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MAYOR WHITE RENOMINATED

Town Primary Quiet—Mayor White Defeats Dr. McPhaul—Chief of Police Redfean Defeats 4 Opponents by Surprising Vote—K. M. Barnes, E. S. King, W. S. Wishart New Commissioners—L. R. Varsar, G. L. Thompson and C. V. Brown Elected on School Board—Election to Hold Nominations Will be Held Tuesday of Next Week.

In the town primary held Tuesday A. E. White, the present incumbent, was nominated for mayor over Dr. W. A. McPhaul by a majority of 43; H. H. Redfean, present incumbent, was nominated for chief of police over four opponents by a majority of 173. Mr. K. M. Barnes, A. S. King and W. S. Wishart were nominated for town commissioners, L. R. Varsar, C. V. Brown and G. L. Thompson were nominated for graded school trustees, Frank Gough, W. S. Britt and H. M. McAllister were nominated for members of the board of audit to succeed themselves without opposition.

The votes cast was perhaps the largest ever polled here, the number being 407, cast as follows: Mayor—A. E. White 216; W. A. McPhaul 173; chief of police—H. H. Redfean 282, D. P. Walters 64, P. P. Breen 25, Elmer McNeill 15, W. J. Britt 5; town commissioner—K. M. Barnes 238, A. S. King 227, W. S. Wishart 179, M. N. Folger 165, I. E. Bullard 139, C. M. Barker 100; graded school trustees—L. R. Varsar 250, C. V. Brown 226, Geo. L. Thompson 150, E. J. Britt 111, H. B. Jennings 122, L. T. Townsend 86, E. L. Holloway 73; board of audit and finance—Frank Gough 227, H. M. McAllister 222, W. S. Britt 220. In this box was found one vote each for Mr. W. H. Prevatt of Center and N. C. Stubbs of Moss Neck. These gentlemen being from the country it is not known just why they received the vote except it be that they have some very staunch friends in Lumberton.

The primary was perhaps the quietest ever held here, notwithstanding the fact that it brought out the largest vote. It looked like everybody voted just as he pleased without being bothered or pulled about by "helpers". In fact, it was a sane, sober primary and if any dirty work was done it was done very secretly indeed.

Perhaps the most surprising vote was that received by Chief of Police H. H. Redfean. His friends had expected that he would lead, but had no idea that he could win over his four opponents by so large a majority.

Members of the town board of town commissioners whose terms expired were L. T. Townsend, Geo. L. Thompson and S. H. Hamilton. They served the public faithfully and many would have been glad to vote for them to succeed themselves, but they declined to enter the race.

Members of the town board who hold over are L. C. Townsend, Jas. D. Proctor and W. P. McAllister. Members of the board of graded school trustees nominated Tuesday to succeed L. R. Varsar (nominated to succeed himself), L. H. Caldwell and L. E. Whaley. None of these gentlemen were candidates, but Mr. Varsar's name was placed on the ticket despite his previous statements to the effect that he would not be a candidate, and he led the ticket Tuesday despite his efforts on the day of the primary to induce folks not to vote for him. He was served acceptably during the past two years as chairman of this board.

Members of the school board who hold over are J. P. Russell, R. D. Caldwell, Alf. H. McLeod and Q. T. Williams, the last-named being secretary.

LUMBERTON TOBACCO MARKET

Experienced Warehousemen Have Rented Farmers Tobacco Warehouse—They Expect to Make Lumberton Market Second to None. It was stated in Monday's Robesonian that it was expected that Messrs. E. O. Bransford and E. W. Harris of Wendell, this State, would rent the Farmers Tobacco Warehouse here. Messrs. Bransford and Harris have closed the deal and Mr. Bransford is here getting things lined up. Both these gentlemen are experienced warehousemen, Mr. Bransford being the father of the Mullins, S. C., market, which up until the time he left it was the best market for the sale of leaf tobacco in the South Carolina belt. Mr. Bransford says he will get busy at once and secure a good corps of buyers and expects to make the Lumberton market second to none in the State.

FRENCH CRUISER SUNK

About 600 Men Perished—Work of Austrian Submarine.

The French armored cruiser Leon Gambetta has been torpedoed and sunk in the Ionian Sea, with the loss of all of her officers and all except 136 members of her crew, according to an official announcement today by the French ministry of marine. The number of the crew was not given, but it was believed the warship carried about 750. From this it was estimated that about 600 men perished.

While the French communication did not say by what the cruiser was torpedoed, an official announcement from Vienna tonight said the warship was sent down by the Austrian submarine U-5, commanded by Lieut. George Ritter von Trapp.

German Raider Kronprinz Wilhelm Will Intern.

A dispatch of the 26th from Newport News, Va., states that although he repeatedly declared that he would not intern but would attempt a dash to sea to resume his commerce-destraining cruise, Commander Thierfelder, of the German auxiliary cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm, on that day gave notice that he would intern his vessel. He said that it was his intention to go and that it had been his hope and expectation to do so, but owing to the illness of more than 60 of his crew he had had to abandon the idea.

GENERAL NEWS ITEMS

A dispatch of the 20th from Washington states that a scorched heat wave over the eastern half of the United States from the Mississippi valley to the Atlantic coast was causing suffering in the cities and serious damage to wheat and other crops in the agricultural districts. Reports to the Weather Bureau told of temperatures exceeding the highest ever recorded in April.

John Bunny, whose antics as a moving picture comedian have made millions laugh, died at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y., Monday. A strenuous month of work is believed to have caused the breakdown which resulted in his death. He was 52 years old and had been before the footlights 29 years before he entered the moving picture field 4 years ago. In the moving picture world he was regarded for a long time as the country's leading comedian, and was said to be receiving more salary than the President of the United States.

The general election will be held Monday of next week to confirm the nominations, of course the nomination in this case practically means election.

GERMAN ATTACK STOPPED

British Announce Conclusion of Another German Attempt to Break Through Allied Lines—Allies Have Yet to Win Back Ground Lost in Great German Sweep—Germans Bring Reinforcements From Belgium—In the Dardanelles and Carthians.

London Dispatch, 28th. "Only operations in conjunction with the French have definitely stopped the German attack."

Field Marshal Sir John French, commander-in-chief of the British forces on the continent, thus announces the conclusion of another German attempt to break through the Allied lines around Ypres and along the Yser canal, which brought one of the most sanguinary battles of the war.

This, however, only brings to an end the first phase of the battle, for the Allies have yet to win back the ground lost in the great German sweep. For this purpose, they are now delivering counter-attacks against the German lines. Only at one place—Steenstraete—have the western kept their footing on the north of Ypres the positions remain much as they were, the Allies making no claims to advance there, and the Germans reporting that all the British attacks have been repulsed.

To hold these lines the Germans have brought up further reinforcements and Belgium behind them, has been denied of troops. The towns and villages in Belgium are being guarded by only a handful of sentries.

Fighting also continues in Champagne where the Germans claim the capture of a strong French position in the Aronne and the Woivre where the French say they are progressing, and in the Vosges, where both sides claim to be in possession of Hartmannsweilerkopf. It is probable that this mountain which commands the plains of Alsace, has changed hands several times; this would account for the contradictory reports.

The Russians and Austro-Germans are heavily engaged in the region of Uzkok Pass, in the Carpathians, and in the direction of Stry, where an attempt is being made to strike at the Russian communications.

Berlin correspondents give the Austrians credit for the capture of a number of important heights near Uzkok Pass and also assert that they have driven the Russians out of Bukovina. But this is not backed up by the Austrian official report, which says that in Bukovina no important event has occurred.

There has been a renewal of activity on the East Prussian front, where the Germans report minor successes for their troops. A sensational report that 8,000 of the Allies' troops have been driven to the sea on the Gallipoli peninsula and that 12,000 were captured also comes from Berlin, but has no confirmation from other headquarters. It is said that the operations against the Dardanelles will proceed slowly as the Turks are strongly entrenched and their wire entanglements and trenches will have to be shelled heavily before the troops can make any serious attempt to advance.

Reports as to the intention of Italy, are as varied as they are numerous, but the Italian embassy at London has authorized the statement that nothing is known there of any impending change in the Italian policy.

Nothing further has been heard of the German fleet in the North sea, and it is contended in official quarters here that it never left the mine fields off Helgoland. In the Baltic, however, German warships are busy and have stopped a number of Swedish steamers carrying coal from English ports to Sweden.

HIGH SCHOOL MEETING

Mass Meeting Will be Held Tomorrow Evening at 8 O'clock at the Court House in the Interest of the Proposed High School—Everybody Invited to Attend.

A mass meeting will be held tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock in the court room at the court house in the interest of the proposed high school for Lumberton township. Everybody in the township is urged to attend this meeting. The time is getting short, the election is to be held Tuesday of next week, and what work is done must be done quickly.

This is the most important question that has come before the people of this township for decision in years. It is to be determined at that election whether or not the boys and girls of this township shall have high school advantages at home, advantages that they have a right to demand, advantages which children of other communities have.

Let as many women, children and men as can possibly do so attend the meeting tomorrow evening.

—Mr. Rowland Mercer of Bellamy was among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mr. Mercer says his mother, Mrs. M. J. Mercer, fell off a porch one day recently and was somewhat bruised up. She is 76 years old.

ORRUM COMMENCEMENT

Close of One of Best Sessions of a Far-Famed South Robeson High School—Excellent Exercises—Literary Address by Attorney General Bickett—Debate, Ball Game, Play—People Loyal to Their School. Yesterday marked the close of one of the best sessions in the history of the Orrum high school. The large crowd that attended the commencement exercises were highly entertained and as a whole the commencement was a grand success, even as was the session of the school a success.

The concert given by the school Tuesday evening was largely a tonic and those present expressed themselves as well pleased with the exercises.

The exercises of yesterday began at 9:30 a. m. with a musical selection ordered by two girls of the music class, after which the members of the graduating class, consisting of 5 young men, Messrs. Geo. Leano Nye, Boyd V. Williams, J. Carl Nye, Luther J. Britt and Willie F. Floyd, entertained those present for some time. Each member of this bright class of young men acquitted himself well, in a way that indicates that a bright future awaits each member. After their exercises were over the diplomas were awarded by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton.

No part of the programme was more highly enjoyed perhaps than the literary address which was delivered by Attorney General T. W. Bickett. The speaker was introduced in a very impressive manner by Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton. Several were heard to remark that the address of Mr. Bickett "rattled" anything it would be hard to find a more skilled one in the State than Mr. Bickett. He started off by referring to Robeson, of which he had heard so much, as being the best county in North Carolina, which brought ready applause. The speaker took as a subject "Money and its Relation to an Education". Mr. Bickett used all the weapons of an orator and showed very plainly that a dollar could not be spent in any way that would yield so great returns as in education. Education, declared the speaker, is the means for developing power both material and spiritual. First teach the boys and girls how to make an honest living, then teach them how to live the pure life. "The success of any citizen is a valuable asset to the country," declared the speaker. He showed that it is not so much in what a man does, but more in the spirit that backs the action. The speaker took occasion to pay high tribute to the soil tillers and declared that "the farmer, who has meat and bread in his barn and smokehouse can fling defiance at Wall Street as no other man can."

It matters not what a man's estate may be when he comes to die, if he has not put more into the world than he has obtained from the world he has made a failure in life.

Time forbids a fuller report of this splendid address, which was filled with wit, humor and common sense.

After Mr. Bickett's address and a beautiful musical selection had been rendered, the crowd was dismissed for dinner. The patrons of the school spread a bountiful, attractive and hunger-satisfying dinner on the grounds and all present seemed to have taken an active part in making way with a part of it, but plenty was left for another round.

At 2:30 p. m. the crowd reassembled for the purpose of listening to a lively debate by the junior debaters. The query was, "Resolved, That Judges Should be Subject to the Recall." The affirmative side was represented by Sam Floyd, Dewey Nye and Bruce Nye; the negative by Jasper Humphrey, Tom Britt and Boyce Prevatt. The judges were Prof. J. R. Poole of Lumberton, Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth of Barnesville and Rev. B. E. Stanfield of Fairmont. The speakers all defended their side in a forceful manner, in a manner that made it hard for the judges to decide which side had produced the best argument. The decision was two to one in favor of the affirmative.

At 4:30 p. m. an interesting ball game was played between the Orrum and Fairmont teams. The score was 14 to 6 in favor of the visiting team.

A play given by the school last night was largely attended and those present report the play highly entertaining.

The Orrum high school, situated in one of the most progressive sections of the county, is one of the four State high schools in the county, and the session just closed was one of the best in the history of the school, declare the patrons. The school has been under the efficient management of Prof. W. E. Fleming, assisted by Misses Dovie and Edna Prevatt and Grace Short. The music department has been under the direction of Miss Flora Frink.

It would be a difficult task to find a section where the people generally take more interest in their school and school work than do the people who live in the Orrum high school district and it would be hard to find a school that has meant more to the people of any section than this school has meant to the boys and girls of South Robeson.

It is understood that the trustees of the school have secured the services of Prof. Fleming for next session of the school. It has not been learned whether or not the assistant teachers will return.

BUTE NEWS BATCH

Philadelphus Commencement Tomorrow—Heavy Rain—Antioch School Closes—Personal Mention. Correspondence of The Robesonian, Buie, Apr. 28.—Miss R. D. Buie and Messrs. J. B. Humphrey, Allen Brown and Walter McMillan were Fayetteville visitors Saturday.

The Philadelphus high school will come to a close this week. The exercises will commence on tonight at 8 o'clock and Thursday night at the same hour. On Friday there will be an address delivered by Mr. T. L. Johnson of Lumberton at 11 o'clock. Everybody is cordially invited to be present.

Probably one of the largest rains that has fallen here in quite a while came down in torrents Wednesday night.

Miss Annie Kerby of Clinton is visiting in the Philadelphus community this week.

Mr. Bascomb Ashley spent Thursday in Maxton.

Misses Maria McMillan, Annie Kerby and Willie McMillan and W. H. M. Brown attended the closing exercises of the Antioch school in Ioke county Monday night, which was a success from start to finish. The Antioch school is making progress along the lines of education. The people in this community have something to be proud of in the way of a school building. It is one of the most modern and up-to-date in the county.

Misses Laura Jones and Maria McMillan and Mrs. Lizzie McMillan spent Friday in Lumberton. Mr. and Mrs. Allen Brown and daughter, Miss Esther, spent Saturday in Fayetteville. Miss Mettie Brown is spending a while in the Philadelphus community. Messrs. I. T. Brown and Paisy McMillan are spending today in Lumberton.

The elders and deacons of the Philadelphus church had the pleasure of being entertained at the home of Mr. D. M. McKay. Among the fortunate ones to be present were Messrs. Paisy McMillan, John M. Brown, Jim McCallum, William Tidy, Sandy McNeill, I. T. Brown and G. A. McKay. A bountiful dinner was served, and in the afternoon the church business was transacted, and all left hoping ere long they would have the pleasure of meeting again at this grand old home.

Misses Grace and Georgia McMillan, Leona Kerby and Annie Kerby together with Messrs. Willie McMillan and Willie Brown attended the closings exercises of the Antioch school Tuesday night.

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

G. W. Club Meets With Miss Ada Marie Henley—Dr. J. W. Wells Pounded.

Marietta, April 27.—The G. W. Club met with Miss Ada Marie Henley Saturday p. m. at her home, "The Oaks". The guests were met by the hostess and ushered into the parlor, which was daintily decorated with pink and white. After a brief business session the guests enjoyed general conversation while they were busily engaged in doing various kinds of needlework until luncheon hour. The hostess, assisted by her mother, Mrs. P. C. Henley, and little sister, Eva, then served a delicious salad course with pickles and peanut butter sandwiches, followed by cake, whipped cream and fudge. There were ten members present and the afternoon was one of pleasure to all.

Mrs. Fannie McArthur and son, Mr. C. W., from near Rowland visited last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Oliver. Mr. Marion Oliver of Dillon was in our town last week. Miss Nannie Oliver is visiting relatives in Marion.

Dr. J. J. W. Wells was agreeably surprised last Saturday night when called to the door to find there a number of the Woodmen of the World with baskets well filled with things for the pantry and a check given by the lodge in behalf of Mrs. Cox in appreciation of his charitable medical service to her before and since her return from the hospital at Lumberton, where some of the citizens in and around Marietta kept her for several weeks during her illness; and we are sorry to report her condition still bad, for we as a community appreciate the interest Dr. Wells has taken in this sufferer and are indeed proud of our Woodcraft. May God help and bless them in their noble work.

Card of Thanks

I appreciate more than I can convey in words the splendid and loyal support given me by my friends in the recent primary for mayor. In this and other manifestation of your confidence and esteem I find much pleasure, and I assure one and all that I will endeavor to give my town, without regard to section, the very best service that it is mine to give. To those who saw fit to support my opponent I have nothing but the kindest feeling and you can rest assured that it will be my pleasure to serve you in the interest of our town. I'm quite sure that no one will ask for or expect special privileges at my hand; they are not mine to give; but you have a right to expect and shall receive even handed justice to all alike. Your advice and co-operation will at all times be greatly appreciated.

A. E. WHITE.

WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Ending Wednesday, April 28, 1915. For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: Generally fair weather with temperatures near the seasonal average probable during the coming week.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton is bringing 9 1/4 cent, per pound on the local market today.

—Regular convocation Lumberton Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Fred West and Vernon Baker; J. Douglass Jacobs and Francis Hodges.

—Prof. W. Tom Jenrette, principal of the Marietta high school, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. The commencement of this school will be held May 6 and 7.

—Music pupils of Miss Christine Gower will give a recital at the graded school auditorium tomorrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. The program which will be rendered is published elsewhere in this issue. The public is invited.

—Mrs. Stephen McIntyre went yesterday to Raleigh to be with her daughter, Miss Mildred, a student at Meredith College, who was hurt by falling down steps at the college. It has not been learned how badly she was hurt.

—Mrs. H. B. Jennings, and two sons, Masters Neil Archie and Dudley, returned Tuesday morning from Baltimore Md., where they spent three weeks. Mrs. Jennings took the children there for treatment for malaria and they are much improved.

—Attorney General T. W. Bickett spent Tuesday night in town en route to Orrum, where yesterday he delivered the literary address of the Orrum high school. Mr. Bickett does not at all deny the fact that he expects to be North Carolina's next Governor.

—In stating in Monday's Robesonian that Mrs. Ola Lamb would leave on that day for Raleigh to accept a position as a seamstress the initials of her husband, from whom she applied for a divorce last January, were incorrectly given. His initials are W. C. instead of W. A.

—Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, left this morning for Delway, Sampson county, where tomorrow he will deliver the literary address at the closing exercises of the Dell school. Mr. Greaves will be back in time to conduct his regular services, Sunday.

—The Robesonian acknowledges with thanks an invitation from Mr. Chappell Wilson, a member of the graduating class, to the 58th annual commencement of Mars Hill College at Mars Hill, May 5 to 7. Mr. Wilson is among the senior orators and his subject is "Character as a Permanent Building."

—Work was begun this morning on remodeling the Pastime theatre. The building will be extended back 25 feet, an inclined floor will be put in and the ceiling raised higher. A stage and dressing rooms will be arranged for pictures or vaudeville shows. The work will not in any way conflict with the regular picture service for the present, and probably not but a very few days at all. Mr. J. M. Russell, local architect, drew the plans for the change.

—In a lively game on the local grounds at the graded school Monday afternoon, Carolina College basketball team defeated the Lumberton team school team by a close score, 11 to 9. A number of rooters came over from Maxton to see the game and a good-sized crowd of town people witnessed the game. This was the second game this season between these teams, the first game, played a few weeks ago on the college grounds at Maxton, resulting in a victory for Lumberton by the score of 18 to nothing.

—The 12th episode of "The Perils of Pauline" will be run at the Pastime theatre this evening. Besides this, Francis X. Bushman, one of Lumberton's favorite players, will be seen in a two-reel Essany picture entitled "Sparks of Fate". The fifth reel will be a Vitagraph comedy entitled "A Horseshoe—For Luck", featuring Sidney Drew. Tomorrow the regular Friday Paramount feature will be presented in five reels, showing "The Master Mind." In this absorbing drama will be seen the lead Edmund Breese, one of the foremost dramatic stars.

Notices of New Advertisements.

Program at Star theatre. Ladies' Home Journal pattern, for sale—K. M. Biggs. K. M. Biggs. Cotton seed meal, hulls, molasses feed and grain—K. M. Biggs. Mul for sale—K. M. Biggs. National "Made in U. S. A. Week", a National wide booster movement in which the store of R. D. Caldwell & Son joins with all the resources at its command. Jap-a-Lav, "the king of household finishes"—L. H. Caldwell Hdw. Dept. Fresh vegetable—Parlor Grocery.

MAYOR A. E. WHITE



Mayor White holds the record for Lumberton, no doubt, in the number of times he has served the town as mayor. He was renominated for a seventh term in a primary held Tuesday of this week. He has made a progressive official. Practically all the street and sidewalk paving has been done during his adminis-

tration of the town's affairs. Perhaps the most notable improvement made during the term he is just ending is the installation of a "white way" not excelled in the United States. That Mayor White's next administration will be equally as progressive as has been his past administrations no one doubts.