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High School Meeting Favorable Sentiment Growing

Mass Meeting Friday Night—Strong Speeches Made in Favor of Proposed High School—Outrageous Treatment Given Advocates of the Proposed School by Superintendent of Lumberton Cotton Mills—Messrs. Gough and Sentelle Locked Out of School Auditorium and Lights Turned Off When They Wanted to Address Citizens of Mill Village—Sentiment Seems to be Growing in Favor of School.

A large number of men, women and children assembled in the court house Friday evening to show their interest in the proposed high school for Lumberton township. Earnest and enthusiastic speeches were made by several citizens and altogether it was a very interesting and profitable meeting. As stated in Monday's Robesonian, a mass meeting of the same nature as this was held on last Thursday night and it was then decided to hold another meeting. The influence of these meetings will no doubt be felt in the election to be held here tomorrow on the question of creating of Lumberton township a high school district, issuing bonds therefor in the sum of \$20,000, and levying a tax—only a small tax—for the support of the same.

Lights and Light

Mr. J. P. Russell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided, calling the meeting to order at 8:30. Mr. Russell then explained the purpose of the meeting. This meeting is held for the purpose of deciding on the proposed school bonds and is the second meeting that we have had of this kind, Mr. Russell said. "We have very poor lights here tonight, I am sorry to say, but I hope that we have plenty of light morally and spiritually," stated Mr. Russell. "The light of men goes farther than any other light. Between the boy or girl who is sitting on a three-legged stool beside an old table studying with the aid of a candle but who has spiritual light and a boy or girl in a fine chair and studying under a fine electric light who has not got spiritual light, give me the one that is studying under the candle light." Mr. Russell stated that he wanted to hear from the opponents on this question and wanted them to ask all the questions they wanted to on it. He said that he was not going to answer the questions, but he had men there who would answer them satisfactorily. Mr. Russell then called on Mr. Frank Gough to explain the situation as he saw it.

Mr. Gough Favors Tax

Mr. Gough is heartily in favor of the proposed high school, and made a very interesting speech. He said in part: "I am in favor of a high school, a low school or any other kind of a school that has anything to do with the upbuilding and betterment of the community. I am willing to have my property taxed for this high school. While I only have one child to educate and I am not obliged to have a high school to educate him in, I am able to send him off to receive his high school education, but thank God I don't belong to that set of selfish people who say, 'Oh well, I am able to educate my children without sending them to a high school and I will not bother about yours.' I am in favor of a high school for the principle of the thing if for nothing else."

Advocates of High School Insulted

"I would not be true to myself and to you if I were not to explain to you tonight a matter that has been going from mouth to mouth today in regard to the treatment Prof. Sentelle and I received at East Lumberton last night. Twelve years ago I started a religious movement there. I devoted a great deal of time to the cause and stood by the people in person and not in proxy. I labored with the people and did all that I could for them. Last night in company with Prof. Sentelle I went out there to hold a mass meeting and give the people some information on the proposed high school proposition. When we got there the school house was in darkness. A gentleman nearby informed us that a man was holding a meeting near by and that he understood that there was to be a meeting held in the school house and would be through with his meeting in time for the people to attend this meeting. We waited awhile and as no one came to unlock the school house a boy climbed in the window and turned on the lights. Before we had got started good the superintendent, in company with another man from town, drove up in his car and got out and went to the school house and turned off the lights, locked the school house and went in the darkness in the crowd. Here we were out there in the darkness and no place to go. Gentlemen, I take this to be an insult. I didn't care so much for myself as for Mr. Sentelle. To him it was a black insult, and I am ashamed of it. I can be a man's opponent and still be his friend and fellow-man."

Mr. Caldwell Sorry About Incident at Mill Auditorium.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell made a reply to Mr. Gough in a few words in regard to the treatment that he (Mr. Gough) and Mr. Sentelle re-

ceived at East Lumberton Thursday night. "I am very sorry indeed that this happened and I assure you that the mill authorities knew nothing of it or it would not have happened," declared Mr. Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell said the management of the mill did not know that a meeting of this nature was to be held at the mill Thursday night or they would have told the superintendent to allow a meeting in the school house. Until about 2 or 3 years ago the cotton mills paid the teachers at the mill. The school was started about 8 years ago and the mills bore all the expenses of building a school house and securing teachers. They continued to bear the expense, until about 3 years ago when Prof. Poole supplied teachers. Since that time they have been paying a part of the expenses. Last winter they paid for the fuel used by the school and also paid the janitor and some other incidentals. He again asserted that if the cotton mill managers had known of this meeting that this treatment would have never occurred, and that he was sorry it happened.

Women Interested.

Mr. S. McIntyre was then called on. He started with remark that he saw more women present than men and from the appearance it might be a suffrage meeting. "The presence of these women here tonight," he said, "goes to prove that they have the interest of the children at heart and are taking an active part in seeing that the children get an education. If they continue to do as they have started, there is no doubt about their being allowed to vote." He regretted very much the incident that occurred Friday night. "We need more meetings of this kind for the benefit of those who do not understand it. There are a lot of people who need more light, more sense and need to think better in order to discuss this question. They are afraid to come out to the meetings for fear they will be convinced that they are wrong. They are wrong and they know that they are, but they don't want to be told of it, declared Mr. McIntyre. No good movement was ever started but what it was opposed. As an illustration he gave an incident that occurred in 1899 when he was a member of the State Senate. He introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for free schools. Was this opposed? Yes, it was. He had Mr. J. D. Holeman, who was representing Ireland county in the House of Representatives at that time, to introduce the bill in the House and he was laughed at, and the House only passed it because they thought that the Senate would kill it; but the Senate passed it; and in 1901 \$200,000 was appropriated to be used for free schools. We must go ahead over the protest of strong men. We have got to overcome all this. A man that will oppose education is a bad man or there is something the matter with his head. "Take the churches and schools out of Robeson county for 10 miles around Lumberton and I would not have the land if you would give it to me," declared the speaker. We are at the crisis right now. The high school education up to the time goes to college is very valuable, more valuable than a college education."

People Follow Good Schools

Mr. McIntyre said he was at Black Ankle Thursday and was talking to a man in regard to school facilities. This man said he was in favor of good schools, and that they have good schools that runs 6 months, but he said, "I want to have a law passed to levy a tax on us so that we may have a better school." "I am glad that there are some who are in favor of an education," said the speaker. "I am sure that you all will not get any more cursing if you vote for this high school than I did when I started the graded school; and look what it has done. It has brought people here. It was the school that brought them and not the cotton mills. The people will not come here unless you give them the very best school facilities."

Err On Side of Child If At All

Mr. McIntyre expects that after this war is over this country will be stocked with foreigners, and that they will be educated, too. "If we don't educate our boys and girls to fill the places of trust and duty the foreigners will push them out. Are you going to neglect the boys and girls because you are afraid that a little tax will hurt your bank stock or your milk stock. You will look after that and let the boys and girls go to Hong Kong. The man that does this is making a great mistake. If I was going to make an error I should lose rather than make it in favor of the child than against him."

It Would Be a Shame

Mr. Russell then called on Prof. Sentelle to give a few statistics of the number of students in the high school here. In the high school department of the graded school here there is an enrollment of about 100 students. Out of this 100 students 12 will graduate this year, leaving 88 to attend high school next year. There are about 50 that will be promoted from the seventh grade to the high school this year, making a total of nearly 150 students that will have to stay at home or go away to school next year if this high school bond issue is defeated tomorrow. The majority of them are too young to go away to school.

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AMERICAN SHIP TORPEDOED

Sank off Cilly Islands Saturday—Captain and Two Men Dead—No Comment From Washington.

London Dispatch, 2d.

The American oil tank steamer Gulf Light, which sailed from Port Arthur, Texas, April 10, for Rouen, France, was torpedoed at noon Saturday, off the Scilly Islands, according to a Central News dispatch today.

The captain of the Gulf Light, according to the same advices, died of heart failure as a result of shock. Two seamen jumped overboard and were drowned.

The other members of the crew were taken off by a patrol boat. The vessel was towed into Crow Sound and beached.

Washington, May 2—Press reports of the torpedoing of the American steamer Gulf Light and the loss of her captain and some members of the crew created a stir tonight in official circles here. If first reports are borne out, the attack on the Gulf Light constitutes the first case of an American ship struck by a torpedo with the consequent loss of lives.

Lightning Struck 3 Residences In and Near Town Last Night.

During the rain and electric storm last night the Rowland home in the northern part of town was struck by lightning and quite a bit of damage done in the way of tearing plastering down, tearing up ceilings and knocking shingles off the roof. It seems that lightning struck the building about where the phone line entered and jumped to the room on the other side of the building. As it happened, no one was sleeping in either of the two rooms where the lightning did its work. Lightning also struck the residence of Mr. Geo. Boone, who lives near Cliftonville church, and knocked a stove chimney down. The residence of Mr. J. A. Branch on Third street was also struck and a few shingles knocked off of the house, which was the only damage done. Lightning also struck a telephone pole on Second street near the home of Mr. Ed Shooter.

Notices of New Advertisements.

A reusing response has greeted displays of U. S. A. goods at R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store. These displays will continue to May 15.

"Perils of Pauline," "The Livid Flame" and "Twins and Trouble" at Pastime tomorrow.

"Between Savage and Tiger" at Star theatre tomorrow.

Twenty-first of May celebration and trade carnival at Charlotte.

Fresh milk—Frank M. Watts.

Rev. I. Z. Phillips, the hygienic man, gives testimonials as to the worth of his treatment.

Statement by Chief of Police H. H. Redfeard.

Among the Sick.

Mrs. W. P. McAllister returned Saturday night from Richmond, Va., where she spent a few days in the Hygeia hospital for treatment. Her many friends will be pleased to learn that she is greatly improved. Mr. McAllister went to Richmond Saturday and accompanied her home.

The condition of Mrs. A. B. Small, who has been very ill at her home, First street, for several days, is thought to be improving. Mrs. Small has been suffering with malaria and cold.

Mrs. R. E. Sentelle went Friday to Richmond, Va., to consult a specialist. Her health has not been very good for several weeks.

County Funds to Bank of Red Springs

School Funds to National Bank of Lumberton and First National Bank

The county commissioners are holding their regular monthly meeting today. Bids were received this morning for deposit of public moneys and the bid of the Bank of Red Springs was accepted. The county board of education, in session also today, decided that the county school funds should be divided equally between the National Bank of Lumberton and the First National Bank of Lumberton.

Two German Torpedo Boats Destroyed After British Destroyer Is Torpedoed.

London Dispatch, 2d.

A German submarine on Saturday sank the old British destroyer Recruit off the Galloper lightship, in the North Sea, but the score was more than equalized by other British destroyers, which, after a stern chase, overtook and sank the two German torpedo boats that had accompanied the submarine on her cruise.

Five Crimson Clover.

Mr. W. D. Barfield of Lumberton, route 1, Howellsville township, was among the visitors, in town Saturday. Mr. Barfield brought some fine crimson clover to the Robesonian office which he grew on his farm this year. Mr. Barfield said that it had been rumored around that this clover would not grow here but that this grew on his farm without any inoculation whatever.

Mr. N. A. Ratley of Fairmont is among the visitors in town today. Messrs. Wesley Kirby and John West of Pembroke are among the visitors in town today.

PHILADELPHUS COMMENCEMENT

Large Crowd Attended Exercises Final Day—Literary Address by Mr. T. L. Johnson—An Excellent High and Farm-Life School in One of Best Rural Districts in the World—Literary and Practical Training Go Hand in Hand.

Friday of last week marked the close of the Philadelphia high and farm-life school. The commencement exercises began on Wednesday night, when a large crowd was well pleased with the exercises by the students. On Thursday night a play given by the school was highly enjoyed by a large crowd.

Friday the exercises were attended by several hundred people from many sections of the county. The exercises were opened at 11 o'clock a. m. with prayer led by Rev. H. M. Dixon, pastor of Philadelphia Presbyterian church. Next a beautiful instrumental musical selection was rendered by Miss Irene Sinclair, after which the speaker of the occasion, Mr. Thos. L. Johnson of Lumberton, was introduced by Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction. Prof. Poole took occasion to commend the good public-spirited and progressive citizens of that district for the interest they take in their school and making that far famed community what it is. Prof. Poole also assured those present that a treat was in store for them in Mr. Johnson's address, and before he had finished, all realized that he was right.

The speaker started off by seconding Prof. Poole's commendation of the great progress being made by the people of that section. Many remarked that they had not heard a more practical educational address than that of Mr. Johnson. He showed very plainly educating a child resulted in bringing out of the boy or girl all that God had put into him or her. North Carolina is a great State, rich in mineral resources, fertile farming lands, water and other things," declared the speaker, but her greatest resources are the minds of the bright boys and girls, and the men of wealth are beginning to realize that the money spent on education brings greater returns than that spent in any other way.

The speaker declared that the hate of taxation had been the greatest drawback the country had ever experienced. It has caused the cause of education to lag and has robbed the boys and girls of the past of their rights along the line of education.

"The politicians have been largely responsible for this," declared the speaker. "They have used the slogan of lower taxes for platforms and in so doing have had much to do with creating a hate for taxation. The typical politician is of no good to the world. We need men to run our government who study something more than politics." The speaker commended the work being done by the farm-life department of the Philadelphia school, and showed in glowing terms how it was teaching the boys and girls to love farm life. Mr. Johnson's address was a gem and no doubt will give the people of that section encouragement to go forward with the great work they have undertaken.

This school, housed in one of the most up-to-date and modern in every respect brick building to be found in the State, is located in one of the best rural districts, not only in Robeson county or North Carolina, but in the world. It is right in the center of the first rural district in the United States to complete the sanitary health work. It is in this community that one can see the real pleasure and sweetness of country life demonstrated. One visitor at the commencement was heard to remark that it made one feel five years younger just to spend a few hours in that progressive community. There boys and girls are not only given a literary training, but are taught agriculture and domestic science and one only has to see the work, such as cooking, sewing, drawing and other things, to think what it will mean to the boys and girls of the "State of Robeson" who come in contact with the school.

In connection with the school a farm is being cultivated, modern and up-to-date barns and stables are being erected and every phase of farm life from the growing of the food-stuff to the preparing it for the table is taught. Prof. S. J. Kirby is principal of the farm-life department of the school and is ably assisted by Miss Magie Brown.

The teachers in the literary department were Prof. Clifton McLeod, principal; Miss Katie McIntyre, 8th and 9th grades; Miss Berta Cox, 4th to 7th grades; Miss Katie Bue, primary grade. The music department was under the management of Miss Mabel Currie, and judging from the general talk of the patrons the work of all the teachers was very satisfactory, and the teachers were highly pleased with co-operation given them by the parents, which has a deal to do with determining the success of a school.

At a meeting of the board of trustees held Friday afternoon all the teachers were re-elected for next term.

The people of this section take great pleasure in entertaining visitors and to go there once gives one the desire to go again. Always on these commencement occasions they spread a table, public for all, and fill it with the best of everything to eat. A table set by the good ladies

FINALS AT ST. PAULS

Graded School Closes With Baseball Game and Music Recital—Entire Faculty Re-elected But Principal Olive Accepts Position With Delway High School Next Year.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Pauls, May 2.—The St. Pauls graded school closed Friday afternoon. A baseball game, exercises by the children Friday afternoon and a musical recital given by Miss Ina Poole, teacher of music, Friday evening went to make up the commencement.

The exercises Friday afternoon by the children were first from start to finish. They consisted of a May pole dance and several songs. After this the diplomas were awarded the students who completed the seventh grade work this year. There were 25 students who received their diplomas. They were the first diplomas of their kind to be awarded here. Mr. L. Metcathy delivered them to the pupils with a short but impressive speech. Following the exercises in the school house was a ball game between Red Springs and St. Pauls. The game was good but it was not very interesting as St. Pauls defeated the visitors 16 to 5.

The school auditorium was crowded to overflowing Friday evening when exercises were rendered by the music pupils of the school. They were fine and are being highly praised by all who heard them.

The faculty had intended to get up a commencement but the school closed two weeks earlier than had been expected on account of financial conditions and it was impossible to get up a commencement, then. The school has been running 8 months but was cut to 7-1-2 months this year and will be reduced to 7 months next term.

All the faculty were re-elected for another term. Only three have accepted however—Misses Poole, Lancaster and Livingstone. Our energetic principal, Prof. L. R. Olive, has accepted the principalship of the Delway high school, Delway, for another term. Prof. Olive has done a great work here and the Delway school is to be congratulated on securing the services of such a man.

This has been one of the most successful terms ever taught here. Prof. Olive with his able assistants deserves special mention for the good work they have done.

JUDGE CARTER EXONERATED

No Immorality or Corruption But Uncontrolled Temper Says Legislative Committee—Record Against Solicitor Abernethy Should be Expunged.

Raleigh Dispatch, 1st.

The legislative committee that investigated the charges brought against Judge Frank Carter, as the outcome of the Carter-Abernethy controversy, made its findings yesterday afternoon.

The report is lengthy and in detail. It absolves Judge Carter from charges reflecting on his moral character and finds no trace whatever of any corruption, but it does assert that the judge was wrong in his action in New Bern, "acting harshly and arbitrarily, unwisely exercised his judicial discretion, lost his temper and used intemperate language, but at no time acted corruptly." Therefore the committee finds that Solicitor Abernethy is entitled to have the record made against him in the contempt case expunged. The committee does not find, however, that the solicitor was wrong in not obeying the mandate of the judge to be seated.

The committee finds no grounds for impeachment.

It is understood that the investigation has cost the State \$2,500, more than \$1,000 having been required to pay the per diem and mileage of witnesses.

GOOD RAIN LAST NIGHT

All Sections of County Visited—Much Tobacco Will be Set Out Today.

Farmers from all sections of the county in town today report good rains last night, which means much to the county, as in some sections cotton was not up and the tobacco growers were fast losing hope of getting their plants transplanted in time to make a crop. There will be thousands of acres of the "weed" set today, no doubt.

The old cemetery near the union station has been made pretty and attractive by some good work that has been done by the town recently. The grounds have been thoroughly cleaned off and the trees whitewashed. Mr. M. F. Caldwell has made beautiful the park back of his residence on Caldwell street, a park on the river bank, by the same process, and the ladies of the Civic Association, as has been mentioned have done some good work of the same kind on the river bank at the double-track suspension bridge.

of that section will make a man hungry. All the large crowd who attended the commencement Friday were well fed and there was plenty left.

Other sections of Robeson will no doubt fall in line and in time the whole county will be the rural paradise that Philadelphia now is.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McLeod, Saturday, a fine boy.

Middling cotton is selling for 9 cents per pound on the local market today.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Griffin of Lumberton, route 6, Wednesday morning a daughter, Lillian May, weight 4 pounds.

License has been issued for the marriage of David Thompson and Ethel Game of St. Pauls; W. F. Dew and Flora Mitchell of Rex.

Mr. Gaston Prevatt of Back Swamp is among the visitors in town today. Mr. Prevatt says a much-needed rain fell in his section last night.

The Star theatre entertained the 7th, 8th and 9th grades of the graded school Friday afternoon from 1:30 to 6:30, showing five reels of motion pictures.

Mrs. N. A. McLean will go to Wilmington tomorrow night, where Wednesday and Thursday she will attend the annual meeting of the Colonial Dames.

Mr. J. H. Sutton of Mt. Eliam was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Sutton reports a heavy rain that was very much needed in that section last night.

Mrs. Ben G. Floyd returned last evening from Maiden, where she was called several days ago on account of illness of one of her brothers. The child was much better when she left.

Mr. J. B. Sealey of Barnesville was among the visitors, in town Saturday. Mr. Sealey says the farmers down his way are setting out tobacco plants and watering them, which is a slow job.

Messrs. Jno. G. Proctor and C. E. Jackson spent Thursday of last week at Red Springs. The boys rode bicycles and are now ready to agree that to sit down and walk 40 miles is no small job.

The music pupils of Miss Christine Gower gave a recital in the graded school auditorium Friday evening. A large crowd was present and all who attended report a most excellent recital.

Mr. J. J. Shaw, secretary-treasurer of the Rex local of the Farm-ers Union, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Shaw reported the dry weather injuring corn in his section, but things are not so dry today.

Mr. Richard Humphrey of Sadler's Creek section was among the visitors in town this morning. Mr. Humphrey reports a big rain and some hail in his section last night. The hail stones were small and did no damage to crops, he says.

Mrs. Stephen McIntyre returned Thursday from Raleigh, where she went to be with her daughter, Miss Mildred, who fell down steps at Meredith College, where she is a student. Miss Mildred was right badly hurt, but is improving.

Gen. and Mrs. F. A. Bond of Hunter's Lodge, near Buie, will move Thursday to their summer home at Fort Fisher sea beach, near Wilmington, where recently they erected a cottage. Gen. Bond was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Mr. Archie Collins of Charlotte passed through town last week en route to the home of his father near Proctorville, where he is spending some time. Mr. Collins is in the lumber business and is one of Robeson's many sons who has made good in other parts.

Mr. F. L. Stephens will leave this evening for Henderson, where he will attend the annual meeting of the Undertakers and Embalmers Association to be held in that place on tomorrow, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. Mr. Stephens has acted as vice president of this association for the past 3 years.

Mr. W. O. Singletary, formerly of Lumberton but who had been making his home at Burgaw for some time, left Saturday for Ruthersford, where he will spend the summer in the real estate and insurance business. Mrs. Singletary and son, Master Edgar, are guests at the home of Mrs. Singletary's father, Mr. J. E. Price, at McDonald, where Mr. Singletary spent a few days last week.

Mr. LeRoy Bullard brought three eggs down street this morning that vary very much in size. He says they were all laid by one White Leghorn hen. The largest is almost as large as a goose egg, and Mr. Bullard says the hen has been laying one that size every day for several months. The next largest was about the size of a common hen egg and the smallest not much larger than a bird egg. Mr. Bullard says when the hen stopped laying she quit off by laying the second largest egg next to last and the smallest last.

Mr. J. A. Green, Jr., of the News and Observer staff, and Messrs. Lacy McKenzie and S. L. Martin, students of Page's School of Pharmacy, Raleigh, came to Lumberton Friday, making the trip in an auto. Mr. Green spent Friday night at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Green, Sr., and returned in the auto Saturday. Messrs. McKenzie and Martin remained over. Mr. Martin, who formerly held a position in the McDonald drug store here, returned last night and Mr. McKenzie left this morning to resume their studies.