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BIGGEST TIME EVER AT COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Schools From All Sections of County Will be Here—Come and Bring Your Family—Ball Game Between Lumberton and Fairmont

People from all sections of the county report that their schools will take part in the County Commencement which will be held here Friday of next week. Indications are that this will be the biggest educational affair in the history of the county. If you have not already made arrangements to be here, get busy now and prepare to come and bring your family. Your neighbor and his family will be here.

Among the athletic events scheduled for County Commencement day is a baseball game between Lumberton and Fairmont. These teams will be composed of high school players but the fastest amateurs that can be secured from local talent.

COMING TO COUNTY COMMENCEMENT

Red Springs School Will be Well Represented—Will Enter Contests

Red Springs, March 30.—Red Springs graded school is making elaborate preparations for County Commencement in Lumberton and a number of them will be present. Red Springs school will enter many of the contests, and all believe the coming commencement will be the biggest in the history of Robeson. We hope to see thousands of Robeson county school children in Lumberton on April 7th.

ENTERTAINMENT AT PHILADELPHUS EVENING APRIL 4

A play, "Down in Dixie", will be given at Philadelphia high school Tuesday evening of next week, April 4. Those who are familiar with the excellent character of the entertainments invariably given by the pupils of this school know that a treat is in store for all who can be present.

In Buie correspondence published in The Robesonian of the 23rd it was stated that this entertainment was to be given Wednesday evening of this week, but that was an error.

Cars of Cantaloupes Will be Shipped From Lumberton—More Watermelons

Mr. W. G. Gilchrist, industrial agent of the Virginia & Carolina Southern Railroad, has made arrangements for refrigerator cars to ship cantaloupes from Lumberton during the coming season. He says enough cantaloupes will be raised around Lumberton to make a carload shipment every day during the season. Which will be something new and unusual for Lumberton and is a beginning which it is to be hoped means larger things. Mr. Gilchrist also says that a much larger acreage will be put in watermelons around Lumberton this year than ever before. Mr. Gilchrist is an experienced melon raiser and this would seem to indicate that he has been doing some good work among the farmers in this section since he was employed by the railroad about three months ago.

Gymnasium and Reading Room Opening Monday Evening

The Baraca gymnasium and reading room, in the old Baptist church building, Fifth and Walnut streets, will be formally opened Monday night of next week. The gymnasium apparatus and shower bath have already been installed. It is expected that the reading room will be ready for the opening also Monday evening.

While the gymnasium and reading room are under the supervision of the young men's Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school, all young men of the town are invited to become members, and will receive the same privileges as members of the Baraca class. Members of the class will be required to pay their dues just the same as those who are not members of the class.

An interesting meeting of the High School Teachers' Association of Robeson was held in Lumberton Saturday. The Robesonian was promised a report of this meeting but it has not been turned in for today's paper.

A two-weeks' term of Superior Court for the trial of civil cases will begin Monday of next week. Judge F. A. Daniels of Goldsboro will preside. The court calendar was received too late to publish in today's issue.

Miss Ruby Stubbs, assistant teacher of the Greenwood public school, near Pembroke, was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. This school closed unexpectedly last Friday on account of lack of funds. Teachers and pupils were preparing for an entertainment to be given at the close of school and are very much disappointed at the sudden ending of the term. Teachers and pupils expect to attend the County Commencement in force, however. Miss Stubbs, whose home is at Parkton, will visit in the Greenwood neighborhood until after County Commencement, and Prof. E. E. Bundy, principal of the school, also will be here with the children April 4.

TOWN PRIMARY APRIL 25

Mayor, Chief of Police, Board of Audit, 3 Commissioners and 4 Graded School Trustees to be Nominated—Committee to Settle With Tax Collector Redfean—Contract Let for Auditing Town's Books Annually—\$50 for County Fair

At a meeting of the board of town commissioners Tuesday evening the report of Geo. B. Wilson & Co., who were employed to audit the town's books, was accepted. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the report was gotten out in a most neat and attractive form. The following committee was appointed to perfect a settlement with Tax Collector H. H. Redfean: Jas. D. Proctor, a member of the board, W. Lennon, attorney for the town, and Town Clerk and Treasurer Ira B. Townsend.

The report shows that the amount due the town by Mr. Redfean is \$257.18. Of this amount \$55.81 is for years 1911 to 1915, and Mr. Redfean says he has receipts in full from the town clerk and treasurer for those years, also from the board of audit and finance of the town. Mr. Ira B. Townsend, present town clerk and treasurer, says that for the amount the audit shows is due by Mr. Redfean is to be deducted \$183.00, amount paid out by Mr. Redfean in taking up vouchers for employees of the town, on the authority of the former clerk and treasurer, Mr. Charles T. Page.

The work of auditing the books cost the town \$610. Contract has been let to the Geo. B. Wilson Company for auditing the town's books annually. The contract provides that a member of the above company has a right to check up the town's books at any time during the year, and that a statement shall be prepared by said auditing company at the end of each fiscal year, the amount for each year's services to be \$125, plus railroad fare and other expenses while perfecting the job. The books are to be audited at the end of the present fiscal year free of cost, save the expenses of the accountants while doing the work.

The board appropriated \$50 to be used in connection with the county fair which will be held in Lumberton next fall.

A town primary was called for April 2. Mr. E. J. Glover was appointed registrar; Messrs. R. R. Cary, Robert Prevatt, C. P. McAllister, Troy M'White and J. D. Norment, primary managers; Messrs. W. O. Thompson, V. D. Baker and John C. Fuller, judges of election.

At this primary a mayor will be nominated to serve one year, a chief of police to serve for one year, three members of the board of town commissioners to serve two years, three members of the board of audit and finance to serve one year, and four members of the board of graded school trustees, to serve two years. While no formal announcements have been made, Mayor A. E. White says he will be in the race to succeed himself.

The members of the board of town commissioners whose terms expire this year are Messrs. James D. Frctor, W. P. McAllister and L. C. Townsend. Those who hold over are Messrs. W. S. Wishart, K. M. Barnes and A. S. King.

All the members of the board of audit and finance are to be elected. The present board is composed of Messrs. Frank Gough, H. M. McAllister and W. S. Britt. It is understood all these will allow their names to go before the voters for re-election.

The members of the board of graded school trustees whose terms expire this year are Messrs. Q. T. Williams, R. D. Caldwell, Alf. H. McLeod, J. P. Russell. Those who hold over are Messrs. L. R. Varner, C. V. Brown and Geo. L. Thompson.

Mr. John C. Fuller has let the contract for the erection of a modern 10-room residence on his lot on Elm street. The building will be steam-heated and equipped with the latest conveniences.

Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 11 1-2 cents the pound. Strict middling, 11 3-4 cents.

PUBLIC DEBATE FRIDAY NIGHT

High School Boys Throughout State Will Debate Tomorrow Evening—Debate Here Will be in Court House—Winners Will Go to Chapel Hill for Second Preliminary

Tomorrow evening the query, "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging its navy", will be debated by hundreds of high school students throughout North Carolina. The affirmative side of the query will be upheld here by Messrs. John Blount McLeod and Robert Caldwell of the Lumberton graded school, while the negative side will be upheld by Messrs. Worth Moffitt and Clifton Layton of the Sanford high school. The negative will be upheld at Laurinburg by Messrs. Robert Proctor and Ertel Carlyle of the Lumberton high school, while the affirmative side of the query will be upheld by two pupils of the Laurinburg high school. The debate here will be public and will be held in the court house, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The debates tomorrow night, in which more than 200 schools in the State will take part are to decide what schools will be entitled to go to Chapel Hill on April 13 to try in the second preliminary for the final debate which will be held at Chapel Hill on April 14. In order to go to Chapel Hill both the affirmative and negative teams of a school must win. It will be remembered that the Lumberton school boys have won out in the first preliminary for the three past years. One time they won second place at Chapel Hill. The boys say they are going to make a strong effort to win the cup this year. Here's hoping they may.

THE FINAL SUMMONS

Mr. Troy Powers Passes Away in Georgia

News has been received here of the death of Mr. Troy Powers, which occurred at his home at Nicholls, Ga., Monday. Deceased had been sick for some time. Mr. Powers was a native Robesonian, having been reared near Ten Mile. He was a son of Mrs. Almira Powers of that section. Interment was made at Oglethorpe, Ga., Tuesday. Deceased left this county several years ago and had accumulated quite a bit of property in Georgia. He was a nephew of Sheriff R. E. Lewis of Lumberton.

Mrs. Christian Ann Johnson of St. Paul
I am today's St. Paul Messenger it is learned that Mrs. Christian Ann Johnson died at that place Tuesday after an illness of several days duration. She was 72 years old and during the past 10 years had lived at St. Paul with her niece Mrs. L. A. McGeachy. She was also an aunt of Messrs. J. A. and W. D. Johnson of St. Paul, and a sister of Mrs. Cooley and Mrs. McLaughlin of Wagram. During most of her life she was a member of Spring Hill Baptist church near Wagram, from which church the funeral was conducted yesterday by Rev. J. J. Murray, and the interment was in the family graveyard near Wagram.

PUBLIC DEBATE AT ORRUM

Debate Between Lumber Bridge and Orrum Tomorrow Evening

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Orrum, March 29.—There will be a public debate in the high school auditorium Friday evening, March 31. The debate will be between Orrum and Lumber Bridge. The query is "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly increasing its navy". Orrum will defend the affirmative side of the question and Lumber Bridge will uphold the negative. The public is cordially invited.

MAYOR WHITE NAMES CLEAN-UP DAYS

First Four Days of Next Week Will be Observed as Clean-Up Days in Lumberton.

TO CITIZENS OF THE TOWN OF LUMBERTON:

I hereby designate and set apart Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th, as Clean-up Days. I earnestly urge all citizens of our town to give your premises a thorough cleaning. Start promptly Monday morning and remove all trash and refuse from your premises and put same on the street. The city trash wagons will start on Tuesday morning and will make a clean sweep as they go, and remove all trash promptly. Extra wagons will be provided if necessary.

Put your shoulders to the wheel and cooperate with officials to the end that our town may receive a thorough cleaning. Don't delay this matter. Act promptly.

A. E. WHITE, Mayor.

DOWN FAIRMONT WAY

Farmers Say They Will Raise Home Supplies—He Wasn't Afraid, Oh No!—Mr. Gough at White Pond—What Sort of Will is This?

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Fairmont, R. F. D., March 28.—We are having fine weather at present, and the farmers are making good use of it preparing for planting their crops but most all of them say they are going to use not less than half the fertilizer they have been using. They say they are going to try to make more hog and hominy and live at home. We say, may they stick to what they have said.

We heard of one of the boys staying off from home one night until after dark, forgetting he had to pass a graveyard. Although he was not afraid, just as he was about to pass by the awful place he heard something which sounded to him very much like a train, but he didn't run, neither did he look to see what it was, but on stopping at the first neighbor's house he found that his heart had been beating a little too fast.

We visited over at White Pond last Sunday evening and enjoyed a fine time. The exercises were carried out fine, after which Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton made an excellent speech, which was enjoyed by all. We are sure they would be glad to have Mr. Gough visit them again.

While we were over there we heard of a very strange thing. We heard of an important will being lost, and we heard a man say he was very sorry it was lost, he wished it could be found, as it only meant for him a wife, so he could enjoy life. Wonder what that will could have been? Also we heard another one say that he saw in The Robesonian where he had bought license, and he hoped that some girl would call before he had to send it back as this was leap year.

We understand that Rev. P. T. Britt filled his regular appointment Sunday night, being postponed until night on account of the exercises in the afternoon.

A. A. BETHUNE NOT GUILTY

Judge Connor So Instructed Federal Court Jury Which Heard Evidence in Alleged Vote Prevention Charge by Lewis Herring

"Not guilty", was the verdict Judge H. G. Connor, of the Federal Court, instructed the jury to render without retiring in the case of Mr. Lewis Herring against Mr. A. A. Bethune. The case came up for a hearing at Laurinburg Tuesday, but after the evidence had been turned in the judge instructed the jury to return a verdict of not guilty. The prosecuting attorney, Hon. Francis D. Winston, did not object to the charge of the judge. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, Mr. Herring had Mr. Bethune charged with illegally preventing him from voting two years ago. Mr. Bethune being one of the poll holders. Mr. Herring is a Republican and the case was considered by many as only a political prosecution or "persecution". Quite a number from Lumberton and surrounding territory went to Laurinburg in Mr. Bethune's behalf. Both Mr. Herring and Mr. Bethune live in Howellsville township.

Hoke Lumber Company of Dundarrach

A charter was issued Tuesday by the Secretary of State for the Hoke Lumber Co. of Dundarrach, capital stock \$50,000, subscribed, \$7,500. Incorporators, W. J. Johnson, W. E. Garrett, H. G. McIntyre, all of Dundarrach.

MARIETTA NEWS MATTERS

School Will Close April 12—In Social Circles—Personal Mention

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Marietta, March 28.—One of the most pleasant social events of the season was a tacky party given on Friday evening of last week by the Baraca class of Olivet Methodist church. Members of the Philathea class were guests of honor on this occasion and the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Oliver was beautifully spring-like with its decorations of rich yellow jonquils, fragrant hyacinths and ferns.

The spacious reception halls were thrown into one and many intensely interesting games were engaged in during the evening, riding on the stage coach creating an unusual amount of fun and laughter. An interesting feature of the evening was an observation contest. Miss Rachel Oliver won the girl's prize and Mr. Paul Hill the boy's. Miss Mae Oliver was given a prize for being dressed the tackiest, and Mr. Frank Duncan was voted the tackiest boy.

A salad course was served by members of the Baraca class. At intervals during the evening music was rendered by Mrs. W. M. Oliver, and a reading by Miss Mellie Hill was enjoyed by all.

To the Baracas and their efficient teacher, Mrs. W. M. Oliver, the Philathea are indebted for an evening of rare pleasure.

Mrs. J. M. Wells was hostess to the G. W. Club Saturday afternoon. The guests as they arrived were ushered into the reception hall, which was in its usual inviting manner decorated with ferns and potted plants. The president being absent, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. J. M. Wells, vice president, and after a brief business session the guests engaged in needle work for a short time, while the hostess served delicious lemonade. Two tables being arranged, they then played progressive dominoes and Mrs. W. M. Oliver making the highest score was presented with the prize. The hostess, assisted by her little daughter Miss Mae Wells, then served a salad course, followed by fudge.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Jenrette entertained the pupils of the high school department and the teachers Friday evening, March 24. This is an annual event and one that is eagerly anticipated by the pupils. The always-attractive home was made even more lovely by the use of many potted plants in the parlors and reception hall, and pink shaded lights cast a glow over all.

The guests were greeted at the door by the host and hostess and shown into the music room, where they found their places at tables arranged for progressive Easter. At the conclusion of the games it was found that Messrs. John Wells and J. P. Rogers had made the same number of progressions. On playing off the tie Mr. Wells made the highest score and was presented with the prize, an Easter rabbit. Refreshments in two courses were served by the host and hostess assisted by Misses Rachel Oliver and Loula Page. In the decorations and the refreshments the school colors, purple and gold, were beautifully carried out.

Misses Loula and Kate Page and Rachel Oliver and Mrs. M. J. Oliver spent several hours in Marion, S. C., Saturday.

Miss Mellie Hill is visiting her sister, Miss Minnie, in Florence, S. C.

Mr. E. M. Johnson of Lumberton delivered an address to the colored people of this place at the closing of their school last Friday.

Mr. D. N. Oliver left Monday for Dillon, S. C., where he will join Mrs. Oliver, who is visiting friends there.

Mr. John McKenzie of Gady's Mill, S. C., was a business caller in town Monday.

Messrs. S. F. Jenkins and T. J. Noblin of Barnesville were here on business Monday.

The school here will close April 12th. The commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. Mr. Willis of Dillon, S. C. A complete program of the closing exercises will be published later.

Speaker Egged With Good Eggs

Mr. E. M. Johnson delivered an address at the closing exercises of the Marietta colored school Friday of last week. For making this speech Mr. Johnson received 173 hen eggs. Each pupil was requested to bring one egg to pay the speaker. The average attendance for the term was 119.

Messrs. E. J. Pope, E. L. Holloway and C. V. Brown will go to Fayetteville tonight to attend a meeting called for the purpose of organizing a six or eight town baseball league. The league, if organized, will be known as the Upper Cape Fear League.

County Commencement IN LUMBERTON APRIL 7TH.

Come to Lumberton APRIL 7TH. County Commencement

BRIEFS ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Rev. R. E. Sentelle and Messrs. Frank Holloway and Prentiss Barker went to St. Pauls Sunday, where Mr. Sentelle preached at the Baptist church at 11 o'clock a. m.

—Have you ever stopped to think what it is worth to your child to read newspapers? A man remarked recently, "My children very often have a row as to who shall read The Robesonian first when it comes".

—Mr. and Mrs. John Williamson, Prof. R. E. Sentelle and daughter, Miss Evelyn, and Mr. Lewis Shelby attended a debate at Flora McDonald College, Red Springs, Monday evening. Prof. Sentelle was invited to serve as a judge. They report a most interesting debate.

—A new plate glass front will be placed in the Griffith building, Elm and Fourth streets, occupied by Townsend Brothers. The work will be in charge of Mr. J. M. Russell, local architect, and will be begun at once. This will add much to the appearance of this building.

—Fairmont Messenger: We welcome our midst Rev. John R. Miller, of Kings Mountain, who comes to be pastor of the Baptist church here. He comes to us highly recommended as an honorable Christian gentleman and worker of those who have known him in his former field of labor.

—Mr. G. P. McMillan has accepted a position with the Postal Telegraph Company at Charlotte. He left last night for Charlotte and will enter upon his duties at once.

—Miss Burnett Owen, who is in charge of the military department of the Lumberton Hargain House, spent Tuesday in Wilmington in the interest of her department.

—The Farmers & Merchants Bank will merge into the Planters Bank & Trust Company Saturday of this week. The Planters Bank & Trust Company opened in the banking rooms of the Farmers & Merchants Bank, Chestnut and Fourth streets, Monday, March 20. The names of the officers of the new institution have been published in The Robesonian.

—At a recent convocation of Lumberton Chapter No. 77, R. A. M., the following officers were installed: Jno. S. MacNeill, E. H. P.; Alf. H. McLeod, K.; John T. Biggs, S.; L. McK. Parker, treasurer; F. H. Townsend, secretary; G. E. Ranee, Jr., C. O. H.; C. V. Brown, P. S.; Dr. N. A. Thompson, R. A. C.; J. C. Stansel, M. 3V.; S. K. Nash, M. 2V.; J. D. McLean, M. 1V.; W. G. Pitman, sentinel.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Spaulding will move tomorrow from Maxton to Lumberton. Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding have sold their furniture and will board for the present at the home of Mrs. Spaulding's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Townsend, Elm street. Mr. Spaulding will enter Saturday upon his duties as secretary and bond officer of the new Planters Bank & Trust Co. Lumberton gladly welcomes Mr. and Mrs. Spaulding.

—The tin can campaign will be continued at the Pastime theatre until Friday night of this week. It is hoped that by that time the town will be clear of tin cans. Beginning next Monday a raid will be made on all the empty bottles lying around in the alleys, lots, backyards, under houses, in fence jams and everywhere else in town. For a limited time the children can pay their way into the show with bottles after the cans have been cleaned up.

—The People's Garage of Lumberton is "some" distributor of automobiles. It sold Saturday of last week the last of a car load of Paige cars recently received to Mr. T. B. Gibson, a prominent business man of McColl, S. C., and Monday Mr. Leon L. Hatch of Wilmington placed an order with this garage for a Paige, to be delivered as soon as it could be secured. The People's Garage also sold a Paige car last week to Mr. R. C. Lawrence of Lumberton.

—Mr. Oscar F. Thornton arrived Monday night from Mullins, S. C., and will represent the Jefferson Standard Life Insurance Company of Greensboro here. Mr. Thornton declares that while he has traveled through the State, Lumberton is the best little city within the bounds of North Carolina. Mr. Thornton continued, "I have not yet found a town that impressed me as Lumberton has, and nowhere can you find a more sociable people." Lumberton gladly welcomes Mr. Thornton.

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