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## MISSSES FLOYD, HOWARD, MAXWELL AND STEELE ARE THE WINNERS

These Four Young Ladies Leave Tomorrow for a Tour of Washington at the Expense of The Robesonian—Active Candidates Worked Hard and Deserve Credit.

Miss Christine Floyd of Fairmont, Miss Clyde Howard of St. Pauls, Miss Gertrude Maxwell of Tolarsville and Miss Cornelia Steele of Lumberton were the successful candidates in The Robesonian's educational campaign, which closed Saturday night at 9 o'clock.

These ladies will leave tomorrow for Washington on Bethune's annual tour of the National Capital, and they go at the expense of The Robesonian.

The active candidates in this race worked hard and they all deserve much credit for the effort they have made. A great many of them worked under disadvantages. Miss Belle Johnson, who holds fifth place among the candidates, was late in entering the race and was able to give but a small part of her time to the work.

Miss Katie Stone, standing sixth in the list of candidates, was among the last to enter the race and her school never closed until Friday of last week. All the active candidates, those who lost as well as those who won, are to be congratulated on the effort they made.

Messrs. C. V. Brown, J. B. Bowen and J. Q. Beckwith acted as judges in counting up the ballots and checking the standing of the candidates.

Following is the standing of the active candidates:

Miss Clyde Howard	52,004
Miss Gertrude Maxwell	49,661
Miss Belle Johnson	42,390
Miss Christine Floyd	68,158
Miss Cornelia Steele	48,260
Miss Katie Stone	36,510
Miss Daisy McNeill	3,960

## Post Daylight Robbery—Bakery Entered Yesterday.

Robbers entered the Lumberton bakery on Fourth street yesterday between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 5 o'clock p. m. and broke open a trunk belonging to the proprietor, Mr. C. C. Stophel, and took his razor, went through the cash register and took about 60 cents that had been left in it Saturday night, and lots of pies and cakes and ransacked things in general. The entrance was made through a window in the back of the building. After the building was entered the back door was opened from the inside. Mr. Stophel was out of town, but Mrs. Stophel was at the bakery at 10 o'clock yesterday morning and returned at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and learned what had taken place.

This was a bold act and while no arre have been made there is thought to be some clue to the guilty parties.

Mrs. Stophel says that she thinks the robbers were looking for money, but finding but little they decided to fill up on cakes and pies.

## Meeting for Consolidation of School Districts—Ex-Solicitor Sinclair Commencement Speaker.

County Supt. J. R. Poole and Mr. H. E. Stacy of the State Department of Education, attended Friday evening at Rowland a meeting held to consider a proposition to consolidate the Alfordville and Student's Hope schools with the Rowland high school and run a school wagon. Mr. Stacy made an address on education and in the proposed consolidation and Mr. Brogden spoke on consolidation. This is the first effort made in the county to consolidate districts and run a school wagon and it has not yet been decided whether or not the consolidation will be made. Mr. Brogden came to Lumberton from Rowland with Messrs. Stacy and Poole and spent the night with Supt. Poole.

Commencement is on at the Rowland high school. Tomorrow ex-Solicitor N. A. Sinclair of Fayetteville will deliver the commencement address.

## Robeson Poultry Association Meets This Evening.

Mr. A. G. Oliver, of the State Department of Agriculture, in charge of the poultry division, will address the meeting of the Robeson Poultry Association at the court house this evening at 8 o'clock. Mr. Oliver will have something to say that will be helpful to all poultry raisers and the meeting this evening no doubt will be well attended.

## Recorder's Court.

The following cases have been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt: M. Allen was given a hearing Saturday charged with cruelty to animals. Judgment was suspended on payment of the cost, which amounted to \$9. Geo. Allen was tried for trespass Saturday. Prayer for judgment was continued on payment of cost. Lee Farnell, a young white man of the Saddle Tree section, was given a hearing before Recorder Britt this morning on a charge of cruelty to animals. He was fined \$2.50 and the case in the action. Lester Brown, a young white man of the St. Pauls section, was sentenced Saturday by Recorder Butler of St. Pauls to 6 months on the roads for larceny.

## BACCALAUREATE SERMON

Inspiring Sermon to Graduating Class of High School by Rev. C. L. Greaves—Theme: The Best Investment of One's Life. Commencement of the Lumberton graded school began yesterday morning with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves at the First Baptist Church, of which he is pastor. Services began at 11 o'clock. There was special music by the choir and a solo by Mrs. R. R. Carlyle. Rev. W. R. Davis, pastor of East Lumberton Baptist church, led the first prayer. Rev. J. Frank Gorrell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, read the Scripture lesson and led in the second prayer.

Mr. Greaves took as his text Matthew 16th chapter and 13th verse: "For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake shall find it." What investment are you making in life, asked Mr. Greaves, and what dividends are you realizing on your investment? We all make an investment in life one way or the other. What are you going to do with yourself? Will you make an investment for Jesus or will you make it for self and lose your life? asked the speaker. He brought out very forcibly the importance of making the decision now in the right way, the importance of losing one's life for Christ's sake. Our treasure is life; life represents all our worldly goods and heaven all our heavenly goods yonder. We were not known by any one before we came into this old world but shall be remembered after we are dead. We would be remembered by our works here on earth, whether we served the Master or not. He brought out the difference in the dividends that we would receive in living a life for Christ and one for the devil. If we live a life for Christ we shall receive happiness in this world and a home in heaven as our dividend and if we serve not the Master we shall lose our life and not receive either of the above. He gave an illustration how good work could be started and people were remembered by it, the work of Florence Nightingale, the young woman who went forth in the Crimean War and did such a great work in caring for the wounded soldiers. She was the founder of the Red Cross work that is doing such a great work today in all parts of the world. He set her up as an example for every one to live by.

He brought out many interesting points in regard to the necessity of living a Christian life. He said that he was indeed glad to learn that every member of the graduating class had professed religion and sincerely hoped that they would continue to live a life of usefulness and consideration of the serious side of life. He said that many people thought that this world owed them a living, but that they were mistaken, that this world did not owe them anything at all. Every one of us owes the world a great debt. Its accumulated treasures of literature and art and science through the ages are ours. But we are solvent debtors, we can pay out and get the world in our debt if we try.

The above is only an outline of the sermon. It was one of the best sermons ever heard in Lumberton. Supt. R. E. Sentelle led the closing prayer.

## GERMANY WITHHOLDS FINAL DECISION

Awaits Answer of United States to Note—Justifies Action in Sinking Lusitania on Ground of Self-Defense.

Berlin Dispatch, 30th. Germany withholds its final decision on the demands advanced by the United States government in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania, until the receipt of an answer from the United States to the note which Herr von Jagow, the foreign minister, has delivered to Ambassador Gerard, in reply to the American note received by the German government on May 15.

In his reply, the German government declares that it is not its intention to submit neutral ships in the war zone, which are guilty of no hostile acts, to attacks by submarines or aeroplanes, that it is investigating the circumstances in connection with the attack on the American steamers Cushing and Gulfport, and that in all cases where neutral vessels, through no fault of their own, have been damaged, Germany will pay indemnification.

The reply urges that in the case of the Lusitania, which Germany alleges was armed and carried large stores of war munition "it was acting in justified self-defense in seeking with all the means of warfare at its command to protect the lives of its soldiers by destroying ammunition intended for the enemy."

The German government recalls the proposals submitted by the United States government to Berlin and London designed to end the submarine war and the Czeizt out of food supplies from Germany which, it declares, failed of their purpose because of the refusal of the British government to agree to them.

—Mr. J. B. Edmund of the Long Branch section lost a fine horse one day last week. The horse was worth \$250, and it is thought it had acute indigestion.

## UP TO SCHOOL TRUSTEES

It is for Them to Investigate and Ask Town Commissioners for Whatever Action May Seem Necessary to Furnish Additional Facilities for Graded and High School—That Was the Sense of the Mass Meeting Held Thursday Evening—Bond Issue for Another Building or Addition to Old Seems Necessary.

It was the sense of the mass meeting held Thursday evening at the court house for the purpose of considering whether a request shall be presented to the town authorities to order an election for the purpose of authorizing such a special tax as may be necessary to furnish additional facilities for the Lumberton graded and high school that the matter should be left to the trustees of the school to determine what amount of bonds should be voted, if any, and to request the board of town commissioners to take such action as in the judgment of the school trustees may be necessary to meet the needs of the school. A vote to that effect was taken by the mass meeting after several citizens had had something to say about the general school situation locally.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. R. D. Caldwell, who after submitting a few observations about the school situation called upon Mr. L. R. Varsler, chairman of the school board, to preside. All who spoke during the informal meeting, which was not largely attended, expressed themselves as being in favor of taking whatever steps might be necessary to meet the needs of the graded and high school and provide proper school facilities. All were agreed that it seemed necessary to do something and that the town no doubt would back up the school trustees in any recommendation they might make.

Supt. Sentelle told of the needs of more rooms to take care of the pupils. He said it was a question of enlarging the present building or erecting another building in the corner of the same lot, a building of about 4 rooms. From information he had been able to gather, it appears that it perhaps would be cheaper and more desirable to erect a separate building than to add on to the old. Mr. E. M. Russell, architect, said that this was his view, when called upon. He thinks there are obstacles in the way of practical enlargement of the present building that make it a more practical and economical proposition, perhaps, to erect a new building.

Mr. R. D. Caldwell said that while he had supported and voted for the recent proposition for bonds for a township high school he was glad it was defeated for he was now convinced that it would have been a mistake, that he did not believe there would be opposition to a bond issue confined to the town, if that were found to be necessary, and it would be necessary for the school trustees to determine that and make their recommendation, that that meeting could do nothing more than refer the matter to the school board, to which board had been delegated power and responsibility in the matter. Mr. H. B. Jennings said he was in favor of any steps necessary to meet the needs of the school. He said he felt that a special invitation had been extended to him to be present at the meeting, that he was one of those who had been referred to as being in favor of "the very best" school facilities; that he had nothing to be ashamed of in his attitude toward the recent proposed township bond issue, and that nobody had ever understood him to say that he was not in favor of education above the seventh grade. He suggested that the school trustees that in considering what will be necessary to meet the needs of the school they might want to investigate as to whether it would be practicable to remove the dome from the present building and add a third story, instead of adding to that building in some other way or erecting a new building.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, a meeting of the school trustees will be held Wednesday afternoon of this week for the purpose of selecting teachers for the next year, and the trustees also will at an early date make their recommendations in regard to furnishing additional facilities for the graded and high school.

## Annual Meeting of Robeson Rural Letter Carriers' Association.

Fifteen members of the Robeson County Rural Letter Carrier's Association are in attendance at the meeting being held in the court house here today. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a. m. The principal feature of the morning session was a highly enjoyed and instructive address by Postmaster D. O. French of Lumberton. The carriers are being entertained at the Thompson hotel. At the afternoon session officers will be elected for the ensuing year. Other members are expected to arrive for the afternoon session, which opened at 2:30.

Mrs. M. J. Best of Goldsboro is spending some time in town visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Fuller.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL MEETING

Large Crowd Attended Meeting of Mt. Zion Sunday School Institute at Barnesville Yesterday—Singing Contest in Which All Schools Graded 100—Address by L. R. Varsler—Next Meeting at Pleasant Hope in August.

One hundred was the grade given all the schools that entered the singing contest at the meeting of the Mt. Zion Sunday School Institute held at Barnesville yesterday and attended by at least 3,000 people from far and near. The following schools entered the contest, singing two songs each, most of them having one song by the children of the school: Mt. Zion, Barnesville, Long Branch, Center, Broad Ridge, Pleasant Hope, East Lumberton. The schools not singing that belong to the Institute were West Lumberton, Smyrna, Hog Swamp.

The exercises, which were held in the grove, were opened at 10:30. Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth of Barnesville. The address of welcome was made by Mr. Boyd V. Williams of the Barnesville school, and while everybody felt at home at Barnesville, the pleasant manner in which Mr. Williams welcomed the large crowd made them feel more at home. Mr. S. L. Parker of the East Lumberton school made the response to the address of welcome in his usual entertaining manner.

The speaker of the occasion, Mr. L. R. Varsler of the Lumberton school, was introduced by Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton, president of the institute. Mr. Varsler handled in a masterly way the subject "The Duties and Qualification of the Teacher." Mr. Varsler's address was eloquent, instructive, encouraging and held the large crowd spell-bound. The speaker showed the great work that it is the teachers' duty to accomplish and also showed the qualifications, both natural and acquired, needed by the teachers, in whose hands, to a great extent, lies the future destiny of the Nation. "In order to be a successful teacher one must love his, or her, class," declared the speaker. He must not teach a class one thing on Sunday and teach them another by example the other six days in the week. A teachers' school takes the Bible for his North, or guiding, star. He must read the Bible, because the man who reads his Bible regularly will become energetic. The speaker then showed the importance of a teacher's being energetic, and declared that "an energetic man who does a little wrong is worth more than the man who is not energetic and does nothing either right or wrong." He showed plainly that it was but little that could be done on flowery words of ease. A teacher must necessarily keep at his business.

Time and space forbid a fuller report of this address, after which Rev. W. C. Wallace of Pace's Mill, S. C., made a short and interesting talk, after which the crowd was dismissed and invited to partake of a beautiful picnic dinner spread about on the grounds.

At 2:45 the crowd was called together and after a general song service, conducted by Rev. Paul T. Britt of Mt. Zion school, entered into the usual contest. It's useless to say the music was great and entertaining as the fact given above—that the judges graded all the schools as having made 100 on their music—shows that. The music by the children was especially beautiful and shows that the music by the children by the schools that compose the institute in training the children to sing, which alone is worth all the efforts of the Institute.

A special train was operated over the Raleigh and Charleston from Lumberton and reduced rates given. More than two hundred people went down on the train. Good order—almost perfect order—prevailed throughout the day, and many were heard to remark it was one of the very best sessions of the institute ever held during its life of more than 30 years.

The next meeting will be held at Pleasant Hope one fifth Sunday in August.

## Among the Sick.

Mr. O. C. Norment, who had been confined to his room with rheumatism, was able to be out yesterday. The condition of Mr. N. H. Jones, Sr., who has been very ill at his home, Water and Third streets, for several days, continues about the same. Mr. B. D. Jones of Franklin, Va., and Mrs. Lizzie Scott of Holland, Va., spent part of last week here with Mr. Jones, who is an uncle of all three. They returned to their respective homes Saturday.

## GRADUATING PIANO RECITAL.

Miss Carrie Mae Hedgpeth will give her recital Wednesday evening at 8:30. Miss Carrie Mae Hedgpeth, a pupil of Miss Mayce Glasgow, will give her graduating piano recital in the graded school auditorium at 8:30 o'clock Wednesday evening, June 2d. The following program will be rendered:

Moonlight Sonata	Beethoven
Walse	Chopin
Prelude op. 3, No. 2	Rachmaninoff
Rondo Capriccioso	Mendelssohn
Silver Spring, op. 6	Masani
Walse, op. 70 No. 1	Chopin
Love Dreams Notturmo III	Liszt
Pathetic Sonata	Beethoven

## BROAD RIDGE BREEZES

Crops Looking Good, Especially Tobacco—Sunbeam Band Rally Addressed by Mr. E. J. Britt—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Broad Ridge (Orum, R. I.), May 28.—Crops are looking right good in this section at present, especially tobacco, which is doing real well. On account of the recent rains everybody is real busy.

Mrs. Jane Britt, who had been sick for some time, is able to be up again, we are glad to say.

Miss Katie Lawson, who had been spending some time in Johnson county with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Grooms, returned home last week.

The Sunbeam Band here held its annual rally last Sunday. The exercises consisted of songs, recitations, etc., by the children, after which Mr. E. J. Britt of Lumberton made a short but interesting speech which was highly enjoyed by all present. We are always glad to have Mr. Britt with us. Hope he will come again soon.

Messrs. Norla Britt and F. Y. Stone of "The Mount" spent Sunday p. m. in these parts.

Mr. B. J. Edmond had the misfortune of losing a fine horse one day this week.

Rev. J. I. Stone returned Monday from Brunswick county where he had been for some time assisting Rev. P. T. Britt in a meeting.

Mr. H. F. Bissell, our melon man, is on the job again this year. His melons are looking fine.

## BOARDMAN NEWS BATCH

Crops Doing Well—Mule Killed by Lightning—Preparation for Fire. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Boardman, R. F. D. 1, May 28.—Fine rains continue and crops are doing well.

Lightning struck the barn of Mr. J. D. Shaw, near Boardman, killing a \$200 mule. Little damage was done the barn as it has a metal roof. The saw mill of Butters Lumber Co. starts up Thursday morning.

Owen Cromartie, colored, died suddenly at Boardman one day last week.

Mr. C. C. Britt has 2 1-2 acres of very fine tobacco.

Every farmer should have some way of extinguishing fire—ladders, pumps, etc., and some way of signaling his neighbors. This suggests the telephone. We need the telephone through all rural districts.

## Closing of Miss Katie Stone's School at East Lumberton.

A most highly-enjoyed occasion was the closing day of Miss Katie Stone's school at East Lumberton Friday of last week. The day was spent picnicking in the beautiful grove about the school building, known as the "auditorium." The only exercises were some songs by the children, but a bountiful dinner was spread on the grounds and the large crowd present enjoyed this as well as the entertainment offered by the occasion. This ended a 3-months' school taught by Miss Stone, who taught in the free school after the free school had closed, making nine months of school. The average attendance for the 3-months' school was 33, which shows that the people of the mill villages about town are not behind along the line of education. Patrons of the school were highly pleased with the work done by Miss Stone, and say they are to secure her services for another term. This was her second year with this school, and no more does the good people of the mill village appreciate her services than does she appreciate the co-operation given her by the patrons of the school. The co-operation of the patrons with the teachers of any school has a deal to do with the success attained.

## Imperial Hotel Co. of Lumberton.

The Imperial Hotel Company of Lumberton was chartered last week with an authorized capital of \$50,000, with \$20,000 subscribed by Messrs. T. L. Johnson, H. B. Anderson and E. M. McAllister of Lumberton. The company, as has been mentioned in The Robesonian, has the brick placed on the ground for building a new up-to-date brick hotel. The hotel will have about 50 rooms, will have steam heat and running water and will be modern in every respect. First the king of hotel Lumberton has needed for a long time.

## FOURTH AT PARKTON

Everybody Invited to Attend Big Celebration. Correspondence of The Robesonian. Parkton is most cordially invited to attend the big Fourth of July celebration at Parkton. A speaker of much note has already been secured and nothing will be left undone for the occasion.

A. A. WRIGHT, Gen. Mgr. J. M. JOHNSON, Asst.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of R. B. Hutson and Carolyn Gaimey.

—The regular meeting of the U. D. C. will be held with Mrs. E. K. Proctor Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

—The Virginia & Carolina Southern sold 10 tickets to Richmond today on account of the annual reunion of the Confederate veterans and the Seaboard sold 17.

—Mr. C. W. Smith of route 4 from Lumberton boarded the Seaboard's "veteran" car for Richmond this morning. Mr. Smith was one of the boys who visited Richmond during the Civil War.

—Mr. C. M. Fuller left Saturday in an automobile for Hendersonville, where he has rented a cottage and with his family will spend the summer. Other members of the family will go to Hendersonville tomorrow.

—Messrs. Frank Nash and Knox Proctor arrived Friday night from Chapel Hill, where they were students at the State University. Mr. Basil Skipper returned the same night from the A. & M. College, Raleigh, where he has been a student.

—Mr. A. J. Holmes of the Holmes Jewelry Co. of Dunn which company recently bought the stock and fixtures of the Boylin Jewelry Store, mention of which was made in The Robesonian at the time, has been here for several days cleaning and painting up the store and fixtures. The store will be open after today, but the formal opening will be June 10.

—Mr. Tom Myers, the local deaf and dumb painter, writes that he would be very much pleased if the person who stole his fine rooster from a coop back of Messrs. White & Gough's store Saturday night would return him. He was a dandy rooster and Mr. Myers hated very much to lose him, especially in that way.

—Rev. Chas. L. Greaves will begin a series of meetings at the First Baptist church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. He will be assisted in this meeting by Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson of Grace Street church, Richmond, Va. Dr. Wilson assisted in a meeting here 2 years ago and has many friends here who will be glad to learn that he is to be here again.

—A. has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Miss Sallie Leavel Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Thompson, will be married to Mr. Thomas Edgar Petty at the First Baptist church Wednesday afternoon of this week at 5 o'clock. There is much interest in the wedding, which no doubt will be freely attended.

—Mr. R. M. Norment and family arrived last week from Columbia, S. C., where Mr. Norment has been for some time telegraph editor of The Record, an afternoon paper published in that city, and will spend some time in town visiting at the home of Mr. Norment's mother, Mrs. Maggie Norment. Mr. Norment is in poor health and will rest for some time before returning to work.

—Mr. J. W. M'White, who lives on route 1 from Lumberton, returned Saturday from Savannah, Ga., where he spent several days with his daughter, Miss Nona, who recently underwent an operation for an abscess. She was improving when Mr. M'White left her. Mr. M'White says crops look to be somewhat injured by the recent heavy rains in South Carolina, through which State he traveled in making the trip.

—Dr. L. B. Brayer and P. P. McCain of the State Sanitarium for the treatment of Tuberculosis at Montrose, and Miss Ruth Winters, stenographer for Dr. McBrayer, spent yesterday in town guests at the home of Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Rozier. Miss Withers is a cousin of Mrs. Rozier. They made the trip in an auto. Dr. McBrayer said he was very favorably impressed with Lumberton, especially its "white way."

## White 'Possums.

The new item in a recent issue of The Robesonian about Mr. John Parker of the "Gallant Old Broad Bridge" killing a white 'possum has brought to light another "possum tale." Mr. J. J. Flowers, keeper of a county home, says he caught an old white 'possum recently that had with her eleven young ones, and they were all white, too. Seven of the little white 'possums were in the mother's pocket and four on her back. The flowers carried them to the county hills and turned them loose to get a swamp life.

## Notices of New Advertisements.

—The new sale of bargain. —Purchases in White Leghorn Coek. —Notice of dissolution of Parkton Water Co.

—Purchaser for small farm near Lumberton. —Program at State theatre. —Goog as the best at Partime theatre.

—Our thanks agencies including a hearty endorsement in which it will give 2 young ladies a desirable trip.

—Look out for safe cheap. —Legal notice, trustee's sale—E. H. Gibson, Walter H. Neal, trustees. —The human advertising appeal in the newspaper builds business and makes friendship.

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