

HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Friday Devoted to Closing Exercises of Lumberton High School—Address by Mr. J. J. Parker of Monroe—Prizes and Scholarships—May-Pole Dance on River Bank Delightful Event—Graduating Exercises Friday Evening by Class of Ten Exercises Friday and Friday night closed a most successful session of the Lumberton graded and high school. The feature of Friday's exercises was an address by Mr. J. J. Parker, an attorney of Monroe. The speaking was held in the opera house and quite a crowd gathered to hear the address, which took place at 11 o'clock a. m. The exercises were opened with a musical selection, after which Rev. J. F. Gorrell, former pastor of the Presbyterian church, offered prayer. The speaker was introduced by Mr. H. E. Stacy of the Lumberton bar. Mr. Stacy referred to Mr. Parker as an orator, lawyer and statesman and declared that the University of North Carolina had never had a more brilliant all-around student and scholar.

Mr. Parker made a practical and helpful address, his subject being "Ideals of a Successful Life". He showed that success does not consist in winning mere wealth or fame, but simply being learned or good, but that it consists in a well-rounded life and in doing one's duty well. He declared that our present school system falls down in that it has its aim to prepare girls, and boys for college and does not lay enough stress upon preparing them for life.

Immediately after the address Prof. J. F. Love, principal of the high school, delivered diplomas to the 10 members of the graduating class. The class was composed of the following girls and boys: Misses Myrtle Barnes, Jeannette Biggs, Jennie Edens, Flora Prevatt, Marie Thompson, Ruth Thompson, Vashti White; Messrs. Chaffin Blake, Ertel Carlyle and Robert Caldwell.

Before presenting the diplomas Prof. Love commended the good work done by the class as a whole and called special attention to the good work of Miss Jeannette Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. M. Biggs, who made the highest average all through the course, and Mr. Chaffin Blake, son of Mr. P. C. Blake, who has been awarded a scholarship to Harvard University.

After the diplomas had been awarded Mr. R. D. Caldwell in a most pleasing manner presented a medal each to Mr. Carl Greaves, son of Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Greaves and little Miss Lois Caldwell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Caldwell. The prize won by Mr. Greaves was offered by Mr. L. R. Varsler, chairman of the board of school trustees, for the best essay on North Carolina history, Reconstruction period. Five essays were prepared, all of them excellent, but the judges, Messrs. J. R. Poole, J. A. Sharpe and W. Lennon, decided that Mr. Greaves' essay entitled him to the medal. The prize won by little Miss Caldwell was offered by Mr. Alf H. McLeod, a member of school board, for the student from the grammar grades making the best attendance and punctuality record.

Graduates of the high school are prepared to enter college. Before dismissing the audience, Supt. R. E. Sentelle announced that he had scholarships to Davidson, Trinity and Wake Forest Colleges and Oak Ridge Institute, and perhaps would have scholarships to other institutions, and that any boy who wanted to secure a scholarship should take the matter up with him.

May-Pole Dance
Down by the river Friday evening at 6 o'clock a large crowd gathered to witness a May-pole dance by students of the school. It was a beautiful spectacle which was highly enjoyed. All who took part were appropriately crowned and the dances were given with exceeding grace and charm. The following had leading roles: Miss Vashti White, queen; Miss Marie Thompson, maid of honor; Miss Alice McLean, crown-bearer; Misses Christine Caldwell and Mary Lawrence, train bearers; Misses Ruth Thompson, Evelyn Sentelle and Mary Lee Caldwell, others in immediate attendance upon her majesty the queen.

The first dance was by students of the grammar grades, the second by high-school students. This spectacular event, which was pure delight, was gotten up under the supervision of Misses Annie Nell Fuller, Elizabeth Belk and Effie Newton, teachers. Miss Christine Gower, one of the music teachers of the school, played for the dances, using a piano in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Townsend.

Graduating Exercises
The final exercises—the graduating exercises—Friday evening were rendered in a most pleasing manner in the Star theatre building which was packed with people, many being turned away.

The exercises were opened at 8:45 with a chorus made up of girls from the high school department. The class exercises came as follows: salutatory, Flora Prevatt; class history, Ertel Carlyle; prophecy, Ruth Thompson; class poem, Vashti White; last will and testament, Chaffin Blake; trophies, Marie Thompson; valedictory, Jeannette Biggs. Each number on the program was presented in a most pleasing and entertaining manner and showed that the class of 1916 is made up of good talent which had been well trained. After the class exercises Mr. C.

GRADED SCHOOL TEACHERS

Supt. Sentelle, Misses Dexter, Snead and Pennie and Winifred Rowland, will return—Prof. Love goes to St. Paul Graded School as Superintendent—Others Have Not Signified Acceptance so Far—Teachers Required to Attend Summer School

The Lumberton graded and high school trustees have re-elected Supt. R. E. Sentelle, who has served in the capacity of superintendent acceptably since the school was organized 9 years ago, and Prof. J. F. Love as principal, at an increase in salary. Prof. Love, however, who has just completed his first year of efficient work here, has accepted the position of superintendent of the graded school at St. Paul. A man will be elected to succeed him as principal here. Other teachers have been re-elected as follows: High school—Misses Elizabeth Belk, department of history, and Effie Newton, department of mathematics. Grammar grades—Miss Elizabeth Snead, sixth, Miss Lillie Barker, fifth. Miss Mollie Belle Hollowell, who has had charge of the fourth grade, and Miss Annie Neal Fuller, who has had charge of an emergency grade, did not apply for re-election. Primary grades—Miss Elizabeth Dexter, first; Miss Janie Carlyle, advanced; Miss Pennie Rowland, second; Miss Winifred Rowland, third.

Records of Secretary Williams show that only Supt. Sentelle and Misses Winifred and Pennie Rowland, Elizabeth Snead and Elizabeth Dexter have accepted up to the present.

It is understood that all teachers will be required to attend summer school and that salaries will be increased to take care of this additional expense to which they will be put. The matter of salary increases will be worked out with the town commissioners.

In the music department, Misses Christine Gower and Agnes McLean have been re-elected and have accepted. Miss Amanda McDiarmid, who has been taking a course in domestic science in Chicago for the past several months, was elected teacher of domestic science, but has declined. It is understood that she has accepted a similar position in Tarboro. Miss Mildred McIntyre was offered the position of teacher of voice, pipe organ and public school music, but has declined. The domestic science, music and elocution departments are self-sustaining—the trustees do not assume any responsibility as to salaries in these departments. Miss Irene McLeod has been elected teacher of expression.

SEABOARD TRESTLE BURNED

60 Feet of Trestle Near Lumberton Burned Yesterday Morning—Repaired in Time for Afternoon Train A Seaboard trestle which spans Lumber river about a mile and a half west of town was found burning early yesterday morning. Mr. M. Beverly, local agent, was notified that the trestle was on fire and a number of local Seaboard employees rushed to the scene and extinguished the flames, which had burned about 60 feet of the trestle. It is supposed that the fire was started by a midnight freight train. As a result of the fire traffic was somewhat delayed. Westbound passenger train No. 19 which arrived here at 7:15, remained here until east-bound train No. 14 from Charlotte arrived at the scene of the fire. Passengers, etc. were transferred from each train to the other and the east-bound train went back to Charlotte, while the west-bound train ran back to Wilmington. The trestle was rebuilt in time for train No. 13, west-bound, which arrived here at 6:19 last evening, to pass over.

Recorder's Court

The following cases have recently been disposed of by Recorder E. M. Britt: Robert Pate and Geo. McNeill, drunk, plead guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of cost. Cora McKinnon and Azibel Walters, both colored, charged with an affray. Azibel drew a 30 days jail sentence, while Cora agreed to leave town and go to work. Joe Stone and Johnnie McNeill, white, and Julius Robeson, colored, keeping dogs after they had been bitten by a mad dog. McNeill and Robeson had killed their dogs when the trial was called and Stone declared that his dog was not bitten and, as no one testified that he was, the case was dismissed.

V. Brown, a member of the board of trustees, presented a medal to Master Harry Russell for making the highest average in punctuality, conduct and efficiency in the high school department. The prize was offered by Mr. Alf H. McLeod, a member of the school board. The teachers of the high school department found it hard to decide which had won the medal, Master Harry or little Miss Drina Hedgpeht, but finally decided that Harry was the winner, with Drina a close second.

The last number on the program was as aeweeefiuhro, Therugashrdluun was a quartet sung by Misses Margaret Pope, Hazel Carlyle, Miriam Weinstein and Myrtle Pope. The marshals for the occasion were Misses Mary Lee Caldwell and Evelyn Sentelle, and Messrs. Abner Nash and Robert Proctor. The exercises by the graduating class were largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed.

CARLYLE WILL SET ASIDE

Jury So Decides After Trial Lasting 10 Days—Judge Daniels Will Hear Further Argument in Case at Raeford June 12—Mrs. Bessie Bullock Gets \$30 a Month Alimony

The jury in the case in re will of the late Miss Atsasia Carlyle rendered a verdict Friday morning in favor of the caveators. However, Judge F. A. Daniels withheld his decision and will give council a chance for further argument on the case at Raeford June 12, after which time he will render his decision.

This noted case, in which Mr. K. M. Biggs of Lumberton, a nephew of Miss Carlyle, was the principal propounder and a number of relatives were the caveators, lasted for practically ten days. As has been mentioned in The Robesonian, the estate of Miss Carlyle was valued at from \$50,000 to \$75,000. Mr. Biggs was also named executor of the estate and the caveators claimed that Miss Carlyle was not in sound mind when she signed the will which the jury decided to set aside.

Large crowds attended the trial and there was much interest in the case.

The caveators were represented by Messrs. Britt & Britt of Lumberton, Bland & Bland of Burgaw and Ex-Governor W. W. Kitchin of Raleigh, while the propounders were represented by Messrs. McLean, Varsler & Proctor of Lumberton.

While a number of judgments were signed by the judge, practically all of the two weeks' term of court was taken up with this will case. Court adjourned Saturday morning and Judge Daniels left immediately for his home at Goldsboro.

A case which was decided by Judge Daniels Friday of much interest was that of Mrs. Bessie Bullock vs. W. B. Bullock, her husband, in which she was suing him for alimony. She claimed that her husband treated her so bad she could not live with him. Judge Daniels' verdict was that her husband pay her \$25 lawyer's fee and \$30 per month.

FRED LAWSON ESCAPES AGAIN

Makes Escape From Chain Gang a Second Time—Broke Into Store at Raynham—Evidently Does Not Like Chain Gang Life

Fred Lawson has made his escape from the chain gang again. It was only a little more than a week ago when he was arrested by Township Constable B. W. Lovett at Mt. Eliam after he had evaded the officers for eight months after escaping from chain gang No. 1. Wednesday of last week he was carried to chain gang No. 2, near Marietta, where he remained a day and a half and made good his escape. Lawson left the gang during the wee sma' hours of the night. He was chained, but slipped the chain over his feet, so it might be said that a large body and small feet are responsible for his escape. While in jail here Lawson acknowledged breaking into the Raynham Trading Co.'s store at Raynham and goods stolen from a store at Evergreen, Columbus county, were found in his possession. The store at Evergreen was robbed the night before Lawson was arrested.

\$30,000 IN BONDS SOLD

Mutual Loan & Trust Co. of Lumberton Buys Town Bonds at Premium—Serial Bonds for Light Plant and Light Plant Improvements—\$31,075 Amount Town Will Receive The \$30,000 20-year serial bonds issued by the town for the purpose of improving the light plant and putting in a water filter plant were sold to the Mutual Loan & Trust Company of Lumberton Thursday afternoon. The bonds sold at 5 1/2 per cent, making a total of the amount to be paid for bonds \$31,075.00, with accrued interest from date of bonds until delivered. A number of bids were submitted, but the bid submitted by the local company was considered the most attractive. The bonds were advertised for a second time because of the fact that the bonds had to be increased from \$25,000 to \$30,000 in order to finance the improvements that are being made.

Records Show 1,096 People in Robeson Failed to Pay Poll Tax

According to the laws of North Carolina a man must pay his poll tax before May 1 of an election year in order to be able to vote. The records show that there were 1,096 people in the county May first, this year, who had not paid their poll tax. Of this number 387 are whites, 144 Indians and 565 negroes. Sheriff Lewis says, however, that at least two thirds of this number have left the county or is erroneous, so that it is not possible to tell just how many citizens of the county have disfranchised themselves in this way.

Death of an Infant

C. Durham, two and a half year old son of Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Davis, died yesterday morning about 9 o'clock at the home of his parents, the East Lumberton Baptist parsonage, after suffering for a week with colitis. The funeral was conducted from the home this morning at 9:30 by Rev. Chas. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church. Interment was made in Hollywood cemetery, near the home. Floral offerings completely covered the grave. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Maynor of Charlotte, parents of Mrs. Davis, attended the funeral.

INDIAN NORMAL FINALS

Literary Address June 2 by Representative Godwin—Close of Successful Year in History of School—Exhibit of Domestic Science Class

Friday of this week, June 2, will be a big day at the Indian Normal school at Pembroke. On that day closing exercises of the school will be held and Representative H. L. Godwin will deliver the literary address. Rev. S. E. Tiercer, president of Carolina College, Maxton, was on the program to preach in the school auditorium yesterday, and the rest of the exercises will take place Friday. Quite an elaborate program has been prepared. Prof. H. A. Neal, principal, writing The Robesonian in regard to the approaching commencement, says:

"This has been a very successful year and we have enrolled more pupils than ever before. Many have been turned away because of lack of room. We are hoping that the next Legislature will increase our appropriation so that we may do more and better work up here. "A domestic science class was started this year and they will have an exhibit that I think will be worth looking at."

Following is the program:

Program, June 2
10:15 a. m. Drill on yard.
March to auditorium.
Song by primary room—Beautiful Flag.

11 a. m. Literary address by Hon. H. L. Godwin.

1:30 p. m. Tinker's song—Boys.

Instrumental solo, Lilly B. Morgan.

Teacher's contest.

Recitation—Emma Jane Locklear and Bessie Oxendine.

Song—Golden Moon—Nettie Sampson.

Declamations—Henry Bowen and James Oxendine.

Instrumental solo—Lucy Manda Oxendine.

Pupils' contest:

Declamation—Ozro Hammond.

Vocal solo—Etta Mae Sampson.

Declamation—H. B. Revels.

Instrumental solo—W. B. Lowrie.

Declamation—E. P. Lowrie.

Girl's chorus—The Woods.

Recitation—Eula Mae Sampson.

Instrumental solo—Willie Maynor.

Recitation—Aggie Locklear.

Vocal solo—Ina Lowrie.

Recitation—Lucy Manda Oxendine.

Instrumental solo—Lula Jacobs.

Recitation—Stella Lowrie.

Instrumental solo—Pearlie Revels.

Recitation—Anna Allen.

Instrumental solo—Gertrude Bullard.

Recitation—Maggie Oxendine.

Instrumental solo—Ella Lowrie.

Recitation—Carrie Lee Locklear.

Instrumental solo—Ada Lowrie.

Evening Program

7:30. Male chorus—The Tempest.

Play—Burglars—by two girls and two boys.

Vocal solo—Maytime—Stella Lowrie.

Play—The Red Parasol—seven girls.

Instrumental solo—Lydia Locklear.

A drill by girls.

Play—Lucy's Old Man—by three girls and two boys.

Vocal duet—H. B. Revels and P. W. Lowrie.

Play—Darkey Wood Dealer—one girl and two boys.

Instrumental solo—Adeline Sampson.

Play—Which Will He Marry—by seven girls and two boys.

Instrumental solo—Charity Sampson.

The Quack Doctor—A play by seven boys.

All friends of the school are invited to attend the commencement.

BUIE NEWS BATCH

Cotton is Coming Up—8 Residence and 3 Business Lots Sold and Purchasers Will Build—Personal Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Buie, May 26—We had another fine rain in this section today. There is sure no chance for the farmer to complain about not rain enough.

The commencement exercises at the college at Red Springs, was attended day and night by large crowds. Gov. Craig was on the program for a speech Tuesday.

Cotton is coming up now rapidly, and we hear very few complain about not having a stand.

Miss Georgia McMillan is expected home today from Greensboro where she has been attending college.

REP. GODWIN IN HOWELLSVILLE

Spoke to Large Crowd at Regan's Thursday Night—Sold of Brilliant Record of Present Administration and Why He Thinks He Should be Returned to Congress

A crowd that filled the school building at Regan, Howellsville township, to overflowing, gathered Thursday night to hear Representative H. L. Godwin make an address. People were there from a large territory and they listened to the speaker with close attention. Mr. Godwin spoke for more than an hour and as he outlined the many things for the best interest of the South that the present Democratic Administration has thought about he received hearty applause.

The speaker reviewed the political situation of the country from a national standpoint, and while he told of many important measures that he had voted for, and gave many reasons why a man of experience could do more for the people than a new man on the job, he did not have a word to say about his opponents. He mentioned the fact that they were making attacks and charging him with not doing anything. His answer to the accusation was that they had no other charge to make against him and of course they could not argue that he had done anything. If they did this they would be talking in his favor, he continued. He mentioned the fact that some were fighting him for the reason that he had been in Congress a long time. This he declared was his biggest asset and declared that to take a man of experience out of Congress and put in a new man would be turning the wheel of progress backward.

The speaker mentioned many of the leaders in both houses of Congress and proved that they had been members of that body continuously for 12 to 42 years. He said that it had ever been the case that the longer a man stayed in Congress the more influence he had and the more important positions or committee appointments he is liable to receive.

In his words of approval of President Wilson and his administration, Mr. Godwin declared that the present administration was passing laws and legislation that meant more to the South than any that have been passed at any preceding time. He told of how the change in the currency law had taken the reins out of the hands of wall street millionaires and brought about conditions which make it impossible for them to cause a money panic, as was the case under the Republican administrations in the past. In speaking of the passage of the income tax law, the speaker declared that this had done great good and had caused the rich to pay a great part of the Federal taxes that before this law was passed they escaped.

Mr. Godwin said he was in favor of Federal aid for road building and would work to that end, also for improvement in the rural mail service. Speaking of the rural credit system, the speaker defined it as the climax of any and all legislation that might be passed during the present session, and said he voted in favor of the bill recently when it was passed by the House.

In closing his address the speaker showed how important it is for the agricultural classes to be organized in order that they may receive the proper resignation. Music—splendid music—was furnished for the occasion by the East Lumberton band.

Judging from manner in which the speaker and his remarks were received he has a good following among the crowd which gathered for the occasion.

PURVIS NEWS NOTES

Play to be Given at School House Night of June 2d—Personal Mention Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Purvis, May 26—We were glad to see such a nice rain, after so many hot and dry days, and now the little plants are taking a peep at the sun, but they are not by themselves; "general green" is making his way to the front.

"Ten Nights in a Bar Room" will be given at McDonald school house Friday night, June 2d, by the Purvis Baracca and Philathea classes. The proceeds from the play will be used for the benefit of the church. Admission, 15 and 25 cents. Come out and enjoy the evening with us.

Messrs. P. H. Adams, H. L. and Luther Edens, Misses Carrie and Mary Edens, are attending the commencement exercises at Lumberton today.

Misses Ruby and Nellie Stubbs of Parkton spent a part of last week with their aunt Mrs. W. B. Stubbs.

Mr. R. E. Bridgers spent Saturday in Latta, S. C., on business.

Mr. O. G. Reynolds of Roekingham is visiting friends in this section.

Miss Annie Bullard spent a part of this week with friends in McDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Traywick of Raemon were visitors in this section Wednesday evening.

Mr. Luther Paul has returned from a lengthy stay at Hendersonville.

Messrs. G. M. and C. G. Pate made a business trip to Laurel Hill Saturday.

Miss Docia Bowers of Galax, Va., is visiting her cousin Mrs. C. G. Pate.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams spent Sunday in Dillon.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—License has been issued for the marriage of Edgar Lowe and Sallie Baxley; Pearl Burke and Pearl Parker.

—Quite a bit of cleaning up has been done about town recently. Sanitary Officer A. E. Spivey is supervising the work.

—Mr. A. R. Wilson of Dunn was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Wilson says he has the distinction of being the heaviest when born of any person in the State. He weighed when born 16 pounds, net.

—Miss Mildred Williams returned last Wednesday night from Meredith College, Raleigh, where she was a student during the session which closed last week. Miss Williams completed her junior year this spring.

—Nancy Pope, two-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McAllister, was taken Saturday to the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville, for treatment. Last reports say the condition of the child is slightly improved.

—The Philanthia class of the East Lumberton Methodist Sunday school went to Marion, S. C., Saturday on a special car attached to the regular Raleigh & Charleston passenger train. Mr. W. H. Humphrey is teacher of this class.

—Mr. Crawford Walters, an old man from the Fair Bluff section, was painfully hurt Friday when he fell down a stairway. The old gentleman cannot see very well and stumbled and fell, bruising the left side of his face and his right knee.

—Mr. Willie Price of route 1 from Oram was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. Mr. Price brought with him a "doodle" which he says is the largest one of that sort of "varmint" he has ever seen. He was about an inch in diameter and must have been at least a grown "doodle".

—Mr. C. H. Odum, who lives near McDonald, was among the visitors in town Friday. Mr. Odum had a stalk of cotton some ten inches high. This stalk had "forms" on it and looked like Fourth of July cotton. Mr. Odum says he has a 20-acre field that size. He sowed the seed March 20.

—The Standard Oil Co. has put in a station at Fairmont. All the towns in Robeson county south of the Seaboard railroad will be served by wagon from Fairmont. Mr. R. H. Nye, who has been driving one of the two wagons out from the station here, has been placed in charge of the Fairmont station.

—Beginning last week the Lumberton Bargain House will give each salesman and saleslady a half holiday off each week through the summer. This store also closes at 6 p. m. every day except on Saturdays, as a number of other local stores do. The new half-holiday is something new in Lumberton and a sort of thing that appeals to those who work in the store.

—Mr. N. C. Stubbs of the Moss Neck section brought in some home-raised peaches—good ripe juicy peaches—for sale Friday. He is the first man to offer peaches for sale on the Lumberton market this year, so far as The Robesonian has been able to learn. He sold the peaches to Mr. C. B. Redmond, proprietor of the Parlor Grocery, for \$2 the bushel.

—Work has been begun on a new school building in the eastern part of town on the lot where Rev. J. H. Hayswood's school building was burned last November. The building will be 50x80 feet, three stories high. The building is being built by public subscription and aid received from the Freedmen's Mission Board. It is expected that the building will be completed in time for the fall opening.

—Miss Effie Newton, a member of the graded school faculty, left yesterday morning for her home at Hope Mills. Miss Elizabeth Dexter expects to leave tonight for her home at Elizabethtown. The other out-of-town teachers will remain here for several days before leaving for their respective homes. Miss Dexter expects to go in about 2 weeks to Columbia University, where she will take a course during the summer.

—Mr. J. F. Stephens, who lives in Howellsville township, was among the visitors in town Saturday. Mr. Stephens said he noticed in a recent issue of The Robesonian where Mr. Holmes Britt of the Long Branch section took 42 toad frogs from one den. He says, too, that Mr. Britt did not find any frogs at all to what his little son, Joe, found in one hole recently. He says the little boy took 160 toads—actual count—from one den, and there might have been others.

—Tom Graham and Mark Roper, both colored, were arrested at the union station Saturday afternoon by Chief of Police Alf H. McLeod. Graham brought a suit case off the train in which were 2 gallons of "Monkey Rum". Graham declared that the case and its contents belonged to Roper and that Roper just asked him to take it off the train. Roper said the suit case did not belong to him. They were both placed in jail and will be given a hearing this afternoon. Graham came in on the Seaboard train from Bladenboro.

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