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RECORD SCHOOL OPENING.

440 Enrolled First Day, 35 More Than Largest Previous Enrollment—Many Visitors at Opening Tuesday.

With an enrollment of 440 pupils, the largest enrollment in its history, the Lumberton graded and high school opened Tuesday morning for the 12th session. The enrollment at the opening last year was 405, the largest up to that time, and the year before the number was 404.

There are 358 in the graded school and 82 in the high school, divided as follows: 1st grade, 73; 2nd, 52; 3rd, 61; 4th, 49; 5th, 47; 6th, 41; 7th, 35; 8th, 33; 9th, 23; 10th, 12; 11th (senior class), 14.

The opening Tuesday was attended by many parents and other visitors, among them former Superintendent R. E. Sentelle, who came 150 miles from Tarboro, where he is now engaged as superintendent of public schools in Edgecombe county. Prof. Sentelle was greeted with hearty applause by his former pupils. Rev. Dr. G. E. Moorehouse, pastor of the Presbyterian church, read the Scripture lesson and led the prayer, after which Supt. W. H. Cale called upon Rev. Dr. C. L. Greaves, pastor of the First Baptist church, Prof. Sentelle, and Rev. H. A. Grantham, priest in charge of the Episcopal church, all of whom responded with appropriate brief remarks.

In his remarks Prof. Sentelle congratulated the town upon securing Prof. Cale for the responsible position of superintendent. He and Prof. Cale were classmates at Wake Forest for four years, and after that Prof. Cale took postgraduate work at Wake Forest and then a 2-years course at Chicago university, so that Prof. Cale is unusually well equipped, having occupied similar positions in other leading schools.

AUTO TURNED OVER.

Colored Man, Woman and Baby Injured in Auto Wreck This Morning—Car Badly Torn Up.

Silas Moore, Sarah Moore and her 3 months old baby, all colored, were hurt about 10 o'clock this morning when an auto in which they were riding turned turtle on the Fairmont road about three miles from Lumberton. Silas Moore suffered a cut on the head and his left arm and shoulder were hurt; Sarah Moore was cut about the face and also suffered other bruises, and the baby shaken up. Oscar Moore, who was driving the car, escaped unhurt. The woman and baby were caught under the overturned car.

The car turned turtle after it struck the railing on a bridge across a canal. Moore says that another car driven by Henry Pittman, colored, struck his car in passing, causing him to drive against the railing. It is said the car driven by Moore was running 25 miles the hours when it struck the railing. The car was badly torn up.

FALL OF ST. QUENTIN SEEMS MATTER OF FEW DAYS.

British and French veterans yesterday made another vicious and successful smash at the Hindenburg. Sweeping forward on a front of 22 miles, they went ahead from 1-3 to 3 miles, taking many prisoners. The most important aspect of the advance says this morning's Associated Press summary of the war news, is that it makes more certain the capture of St. Quentin, which the Germans have been ordered to hold at all costs. This important city is virtually surrounded on three sides and its fall seems only a matter of days.

COTTON GINNED IN ROBESON

432 Bales to September 1st as Compared With 15 Bales to Same Date Last Year.

Barnesville, Sept. 17.—There were 432 bales of cotton, counting round as half bales, ginned in Robeson county from the crop of 1918, prior to September 1st as compared with 15 bales ginned to September 1st, 1917.

Last Free Dental Clinic Tomorrow

Dr. J. V. Turner will complete tomorrow his eight week's campaign doing free dental work among the school children of Robeson. He will be at the office of County Health Officer W. A. McPhaul here tomorrow. Dr. Turner goes from Robeson to Wilson county to begin a like campaign.

PROTEST AGAINST FIXING PRICE OF COTTON.

Farmers Union Thinks it Too Late to Fix Price on This Year's Crop Now—To Reorganize Defunct Locals.

An order protesting against a fixed price for this year's cotton crop was passed by the Robeson division of the Farmers' Union while in session at Back Swamp yesterday. A committee was appointed to draft the proper resolutions and forward same to Senator F. M. Simmons. The sentiment of most of the union members present was that if the price was to be fixed it should have been done earlier in this year. Some members declared themselves in favor of the government fixing the price on the 1919 crop next spring.

The matter of re-organizing defunct locals was discussed and Messrs. W. P. Barker, N. A. Townsend and F. Grover Britt were appointed a committee to confer with the county farm and home demonstration agents in regard to co-operating with the union in this work.

The county secretary was instructed to write State Food Administrator H. A. Page and learn the fixed prices for cotton seed and meal for Robeson and publish same in The Robesonian.

Mr. F. Grover Britt was elected by acclamation a delegate to the State union meeting. Mr. W. K. Culbreth was elected alternate.

The people living in the Back Swamp community prepared a sumptuous dinner for those who attended the meeting yesterday and a number of the ladies of the community were present to look after spreading the dinner, which was served in regular picnic style.

The next meeting of the union will be held at Ten Mile the third Wednesday in December.

FACTS ABOUT REGISTRATION

Numbers of Different Ages and Races That Registered in Robeson District No. 1 by Townships.

As has been stated in The Robesonian, 2,696 men enrolled for military duty in Robeson district No. 1 Thursday, September 12. The report of the local board showed as registrants 2,691 native born, and 5 non-declarant aliens, of whom 1,693 were white, 311 Indians and 691 colored.

According to ages the registrants ranged as follows: 18 years, 372; 19 years, 222; 20 years, 173; 21 years, 20; 22 years, 1; 23 years, 1; 24 years, 1; 25 years, 1; 26 years, 1; 27 years, 1; 28 years, 1; 29 years, 1; 30 years, 1; 31 years, 1; 32 years, 82; 33 years, 154; 34 years, 148; 35 years, 154; 36 years, 162; 37 years, 150; 38 years, 146; 39 years, 145; 40 years, 117; 41 years, 124; 42 years, 130; 43 years, 123; 44 years, 119; 45 years, 152.

The registration in the various townships was as follows: Lumberton—white, 550; Indians, 41; colored, 191; non-declarant aliens, 4—total 787. Gaddy—white, 41; Indians, 27; colored, 15—total 83. Howellsville—white, 154; Indian, 13; colored, 53—total 219. Saddletree—white, 31; Indians, 54; colored, 17—total 102. Wisharts—white, 107; Indian, 9; colored 6—total 122. Fairmont—white, 155; Indian, 39; colored, 121; non-declarant alien, 1—total 316. Back Swamp—white, 44; Indian, 35; colored 62—total 141. Thompson—white, 80; Indian, 76; colored, 77—total 227. Britt—white, 132; colored, 15—total 147. Sterlings—white, 133; colored, 14—total 153. White House—white, 82; colored, 51—total 133. Orrum—white, 131; colored, 50—total 181. Raft Swamp—white, 42; Indian, 23; colored, 20—total 85.

Beginning with the next issue, names of registrants will be published, as many as can conveniently be handled each issue until the entire list is published.

MR. McNEILL ON JOB AGAIN.

Former Superintendent of Light and Power Plant Accepts Job Again at Higher Salary—Mr. Hall Goes to Charlotte—Light and Water for Exemption Board Free.

At a meeting of Mayor J. D. Proctor and the board of town commissioners Tuesday afternoon Mr. Geo. L. McNeill was elected superintendent of the local light and water plants to succeed Mr. T. W. Hall, who resigned. Mr. McNeill is to be paid \$150 the month, \$25 more than Mr. Hall was paid. Mr. Hall left yesterday for Charlotte, where he has accepted a position with the Southern Power Co.

Mr. McNeill was formerly superintendent of the light and power plant resigning recently and has been working with the ship-building force at Wilmington for several weeks. He entered upon his duties here yesterday morning. He gave general satisfaction while superintendent.

66 German Planes Brought Down in One Day.

Sixty-six German airplanes were accounted for by the British along their lines Monday. Seven of the enemy machines were destroyed in one engagement by a British squadron.

CHURCH NEWS NOTES.

Rev. Dr. C. L. Greaves Resigns Pastorate of First Baptist to Accept Call to First Church of Bowling Green, Ky.

Dr. Charles L. Greaves, for over four years pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, has been called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and has accepted the call.

Dr. Greaves has had the call under consideration for over two weeks, and has found it hard to decide as to the path of duty. He says he has been satisfied with his splendid church here every moment he has served it. The church has been harmonious and progressive, and there has never been anything but the closest cooperation and sympathy between pastor and people. If he were to consult his comfort and ease only he would remain here, especially since the heart bonds are so strong. He has been especially touched by the offer of the finance committee to see to it that it should involve no monetary sacrifice on his part to stay, they offering to equal the salary offered by the Kentucky church. Of course he could not let that be a determining factor one way or the other.

The church to which Dr. Greaves goes is one of the most prominent churches in the South. It has a membership of about twelve hundred, about equaling that of all other denominations there combined. In addition to the large student membership there is a large student population. Western Kentucky Normal school last year enrolled eighteen hundred pupils from fifty counties of western Kentucky, and is quite near the church. Over fifty per cent of its students are Baptists. Bowling Green business university enrolled over a thousand students last year from many States. In addition there is Ogden college, a small junior college for young men. All these institutions are quite near the Baptist church. The church has made ample provision for its great opportunity so far as building is concerned by erecting a magnificent stone temple costing \$125,000. Recently they raised sixty thousand dollars in one month with which to pay off all indebtedness on the building.

The town has about twelve thousand inhabitants, mostly white. It is situated in the rolling uplands and in the cave country, Mammoth cave being only about thirty miles away. It is in the midst of a rich stock and agricultural country.

Dr. Greaves feels that he cannot deny the harder and more responsible task involved. He expects to move sometime in October.

Of the work at Bowling Green Dr. E. Y. Mullins of the Southern Baptist seminary writes: "Something unique and wonderful, one of the finest opportunities in America." Dr. Robertson of the same institution says, "A tremendous opportunity to reach the young life gathered in the schools." All Dr. Greaves' friends who know the conditions at Bowling Green have strongly advised him to accept.

Dr. Greaves is recognized as one of the ablest Baptist ministers of the State and that he has received a call to such a magnificent field causes no surprise to those who know him. He and his family are popular here with people of all denominations and those of no church affiliations as well and the entire community will regret exceedingly to lose them. Dr. Greaves will probably go to his new church about the middle of October.

Bishop Kilgo at Maxton Next Sunday.

Last week's Scottish Chief says that St. Paul's Methodist church at Maxton, "a beautiful edifice of Spanish architecture," will be dedicated Sunday, the 22nd inst., by Bishop John C. Kilgo. This church was organized in 1876. The corner stone of the present church building was laid in 1906.

Rev. A. L. Ormond Will Enter Army "Y" Work.

The Scottish Chief says that Rev. A. L. Ormond, who is completing his fourth year as pastor of the Methodist church at Maxton, has volunteered and been accepted for army "Y" work. C. A. work and expects to go next month to the Blue Ridge training school. His family will go with him and his daughters, Misses Myra and Edith, will have charge of the R. E. Lee hall.

Robeson Union Meeting September 27-28.

Friday forenoon, 11 o'clock—Sermon by A. H. Porter.

Friday afternoon—The Elevating effect of Christian Literature—J. M. Fleming, R. E. Clark.

The call for trained Sunday School Teachers—E. J. Britt, L. E. Daily.

How best correct the living of inconsistent church members—R. N. Cashwell, R. A. Hedgepeth.

Saturday forenoon, 10 o'clock—Why Endow our schools and colleges?—J. R. Miller, C. V. Brooks.

State mission address—H. H. Honeycutt.

The Promise and Peril of the new age—C. L. Greaves.

Saturday afternoon—Sermon by C. V. Brooks.

PARKTON PARAGRAPHS.

Three Deaths Recorded—School Opens the 23rd.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Parkton, Sept. 17.—Mr. W. H. Nurdy died Friday at 12 after an illness of near two weeks. He was in his 73 year. The funeral was conducted at the grave by his pastor, Rev. J. L. Jenkins at the Parkton cemetery at 4 p. m. Saturday. Following were the pall bearers: E. C. Dixon, W. R. Ivey, Collier Cobb, T. B. McNeill, S. E. Tolar, C. D. Wiamson. Decensed is survived by his wife and the following children: W. F. Nurdy, J. B. Nurdy of Barboursville, Ga., E. B. Nurdy of Parkton; Mrs. Carry Morrison of Victory Mills, Mrs. John Starling of Hope Mills, and Mrs. Lonnie Currie of Raeford. He was a devoted father and was greatly loved by his children and will be greatly missed, not only by his family but his many friends. He had always been an active man.

Mrs. Susan Alice Bodinhamer died Friday evening at 7 o'clock at the home of her son, Mr. Charlie Bodinhamer, of our town, where she made her home. Deceased was 58 years old. The funeral was conducted in Christ church at Hope Mills Saturday at 4 p. m. by her pastor, Rev. Mr. Booker of Fayetteville. She had not been in good health for 15 years, had been a great sufferer both in body and mind.

Mrs. R. F. Council received a message early Monday morning that her brother, Mr. Eli Gibson of Bennettsville, S. C., had died suddenly Sunday the 8th, from heart trouble. Mrs. Council left on the first train for Bennettsville and attended the funeral which was held at Beauty Spot on Tuesday.

The graded school will open next Monday the 23rd at 9 a. m. We are unable to give the names of all the faculty as some resigned and new ones supplied. We hope to report all their names next week. Prof. Edwards and wife and baby arrived last week. Miss Aumon, music teacher, of Ashboro arrived today.

NEW SUGAR RULING.

Prices Increased—2 Weeks Supply May Be Purchased at Once.

To the Merchants of Robeson County: The price of sugar has been increased to 9 cents per pound at the refineries. Merchants purchasing sugar at this price will be allowed to charge a profit of one cent per pound above their invoice cost price, plus freight. The regulations limiting purchasers to two pounds in city and five pounds in country are now rescinded, and you are authorized to allow the purchase of two weeks' supply on a basis of two pounds per person per month.

H. E. STACY, County Food Administrator. Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 18, 1918.

Surgical Dressing Room is in Need of Workers.

The surgical dressing work room is very much in need of workers. We have a good allotment and very easy to make but we have been very short of workers.

The summer heat is over and our room is delightfully cool and bright. All ladies who are willing to help the work room Friday and Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Come and help us get our allotment out on time; perhaps the very dressing you did not make will be the cause of one of our own boys suffering. Now that our men are doing such wonderful fighting, let us rally to them by helping in the Red Cross work rooms. We will expect every woman who is interested in this great work to be present Friday afternoon. There is plenty of room. Our nice long white tables have been silent so long, won't you come? You are most cordially invited and urged to be present.

MRS. L. T. TOWNSEND, Supervisor Surgical Dressings, A. R. C. Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 19, 1918.

May Investigate Expense Accounts of Candidates for U. S. Senate.

A resolution authorizing the Senate elections committee to inquire into expenditures in the recent primary in Michigan, in which Truman H. Newberry received the Republican nomination for the Senate, and in other States where large expenditures appear unwarranted, was introduced in the U. S. Senate Tuesday by Pomerene, Democrat, of Ohio. The Department of Justice has begun an investigation into campaign expenditures in New York, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, West Virginia and other States. It is offering his resolution Senator Pomerene filed a copy of the expense account of Mr. Newberry in his campaign, which shows total contributions of \$178,856 and a total expenditure of \$176,568.

Wilmington Star: Rumors of a third shipyard for Wilmington.

Rumors of a third shipyard for Wilmington with government contracts took "concrete" shape yesterday when announcement was made that seven concrete steamers will be built for the war department at the Naull shipyard on the Northeast branch of the Cape Fear river, near Hilton.

GLENNWOOD GLEANINGS.

Good Harvesting Weather—Trying to Dam Bear Swamp—Meeting Begins Sunday—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Lumberton, R. 6, Sept. 17.—We are having good weather to harvest our crops and the people in this community are taking advantage of it, too. At last, after many long years, an effort has been made to dam Bear Swamp. A good many people are taking an interest in the work and it will no doubt be completed at an early date. Or at least we hope so, for it's really a shame that it has so long been neglected.

Miss Stubbs of Purvis is visiting at the home of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Stubbs. Mrs. F. M. White, who spent several months at the home of her father-in-law, Mr. R. M. White, returned to her home at Jacksonville, Fla., Saturday night.

Mr. N. H. Culbreth and little grandson, N. H. Jr., were Purvis visitors Saturday.

Mr. J. M. Hall of Red Springs spent a few hours in this community last Thursday.

Mrs. Martha Lewis and three sons, Messrs. Eugene, Roy and Gaston and Mrs. C. P. Culbreth and daughter, Nellie, spent Sunday afternoon with relatives at Fairmont.

Mr. Shap Wiggins is suffering with his hand, which was badly mashed while working at a cotton gin one day recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Kirby were Lumberton visitors Monday.

Miss Ella Duncan left last week for Red Springs, where she will enter the graded school.

Our meeting begins at Moss Neck M. E. church Sunday. Everybody come.

Mr. Britt of the Oak Grove section was in this community a few hours Thursday afternoon. L. J. C.

NO CAUSE FOR ALARM.

Any Who Have to Change Their Occupations Will Be Given 30 Days Notice—Loafers Will Be Dealt With Promptly and Summarily.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

There seems to be much uneasiness among business men generally in reference to the new work or fight regulations, and I am constantly besieged with inquiries as to the extent to which these regulations will be applied. I am advised today that the regulations will not be in my hands for a few days yet, and until I am familiar with them I can give no intelligent answers. There need be no occasion for any alarm, however, as to people who are usefully and regularly engaged in some form of work. When the regulations are received, if it becomes necessary for some men to change their occupations, they will receive notices, and will have at least 30 days within which to do so. It will be the purpose of this office to so enforce the regulations as to cause as little hardship as possible.

Of course what I have said here doesn't apply to the idle. They will be dealt with promptly and summarily.

And now may I once more repeat and emphasize the announcement made some time ago, that I cannot discuss war matters with people except on Saturdays.

T. L. JOHNSON, Chairman Army Exemption Board Robeson Division No. 1. Lumberton, N. C., Sept. 18, 1918.

Camp French, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Organized.

Camp French, named in honor of the late Col. W. F. French, was organized here the other day with the following officers: W. P. McAllister, commander; D. D. French and A. K. Morrison, 1st and 2nd Lt. commanders, respectively; T. O. Britt, adjutant; W. A. McPhaul, surgeon; A. E. Spivey, quartermaster; W. K. Bethune, chaplain; T. A. McNeill, Jr., treasurer; R. W. Williams, color sergeant; L. M. McKenzie, historian. Commander M. G. McKenzie of Camp Pope has been active in securing members for the camp, which now has a membership of about 30. Its purpose is to stimulate patriotism.

Marriage at Pembroke This Evening—Mr. Breece Undergoes Operation.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Pembroke, Sept. 18.—Miss Ollie McInnis and Bugler Frank Walker of Cape Henry, Va., will be married Thursday night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. McInnis. Mr. Walker, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Minnie Boyanton, arrived Saturday afternoon.

Mr. A. M. Breece underwent an operation at Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville yesterday afternoon and is getting along nicely.

Mailing Out Questionnaires.

The task of mailing out questionnaires to registrants between the ages of 19 and 21 and 31 and 36 years was begun yesterday. Ten per cent of the questionnaires will be mailed out each day until they have all been mailed.

CASH IN ADVANCE—LIMIT IS OCTOBER 1ST.

Many subscribers have responded promptly and loyally to the notice that all subscriptions must be paid in advance. This we appreciate. Some have overlooked this important matter. October 1st is the limit. After that date we cannot send the paper to any whose subscriptions are not paid in advance of that date. This is a Government ruling. Don't put the matter off. Attend to it at once, so that we shall not have to cut your name off the list after September 30th.

BRIEF ITEMS OF LOCAL NEWS

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. E. S. McNeill, Monday, a boy.

—Middling cotton is selling on the local market today for 31 1-4 cents the pound.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Frank Earl Walker and Ollie Gertrude McInnis.

—Mr. A. Weinstein has gone to New York to purchase goods for his department store.

—Mrs. P. C. Williams received a card yesterday from her son Mr. Tate Williams, telling of his safe arrival overseas.

—Miss Dorothy McQ. Finlayson has gone to Rock Hill, S. C., where she entered Winthrop college to take a business course.

—Mr. J. M. Merritt makes the good suggestion that a booth for the sale of War Savings and Thrift stamps be arranged for the county fair.

—Master Harvey Webster, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Webster, has accepted a position in the office of Mr. T. W. Trogden, public cotton grader.

—Misses Viola Alpine Jenkins and Rachel McNamara left Tuesday for Winston-Salem to enter Salem college. Miss McNamara was a student at Salem college last year.

—Charley Robeson and May McKay, colored, of Parkton, were married in the office of the register of deeds Monday. Justice M. G. McKenzie performed the ceremony.

—Mr. W. C. Bethea has resigned the position as city mail carrier, effective today. He expects to leave Friday for Spartanburg, S. C., where he will enter Wofford college.

—Mrs. L. T. Townsend, chairman of the woman's Liberty Loan committee for Robeson, went to Raleigh Monday night to attend a meeting in the interest of the 4th Liberty loan. She returned Tuesday night.

—All witnesses and defendants in Robeson who have been summoned to attend Federal court at Laurinburg on October 2 need not report until October 3, according to U. S. Commissioner E. M. Johnson.

—Reported for The Robesonian: Mrs. K. S. Monroe, who spent the last three months with her parents in Charleston, S. C., returned to her home here Monday. She was accompanied by her boy, Eugene Martin, and her mother, Mrs. Ruff.

—Mrs. M. C. Britt of R. 4 from Lumberton recently underwent an operation at the Highsmith hospital, Fayetteville. Mr. Britt spent yesterday in Fayetteville with Mrs. Britt and reports her condition very favorable.

—Mr. C. W. Smith of R. 4 from Lumberton was among the visitors in town Monday afternoon. Mr. Smith is a veteran of the war between the States and says he would like to be in this war. He wants to live to see Germany beaten good and plenty.

—Mr. E. C. Wooten, traveling representative of the Wilmington Morning Star, is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Wooten lives at Whiteville and informed The Robesonian that Mr. Ollie Inman of Whiteville formerly of Fairmont, is very ill with typhoid fever.

—Mrs. Jas. D. Proctor and children returned home Monday night from Graham, where they visited at the home of Mrs. Proctor's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kernode. A brother of Mrs. Proctor who had not been home from the naval academy in 27 months was at home while they were there.

—The local army exemption board has extremely heavy clerical work and will be glad to get the assistance of any women or men who will volunteer their services. If you can help an afternoon or evening each week, notify Chairman T. L. Johnson. This is a patriotic work that the Government asks of any who can find time to do it.

—Mr. F. G. Odum of Raft Swamp was a Lumberton visitor yesterday. He is suffering with one broken and one cracked rib on his right side, sustained when he fell last Saturday when a box on which he was riding on his wagon toppled over and threw him violently to the ground. Mr. Odum was knocked unconscious for several minutes.

—Mr. C. P. Grantham, who lives near Fairmont, returned yesterday from Baltimore, Md., where he spent 3 weeks undergoing treatment at Johns Hopkins hospital. He says his health has improved considerably. His son Dr. W. L. Grantham, who has been taking a special course at Hopkins since the first of the year, will return to Lumberton next Tuesday or Wednesday.

DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER, Optometrist. Expert Knowledge of Eye Diseases and Fitting Glasses. LUMBERTON, N. C.