

# Robeson County Schools Commencement in Lumberton April 9th.

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BOTH LUMBERTON TEAMS WIN

High School Boys Won Debate Friday Night Both at Home and at Sanford—Laurinburg Boys Defeated in Debate Here—This Third Successive Time Home Boys Have Won in Preliminaries and Last Year They Stood Third for Final, Which They Are Expected to Make This Year—Reception After Debate.

For the third successive year the debating team of the Lumberton graded school won both in the home debate and the one engaged in elsewhere Friday evening.

The query debated was, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of subsidizing its merchant marines engaged in foreign trade."

The negative side of Laurinburg's team met the affirmative side of the home team here. The speakers from Laurinburg were Ralph Sanford and John Shaw. Robert Caldwell and Rufus Sanderson of the Lumberton graded school defended the affirmative side here.

Mr. Lewis Shelby presided and introduced the speakers. The judges were Messrs. L. C. Parker, R. C. Lawrence and W. K. Bethune.

Robert Caldwell led off the affirmative with a forceful and convincing speech showing many reasons why the United States should subsidize its marines. Ralph Sanford made the first speech in defense of the negative, and offered many convincing points showing that there was no need for subsidizing the marines of the American Nation. Rufus Sanderson was second for the affirmative. He made a strong and convincing speech and showed many advantages that would be derived by subsidizing the marines. John Shaw was the last speaker for the negative as he, like all the other speakers, had a forceful speech, showing why it would not be to the best interest of the government to adopt the policy of subsidizing the marines.

Each speaker was allowed a brief rejoinder, after which the decision of the judges was rendered. This showed two for the affirmative and one for the negative.

The largest crowd that ever witnessed a public debate in Lumberton greeted the boys Friday evening and all were well pleased with the eloquent and forceful arguments produced by all the speakers, especially the home boys.

After the debate was over the girls of the graded school gave in honor of the debaters a reception which was highly enjoyed.

The Laurinburg boys were accompanied by Prof. Rabb, principal of the Laurinburg school.

John Proctor and Robert McIntyre represented the negative side of the query at Sanford, speaking against the affirmative team of the Sanford school, and judging from the fact that they walked off with the honor of winning from the Sanford team, they must have been there with the goods. The boys were accompanied to Sanford by Prof. R. E. Sentelle, superintendent of the Lumberton graded school. Prof. Sentelle says the boys did themselves proud.

The fact that the debaters of the Lumberton graded school have won in the first preliminary contest for three successive years is plenty of evidence that Lumberton has some star debaters.

The boys will go to Chapel Hill April 8 for the second preliminary contest and no doubt they will win in this, which will give them a chance in the final debate for the Aycock Memorial Cup. This final contest will be held April 9.

It will be remembered that the Lumberton team came out third in the second contest at Chapel Hill last April.

Vaccinating Against Hog Cholera—Will Sow Soy Beans.

Mr. L. E. Blanchard, county farm demonstrator, spent part of last week in Maxton and vicinity for the purpose of vaccinating hogs. He vaccinated 110 hogs and says that there are that many more in that section to be vaccinated. The farmers are taking advantage of the cheap rate of vaccinating against cholera. As has been stated in the Robesonian, the only cost is the pay for the serum used. Mr. Blanchard also states that about 40 farmers in the county have agreed to sow soy beans this year as an experiment and see if they cannot raise their meat cheaper with the soy beans than they can with corn.

Getting Ready for Union Station.

A force of hands began work Friday putting in a cement floor and a ticket window for the use of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad Company at the Seaboard station, which after April 1 will be a union passenger station. The grounds about the station have been raised and the V. & C. S. has extended its track to Elm street. Everything is being gotten ready for this important change.

Mr. W. H. Bullock of Baker's is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Bullock says Messrs. Eddie Bryant and H. J. Rozier of his section are very sick.

DON'T FORGET THE "HEN MEET"

Meeting to be Held at Court House Tomorrow Night to Organize Poultry and Farm Exhibition Association.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

We are glad that so many are becoming interested in the organization of a poultry and farm exhibit association. This article is for the purpose of extending a special invitation to the ladies to attend this meeting for the purpose of organizing our association, which is Tuesday night, March 30th, at 8 o'clock at the court house in the commissioners room.

We men have long since learned that to succeed in an undertaking we must have the co-operation of the ladies, and it is especially true in this case.

We are expecting an experienced man from the Experiment Station at Raleigh to meet with us, and we want everyone who possibly can to be present and get the benefit of what this gentleman will have to say in regard to caring for poultry in its various aspects.

Come out and assist in launching our association and let us create an interest that will result in a creditable exhibit this fall.

We read in The Robesonian where a gentleman set a hen with 15 eggs and took off 16 chickens. We believe this statement, but who will believe the statement that we are now going to make: We set a hen with 17 eggs and in 14 days this same hen had a brood of 21 chicks. Come to the meeting and if you wish an explanation we will give it.

But what we want to say is, attend the call for the purpose of organizing the association on Tuesday night, March the 30th.

ED. E. FREEMAN. [This meeting was first called to be held on March 31st but had to be moved up one night.—Editor.]

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CLEN UP, CLEAN UP

This is clean-up week in Lumberton, Uncle Walt Mason tells how:

Now let us give the war a rest, the rout, the siege, the sally, and gayly shed our coat and vest, and go and clean the alley! Let's gather up the dogs and cats which have this life departed, and let tin cans and bricks and hats off to the dump be carted. In winter you may voice your views, which you believe important, and base long sermons on the news, but in the Spring you'd orn't.

Then every able-bodied man should whoop the "Clean Up" slogan, and chase the old tomatos can, the castoff hat and brogan. So let us clear our bulging brows of trifling thoughts and narrow, and gather up the old dead cows, and work the rake and harrow. The rubbish left by careless men, and lazy human cheeses, will bring a host of germs again, and they'll bring punk diseases. And forty billion flies will come, as many microbes bearing, and round our weary heads they'll hum, and keep us busy swearing.

Clean up! Clean up! On every block let all the workers rally!

No man should stand around and talk until he's cleaned his alley!

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RECORDER'S COURT

Cleaning Out Nest of Evil-Doers—To Answer Charge of Disposing of Mortgaged Property.

Tom and Sue Rodgers, Cleo Gilmore and Fannie Smith, all negro women, were before Recorder E. M. Britt Friday. Sue Rodgers was charged with retailing and was given 90 days in jail. The other three were charged with an affray and all drew a sentence of 90 days in the county jail except Cleo Gilmore, who drew a 60-day sentence. Recorder Britt says he is going to make a strong effort to do away with some of the "doings" in the "bottom," from where these subjects all hailed. Mr. Britt is giving good recorder service, which is bringing about a change in conditions here for the better.

Wade Wallace was arrested in Columbus county, where he recently moved from Robeson, Friday of last week on the charge of disposing of property on which Mr. A. L. Bullock of Rowland had a mortgage. Wallace was brought here and placed in jail, but later was released under a \$300 bond for his appearance before Recorder E. M. Britt Wednesday of this week, when he will be given a preliminary hearing.

Forest Fires Down Allenton Way.

Mr. Arelin Smith of Allenton was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. Smith says forest fires did considerable damage in his section.

Friday of last week, burning over several hundred acres of the Smith land, which was well timbered.

Lumberton Lodge No. 55, K. of P., will meet this evening at 8 o'clock. Important business.

BROAD RIDGE SCHOOL CLOSES

Friday Was a Memorable Day on the Gallant Broad Ridge—Large Crowd Attended School Closing—Mr. E. J. Britt the Speaker—Excellent Exercises and Fine Picnic Dinner—A Section That is Making Great Progress Along All Lines.

Friday of last week was a day long to be remembered by the citizens of the Gallant Old Broad Ridge. They gathered themselves together to witness the closing exercises of the Broad Ridge public school. Early in the morning the folks began to arrive on the scene and by 10 o'clock a large crowd had gathered to witness the exercises by the children. The exercises consisted of dialogs, songs, speeches and pantomimes. The children displayed good talent and well trained minds. The manner in which they, each of them, displayed their parts showed that Broad Ridge district was indeed fortunate in securing the services of their teachers, Miss Clyde Howard of St. Pauls and Miss Mary Surles of Orrum.

After the children had entertained the large number present for more than two hours, the crowd was dismissed after being invited to partake of the hearty picnic dinner which was spread on the grounds. To look at the edibles that were displayed on the grounds one would forget that "hard times" were abroad in the land. After all present had feasted to their perfect satisfaction enough was taken up to have fed the crowd second time.

At 2:30 the crowd reassembled to hear an address by Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton. Mr. Britt was introduced in very appropriate words by Mr. I. F. Britt, who took occasion to review in a brief way the advancement that had been made along educational lines by this district during the last few years. He said that only a few years ago the boys and girls of that section were going to school in a small one-room house with a chimney at one end, and had to quench their thirst with water from a hole in a bay nearby—in a hole where the boys and girls preceding them only a short time had washed their hands. He then called attention to the fact that the boys and girls are now housed in a handsome two-room building, surrounded by modern conveniences of every kind. He said that in days that have gone forever people of other sections of the county would scoff at "Broadridgers," as they were then termed, but now this spot is fast coming to the front and no section of the country offers more desirable habitation.

Mr. E. J. Britt was loaded with a speech chock full of good common sense, and no doubt his efforts to show why every boy and girl should have an open field and a fair chance will mean much to the people of that section. Mr. Britt showed in plain terms why every boy and girl should seek an education and urged them to take advantage of their opportunities, which so far exceed those of their fathers. Mr. Britt expressed his appreciation of the fact that his old home, the Broad Ridge, had taken on new life and was doing things.

Supt. J. R. Poole was present and made a short but interesting talk, encouraging the children to go forward. He explained the meaning of the county commencement and invited the boys and girls of that school to attend this great gathering of school children, and grown-ups as well, at Lumberton April 9.

While the public school has closed the patrons of the school will keep Miss Surles, the primary teacher, for probably two months yet to teach the smaller children who are not large enough to be of much help on the farm.

It was easy to tell from the expression on the faces and words spoken by the patrons of the school that they were well pleased with the work done by the teachers during the season just closed, which was pronounced by them as one of the very best in the history of the school.

The Broad Ridge section of Robeson is not only making great progress along the line of education, but in many other ways as well. They have recently organized a Baptist church there and now have a nice church building completed and have preaching once every month and Sunday school every Sunday. The people are waking up along the line of agriculture and instead of "messing," as they used to do, they are now lining up with the most progressive farmers of the county, many of them raising more than a ton of cotton to the acre, making from \$100 to \$250 per acre on tobacco and last, but not least, they have caught the idea of living at home, and as one of the speakers remarked, "it would be a hard task to find a section where the people generally are living at home and more happy than those who luckily call this noted section home".

Messrs. Badger Biggs of Lumberton and Edwin Belch of Bellamy went Saturday to Raleigh, where they will enlist in the United States Army.

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BIG CROWD EXPECTED

Folks From All Over Are Coming to County Commencement in Lumberton April 9—Supt. Poole Sends Out 300 Diplomas.

Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, has sent out 300 diplomas to the different teachers in the county to be given to the scholars that finish the seventh grade this year. The examinations took place Thursday and Friday night when Messrs. Eugene Howard and Glenn McArthur met Messrs. H. Thompson and Shockette of Fairmont's negative. As stated in the Robesonian, this preliminary debate is held every year all over North Carolina to decide who will go to Chapel Hill in April to enter the Aycock Memorial Cup contest, conducted by the bureau of extension of the University of North Carolina.

Prizes to be awarded to the winners in the various contests to be held in Lumberton at the Robeson County Schools Commencement on Friday, April 9th:

For the best school exhibit \$10.00. To the school having the highest percentage of its enrollment present at the County Commencement \$5.00.

To the winner in the elementary spelling contest (first to the seventh grades, inclusive) \$5.00.

To the winner of the high school spelling contest (eighth grade and above) \$5.00.

100 yard dash \$5.00.

220 yard dash \$2.50.

440 yard dash \$2.50.

Running broad jump \$2.50.

Running high jump \$2.50.

Standing high jump \$2.50.

Standing broad jump \$2.50.

Potato race (boys) \$2.50.

Potato race (girls) \$2.50.

Relay race \$2.50.

Each school in the county will be allowed to enter one contestants in the elementary spelling contest and one contestants in the high school spelling contest.

Only one representative from each school can be entered for the athletic events, with the exception of the relay race, where of course each school will be allowed four representatives.

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A BUSINESS MAN WHO KNOWS

"A man who will not advertise is a dead business man, and the man who will not pay his advertising bill when presented is not much more alive.

A merchant cannot realize what constant advertising is worth to him," were the remarks of perhaps the most successful business man in Robeson county one day recently.

Had you thought about the fact, Mr. Business Man, that the business houses that do the most extensive advertising are the houses that do the biggest business?

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MASS MEETING THURSDAY EVE

Meeting Will be Held at Court House Thursday Evening to Consider Matter of Selling Light Plant—Officials of Yadkin River Power Co Will Be Present.

To the Citizens of the Town of Lumberton:

A public mass meeting of the citizens of the town of Lumberton has been called for Thursday evening at eight o'clock, April 1st, same to be held at the court house, for the purpose of further considering the matter of selling or not selling the municipal electric light plant to the Yadkin River Power Company Col. Chas. E. Johnson, president, and Mr. C. N. Rackliffe, manager power department, of the Yadkin River Power Company.

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Mrs. A. R. Carter who has been confined to her room for some time with grip is better today.

Miss Janie K. Wishart developed a case of diphtheria at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wishart, East Fifth street, Saturday. Her condition was reported as very favorable this morning.

This 29th day of March, 1915.

A. E. WHITE, Mayor.

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