followed at Old Point Comfort Secretary Daniels was the principal speaker and in the course of his remarks he said that here never was a time when the Navy was so powerful, so ready, so efficient as now.

Time of Meeting of St. Albans Lodge Changed.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. The time of the meetings of the class of instruction of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., has been changed from Friday to Thursday nights. The meeting tonight at 8 o'clock will be devoted to instruction in the third degree. All who will take part are especially requested to be present.

G. E. RANCKE, JR., W. M.

SHANNON NEWS NOTES

Fire at School House—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Shannon, March 17.—Mr. John Parish of Clio, S. C., spent Monday in the community. Miss Ida Walters of Raeford has been a guest in the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Hinson, recently.

There was quite an exciting time at the school house Monday when it was discovered that the house was on fire, but it was extinguished without any very serious damage being done. Fire is supposed to have started from a defective flue.

Misses Hazel Cobb and Mary Coyt Clifton of Lumber Bridge were guests of Miss Meta Klapp Sunday. Mr. James H. Morgan, who has been in feeble health for some time, has been very sick since the middle of last week. We hope his condition may soon take a change for the better. Mr. and Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod of Lumberton spent last Thursday at the home of Mrs. R. J. Smith. Miss Lannett McColl of McColl, S. C., has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. M. A. Currie. Miss Trissie Currie, who has been a patient in the Cumberland hospital in Fayetteville for the past two weeks and who has undergone a serious operation while there, is getting on nicely. Her many friends will be glad to hear that she hopes to be able to come home soon.

LONG BRANCH LOCALS

Preparing to Plant Corn—Cotton and Tobacco Acreage Will be Reduced—School Term Lengthened—Planning for Missionary Day—Personal and Other Items.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Long Branch (Lumberton, R. 4), March 16.—The community is astir with workmen this morning, everybody busy planting corn or getting ready to plant. Most of the farmers around here have decided to cut tobacco and cotton acreage, for the best, let us all hope.

We all welcome the coming of spring. As we look about us this morning we see the peach trees standing arrayed in beautiful bloom, violets blooming out here and there, the little birds chirping merrily about. All seem to be glad and to welcome the beautiful spring.

Messrs. F. W. Ammons and George Jenkins of Barnesville spent Sunday here.

The school is progressing nicely here. Just lengthened out the term another month. The teachers are planning for a concert.

Miss Edith Ezuzor, who lives near Fair Bluff, spent the week-end here with her aunt, Miss Addie Edmund. Mr. K. M. Britt and Miss Mary Surles spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Evelyn Ammons.

Our Sunday school is planning to observe missionary day in the Sunday school in the near future.

Miss Euphemia Tyson spent the week-end with her parents in East Lumberton. Miss Henrietta Ammons has returned home after spending a week in Lumberton.

The W. O. W. at this place is constantly gaining new members, despite hard times.

The Sunday night prayer meeting is growing better. The subject to be discussed last Sunday night was "Why go to church?" for next Sunday night, "What should we do at church?" We appoint two speakers to discuss the subject each Sunday night. The speakers for next Sunday night are Messrs. A. L. Stone and W. L. Thompson. Everybody is cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Maxton Records Court—Cotton Weigher and Grader.

Mr. J. E. Carpenter is the new recorder for the Maxton district, succeeding Mr. McKay McKinnon, who served a brief term by appointment of Gov. Craig. Mr. J. P. Wiggins is prosecuting attorney for the court. Mr. Martin A. McQueen was appointed by the Legislature cotton grader and weigher for Maxton. The bill providing for a cotton weigher and grader for Lumberton and Maxton—Mr. John Smith was appointed for Lumberton—and for other towns that may apply to the county commissioners, provides that the compensation shall be 8 cents per bale, the buyer and seller each paying half.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Report of condition of the Bank of Parkton.

L. H. Caldwell says his great stock reduction sale leads all sales ever held in Lumberton.

"The Seewolf," 7 reels of motion pictures, at Pastime tomorrow. Big furniture sale at Fairmont. Star theatre "home of exclusive Universal program."

Tomorrow will be a big day at Elizabethtown—Bladen county schools commencement.

Mrs. Jas. S. McNeill went Monday night to Fayetteville, where she entered the Cumberland hospital for treatment.

POULTRY MEETING.

All Fanciers Invited to Meet at Court House on Tuesday Night, March 31st, at 8 O'clock For Purpose of Organizing Robeson Poultry Association.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

All parties interested in the breeding of poultry, either standard breed or utility stock, are urged to be present at this meeting, which is free to the public.

There are a number of interested and wide awake fanciers in the county and there is no reason why we should not unite forces and push the poultry industry in this section.

A good percentage of the eggs and poultry consumed here are imported from other sections of the country, a fact that should not exist. We should produce them right here in the "State of Robeson", the garden spot of the United States for the production of everything to eat and especially poultry and eggs.

There is no question that more failures in the poultry industry result in not starting right than from any other cause.

We often hear of people who desire to begin breeding poultry, but they know absolutely nothing about taking care of a flock and should therefore seek advice from some well-informed association or individual thoroughly posted on the subject.

Another thing that has caused many failures is the changing from one breed to another. It takes years to study and breed and learn how to make and handle it, so by changing each year the beginner learns nothing about any breed. It takes time and patience and without the latter the beginner had better keep out of it.

Select the one that suits you best, get the best stock obtainable, give them good care and attention and stick to them. By so doing success will surely follow and the business will be a source of pleasure as well as profit; therefore let everybody in Robeson come together and from an association worth while.

V. D. BAKER.

Lumberton, N. C.

March 18, 1915.

Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of in Recorder E. M. Britt's court since Monday:

Raymond Reynolds, assault on Travis Bass, \$15 and cost. The evidence in this case was that Bass met Reynolds on Elm street and asked him for pay for a load of wood and Reynolds went into Mr. M. M. Rozier's store and picked up a buggy whip and went out on the street and proceeded to give Bass a "horse" whipping. Bass was somewhat bruised up about the face, Reynolds claims that Bass cursed him, but this was not at the trial.

Lula Thompson and Mary Eliza McNeill, colored, raising disturbance on the streets, judgment suspended on payment of cost as to Lula; Eliza was taxed \$2.50 and cost.

Claud Broom, assault, prayer for judgment continued on payment of cost.

Three Pumps on One Pipe.

Something new in the way of water supply for the home was recently installed at three residences on Fourth street, owned by Dr. Griffin of Greensboro. Mr. Geo. M. Whitfield has charge of the houses and secured the services of Mr. H. R. West of Allenton to drill wells for furnishing these homes with water. Mr. West tried an experiment to see if one pipe would not furnish water for all the houses and it works fine. Pipes leading to each of the houses from the one well pipe with a pump at the end does the trick. This would mean a saving to a man who owned a number of houses on one block of several dollars, as instead of drilling a well at each house he could drill one well and from this extend pipes to each of the houses and get the same amount of water. Even neighbors could do the same stunt.

Messrs. Earl Thompson, Lawrence Parker and H. J. Singleton attended the Booster Club Festival at the Southern Presbyterian College, Red Springs, last evening. They report a most enjoyable trip.

Mr. J. B. Sealey of Barnesville is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Sealey says some of the farmers down his way have planted corn, but he thinks it is too early, considering the late spring, and his opinion is they will have the "fun" of planting again.

It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that Madam Eldon, the palmist, was given a hearing before Assistant Recorder E. M. Johnson Saturday and made to pay a State and county tax of \$50. This was true, but Madam Eldon has succeeded in getting all the money back except the cost in the case and \$12.50 taxes. It is understood that a law passed by the recent Legislature, which law went into effect the first of this month, changed the amount of taxes that a palmist is required to pay.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day and many hereabouts were wearing of the green.

—Mrs. N. H. McWhite left this morning for Wilmington to be with her mother, Mrs. E. J. Ketchum, who is very ill.

—Good middling cotton is bringing 8 3/8 cents and middling cotton 8 cents per pound on the local market today. Cotton is a little on the rising order.

—Miss Matilda Warner of Baltimore arrived last week and is with Miss Amelia Linkhauser in the military department of Messrs. R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store.

—Mr. A. E. Spivey, who lives just across the railroad from the Seaboard station, says he has some extra fine Rhode Island Red hens. He weighed one yesterday that tipped the scales at 8 pounds.

—Mr. B. W. Lovette of route 1 from Orrum was in town Tuesday. Mr. Lovette says if somebody don't stop stealing fish nets down his way the other fellows will have to stop fishing that way, law or no law.

—A coal car was pushed off the end of the track of the Raleigh & Charleston railroad track at the station Monday. The car was slightly damaged but was placed back on the track by local railroad hands.

—Rev. A. J. Groves of Barker was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Groves asked The Robesonian to say that he would fill his regular appointment at Smith's church next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

—Friday at the Star theatre they are going to have a great 2-part drama, "The Little Grey Home," featuring Rosemary Theye and Harry Meyers, late of the Lubin Co., and Monday the 3rd episode of the "Trey O' Hearts." See their ad in this issue of The Robesonian.

—At Mr. J. H. Wishart's grocery store on Chestnut street the merits of White House coffee are being demonstrated by Mrs. Lillian Dunivan, representing the Dwindell-Wright Co. of Boston. Hot coffee and sandwiches are being served to all comers and will be served tomorrow and Saturday.

—Tomorrow night the Pastime theatre will offer as its regular Friday night feature, "The Seewolf," by Jack London, in 7 reels of motion pictures. This is a picture that will interest everybody from the small child to the old folks. The first show will begin at 2 o'clock and a special matinee for school children will be given at 4 o'clock.

—It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that Dr. R. S. Beam would perform an operation Monday afternoon on Evelyn, 5-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Meares, whose left eye was punctured one day last week by a nail thrown by a boy. It was found that it was impossible to save the eye, which had to be taken out. The little girl will have to wear a glass eye the rest of her days.

—The "stock reduction sale" continues at the large department store of L. H. Caldwell, and as will be seen from the continuous advertising doing in The Robesonian, bargains abound there. Mr. H. E. Dale, who has had charge of the sale, has shown that he is right on the job when it comes to running a special sale. He has made many friends since he came here by his courteous way of doing business.

—Mr. Henry W. Blake, a former Robesonian, now in the service of Uncle Sam as postoffice inspector with headquarters at Denver, Colorado, spent part of last week here visiting his brothers, Messrs. W. O. and P. C. Blake. Mr. Blake has been in the employ of the Government for several years, but recently received the appointment he now holds. He is among the many Robesonians who have made good in other parts.

—Mr. Jno. S. Walker, who has been manager of Cartee's 5, 10 and 25 cent store since it was established two years ago, will leave tonight for Burlington where he will take charge of another store for the same people. Mr. Walker has made many friends since coming to Lumberton who will be indeed sorry to hear that he will make the change. Mr. J. P. Newman of Winston-Salem, who has been here for some time, will manage the store here for the present.

—Great interest is being manifested in The Robesonian's educational campaign as a result of which the paper is going to pay the expenses of 4 Robeson county teachers to Washington. Fifty-one teachers have been nominated and their names would appear in the paper today but for a rush of matter at the last moment that makes it necessary to hold over for the next issue. Other nominations should be sent in at once. It is open to lady teachers (white race). Elsewhere in this issue information as to how one may win will be found. Coupons should be saved. They are worth 10 points each.

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