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## THOUSANDS ATTEND COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

### GREAT EVENT FOR ROBESON COUNTY

Crowd Which Attended Robeson's First Commencement Conservative. Estimated at 8,000 to 10,000—Nearly 3,000 School Children in Parade—Best of Order Prevailed and Everybody Enjoyed the Day—Almost Every Section of County Represented—The Parade an Inspiring Sight—Athletic Contests—Will be Annual Event.

Friday of last week was a day that will be long remembered by many Robeson county school children and older folk as well. It was the day of the first Robeson county school commencement.

The people began to arrive early in the morning on trains, automobiles, carts, buggies, wagons and every other way except by way of airship, and by 11:30 o'clock a. m. the streets were crowded. The crowd was estimated at from eight to ten thousand, the number of schools represented being around fifty. The parade had, it was estimated, nearly 3,000 school children in it, besides a large number of school committees, mounted marshals, floats, and about 100 Robeson county corn club boys. The program was carried out perfectly and in a creditable manner. Nature smiled upon the occasion and brought ideal weather, the large crowd in good spirits and one and all seemed to enjoy the day, forgetting "hard times" for one day.

The spelling contest, the address of W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, the athletic contests, the music, furnished by the Parkton and Bladenboro bands—all were all that could have been wished for and furnished good entertainment for all the people—in fact the day brought a rare treat in the way of entertainment for people of all sizes and ages.

**The Parade**  
The parade, which started from the Lumberton graded school building was more than a mile long, in which marched nearly 3,000 Robeson county school children—2380 by count—was more than a credit to this great occasion. First came the Parkton concert band, playing in a manner which "put the spirit in the meeting," followed by the marshals upon fire steeds. Next followed the school committees. Next in the parade were two beautiful floats, one an automobile artistically decorated for the occasion by the graduating class of the Lumberton graded school, and one a wagon, no less attractive to the eye, arranged by the pupils of the tenth grade of this school. These floats were very tastefully arranged and reflected credit upon the classes that prepared them for the occasion. After these followed the schools as follows: Lumberton graded school, Philadelphia high school—also the farm-life students of this school—Symrna, Barkers, White Pond, Regan's, Tolarsville, Ten Mile, Pleasant Hope, Marietta, Fairmont, Iona, McDonald, Raynham Center, Orrum, Raft Swamp, Student's Hope, Sand Hill, Jennings' Cotton Mills, Saddle Tree, St. Pauls, Buck Horn, Oakton, Back Swamp, Pembroke, Purvis, Alma, Antioch, Hill Side, Maxton, Long Branch, Rowland, Red Springs. There were other schools in the parade, but they failed to have banners so it was impossible to get their names. Just behind the school children came the Bladenboro concert band, which much more filled the air with the spirit of the occasion. Last, but not by any means least, came the members of the Boys' Corn Club, about 100 strong, shelling corn and throwing the grains about the streets. The boys were yelling for their club and added much to the merriment of the occasion.

There were many features about the parade that deserve special attention. One was the manner in which the children played their parts. Their marching was perfect and in order, which showed that the teachers of the Robeson county schools are working faithfully and training the boys and girls for a better day. Among others, the Fairmont graded school pupils attracted admiring comment on the manner in which they were dressed. The Philadelphia school pupils attracted attention by their orderly marching. But if all features that deserve special mention were mentioned several pages would be filled.

This grand parade alone was worth coming all the way from Tipperary to see. A parade more than a mile in length with thousands of bright boys and girls—the boys and girls that will be the men and women of tomorrow—was enough to make one sit up and take notice. One of the oldest citizens of Robeson county, who traveled many miles to witness the doing of the boys and girls, remarked that during all his days he had never seen anything to equal it. It filled the hearts of fathers and mothers and made them resolve to strive for a better-educated citizenship, and will prove a great worth to the advancement of education in the "State of Robeson".

From the graded school building, the children and those with them marched down Seventh street to Chestnut, Chestnut to Second, across to Elm, up Elm to Eleventh, Eleventh to Chestnut, down Chestnut to court house, where the parade ended. Several thousand people thronged the

sidewalks, store doors and windows on Elm street to watch the parade. And there was something so impressive about the parade it seemed like a religious ceremony, one might say—so impressive that the crowd remained strangely silent, too busy thinking about what it all meant to cheer. Rather it was a great silent cheer as the crowd passed by.

A report of the spelling contests, speech by Dr. Poteat, school exhibits, etc., at the court house, where the parade ended, is given in this issue under separate heads. This story passes now to the athletic contests in the afternoon.

**Athletic Contests**  
Perhaps no part of the entire program was more enjoyed by the boys and girls than were the athletic contests, which took up the biggest part of the afternoon. The winners of the prizes, amount and givers of prize, etc., were as follows:

One-hundred yard dash; prize \$2.50 by Pope Drug Co.; won by Glenn McArthur of the St. Pauls graded school. Time, 11 1-5 seconds.

Four-hundred-and-forty-yard dash; \$2.50 by Farmers & Merchants Bank, won by McRae Purvis of the Elrod school. Time, 57 3-5 seconds.

Two-hundred-and-twenty-yard dash; \$2.50 by E. W. Caldwell, won by John McIntyre of the Philadelphia farm-life school. Time, 57 1-5 seconds.

Running broad jump; \$2.50 by T. L. Johnson, won by Bruce Nye of the Orrum high school. Jump, 16 feet 5 inches.

Running high jump; \$2.50 by W. K. Bethune; won by Beverly McIntyre of the Philadelphia school. Jump, 4 feet 9 inches.

Standing broad jump; \$2.50 by First National Bank of Lumberton; won by Glenn McArthur of the St. Pauls schools. Jump, 8 feet 9 inches.

Relay race; \$2.50 by Grantham Drug Co.; won by the St. Pauls school. Time, 3 minutes 3 1-5 seconds.

Potato race (girls); \$2.50 by J. D. McMillan & Son; won by Emma Small of Center. Time, 31 1-2 seconds.

Potato race (boys); \$2.50 by National Bank of Lumberton; won by Dan McCormick of Iona school. Time, 40 seconds.

This was a race that few people understood, but it was very simple when explained. A certain number of boxes were placed at one end of a certain distance and the same number at the other end of the line. In the boxes at one end were three potatoes and the boy or girl that first brought the three potatoes, one at a time, and placed them in the box at the other end of the line won the prize. Only small children entered this contest, but a great number of them took part and the races afforded much merriment among the little folks and were greatly enjoyed by a large crowd.

A large number of boys entered the contests as a whole and some mighty fine jumping and fast running was done. Not only did the participants seem to enjoy the fun, but hundreds of spectators witnessed the contests, which offered rich entertainment.

**Ball Game.**  
At 3:30 a live ball game between Lumberton and Parkton was played and was enjoyed by a large crowd. It was a hotly-contested game and all the boys did fine playing. The score was 6 to 3 in favor of the Lumberton team. The features of the game were the pitching of Plumber and the catching of Nye of the Lumberton team.

The judges of the athletic contests were David H. Fuller, L. B. Olive and C. G. Garrett.

It is worthy of mention that so many children, and grown-ups, too, could gather themselves together and spend a day without a single mishap or accident of any kind. The order throughout the day was of the best, with but little or no liquor in evidence. Either the two-quart-per-month-law or the fact that the people of Robeson are sober, industrious and children-respecting enough not to "tank up" on such an occasion had a deal to do with making the day the grand success it was. Quite a number were heard to remark that they hadn't seen a man during the day under the influence of liquor.

Robeson has some time ago wakened to the need of making an education possible for every boy and girl within her boundaries, but no doubt the first county commencement will wake her much wider awake along this important line.

Robeson county's first commencement brought great numbers of her sons and daughters, both young and old, together for a day and now they are better prepared to go about life's duties in the right way.

It has been many moons since a day passed that meant more to the "State of Robeson" than did Friday of last week. It will tell a great tale in both the near and far-distant future.

Many deserve honor for the success of Robeson's first county commencement. Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, his assistant, Mr. J. B. Bowen, and the teachers of the county come first, then the parents who provided for their children to be present and take part in the exercises. They will all be well paid.

The day has come and gone and many will wait anxiously the time when the next Robeson county commencement will be held. Will it be an annual event? Why sure it couldn't be otherwise considering the grand success of the first one.

## SCHOOL EXHIBITS AND SPELLING BEES

### 230 DIPLOMAS WERE AWARDED

Exhibits at County Commencement Were of High Order—Philadelphia High School Wins Prize for Best Exhibit—Farm-Life School Exhibit Attracts Attention—Other Excellent Exhibits, Including One From Carolina College, Which Could Not Compete for Prize—Two Spelling Bees—Diplomas Awarded 230 Students.

Two spelling bees and presentation of diplomas engaged the attention of the large crowd that attended the county commencement Friday immediately after the parade, mentioned elsewhere in this issue. These exercises were held in the court house.

The spelling bees were conducted by Rev. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, with Mr. S. McIntyre of Lumberton acting as referee. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Wm. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton, after which the spelling contests began. One contest was open for the grammar grades of the schools of Robeson county and one for the high school departments. The law firms of McLean, Varser & McLean and McIntyre, Lawrence & Proctor offered a prize of \$5 to the winner in the contest in the grammar grades. Miss Kate Carver of the Shannong school was the winner of this prize. Twenty-eight students entered this contest and all of them spelled well.

There was a prize of \$5 offered by the Rowland Drug Co., of Rowland for the best speller in the high school departments. Miss Bertha McLean of the Alfordville school was the winner of this prize. Only 16 entered the contest, but their spelling proved that they knew how to spell all right.

Miss Cora Bell Ford of Oak Dale, who was one of the contestants in the high school department, was given a prize of \$2.50 by Mr. S. McIntyre because Mr. Greaves mispronounced a word. A good many were standing around the spellers and it was very hard to hear the words as they were given out. Mr. Greaves mispronounced the word "divisible" and Miss Ford thought it was another word that she gave out and misspelled it. If she had not sat down she would have stood a chance for the prize.

Miss Johnnie Cashwell of Alma was given a prize of \$2.50 for telling the truth. There was a great deal of racket in the court house and it was impossible to hear well. Mr. Greaves gave her a word and she spelled it but he did not understand how she spelled and asked her to spell it again. The first time she misspelled the word but when she took the second chance on it she spelled the correct word. Mr. McIntyre asked her if that was the way she spelled the first time and she said "No," at once. Mr. McIntyre said that he had \$2.50 to give the young lady that told the truth.

Each school was allowed one representative in each contest, but a good many of them were not represented. Some of them came prepared to enter the contest and could not get in the court house on account of the crowd.

After the spelling bees were over the Bladenboro concert band played a selection, after which the crowd adjourned for dinner.

**School Exhibits**  
The exhibits of the different schools of the county were a very interesting sight to the visitors. The following schools had exhibits: St. Pauls graded school, Philadelphia high school, Fairmont high school, McMoriah, Purvis, Alfordville, Lumberton graded school, Elrod, Marietta, Rowland, Iona, Back Swamp, Baker's Chapel and East Lumberton.

**Philadelphia Wins Exhibit Prize.**  
Messrs. White & Gough offered a prize of \$10 for the school having the best exhibit. The judges, composed of Messdames H. T. Pope, B. W. Page and Alf. H. McLeod, had a hard task to decide which school did have the best exhibit. After much consideration they decided in favor of Philadelphia, with Purvis, Fairmont and Lumberton close behind.

**The Philadelphia Exhibit**  
The exhibit of the Philadelphia school was fine enough to win a prize, and no mistake. Here one's appetite was tempted by a table of edibles on exhibition by the girls of the eighth, ninth and tenth grades who have been taking domestic science and domestic art. Philadelphia is fortunate in having the services of a teacher for this department. Prof. Kirby, the teacher of agriculture had a sand table mapped out as a farm to illustrate a 50-acre rotation crop. This was one of the best exhibits. He had the farm mapped off as to what he would plant and what he would rotate with as follows: 1 acre soy beans, 1 acre peanuts, followed by rye and vetch, 3 acres sweet potatoes followed by rye and vetch, 5 acres of oats followed by cowpeas, rye and vetch; 5 acres wheat followed by rye and vetch. The regular crops: 15 acres corn, 15 acres cotton. His bush crop: 1 acre orchard, 1 acre garden truck.

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## DR. POTEAT'S ADDRESS

President Wake Forest College Delights a Large Robeson County Commencement Crowd—Country Life and City Life Contrasted—Parents and Teachers Urged to Educate Children for the Farm and Not for the City—An Address Sparkling With Wit and Humor and With Wholesome Advice.

One of the principal features of the county commencement here Friday was the address of Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest College, in the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the court house. A large crowd of people heard and enjoyed his address.

Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton introduced Dr. Poteat in a very impressive way. He said that he wished to congratulate the people on the success they had met with in their first county commencement. He wished to congratulate them on the educational facilities they had. There is not a county in North Carolina that has made any more progress along educational lines in the last ten years than Robeson has, declared Mr. Johnson. He said he was glad that the day no longer exists when a man can keep the child out of school. One of the best laws that has ever passed for the upbuilding of the country was the compulsory school law passed in 1913. Robeson now has 63 special tax districts of which she should be proud. In speaking of Dr. Poteat he said that he was one of the best platform speakers in North Carolina and was sure that he had something that would interest all.

Dr. Poteat's address was very simple in words; he clothed great thoughts in understandable language. His address was one of the best ever given here. His subject was "City Life vs. Country Life"—how the city is dependent on the country, not only for its different products but for its men and women. He pointed out very clearly how the city is dependent on the country and without the country the city would perish. But on the other hand, he urged the boys and girls to stay on the farm and parents and teachers to educate them for the farm and not for city life, as a good many of them have done. His address was in part:

"I want to congratulate the good people of Robeson county for the interest they have taken in this their first county commencement. The exhibits here deserve praise also. The commencement shows that the people are wide awake. It is a revelation of the county to the people and shows what the various schools are doing. From this day forward the people will feel 3 inches taller educationally than they have ever felt before; and they have good cause to feel so.

"It is a pleasing sight to see the crowd of children from the country here today. The future of Robeson county depends on these children and we cannot be too careful about how we care for them. They have gathered here from the country, where the air is clear and free and they can lead an independent life. I remember that some time ago a man told me that God made country and man made the city. I am not saying that this is true, for I believe that God made both, but it is quoted in the Bible where Cain left the Lord and country and built himself a city.

"The city is dependent on the country people for nearly everything. If New York city were isolated it would perish to death in 8 days. That goes to prove that without the country the cities could not live. If the cities were separated from the country and dependent on city people for their inhabitants, it would only be a question of time before there would be no city. The country stocks the city with 'pure-bred boys and girls.'

"The land in North Carolina is some of the best land there is in the world. It is not like the red clay land in Virginia (you need not tell the Virginians I said this) but it is very fertile. A traveling man was passing through Virginia one day and passed by a farmer who was leaning over a worm-eaten fence and asked the farmer a question and the farmer answered it but in such a low voice that his questioner could not understand it. After asking him several times to repeat the answer and failing to hear what he said, he asked the farmer to raise his voice. The farmer replied that the land was so poor that he could not raise a voice on it. The land in Robeson county is not that poor; on the other hand the watermelon vines grow so fast that they run all the blossoms off.

"The average man's worth socially and all from the age of 16 to 45 years is \$7000 per year, making a total of \$10,000. Man is a very valuable piece of stuff. Man is the only one that can run a farm. A monkey cannot run a farm, so who is going to do it? Life in the country is much happier than city life. Take the man in a city. He works all day like a Trojan and when night comes he is not content to sit down and read awhile and then retire, but he must go to the theatre and the moving picture shows and spend all that he has made that day; while on the other hand the farmer works on his farm all day and when night comes he goes home and eats his supper and talks over the plans for the morning with his family, reads his papers and retires about 8:30 and rises in the morning with the chickens.

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## BACK SWAMP NOTES

Death of Miss Eva Prevatt—School Close—An Epidemic of Colds.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.  
Back Swamp, (Lumberton, R. F. D.), April 10.—This community was greatly shocked when the death angel claimed one of its brightest young girls, Miss Eva Prevatt, on March 28. She had been ill for some time but it was not thought that death was so near. She was eighteen years old and had many friends here. Rev. D. P. Bridges and Rev. I. P. Hedge, both conducted the funeral exercises. The Sunbeam Band sang at the grave "Shall We Gather at the River," and the Fidelis class sang, after having arranged the flowers on the grave "Asleep in Jesus." The flowers bore testimony to the esteem in which she was held. The United Farm Workers' Club, the Sunbeam Band and the Fidelis class, of each of which she was a member, contributed flowers. She was an active member of Back Swamp church for some time.

The school closed here Wednesday afternoon with some exercises by the children. Mrs. Will Lewis was teacher and all seem very well pleased at her work.

There has been an epidemic of colds in the community, but now that the spring days have come perhaps it will disappear.

Mr. Haynes Prevatt of Odum visited relatives here this week.

**MUCH CLEAN-UP WORK**  
Clean-Up Week a Success—Wagons Will Stay On Job That the Good Work May be Continued.

Last week was not only clean-up week in name, but in action. No less than 160 wagon loads of rubbish were moved last week and still there are many loads which have been put on the streets in some sections of town that will be moved as rapidly as possible till every load has been moved. Clean-up week will be continued, says Mayor White, just as long as the citizens take enough interest to pile the trash and rubbish out where the street wagons can find it. If you have not thoroughly cleaned your premises you should do the stunt at once and by so doing show your neighbors that you belong to the crowd that want a cleaner, healthier and better town in which to live.

Midling cotton has kept climbing in price till at last some was sold on the local market today for 9 cents per pound.

Miss Harriet Humphrey, one of the salesladies at Messrs. White & Gough's department store, who was confined to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Humphrey, at St. Pauls last week with grip, was able to resume her duties this morning.

It was stated in Thursday's Robesonian that Mr. Raymond Reynolds, who had been employed by the Star theatre here as ticket collector, had been transferred to Wilson, where he would hold a position of the same nature. This information came to The Robesonian straight but the one who gave it was in error. Mr. Reynolds is no longer with the Star.

At a meeting of the board of stewards of Chestnut Street Methodist church Thursday evening it was decided to have a church conference on the second Wednesday evening of every other month. The first conference under this plan will be held Wednesday evening of this week at the church at 8 o'clock, the regular hour for the mid-week prayer service.

Miss Mattie T. Ham, who passed the examination before the Supreme Court a few weeks ago and is one of the few women lawyers in North Carolina, was among the visitors in town Friday. Miss Ham is thinking of locating in Charlotte, where she lived several years before obtaining her law license. She is staying for the present with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Garris, at Parkton. Mr. Garris and two of his children, Miss Louise and Master Haywood, were in town Friday with Miss Ham.

Mr. J. C. Baxley, who lives on route 1 from Buie, was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Baxley says about the most interesting thing he knows about having happened in his neighborhood recently was a collection. This was a regular collection at Raft Swamp Sunday school on the 28th of last month and amounted to about \$30, maybe a little over \$30, for missions, home and foreign. All in the day's work. That was fine.

Rev. S. E. Mercer, president of Carolina College, Maxton, and sons, Masters Linwood and Almon, were among the visitors in town Friday. Carolina College had an exhibit at the county commencement that was fine, but it could not compete for the prizes. Paintings, specimens of needlework and a product of the culinary art as taught in the domestic science department of that excellent institution attracted much admiring attention. The last-mentioned exhibit, a large cake, was the last word in cake-making. It could not be beaten. The editor of The Robesonian and his family are beholden to Mr. Mercer and the young ladies of the domestic science department of the college for the most delicious cake they ever had the pleasure of eating, for Mr. Mercer left the cake with the editor after the exhibition was over.

News has been received here to the effect that Mr. Lee Stone of Lumberton, who some time ago went to Augusta, Ga., to pitch ball for the Augusta team this year, broke his ankle the other day in sliding. He has many friends here who will be sorry to hear of his mishap. Mr. Stone has made a fine record in the ball field, having pitched for the Augusta branch of the South Atlantic League last season. It was while practicing that Mr. Stone was hurt, as the league didn't open till Saturday. The accident occurred Thursday.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Spring, a very welcome guest, seems to have arrived at last.

L. R. Varner of the Lumberton bar addressed a Baraca Philathea meeting in the Baptist church at Whiteville yesterday.

The regular monthly meeting of the Civic Association will be held Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the library room at the graded school building.

Mr. J. J. Newman, vice-president and general manager of Cartee's chain of stores, spent part of last week here looking over the Lumberton link.

Mr. Lucy McKee left today for Raleigh where he will re-enter Pugh's School of Pharmacy. Mr. McKee expects to complete his work by June 10.

Judging from the talk and smiles the farmers are wearing they are taking on new life and energy, but are still holding to the idea of raising more foodstuffs and less cotton.

Mr. J. M. Sessoms of East Lumberton has a clock that he bought in the year 1839 and it is still keeping the time of day correctly. It is of the Seth Thomas, old time, variety.

County Farm Demonstrator L. E. Blanchard returned Friday morning from Washington, D. C., where he went to attend a wedding in Government circles. He reports a pleasant trip.

Mr. E. R. McIntyre has accepted a position as salesman in the Pope drug store, succeeding Mr. O. S. Adkins, who recently resigned to enter business for himself at his home town, Lillington.

Miss Lizzie Caldwell returned Friday from Wilmington, where she had been under treatment for some time. Her many friends are delighted to see her and to learn that she is greatly improved.

The basket ball team of the graded school has gone to Maxton today for a game with the team of the Maxton school. The girls were accompanied by Miss Elizabeth Belk of the faculty of the school and Mrs. N. A. Thompson.

Prof. J. L. Woodward, principal of the Lumber Bridge high school, and son, Master Leonard, were among the Lumberton visitors Friday. Prof. Woodward's school will close May 25. The commencement will begin May 23d with a sermon by Rev. H. E. Gurney of Moaroe.

Canoeing down the Lumbee on a pleasant spring day is great sport, but for nature—or something unexpected—to turn the boat over and spill the occupants right into the water with their new spring clothes on is no pleasant April fool. That is just what happened to two young Lumberton sports yesterday.

Mr. A. J. Floyd, chairman of the board of county commissioners, who was in town Friday with his small daughter, Miss Nellie, says he has never known the ground to be in finer shape for planting than it has been this spring and that he does not believe the snow of a week ago hurt any early-planted corn at all.

Louis, 8-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Isham Kinlaw of Howellsville township, Tabernacle school district, was the biggest boy for his age among the large crowd here Friday; and it would take many crowds to furnish a boy to beat Louis. He weighs 120 pounds—15 pounds for each one of his eight years. Some weight for a boy of eight.

Master Walter Lee Jenkins, son of Mrs. Daisy W. Jenkins, while playing yesterday afternoon fell on a sharp plank and split his right knee open. Dr. R. S. Beam took him to the Thompson hospital and dressed the wound. (The accident was so painful that he was put to sleep and while asleep Dr. Beam removed his adenoids, which had been bothering him for some time.)

Mr. and Mrs. Alf. H. McLeod and Messdames L. R. Varser and T. A. McNeill, Jr., left this morning in Mr. McLeod's auto for a cross-country trip to Raleigh, where they will attend tomorrow afternoon and evening the festival concerts given by the Woman's Club of Raleigh, including the New York Symphony Orchestra, Walter Damrosch, manager. They will return Wednesday.

Mr. R. D. Capps of route 5 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Capps recently inserted a small ad in The Robesonian's penny column advertising cane seed. Mr. Capps says he has already sold 700 pounds of the seed at 10 cents per pound and expects to sell at least 1000. Think of it \$70 for cane seed. Mr. Capps planted 3 acres in cane, the seeded ribbon cane variety, last year and made 406 gallons of syrup. He said he lost as much as 250 gallons by not working his cane when ripe.

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