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## LUMBERTON SCHOOL FINALS.

Class Exercises at Auditorium at 8:30 This Evening—Graduating Exercises Tuesday Evening at Same Hour and Address by J. W. Bailey—Sermon Last Evening by Rev. H. M. North—7th Grade Certificates Delivered Friday.

Class exercises of the Lumberton high school will be held in the school auditorium this evening at 8:30 and graduating exercises will be given at the same time and place tomorrow (Tuesday) evening, when the address will be delivered by Hon. J. W. Bailey of Raleigh. The program for this evening is as follows:

Class Exercises, May 24, 8:30 p. m. Chorus—Love Is Spring (Shelley)—Chorus Class.

Salutatory address—William Edmund.

Class History—Beverly Biggs.

Class Poem—Maitland Thompson.

Class Gagnosis—Julia Thompson.

Class Song—Class.

Class Prophecy—Maitland Thompson.

Class Grumbler—Oscar Bullard.

Class Will—Eureka Pittman.

Valuedictory address—Osborne Lee.

Farewell song—Class.

Giftorian—Elsie Thompson.

The marshals are Lillie Epps, May Johnson Poole, Marvin Barker, Theodore Pope.

The following program will be rendered tomorrow evening:

Graduating Exercises May 25, 8:30 P. M.

Chorus—Pale Broken Flower (Moore).

Invocation—Rev. R. C. Beaman, D. D.

Duet—Rosa and Lois Caldwell.

Presentation of Speaker—T. L. Johnson.

Annual address—Hon. J. W. Bailey.

Presentation of diplomas—R. C. Lawrence.

Benediction—Rev. G. E. Moorehouse, D. D.

The marshals are Janie K. Wishart, Vista Thompson, William Caldwell, Ingram Hedgpeh.

Members of the graduating class are: Sara Eureka Pittman, Elsie Thompson, Julia Thompson, Maitland LeGrand Thompson, William Oscar Bullard, Thomas Beverly Biggs, William Bullard Edmund, William Osborne Lee. Marshals: Clyde Rozier, Margaret Nash, Ismael Weinstein, Annie Grace Williams.

**Seventh Grade Certificates.**

Certificates were delivered to 23 seventh grade graduates Friday morning. The stage was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the exercises were attended by a large crowd of patrons and friends of the school. Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of schools, in delivering the certificates, said that since the county board of education had decided to give certificates to those completing the work of the seventh grade the number entitled to the certificates had increased each year—125 the first year, 200 the second, 250 last year and this year about 300. He gave some interesting statistics of the schools of the county: There are 17,000 children of school age, 6 to 21, in the county; number in schools this year, about 16,000; number of schools, 165; number of high schools, about 30; number of teachers, 350, and they were paid \$150,000. There are 7,000 white pupils, the same number of colored, and 3,000 Indian.

Mrs. E. R. Hardin, teacher of the seventh grade, assisted Prof. Poole in delivering the certificates, as follows:

**Seventh Grade Graduates.**

Elizabeth Preston Shaw—highest average in the grade, and best all-round student.

Lambert A. Holloway—highest average on county examinations. His grade was 99.710, the highest 7th grade average in the county. Gladys Harris of the Parkton graded school, second in the county with a grade of 99.

Ruby Huggins and George Waters—neither absent nor tardy during the year.

Sadie Stephens and Alma Sanderson—Most headmarks in spelling.

Bertha Bethea, Thelma Gatewood, Elizabeth Jennings, Frances Poole, Mabel Regan, Eva May Huggins, Eva May Muschelwhite, Irvin Biggs, John Carter Cale, James Carter, Carey Hedgpeh, Walter Jordan, Ralph Kelly, Henry Lee, Maurice Pope, George Waters, John H. Wishart, Jr.

Following presentation of diplomas, Supt. W. H. Cale made some announcements about commencement, and called attention to the fact that the figures submitted by Supt. Poole mean that the teachers of the county were paid an average of only about \$500 each during the year and that only about \$9 was spent per child for education, as compared with about \$150 per person for automobiles.

Each teacher read the names of pupils promoted from her grade, to the next highest grade.

**Fourth Grade Gives Reception.**

Following the general exercises, a reception was given by pupils of the fourth grade and their teacher, Miss Dovie Prevatt, in their room, to parents of the pupils. Members of the class entertained their visitors with jokes and short recitations, after which punch was served and a while was spent in social intercourse. It was an altogether delightful hour. Seeing the Things Around You. A crowd that practically filled the

## RACE CLASH AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Deputy Sheriff H. C. Butler was killed and Deputy Sheriff W. J. Moore was perhaps fatally wounded Friday night at Fayetteville in a battle with a desperate negro, Geo. Hobbs, at the Victory Mills. The posse that went to arrest Hobbs set fire to his home, but taking refuge in the shadows Hobbs used his rifle with deadly effect on the white men who were exposed in the glare of that house and a near-by building that also caught fire, and then escaped with some other negroes who joined him. The trouble started over a fight between a white girl and a negro, the latter attacking the white girl as she passed near her home. The negro girl, a daughter of Hobbs, was placed in jail. The trouble is said to have grown out of frank and bitter resentment among certain of the mill people against the proximity of negro homes.

Deputy Moore died of his wounds Saturday. A dispatch from Fayetteville last night stated that Hobbs was surrounded in a swamp 7 miles north of Fayetteville, and that he was reported to be heavily armed. A posse was quickly on his trail.

## 5TH STILL CAPTURED.

Still Found Near Home of Alex Lamb in Wisharts Township.

A copper whiskey still, 50-gallons capacity, was captured near the home of Alex. Lamb in Wisharts township Friday. Four hundred gallons of beer were found about the still. The plant was located in a branch and men were plowing within a hundred yards of it on both sides of the branch, according to the officers.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis, Deputy A. H. Prevatt and Rural Policeman A. R. Pittman made the raid. The beer was destroyed and the still brought to Lumberton. This was the fifth still captured in Robeson last week.

## NEW REPUBLICAN TICKET.

Nominees of Convention for Legislature Declined to Run.

Mr. J. C. Snoddy of Red Springs, who was nominated for the State Senate by the Republicans of Robeson, has declined to make the race and Mr. E. L. McCormick of Maxton has filed notice of his candidacy for the Senate on the Republican ticket.

Mr. W. C. Walters of Barnesville, who was nominated for the Legislature, also declined to make the race. Mr. J. W. Hall of Lumber Bridge and I. H. Warwick of Orrum have filed notice of their candidacy for the lower house on the Republican ticket.

Mr. G. W. J. Currie of R. 7, Lumberton, was in town Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barnes of R. 8, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Saturday.

Messrs. S. and D. O. Ivey of R. 7, Lumberton, were in town Saturday.

high school auditorium heard Rev. H. M. North, presiding elder of the Rockingham district, preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the high school last evening. Mr. North's text was, "And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the Lord has not burnt. And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, here am I—Exodus 3:3-4.

In his sermon Mr. North impressed the importance of seeing the things around us. Some look back to the past and others look to the future and never realize the golden opportunities that surround them—that this is the golden age. We need eyes to see, ears to hear and hearts to appreciate the things about us. There are those who cannot see the handiwork of God in the sun, the stars and the seasons. They only see the visible and cannot see back of the visible the thing God would reveal. Others see the spiritual things back of the visible. God speaks through the things about us, if we can only see it.

People are constrained to feel that to be good one must be way off. Those way off are, the same as those around us. There is as fine comedy around your doors as there is anywhere and there is tragedy as deep and fearful as anywhere. It is all here. If you canvass the homes of your neighbors you find in those homes some of the best and some of the worst. In some of those homes there may be a boy or girl that will lead a movement that will bless humanity. The great writer does not choose a deep subject or something way off, but takes the simplest things and shows them up in the greatest and holiest manner. The great poets sing of the little things of everyday life. While on earth Christ talked of the small and local things.

Don't be discouraged because your life is commonplace. If it be commonplace it is because you make it so. By what do you measure your lives? Make the best of a bad or ordinary condition. Life is here now; let's make of it a thing sublime. Genius takes the simple thing and makes of it a thing sublime.

Music was furnished by a select choir, and Mrs. Leslie Carlyle rendered a beautiful solo.

## GET THESE FIGURES

The Only Fair and Just Way to Compare Taxes.

NOTE THESE TOTAL STATE AND COUNTY RATES LEVIED

Robeson Has a Lower Rate Than Either Scotland, Hoke, Lee or Avery. All New Small Counties—Divisionists Again Print False Tax Figures.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

The Scottish Chief in its issue of May 21st continues to print the same false tax figures it had printed in former issues and this notwithstanding the fact that attention had been directed to these false figures and full opportunity given to repudiate them.

The Chief continues to make the statement that the tax rate in Robeson in 1917 was 47 1-3 whereas in other counties it was only 18 and 19; and that the average rate, in Robeson for several years past was higher than in adjoining counties. And how do you suppose the Chief (or rather Mr. Howard McNair) arrived at these figures? Simply by leaving out the special taxes levied in the adjoining counties (such as for roads, bonds, etc.) but including these special taxes when it came to Robeson. Of course by manipulating the figures in this way they can prove anything they wish. In exactly the same way they could prove that the Bible says there is no God, leaving out the prefatory statement "The fool in his heart hath said," etc. Any man who wants to be at all fair or honest knows that the only proper way to compare taxes is to include the same items from the different counties compared. If you include road and school taxes in one county, then of course the same taxes should be included in the other counties. To say that Robeson levied 47 1-3 and Cumberland only 19 is utterly deceiving and misleading, because those figures include special taxes levied in Robeson but not special taxes levied in Cumberland.

The only fair and just way to compare taxes is to state the entire levy both for state and county purposes in the different counties. It is a small matter to the tax-payer whether the tax is called a general tax or a special tax. The thing that counts is what is the aggregate tax on the \$100 valuation that he has to pay, State and county taxes included. This is manifestly the only fair method of comparison. Now then the total State and county rate levied in Robeson for 1919 and the total State and county rate levied in the small counties last created:

Robeson	.....	\$1.42	2-3
Hoke	.....	\$1.93	2-3
Lee	.....	\$1.51	2-3
Scotland	.....	\$1.51	2-3
Avery	.....	\$1.51	2-3
Average	.....	\$2.40	

If anyone doubts these figures, let him come in to see me and I will produce the certificates of the register of deeds of the several counties, now in my possession.

Very truly yours,  
R. C. LAWRENCE.  
Lumberton, N. C.

## WHAT NEW COUNTIES MEAN

More and Higher Taxes, More and More Severe "Gang" or "Ring" Rule.

OPPOSED TO DIVISION.

"For the Sake of Lower Taxes, Let There Be No Division."

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I note several articles in your paper both "pro" and "con" on the division of Robeson county. While I've never sought preferment, either political or otherwise, yet I want to enter my protest. All I have in Robeson, at Wakulla, about midway between Maxton and Red Springs. I've lived in one new county (Scotland) and left there, in quest of an old one and located in Robeson. New counties mean more and higher taxes, more and more severe "ring" or "gang" rule. It means the upbuilding of the town that gets the county seat at the expense of the rural farmer. I'm like Mr. Fred Brown, who just left one new county (Hoke). I'm soul and body opposed to division and you people will be, too, after you've tried it.

For the sake of lower taxes, let there be no division.

W. M. SMITH.  
Wakulla, N. C., May 18, 1920.

## SEEN AND HEARD

(BY HAPPY JACK)

"Is this Lumberton?" a stranger asked after he had left the train and wandered up Elm street. When advised that he was in Lumberton the stranger said, "I heard they were going to divide Lumberton into two towns, because it was so large." He had Lumberton and Robeson county mixed up, but to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, there is about as much necessity for dividing Lumberton into two towns because of its size as there is in dividing Robeson.

Speaking of towns—live towns and dead towns—I recently heard of one town where it is charged that the lazy live off the crazy. This was not a Robeson county town, however.

I have seen many things brought to town for sale, but not until recently had I seen a wagon load of bones brought in for sale. The bones were purchased by the junk man and brought a fair price. The load included the carcasses of mules, horses and cows.

"I am in favor of division, but I'm going to tell the truth, and the truth is that sentiment in my section is growing against division," remarked a visitor from the north-eastern part of the county Friday. "The people are beginning to think about the question seriously and the per cent. against dividing the old county is growing," the gentleman continued.

"How are the people of your section on dividing Robeson?" I asked a gentleman recently. "All in favor of it," was the reply. A few days later I had occasion to visit that particular community and asked several citizens, neighbors of the man first approached, what the sentiment in that section was in regard to division. They each and several informed me that the man who had informed me that all the people were for division was the only man they knew of who favored it. I am moved to ask if that gentleman feels that he is "all the people" living in that community.

It was the day after the petition asking that Robeson be divided was carried before the Legislature, two years ago that I met a young man from a certain Robeson town. "Well," save he, "I understand that they failed to get the new counties." I informed him that I understood as he did. Then it was that he asked, "Do you suppose they will build a court house and jail in my town, anyway?" He had evidently heard much court house and jail talk. You bet he had.

**Mrs. Luther Baxley.**

Mrs. Luther Baxley, aged 43 years, died Friday at her home four miles east of Lumberton. Deceased had been in ill health for several years.

**Mr. G. L. Robertson of Rowland was in town Thursday.**

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Andrews of the Fairmont section were in town Friday.

**Misses Ambaleen Prevatt and Gusie Davis of R. 2, Lumberton, were among the visitors in town Friday.**

Miss Gladys Birmingham was in town this morning to her home at Charlott, after spending two weeks here visiting Miss Hazel Prevatt.

Mr. Luther J. Prevatt spent yesterday in Dillon, S. C.

Mr. H. C. Lamb of Orrum, was among the visitors in town Saturday.

Mr. F. F. Townsend of R. 6, Lumberton, is in town today.

Mr. E. D. Wilkerson of R. 1, Fairmont, was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

## WARNING ABOUT NEW COUNTIES

Experience of Tax-Payer in New County of Dillon, S. C.

TAXES INCREASED FROM SIX DOLLARS TO OVER \$15

Advocates of New County Claimed Same Thing New-County Advocates Are Claiming in Robeson—A Disastrous Experiment.

To the Editor of The Robesonian:

I notice there is a lot of talk on now about dividing up Robeson county, and while I have not been a citizen of Robeson county very long and am not well acquainted with many of her people, I want to speak a word of warning about new counties.

I lived in old Marion county, South Carolina, before Dillon county was cut off of it, and after the division it fell to my lot to be one of those who were cut off from the old mother county. Before division my taxes were six dollars, and after division they were a little over fifteen dollars, and kept right on getting higher.

Now the advocates of Dillon county were claiming the same thing I see the new-county advocates claiming over here: they said taxes would be no higher. The town of Dillon promised to build the court house, jail and other buildings free of cost to the tax payers, they said they would have better county government and cheaper, and more roads. My friends, this is what happened: The Dillon town folks broke faith with us about the county buildings, issued county bonds and made the people pay the interest on them, and the last time I heard of it the people were still paying and groaning. They issued about \$140,000 of road bonds, spent that on roads leading to Dillon and most of those roads are now worn out and no money left to work them with; and last year they made the citizens work on the roads and pay tax also and of course the country people had all that burden to bear and a few men in Dillon town are rich at the expense of the country people. And lo behold, instead of giving us good and better county government, as they had promised, the officers handling the people's tax money mislaid it and the people had to send one of them to the penitentiary, and bear the expense both of the loss of the money and the cost of the law suit.

Yours very truly,  
ALEX. SCOTT.  
Orrum, N. C., May 19, 1920.

## BARRINGTON-STANLEY.

Miss Ruth Stanley, High School Teacher, Becomes Wife of Mr. J. H. Barrington.

Miss Ruth Stanley of Guilford College, a member of the Lumberton high school faculty, and Mr. Joseph Hill Barrington of Lumberton were married at the home of Rev. Dr. H. G. Hill at Floral College, Dr. Hill officiating, yesterday at 2 p. m. Only a few friends of the contracting parties witnessed the marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Barrington left soon after their marriage for Hamlet and they will probably return to Lumberton tomorrow. Mr. and Mrs. Barrington will board at the Thompson hotel until Mr. Barrington completes his residence in the northern part of town, when they will begin house-keeping.

The bride is very popular, having made many friends since becoming a member of the faculty of the high school here. The groom is a young man of sterling worth. He has been employed for several years as book-keeper for Mr. J. T. Biggs. He served in the army during the war and spent several months overseas.

## AUTOMOBILE ORDINANCE.

None Except Owners or Non-Residents May Drive Autos in Town Without Permit—Unmuzzled Dogs Will Be Killed.

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Friday afternoon an ordinance was passed which prohibits any person except the owner or a non-resident of the town from driving an automobile or other motor-driven vehicle on the streets of the town without first securing from the town clerk and treasurer a written license or permit. No license will be granted to any person under 16 years of age.

The police force was instructed to kill any dog found running at large in town unmuzzled between June 1 and October 1.

**Sponsors and Maids of Honor.**

Maj. Jas. I. Metts of the N. C. division of the U. C. V., has issued the following order:

The following ladies, daughters and granddaughters of Confederate veterans, have been appointed to fill the official position on the staff at the reunion in Fayetteville, June 1-2-3rd, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Mrs. Marshal Williams, Faison, matron of honor; Miss Mary deRosa, set Holt, Fayetteville, sponsor; Miss Harriet Hardison, Fayetteville, maid of honor; Miss Lucy London Anderson, Fayetteville, maid of honor.

## BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Pittman of East Lumberton, Saturday, a son.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Alfred K. Porter and Mary Lena Ferguson.

—Mrs. A. P. Mitchell left Thursday evening for Philadelphia, Pa., to be with her sister, who is ill.

—Mr. Geo. L. Thompson is erecting a brick garage building 20 by 22 feet on his lot, West Fourth street.

—A special communication of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., has been called for Tuesday, 25th, 8 p. m., to work in the 2nd degree.

—All ex-soldiers of the world war living in East Lumberton are requested to meet at the auditorium in East Lumberton tomorrow (Tuesday) evening.

—Mr. Joseph Townsend of Raft Swamp was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He is a candidate for road supervisor of his township, his card appearing in this issue.

—The condition of Gilbert, 15-months-old son of Mr. and Mrs. K. U. Willard, who has been critically ill for several days, is thought to be slightly improved today.

—Mrs. N. J. Page of the White Pond section was operated on at the Thompson hospital last Tuesday. Mr. Page has been with her much of the time since the operation.

—Mr. Chas. C. Baxley of Bule brought to town this morning a load of fine Irish potatoes which he sold readily at \$4 the bushel. The editor is indebted to him for a "mess" of the finest.

—A new United States flag has been placed upon the flag staff over the municipal building. The flag will be raised and lowered each morning and evening according to military rules by a member of the American Legion.

—A get-together meeting was held in the Sunday school room at the First Baptist church Thursday evening. A musical program was rendered and refreshments were served. Quite a number were present and the occasion was thoroughly enjoyed.

—Mrs. W. S. Whitaker left Saturday evening for her home at Orangeburg, S. C., after spending six weeks here. Mrs. Whitaker underwent treatment at the Thompson hospital while here, but had been at the home of her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Varner, Fifth street, since leaving the hospital three weeks ago.

—Miss Laura H. Norment's music class closed for the season May 23. Twenty-one pupils were enrolled during the year. At the beginning of the session a prize was offered for the highest average. While several deserve special mention, the prize was awarded to Netta L. Duncan.

—An automobile belonging to Mr. John Smith of Columbus county, and driven by a woman ran into a deep ditch near the Ivesden cotton mill yesterday afternoon. Mr. Zach M'White, who was on the car at the time, went into the ditch, was slightly bruised. Other occupants of the car escaped unhurt.

—Mr. A. J. Smith, local undertaker, Friday removed from the grave and embalmed the remains of James Paisock, colored, who was found dead beside the A. C. L. railroad track near Elrod last Monday morning. Paisock was buried on the railroad right-of-way by the railroad company, his name being unknown at the time. His father, who lives at Union, S. C., learned of his son's death and had the remains removed to his home. Deceased was 17 years old and it is thought he fell off a moving train.

—Ex-Mayor Jas. D. Proctor and his mother, Mrs. Lizzie G. Proctor, returned Friday morning from a trip to San Antonio and Bryan Texas. Mrs. Jas. D. Proctor, who accompanied her husband, went on to Graham, where she will spend a week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Kernode, before coming home. Mr. and Mrs. Proctor went to Bryan to attend the marriage of Mrs. Proctor's brother, Mr. J. D. Kernode, Jr., and Miss Ida Welch Wiprecht, the marriage taking place on the 12th inst. They visited relatives at San Antonio.

**CARRANZA IS ASSASSINATED.**

Venustiano Carranza, President of Mexico and head of the 72nd government that country has had since 1821, was assassinated Friday by Colonel Rodolfo Herrero and his soldiers at Tlaxcaltengo, Puebla. A dispatch states that Herrero offered hospitality to Carranza and at 4 o'clock in the morning the sentinels which he placed, abusing the confidence reposed in them, surrounded the shelter where Carranza was sleeping and fired their rifles furiously into the hut.

**Peace Resolution Passed by House.**

The Knox peace resolution was passed by the House of Congress Friday by a party vote, except that 19 Democrats joined Republicans in supporting the measure and 2 Republicans opposed it. The President is expected to veto the measure.

**DR. WILLIAM W. PARKER**  
EYE SPECIALIST  
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