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## GRADED SCHOOL OPENS WELL

397 Enrolled Up to Today—Largest Opening in History of School—No Delay in Starting to Work—Third Primary Teacher Necessary—Emergency Grade to Relieve Congested Condition in Fifth and Sixth.

The graded school opened Tuesday morning with the largest enrollment in its history, the number on roll today being 397. The largest enrollment at the beginning any previous term was last fall, when the number reached 374. There has been no delay in getting down to work, teachers and pupils buckling down from the very first day.

A rather unusual situation exists in the primary grade. Not more than 40 new pupils were expected, but the number of new ones has already reached 52, and more are expected. Tuesday morning there were 110 tots in this grade. Twenty-eight were promoted to second, leaving 82 pupils for Miss Elizabeth Dexter and her assistant, Miss Janie Carlyle, to instruct. That makes it necessary to engage the services of another teacher. For the present Miss Dexter takes the 52 new pupils in the morning, till noon recess, and Miss Carlyle takes the 30 pupils who have been to school before in the afternoon, at 1 o'clock.

There is a congested condition also in the fifth grade, where there are 58 pupils, and in the sixth, with 50 pupils. A few students will be taken from each of these grades and an emergency grade formed under Miss Annie Neal Fuller, assistant in fifth. For the present, until other rooms can be provided, the fifth grade proper will attend under Miss Lillian Barker during the morning session and the emergency grade will use the same room under Miss Fuller in the afternoon, from 1 to 4. It is expected that it will be possible to make other arrangements in about three weeks.

Supt. Sentelle is greatly pleased with the manner in which teachers and pupils have gotten down to work without loss of time or confusion. He is determined that nothing shall interfere with the school work this year than can be avoided. At a teachers meeting Monday afternoon Prof. Sentelle impressed upon the teachers the fact that they must plan their work ahead, that each teacher must know just what work is to be done in her room every day, that the "movies" and social engagements must not be allowed to interfere with school work in the slightest degree. Of course it is not expected that teachers would neglect their work in any way, but it is proper to state that it will be this year the fixed policy of the school management to frown upon any diversions that tend to interfere with the most thorough work in the school room.

## FARM-LIFE SCHOOL OPENS

County Farm Demonstrator Blanchard Succeeds S. J. Kirby in Charge of Farm-Life School at Philadelphia—Demonstration Work Will be Carried On Also—School Opened Well Tuesday.

The farm-life school at Philadelphia opened well Tuesday, the dormitory, which recently has been painted, being filled to overflowing.

Mr. L. E. Blanchard, county farm demonstrator, will have charge of the school, succeeding Mr. S. J. Kirby, who has resigned to accept work elsewhere. Mr. Blanchard will devote half of his time to the school and the other half to farm demonstration work. He will leave this evening for Raleigh for the purpose of securing additional equipment for the school.

There were some rumors Monday to the effect that the farm-life school was to be discontinued, but the Robesonian has been asked to state that there is no doubt whatever about this important work being carried on and the school will be better equipped than ever before. Mr. Blanchard is a young man of intelligence and energy who is well equipped for the work.

The names of the teachers of the Philadelphia high school, which is connected with the farm-life school, are: M. C. McLeod, principal; Miss Mabel Currie, music; Miss Margaret Edwards of Dillon, S. C., domestic science; Miss Berta Cox of Red Springs, Miss Katie Buie of Philadelphia, Miss Sarah Townsend of McDonalds.

## Death of Infant Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyde Rogers.

Mamie Helen, 11-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lyde Rogers, died at 2 o'clock this morning at the home of her parents, Chestnut street. The funeral will be conducted from the home tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 and interment will be made in Meadow-Brook cemetery.

Mrs. G. M. Whitfield returned last evening from Laurinburg, where she spent a month visiting relatives.

## BION H. BUTLER VISITS LUMBERTON

This is a Great County With a Lot of Mighty Good Towns, He Says—Most Favorably Impressed With Robeson as a Live and Progressive County—Should Have Exhibit at State Fair—Drainage Canals a Great Work.

Bion H. Butler of Southern Pines was in Lumberton yesterday, looking the town over. To the Robesonian man he expressed his satisfaction in the progress town and county are making. Said Mr. Butler:

"You have a great county, and a lot of mighty good towns. You folks down this way give us credit up in the Sandhills for having a lot of progressiveness and energy, but I am candid enough to say that if you make a note of what you have done in the last thirty years, which is about the length of time that the Sandhill country has been coming to the front, you will not have to take a back seat for anything our people are doing up there.

"It is gratifying to me to see the people of the State appreciate the progress the folks around Southern Pines and Pinehurst are making, but I find a lot of satisfaction in seeing other sections of the State making gratifying progress. When I picked North Carolina to make a home in for myself and family I was not looking for a dead one. I figured that this is the State that is going to give an account of itself, and you can see that it pleases me to find that I did not make a mistake in my judgment.

"Robeson is a lively and progressive county, and if you do not realize that it is moving ahead like a runaway steer, all you have to do is to look backward a quarter of a century to about the time when John T. Patrick commenced to make Southern Pines, and just figure what Lumberton and this county have done in that length of time.

"But what is more gratifying is that by all the signs you have a bigger future ahead of you than you ever expected in the past to have at any time. This introducing of tobacco and wheat and the building of grist mills, and all of that sort of thing indicates a lot of new leads and shows that you have only started to grow, and to do things.

"I hope the folks of the county will follow the Robesonian's suggestions of a couple of weeks ago and send down to the State fair a lot of fine things you are making here and let the world know what you are doing. Your county deserves one of the best spaces in the county displays and it ought to make the rest of the counties hustle for any of the premiums they win. Our Sandhills country is figuring on showing up big there and so are some of the other counties, but Robeson can travel with the classiest one if she will make an effort. Tell your people," said Mr. Butler to the reporter, "to have a Robeson county exhibit, and show this big progressive county to the world.

"I have just been out looking over the drainage canals. There is a great work and one that you will hear from before a great while. The addition to your farm products on the drained land will be a big factor in your community progress and prosperity. Yes, I think mightily highly of Robeson, and we are not a bit ashamed of having your county for a neighbor."

Mr. Butler is the well-known press agent of the State Publicity Association which was organized some weeks ago in Raleigh with some of the leading men in the State as its officers. He will visit Lumberton again in the course of a few weeks and at that time he will be invited to address a meeting of citizens of the town.

## Superior Court.

The two weeks' term of court for the trial of civil cases, which convened Monday morning at 10 o'clock, with Judge H. W. Whedbee of Greenville, presiding, has been moving along slowly, all the time since Tuesday morning having been taken up with this case of Geo. B. McLeod vs. A. & R. Ry. Co., in which Mr. McLeod is suing the railroad for \$10,000 damages for injuries alleged to have been sustained November 4, 1910, when a train on the A. & R. road struck an auto in which he was riding, tearing up the car. The case was given to the jury at 11 o'clock a. m. today, but up to the time of going to press the jury had not rendered a verdict.

The following cases were heard Monday: Jno. D. McRainey vs. V. & C. S. Ry. Co., judgment; T. C. Lewis vs. Isaac McCallum, judgment; Ada L. Dunn vs. E. B. Dunn, divorce granted.

A number of judgments have been signed.

## SUPERVISOR FOR COLORED SCHOOLS

County Board of Education Passes Order to Employ Colored Woman to Supervise Work in Colored Schools of County—Part of Salary to be Furnished by Jeanes Fund.

At its meeting Monday the county board of education passed an order to employ Maggie Truman, colored, of Durham as supervisor of colored schools of Robeson. To pay the salary of this teacher the board appropriated \$130, provided \$250 becomes available from the Jeanes Fund and \$100 from the General Education Board to supplement the part the county pays, making a salary of \$400 the month the year round. Supt. J. R. Foole has received a letter from Dr. James H. Dillard of Charlottesville, Va., advising him that the Jeanes Fund will be glad to co-operate with him in the employment of a supervising industrial teacher for the colored schools of the county and will make an appropriation of \$30 per month from 6 to 9 months, provided the county supplement the salary by at least half what the Jeanes Fund contributes.

This teacher will devote her entire time to visiting colored schools and doing work among the colored people. She will instruct teachers in proper methods of sanitation, sewing, cooking, housekeeping, some branches of manual training, etc. During summer months she will carry on gardening and canning club work. She will give talks and lessons on sanitation, personal cleanliness, etc.; teach some form of industry at each school; encourage the people to support their schools; encourage the building of better school houses, the employment of better teachers, etc. Work of this kind will mean much to the colored people of Robeson.

## A SURE-THING WINNER

Lumberton Tobacco Market Continues to Grow in Favor With Farmers—Good Sales This Week—Following Peas With Tobacco Bad Practice.

Between 35,000 and 40,000 pounds of tobacco were sold on the Lumberton market at the Farmers Warehouse Tuesday at an average of 10 cents and yesterday about 25,000 pounds of the weed were sold at prices ranging from 3 to 16 cents, farmers being well pleased.

Mr. D. J. Holcombe, who is in the leaf tobacco business at Danville, Va., and who is visiting the markets in this State, visited the warehouse here yesterday afternoon, having visited the Fairmont market in the morning. In conversation with a Robesonian reporter, while the two were standing beside a pile of tobacco, Mr. Holcombe remarked that bright tobacco is what should be raised in this section and that preceding tobacco with peas takes all the color out of the tobacco. He picked up some leaves from a pile and said that planting peas on the land where that tobacco had been grown had taken all the color out of it.

## HARD FIGHTING IN EAST

Russian Emperor Assumes Command—German Submarine Sunk Arabic—Berlin Doubts if Hesperian Was Torpedoed.

Press Summary. Grand Duke Nicholas has been transferred to the Caucasus and the Russian Emperor has assumed command of all his land and sea forces. Hard fighting is in progress along the eastern front, as well as in France, Germany has made another air raid on the London district, loss of life and material damage resulting. Heavy fighting has been going on in Gallipoli, the troops on land being assisted by the fleet.

It was a German submarine that sunk the White Star steamer Arabic August 19, with the loss of 39 lives, among them two Americans. The commander of the U-boat responsible for the disaster at last has returned to his base and has so reported. He declares that while the submarine was sinking a freighter, the Arabic swung around and headed toward the scene as if to attack or ram the submarine and that he fired in self-defense.

Germany also has spoken officially concerning the recent sinking of the Allan line steamer Hesperian. In a message to Ambassador Bernstorff, the German foreign office says it appears improbable that the Hesperian was torpedoed, and that it is much more likely the boat ran on a mine. Washington, however, still is awaiting Germany's formal statement.

Germany, in a note to the United States, has acknowledged that the White Star liner Arabic was sunk by a German submarine. The note declares self-defense was the motive of the submarine commander. Regret is expressed that American lives were lost and the offer is made to submit question of reparation to The Hague.

## UP PHILADELPHUS WAY

High School Opens Well—No Kick On 40 Cents for Picking Cotton—Young Corn Doing Fine—Fine Cotton—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Buie, Sept. 8—Messrs. Albert and Wallace Prior, Paul McNeill and Thomas Williams were Fayetteville visitors Thursday.

Miss Maggie Brown of the Philadelphia community spent Friday in Lumberton. Messrs. Paisly McMillan and W. A. Smith were among the business visitors from Philadelphia Saturday in Lumberton.

The Philadelphia high school opened up this morning, all the old teachers, which were Prof. M. C. McLeod, principal, Misses Katie Buie, Berta Cox and Mabel Currie. There is also an additional teacher, Miss Townsend of McDonalds. Miss Parish of Virginia, comes in Miss McIntyre's place. The prospects for the school this year are all that could be expected. There was an enrollment of about 100.

The cotton fields through this section are fast being entered by hands and the price which was agreed on by the farmers, at 50c per hundred, is still being paid and we hear of no kick coming from any one.

Mr. Paisly McMillan, our progressive farmer and gin, will start his gin this week. We also hear of others starting up.

Mr. Walter McMillan and Allen Brown were Fayetteville visitors this week.

Miss Georgia McMillan will leave Tuesday for Greensboro College to enter school duties there.

Mr. Mack McCarthur, our well-known young farmer, who lives near Philadelphia, is not only making good at farming, but in addition to this, is a live wire in the insurance business. We learn that out of 480 insurance men he has sold enough the last quarter to make second highest in the amount sold.

Mr. Walter McMillan spent Saturday in Fayetteville.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Britt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Tom Britt over at St. Pauls, Mrs. Britt remaining for a few days.

Mr. Parish is spending a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paisly McMillan.

Mr. W. B. Malloy of Fayetteville spent a short while at the home of Mr. J. B. Humphrey Monday.

Messrs. A. C. McLeod, J. B. Humphrey, W. A. Smith and Allen Brown were Lumberton visitors Monday.

We notice through this section there is lots of young corn coming on, which is doing fine, and if it holds out like it has started it will make better than the late corn.

Among the finest cotton we have seen is on the farm of Mr. Dad Evans, over in the St. Pauls section. It is hard to beat.

Messrs. N. B. McTutcher, D. P. Buie, J. T. McKay and Paisly McMillan, together with Prof. S. J. Kirby, spent yesterday in Lumberton.

W. H. Brown spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. McGoogan at Rennett.

Messrs. Hughey and Oscar McGoogan of Rennett spent Sunday at Bide-A-Wee farm visiting relatives.

Little Miss Mattie Britt of Marietta spent several days visiting little Misses Iola, Lula and Lillian Britt.

Messrs. S. B. Williams, W. Glover and A. Britt are Lumberton visitors today.

## OUT BARKER'S WAY

Protracted Meeting Closes—Cotton Very Short—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Barkers (Lumberton, R. 1), Sept. 7—The protracted meeting closed at Ten Mile church Sunday with the addition of sixteen members. Rev. J. A. Snow was assisted by Rev. Fred Day.

Mr. Lonnie Powers left Monday for Wake Forest College, where he will be a student.

Mrs. J. D. Monroe and two children and Mrs. Mary Callihan of Tar Heel spent last week with Mrs. Monroe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Powers.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Riddle and little daughter of St. Pauls spent last week with Mrs. Riddle's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Powers. There will be preaching at Barkers M. E. church Sunday by the pastor, Rev. A. J. Groves.

Mr. G. R. Monroe of Tar Heel spent Monday at Barkers' visiting friends.

Cotton is very short in this section; it don't look as if there will be half as much cotton as people thought there would be. I think it was caused by the cotton boll weevil.

Mr. Frank Powers and sons, Messrs. Ralph, Ruffin and Cary, of St. Pauls made a flying trip to Barkers' Sunday in their new auto.

## MT. ELIAM MATTERS

Great Revival Closes—16 Additions to Church—Movements of the People. Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Mt. Eliam (Lumberton, R. 4), Sept. 8—One of the best revival meetings known in the history of Mt. Eliam church closed yesterday with 16 additions to the church; and hardly ever has the church been so revived. Rev. E. A. Paul of Davis, N. C., did the preaching. Mr. Paul is one of the best preachers we ever heard and we were all sorry to see him leave us. We gave him a contribution of \$40 and he left last night for his home.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Britt of Boardman have been attending preaching and visiting friends and relatives over here this week and last.

Mr. Spurgeon Caulk, who lives near Fairmont has been visiting relatives on the Mount for the last week.

Mrs. Britt left this a. m. for Brunswick county where she will be with her husband Rev. P. T. Britt, who is preaching down there. Rev. J. I. Stone went with her. He will help Mr. Britt in his meeting. They made the trip in Mr. Stone's car.

Messrs. Forest Stone and Cheston Branch spent Sunday night in the Bellamy section.

Mr. Clarence Britt of McDonalds spent a few days this week visiting friends and relatives on the Mount.

Mr. Norley F. Britt left this morning for Brunswick county, where he will possibly accept a position.

Mr. Lonnie Bullock and wife and Mrs. J. W. Bullock and Miss Monnie Collins attended preaching here yesterday. They all came down in Mr. Bullock's new car.

Diplomats Will Meet Next Week to Discuss Mexican Situation. Washington Dispatch, Sept. 7.

Secretary Lansing and the Latin-American diplomats co-operating with him for reestablishment of constitutional government in Mexico will meet next week to consider replies to their appeal to the Mexican factions for a peace conference and to formulate the next step in their plan. Mr. Lansing said today the meeting would be held before September 15, because the Argentine Ambassador, Mr. Naon, leaves on that date for a visit to his home.

Mr. J. L. Rhyne, who for several years has been chief clerk to Agent M. Beverly, of the Seaboard, resigned a few days ago to accept a position as bookkeeper at the company store of the Lumberton and Dresden cotton mills.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Mr. W. S. Britt, junior member of the law firm of Britt & Britt of Lumberton, and Miss Ada Clyburn of Kershaw, S. C. The marriage will take place the latter part of October.

Mr. W. P. McAllister left Monday evening for Hendersonville to accompany his mother, Mrs. J. A. McAllister, who has been spending some time at Hendersonville with Mrs. W. P. McAllister, home. Mrs. W. P. McAllister, whose health has been greatly improved during her stay at Hendersonville, will remain there until the weather gets cooler.

Dr. W. L. Grantham returned last night from Reidsville, where he went last Saturday in company with his family in response to a telegram to the effect that Mrs. Grantham's mother, Mrs. Mary Shelton, of that town, was very ill. Mrs. Shelton's condition was very much improved when Dr. Grantham left Reidsville. Mrs. Grantham and children will spend some time at Reidsville before returning home.

Off to college. The following left Tuesday morning for Meredith College, Raleigh—Misses Vivian McNeill, Sadie Rae Pope, Carrie Mae Hedggett, Rosa W. Shart; to Wake Forest—Furman Biggs and John Proctor; to University of N. C.—Knox Proctor. Miss Mildred McIntyre also went to Raleigh Tuesday to teach pipe organ at Meredith. Mrs. H. T. Pope accompanied the young ladies to Raleigh and is expected to return home tonight.

The name of Robt. McNeill, colored, got in the headlines of a news item in Monday's Robesonian when it did not belong there. Robt. McNair was the person referred to, as the news item told. It was the item in regard to Robt. McNair being sent to the roads for receiving part of the money small Elliott Merrick stole from the Farmers & Merchants Bank. Robt. McNeill says he is 49 years old and has never got into any trouble yet. The name McNair was given in the body of the item, but by some strange slip it was printed McNeill in the headlines.

Capt. E. J. Parish, president of the North Carolina State Fair, has appointed R. O. Everett of Durham chief marshal of the fair.

## WEEKLY WEATHER FORECAST

Issued by the U. S. Weather Bureau, Washington, D. C., for the Week Beginning Wednesday, September 8, 1915.

For South Atlantic and East Gulf States: The week will be one of generally fair weather and normal temperatures.

## BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Rev. C. L. Greaves is assisting in a meeting at Orrum. He will be back in time to fill his pulpit at the First Baptist church Sunday.

—Congressman H. L. Godwin passed through town this morning en route to Elkton, Bladen county, where today he will address a farmers picnic.

—Mr. R. F. Stuart of route 2 from Rowland was among the business visitors in town Monday. Mr. Stuart is one of the many who stay on The Robesonian's God-blessed list.

—"Place my name back on your mailing list at once," was the command of a man who had only missed one copy of The Robesonian after deciding he could get along without The Robesonian in his home and having the paper stopped. He couldn't get along without it.

—"After living in another county, moving there from Robeson, for several years, I have decided to return to Robeson, for there is no better place to live and live at home," was the remark of a certain man who has found that to make a living is just as easy in Robeson as anywhere.

—Miss Josephine Breece will have her millinery opening next week, beginning Tuesday and lasting the balance of the week. Miss Breece has just returned from the Northern markets. Miss Jean Pratt of Hendersonville, who accompanied her and who has been with Miss Breece as head trimmer for several seasons, arrived yesterday from Baltimore.

—Mr. W. B. Taylor, of the firm of Taylor Bros., tobacco manufacturers of Winston-Salem, made his first visit to Lumberton Monday with Mr. W. A. Godfrey of Jonesboro, who has been selling the well-known Taylor brands of tobacco in this section for the past 20 years. Mr. Taylor was most favorably impressed with Robeson as a great county and with Lumberton as a live town.

—Miss Ruth Britt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Britt of the Ten Mile section, began teaching in the Creedmore high school, Granville county, on the 5th inst. Miss Britt, desiring to keep posted as to what's going on in Robeson, sends in her subscription to The Robesonian for the time she will be away. Others who are going off to school, as well as those going off to school, will greatly enjoy hearing the home news, as The Robesonian will give it twice a week, while away. Better let it follow you.

—Today, tomorrow and Saturday at Charlotte the Gastonia team, champions of the west, and the Red Springs team, champions of the east, will battle for the amateur championship of the State. On account of this occasion the Seaboard gives a round-trip rate of \$2.50 to Charlotte and the following left this morning for Charlotte, taking advantage of the low rate and all of them perhaps going to see the games: Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Worley, Messrs. John and F. F. French, Ed Pope, Jno. and B. Sam Edwards, S. S. Stephens, Louis Shelby, Don McGill.

—Rev. N. C. Williams, pastor of the Methodist church at Stanley, passed through Lumberton Tuesday on his way to Fairmont, where he is assisting Rev. B. E. Stanfield in a protracted meeting at the Fairmont Methodist church. Mr. Williams spent a while in Lumberton with Rev. N. L. Seabolt, pastor of the Lumberton circuit, under whose ministry he was converted while Mr. Seabolt was pastor of the Rockingham circuit; and Mr. Williams, who is a promising member of the Western North Carolina Conference was educated by the Rockingham Methodist church.

—A number of out-of-town Jews are here to celebrate Rosh Hoshanah, the Jewish New Year, an article in regard to which is published elsewhere in this paper. The stores of Messrs. A. Weinstein, Blacker Bros. and H. Dunie are closed today and will be closed tomorrow. Among those from out-of-town are: Mr. L. Blacker of Richmond, a guest at the homes of his sons Messrs. M. and J. Blacker, also visiting the Messrs. Blacker are their brother Mr. Frank Blacker and family of Rockingham and their cousin Mr. I. Baker of Wadesboro; Mr. Sam Dunie and family, Mr. Harry Weinstein and family and Mr. Louis Weinstein of Fairmont and Mr. M. Fine of Maxton are guests at Mr. S. Weinstein's.