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## PRIZES FOR GRADED AND HIGH SCHOOLS

County Commencement Prize Set Down for High Schools Applies to All Above 3-Teacher Schools

In list of prizes for County Commencement April 7 published in The Robesonian and mentioned in letters sent out by Supt. Poole, a prize of \$5 is put down for high schools. This prize is meant for all schools, both graded and high schools, above 3-teacher schools. Some have gotten the idea that graded schools could not compete for this prize, but this is a mistake.

Supt. Poole has already received assurances that 2,500 school children will attend the County Commencement. That means that many more than 2,500 children will attend. Every school for white children in the county is expected to be represented. County Commencement, April 7, is going to be a big day. Railroads are offering special rates. These rates will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

## NEGRO BOY KILLED BY TRAIN

Geo. McQueen Found in Dying Condition Near Seaboard Trestle Saturday Night—Died Yesterday Morning—Struck by Train

Geo. W. McQueen, colored, aged about 23 years, was found in a dying condition beside the Seaboard railroad track at the end of the trestle which spans Lumber river just west of the station Saturday night just after east-bound passenger train No. 20 passed. When the train arrived at the station the engineer told Night Policeman J. B. Boyl that he had seen a man or something that looked like one lying near the track across the river. Mr. Boyl, in company with Dr. J. D. Reenan, Messrs. T. J. Rowan and Bert Edmund went to the scene and found McQueen lying near the track in an unconscious condition. He was carried to his home near the oil mill, where he died yesterday morning about 5:30 o'clock. While the skin was not broken on the man, a place was swollen back of his left ear, his left shoulder was badly bruised and he was bleeding at the nose. The left sleeve was almost torn from the coat he was wearing and the coat was also torn across the back. McQueen never regained consciousness.

Near the track where the mortally wounded man was lying was found some soda crackers and an open box of sardines, also an open knife used in opening the sardine box.

The verdict of the coroner's inquest held this morning was that McQueen came to his death by being hit by passenger train No. 20, coming into Lumberton, which train arrived here at 11:30 on night of March 26th, 1916, it appearing that negligence of deceased was a contributing cause. Coroner G. F. Rapke being out of town, Mr. J. P. Townsend acted as coroner.

## SEED SOY BEANS

Farmers May Secure Locally Plenty for Their Needs at Less Than They Can Order Them

To all farmers interested in the growing of Soy Beans this year: Farm Demonstrator L. E. Blanchard, advises that arrangements are being made whereby farmers throughout the county may secure locally beans sufficient for their needs at a cost less than they can order them. If you want seed for planting drop him a card and he'll send you address of nearest distributor and the price you will have to pay. Mr. Blanchard's address is Red Springs.

## VILLA ESCAPES MEXICANS

3 Columns of American Cavalry Are Pursuing Him

San Antonio, Tex., Dispatch, March 26. Francisco Villa has escaped from the Mexican troops that had checked him near Namiquipa and three columns of American cavalry are pursuing him. Already they are almost 250 miles south of the border and unless Mexican forces bring the elusive bandit to a stand, this distance will be greatly increased by the close of the week.

## Election Case in Federal Court at Laurinburg Tomorrow

In Federal Court at Laurinburg tomorrow will come up the case wherein Mr. Lewis Herring has Mr. A. A. Bethune of Howellsville township charged with illegally preventing him from voting two years ago. Mr. Bethune being one of the bold holders. Mr. Bethune claims that Mr. Herring's name was not on the books and that he did not produce the proof of registration under the grandfather clause which he claimed to have at home. This is considered by many people as merely political persecution. Quite a number of Mr. Bethune's friends will go to Laurinburg with him for the trial.

## Planted Corn March 20

Mr. W. H. M. Brown of Buie is the first man in the county to plant corn this spring, so far as The Robesonian has learned. Mr. Brown planted some corn a week ago today, March 20.

## PLEASANT HOPE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Never a More Successful Closing in History of the School—Address by Mr. W. Lennon of Lumberton—Sumptuous Dinner—Concert in the Evening

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Fairmont, R. F. D., March 25—Never has been recorded in the history of Pleasant Hope school a more successful commencement than took place Thursday and Thursday night of this week.

To begin with, the weather was simply ideal, a perfect spring day, not at all typical of blustery March. A welcome song was sung by the entire school in which the audience was indeed made to feel welcome. Little Neil Jenkins gave a recitation declaring that after studying it all over he believed school was better than vacation after all.

Mr. Woodberry Lennon delivered an able address on "Opportunity," preceded by a few brief remarks by Mr. Frank Gough, who had to come with Mr. Lennon to show him where Pleasant Hope was. We do hope Mr. Lennon will not forget where Pleasant Hope is. Mr. Lennon said that opportunity knocks at every man's door once in a life time, whether he hears it or not. Some have to grab opportunity if they would have it stay, while if some people's door is not opened it simply knocks the door down and goes in and takes it with him.

Following this address, a trio on "Spring" was sung by three of the school girls, which was very appropriate. Then came the dinner—and such a dinner as 'twas! Three times the crowd could have been fed. There is one thing certain, the Pleasant Hope women showed by that dinner that they are loyal to their school and teacher. We wonder, after such an elegant dinner, if Mr. Lennon will have any trouble in finding Pleasant Hope again.

After dinner the young, old and middle-aged mixed together for a general good time, and talked school, etc., and on such a day as this we don't know what thoughts a young man's fancy would likely turn to.

At night a concert was given by the school which was highly entertaining from beginning to end. The drills by the little people deserve special mention. The plays by the grammar grades were acted well for amateurs. The pantomimes and tableaux added prettily to the program. Although 'twas after eleven o'clock before the program ended, the audience was interested and unaware of the time flying so swiftly.

The Pleasant Hope children show that they are capable of great things and deserve a better equipped school house, large enough that they can have their concerts in the school instead of out doors, which is to such a disadvantage.

## THE FINAL SUMMONS

Jno. C. Sutton, Former Robesonian, Died in Texas Friday

Austin, Texas, March 24—John C. Sutton died in the State Hospital for Confederate Veterans here today. He was a former citizen of Robeson county, and lived in Texas for over 40 years. His body was shipped to Sealy, Texas, to be buried beside that of his wife, who preceded him to the grave some years ago.

Mr. H. K. McCormac of Rowland Rowland Cor., 25th, Wilmington Star. Mr. H. K. McCormac died at his home here Thursday afternoon having been sick for the past two or three months, though he was on the streets a few days ago. In the passing of Mr. McCormac Robeson county loses one of its best citizens. He was born and reared in Robeson and the county has had no more progressive citizen than he was. He had accumulated an immense amount of real estate.

He was born August 9, 1856, and spent a part of his younger days in Texas; came home and married Miss Mary Thompson, who survives him with five children: Mrs. J. H. McAnn, Mrs. Brown Bullock, Messrs. Reed and Homer McCormac of Rowland, and Mrs. I. P. Johnson of Dillon, S. C., also two brothers and two sisters. Mr. McCormac was a consistent member of the First Methodist church of Rowland, from which the funeral services were conducted, interment being made at Centenary Methodist church, attended by a large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends.

## Miss Fannie Boone Passed Away

Yesterday Miss Fannie Boone, aged 65 years, died yesterday afternoon at the home of her brother, Mr. Geo. Boone, about 4 miles from town on the Canthage road. The funeral was conducted from the Boone home today at 11 o'clock a. m. by Rev. Dr. W. B. North, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, of which deceased was a member.

## Must Settle Taxes Before April 1

Sheriff R. E. Lewis asks The Robesonian to say that all who have not paid their 1915 taxes must do so before April 1, which is Saturday of this week, or their property will be advertised and sold. Better get busy and settle up.

## JURY FINDS REDFEARN GUILTY

After Long Trial Jury of Six Men Declares Chief of Police Redfearn Guilty of Cursing Prof. Love—Taxes \$25—Appeals—Interested Spectators Thronged Court Room During Trial—What Was in Evidence

"Guilty" was the verdict rendered Friday by the jury as to Redfearn in the case of Prof. J. F. Love, principal of the Lumberton graded school, vs. Chief of Police H. H. Redfearn, after being out for an hour and a half. The sentence of Recorder E. M. Britt, who heard the case, was that Redfearn be fined \$25, the cost in the case to come out of the \$25. Any amount over the cost to be applied to the school fund of the county. The defendant gave notice of appeal to the Superior Court and made an appeal bond in the sum of \$100.

This case, in which Prof. Love had Chief Redfearn indicted for cursing on the public highway, was one in which much interest was taken and all during the trial, which lasted two days with night session thrown in, was witnessed by a crowd that at many times almost filled the court room. It has been a long time since a trial here has aroused so much interest.

The first evidence offered for the State was by the plaintiff, Prof. Love testified that on the night of November 12, 1915, he attended a debate at the graded school building after which he came up town. From the Pope drug store he, accompanied by Mr. Robert Caldwell, started up Elm street towards the home of Mr. Alf. H. McLeod, where he (Prof. Love) rooms. Young Caldwell stopped at his home and he went on towards his room. When he reached the block on which the residence of Mrs. Mollie R. Norment is located he saw the defendant coming across Tenth street to Elm. He and Redfearn met between the residence of Mrs. Norment and Tenth street. He said "Good-night, Chief." Redfearn replied, "Go to hell, d—n you. You are a d—d hard nut. You will not take it off the boys, but you will take it off of me or I'll whip hell out of you." This all took place right near an electric light and Prof. Love said he could see distinctly that he saw the badge on Redfearn's coat. When asked if he saw or heard anyone behind him, the witness declared he didn't. The witness then testified that he went on to his room and called Mr. McLeod into the room and told him what had taken place. He said this was between 9 and 9:30 o'clock.

Mr. Alf. H. McLeod was the next witness called and he corroborated what Prof. Love had told about calling him into his room and telling him that Chief Redfearn had met him on the street and cursed him. Mr. Duncan Gregory, who rooms at the home of Mrs. Norment, near where the alleged trouble occurred, testified that he had gone to bed about 9 o'clock and heard a noise near by. He said that he thought he heard Redfearn's voice, but was not sure about whose voice it was. He went to a window and looked out, but could not see anyone. He heard somebody walking on the sidewalk. He testified that this was about 9:30.

The next witness examined was Mr. H. E. Stacy, who testified that he left the Pastime theatre about 8:30 o'clock on the night of November 12 and went home. After he got home he sat down on the porch, that while sitting there Chief Redfearn passed his residence, corner Ninth and Water streets, he (Redfearn) going down Water street towards the jail. He said that as best he could recall this was about 9 o'clock. When asked as to Redfearn's character Mr. Stacy replied that it was good. He added, "people say he has high temper".

Mr. Geo. McNeill, superintendent of the local electric plant, testified that he met Chief Redfearn on the Canthage road on Sunday after the alleged trouble took place, that Redfearn asked him if the lights were burning on the night of November 12, and that Redfearn asked him to change records so as to show that lights were not on at the time the alleged cursing took place. He said he told Redfearn he couldn't do that. He further testified that after this he saw Mr. Jas. D. Proctor, a member of the board of town commissioners, and told him that Redfearn had asked him to change the records. He said that Redfearn asked him about the records at a later time and asked him to change them so as to show lights were not on.

Mr. Proctor was then called to the stand. He testified that McNeill had been to him and told him that Redfearn had asked him to change records so as to show the lights were not on at this particular time. He also testified that Chief Redfearn had talked to him about the matter and told him that McNeill had been to him and offered to change the records so as to show that the lights were not burning on the night of November 12, that Redfearn said there was something crooked about that and he was not going to use that as evidence in the

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## DEBATE AT LUMBER BRIDGE

Young Ladies of Parkton and Lumber Bridge Schools Prove Able Debaters

Lumber Bridge Cor., March 23, Fayetteville Observer.

On last evening at 8 o'clock the question: Resolved, "That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging its navy," was discussed. The affirmative was ably defended by the Lumber Bridge team, Misses Jesse Marley and Beulah Hall, and the negative was strongly represented by the Parkton team, Misses Annie Williamson and Margaret McMillan. The girls on both sides did unusually well. Jesse Marley deserves special mention for the very forceful manner in which she upheld the affirmative. She was not only strong and rigid in marshalling facts and using them to good effect in argument, but she was very dramatic and forceful as well in delivery.

Annie Williamson presented a strong argument for the negative and in dramatic powers she has but few equals in this section.

Beulah Hall, who made the opening speech on the affirmative, was real good in presenting and driving home the basic principles of the question, and in the matter of delivery.

Margaret McMillan was the last speaker on the negative and she presented an argument that was difficult to answer. She is one of the most thorough pupils in the Parkton high school. Every one of the girls did credit to the two schools they represented.

The committee, Mr. E. H. Smith, Mr. Brown Evans and Miss Ethel Cobb rendered a unanimous decision in favor of the affirmative.

Lumber Bridge and Parkton are fortunate this year in having the best corps of teachers for many years. Prof. H. W. Doub of Parkton, and James Hutchins of Lumber Bridge are two very efficient principals to whom is due largely the success of the debate. They are ably assisted by competent teachers.

## WANTED IN OTHER COUNTIES

Robeson Officers Arrest Ed Smith, Wanted in Bladen for Arson, and Lonnie Long, Escaped Convict From Cumberland

Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt, Rural Policemen Eli Phillips and L. H. Townsend made a raid Friday night and as a result arrested Ed Smith, who had been evading the officers of Bladen county since 1911. Smith is charged with burning his store at Dublin. Lonnie Long, an escaped convict from Cumberland county, was also arrested at the same time. The two men were working for the Kingsdale Lumber Corporation and were boarding at the home of Mr. Pearl Blackman, near Rozier's where they were arrested. Cumberland officers carried Long back to Cumberland yesterday. Sheriff J. M. Clark of Bladen arrived this morning and will take Smith to Elizabethtown.

## Disquieting Reports From Mexico Officially Denied

Washington Dispatch, March 24.

With disquieting reports from Mexico officially denied from all sources, Administration officials settled down again tonight to await word that Villa and his bandits had been captured or killed by American or Mexican troops. Apprehension aroused by reports that the Carranza garrison at Chihuahua City had joined the bandits has completely subsided. While Congress still hears talk of rumors of impending border disturbances, the White House and State and War Departments were satisfied that nothing had arisen beyond the border to justify additional military precautions.

## Among the Sick

The condition of Mrs. J. A. McAllister, who has been sick at her home, corner Chestnut and Sixth streets, for some time, is unimproved.

Mrs. E. I. Poole, who had been sick for some time, is able to be out again.

Mr. W. H. Haney of East Lumberton, who went to Fayetteville Wednesday for the purpose of undergoing an operation for appendicitis, returned home Friday, having decided to postpone the operation for a while.

## Annual Fast Day and Prayermeeting

The people of the Mt. Elijam section are holding their annual fast day and prayer meeting today to invoke God's blessings on them during this year. Not only do the people of that section hold a special fast day in the spring to ask God's blessings, but in the fall they observe a special thanksgiving day, extra from the National Day, which they also observe.

## Miss Louvena Tyler and Mr. Charley Guyton Married

Miss Louvena Tyler and Mr. Charley Guyton, both of East Lumberton, were married at the home of the officiating minister, Rev. N. L. Seabolt, Seneca street, late Saturday afternoon.

## WAGE CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN

### SWAT THE FLY

Spring Brings the Pesky Fly and the Dreaded Mosquito—Let's Get Busy and Fight These Enemies—Now is the Time to Ward Off the Usually High May and June Death Rate—Robeson Was Unusually Free of Usual Epidemics Through the Winter

By B. W. Page, County Health Officer  
Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Robeson county has been fortunate this winter to escape its usual epidemics of smallpox, measles, whooping-cough, scarlet fever, mumps and diphtheria. Grip and colds have been more prevalent in certain sections of the county than for several years past, or at least we have noticed them more probably because of the fact that we had so few other contagious diseases to attract attention.

Since spring is now here we will open our windows and breathe pure air instead of a fog of germs and spit from the coughs of others, and take a rest from our winter diseases.

But spring brings more than fresh air, it brings the pesky fly and the dreaded mosquito to give us our summer complaints, typhoid fever and malaria. So let us get busy and fight these enemies. We will ask the mayor and civic league to help us wage a "clean-up campaign" in the towns and never cease till all flies are drained, and filth removed. The careful farmer will see that the privy is made fly-proof and the dining room and kitchen are carefully screened.

Robeson's death rate for May and June is usually higher than for any other three months in the year. Let us see that this will not be so this year.

## BROAD RIDGE SCHOOL CLOSING

Excellent Concert Attended by Large Crowd Friday Evening—One of Best Sessions in History of the School

The Broad Ridge public school closed Friday of last week. The school gave a concert Friday evening which was witnessed by a crowd that filled the school building to overflowing and many who wished to do so failed to get in. The concert consisted of speeches, songs, dialogues, etc., and the way each child played his or her part showed that they had been trained by able and willing hands. The exercise lasted for an hour and a half and there was not a dull or uninteresting moment while the performance was going on. The play "Jumbo Jum" was presented in a pleasing and amusing manner, and caused a continual uproar of laughter.

The session just closed, which was a 5-months' term, was pronounced as one of the most successful in the history of the school. Prof. E. B. Graham of Proctorville was principal of the school and Miss Nina Bryan of route 1 from Lumberton was assistant.

Those who attended the concert from Lumberton were Messrs. W. L. Parham, H. T. Hux, W. J. Sansbury, F. Grover Britt and T. J. Rowan.

Butler Forces Merrily Override Duncan Again  
Raleigh News and Observer, 25th.

For the third time during 1916, E. C. Duncan was discredited as a leader of North Carolina Republicans yesterday when in convention of the fourth congressional district, the Butler forces operated the well oiled roller with deadly precision and effect. Although his slate of delegates to the national convention was defeated with a margin of two votes, there was never a chance for the former national committeeman. After a grim fight, obstinate all the way through, the Duncan forces retired as gracefully as possible against further demonstration of stacked cards and modestly declined to take a harmony sop in the form of an alternate or electoral job.

## Smith's School in Howellsville Will Close Friday

Smith's school, Howellsville township, will close Friday of this week, March 31. In the evening at 7:30 there will be recitations, songs, etc., and a box supper. Prof. Chas. Stewart, principal of the school, was a Lumberton visitor Friday. The assistant teacher is Miss Sadie Thompson.

## Ice Cream Supper Thursday at Saddle Tree

There will be an ice cream supper Thursday evening of this week, March 30, at Saddle Tree school house, beginning about dark. The school will close April 14. Prof. J. W. McPhail, principal of the school, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Messrs. O. F. Nance and Earl Crump spent yesterday at Ten Mile.

Come to Lumberton  
APRIL 7TH.  
County Commencement

## BRIEFS ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Middling cotton is selling for 11 5-16 cents the pound on the local market today.

—Special meeting of St. Aloan's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Work in third degree.

—Mr. H. M. King of route 1 from St. Pauls was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. King says the farmers in his section are beginning to plant corn.

—Mr. L. W. Baxley of R. 1, St. Paul, was a Lumberton visitor this morning. His mother, Mrs. W. W. Baxley, is very sick at her home near St. Paul.

—Two mad dogs were observed yesterday near Mr. Tom Tolar's home about two miles east of Lumberton. One of them was killed but the other got away.

—Mr. M. Beverly and family moved last week from the old McMillan house on East Fifth street to a house on the same street between Walnut and Pine.

—Mrs. Roeth, colored, who is employed on the new high school building, lost \$5 on the streets Saturday afternoon and he very much hopes that the finder will return the bill to him.

—On April 7th, County Commencement day, ladies of the Presbyterian church will sell lunches, cream, cake and coffee, and will appreciate the patronage of visitors as well as the town people.

—License has been issued for the marriage of J. Lyde Hill and Sallie Stubbs; C. P. Guyton and Louvena Tyler; Ashley Barber and Katie Truelove; W. L. Lovett and Purdie Lamb; L. V. Leitch and Mary Etta Spears.

—Mr. B. A. Harris of Wilmington has accepted a position as piano player at the Pastime theatre. He began work Thursday night. Mr. Harris formerly played at the Pastime and is well remembered by those who visit this theatre.

—Mr. J. S. Folger arrived Saturday from Baltimore, near Fairmont, where he has been teaching, and will spend some time here visiting his brother, Mr. M. N. Folger. Mr. Folger's school closed Friday. From here he will go to his home at Rockford.

—In Thursday's Robesonian it was stated that Mrs. R. M. N. Stephens and daughter, Mrs. A. M. Hartley, had gone to Charlotte, where Mrs. Hartley would consult a specialist. It was Mrs. Stephens who went to consult a specialist and not Mrs. Hartley. Mrs. Hartley returned from Charlotte Friday night. Mrs. Stephens is still in Charlotte.

—Mayor and Mrs. A. E. White returned Friday from New York, where they spent nearly two weeks while Mr. White was purchasing goods for the department store of Messrs. White & Gough, of which firm Mr. White is senior member.

—Water from the public pump at the corner of Walnut and Fourth streets is all right for use again, according to report of analysis made by the State Board of Health and received by County Health Officer Page, the other day. This water was unfit for use for some months but work was done on the pump and it has cleared up again.

—Mr. M. Blacker and family and Mr. J. Blacker and family returned Friday from Richmond, where Tuesday night they attended the marriage of Mr. A. Blacker and Miss Dora Wierthesha, both of Richmond. The groom is the youngest brother of Messrs. M. and J. Blacker. The married couple left Richmond immediately after the marriage for New York and other points North, where they will spend some time.

—Mr. E. L. Phillips of the Globe Swamp section, who was a Lumberton visitor Saturday, says that while crossing a swamp near Mathew's bluff one day recently in a buggy a black fish got into his buggy. He says the fish was not in his buggy when he entered the swamp, but when he had crossed over one 20 inches in length was riding in the buggy with him. Mr. Phillips had the fish cooked and ate a part of him. He didn't attempt to say how the fish got into the buggy.

—Mr. D. C. Bullard, manager of the Lumberton Cycle Co., is spending today in Wilmington on business.

—Miss Lina Gough, Master Frank Gough, Jr., and Messrs. James Barker and A. J. Holmes spent yesterday at Dunn.

—My glasses were fitted by Dr. Parker, the only specialist in Lumberton licensed by State Board Examination for this important work. HIS SERVICE SATISFIES

County Commencement  
IN LUMBERTON  
APRIL 7TH.