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NEEDS OF LOCAL SCHOOLS DISCUSSED.

Several Speakers at Mass Meeting Tell of Crowded Conditions and Necessity of Purchasing Another Site—Proposed Site Well Worth Price and Most Desirable Location in Town—Only One Speech Made in Opposition.

SENTIMENT OF MEETING SEEMED TO FAVOR BONDS.

The necessity of providing additional school facilities to take care of the ever-increasing number of school children in the town and the advisability of purchasing a lot owned by the heirs of the late Simeon Carlyle, adjoining the present school site, upon which to erect a high school building, were matters discussed at a mass meeting at the court house Thursday evening. The meeting was called by the Chamber of Commerce and a good sprinkling of men and a few ladies were there.

Mr. J. P. Russell, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided and in calling the meeting to order stated that it was the purpose of the Chamber of Commerce to have the matter of voting bonds to purchase a school site discussed in order that all might have a fair chance.

Facts in The Case. Mr. R. C. Lawrence, chairman of the board of school trustees, was the first to speak. In beginning Mr. Lawrence said that he only wished to give the true facts in regard to the situation. He wanted to make it plain that the owners of the lot which it is proposed to purchase never sought to sell it to the school board. He learned the property would be offered for sale and asked the owners to give the school board a chance, which they agreed to do. He then called a meeting of about 40 men representing all walks in life and found that it was the unanimous opinion of the meeting that this particular property should be acquired for school purposes. The owners of the property thought it was worth \$32,000. He advised them that he thought that price too high. It was then agreed to leave the matter of fixing the value of the property to three men, Messrs. K. M. Barnes, A. E. White and H. M. McAllister were named as the committee and they agreed unanimously that the lot was worth \$20,000. The owners said that they did not feel that this would be a fair price for the property, but they were willing to live up to the agreement.

Crowded Conditions in Schools. Mr. Lawrence told of the crowded conditions in the schools at present. The rostrum of the high school building is now being used for teaching purposes and it is only a question of time when an additional building must be erected. There is not room on the present grounds to erect another building. The speaker told of the crowded conditions about the school grounds. When the last building was erected a few years ago it was then thought that it would meet the needs 20 years, but the town has quickly outgrown the facilities then provided.

Lot Ideally Located. Mr. Lawrence said that he had always felt that it was providential that the lot which it was proposed to purchase had been left there. He told of how essential it is to have the entire school at some central location. If the schools were scattered, a feeling of rivalry would result and there would be a row as to which side of town the building should be located on. It would take twenty years to get over the feelings that would result from dividing the schools. The speaker told of one town he knew where there was no centrally located property available for a school building. When a building was erected several years ago a row resulted from the location of the building and feeling still runs high in that town. All this could have been avoided if there had been a central location available. Having the school buildings together will relieve the burden and expense of an additional superintendent of schools. Mr. Lawrence made it plain that members of the school board had no axe to grind in the matter of purchasing the lot, as they get no pay for their services.

Must Pay for Teacherage.

What is to be done with the balance of the proposed bond issue? This question was answered by Mr. Lawrence. He told of the situation that confronted the school board two years ago when it became necessary to provide a teacherage or close the schools. The board found it impossible to get out-of-town teachers unless they could furnish them with a boarding place. The board purchased the teacherage, paying \$7,500 for it. The funds were not available for paying for the teacherage and the money could not be borrowed unless each member of the board personally indorsed the notes, which they did. The notes are now due and the banks must have the money. If the bond issue carries, \$7,500 of the money will be used in paying off these notes. If it does not carry, each member of the board must pay his part of the \$7,500—about \$1,100 each. Mr. Lawrence added that he did not think the citizens of the town of Lumberton would ask that the school board pay this.

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Regan And Tilly To Federal Court

Young Men Charged With Robbing Boxes at Local Postoffice Taken to Jail at Wilmington to Await Trial in Federal Court in May—In Trial Before U. S. Commissioner Johnson It was Stated That James Regan Admitted Robbing Mr. Holmes' Box and One Other—Mr. Holmes Has Missed Getting Several Pieces of Jewelry. James Regan and Tom Tilly were bound over to Federal court Saturday by U. S. Commissioner E. M. Johnson on the charge of robbing mail boxes at the local postoffice. Their bond was fixed at \$1,000 each, in default of which they were sent to jail in Wilmington. They were carried to Wilmington Saturday afternoon by U. S. Deputy Marshal J. W. Tomlinson and Policeman Vance McGill. They will be tried in the Federal court in Wilmington at the term which convenes on May 10.

Postmaster D. D. French was the first witness examined Saturday. He testified that there had been considerable complaint about mail being lost at the local office and that he had suspected James Regan for several months. He had advised local officers to keep watch. Mr. French said that he had noticed Regan about the postoffice when he thought he had no business there and that he had ordered him to leave the lobby of the office several times. Postmaster French also testified that James Regan admitted in his presence after he was arrested that he had robbed Mr. A. J. Holmes' box at the postoffice three or four times and had also robbed another box, but did not know whose box it was.

Mr. A. J. Holmes, local jeweler, testified that he had lost much jewelry that had been shipped to him during the last two years, that he had lost a dozen or more packages during the time. Mr. Holmes identified some of the jewelry found upon Regan and Tilly when arrested as jewelry for which he had an invoice. The jewelry consisted of watch chains and card cases. Mr. Lacy Bennett testified that he had bought a watch chain from James Regan about two weeks ago for 50 cents. Chief of Police D. M. Barker testified that he was present when James Regan admitted that he had robbed Mr. Holmes' box three or four times and that he also robbed another box at the postoffice one time. He also testified that Regan stated in the presence of Tilly that he knew the goods which they had were stolen.

Tom Tilly went upon the stand in his own behalf and denied knowing that the goods were stolen. He told of starting to Rocky Mount and Regan's saying he would go with him. They went to Pembroke and boarded train to Fayetteville. While in Fayetteville, James started to sell a watch chain to a Greek and he told him not to fool with the stuff there. They boarded another train in Fayetteville and went to Rocky Mount, where they were arrested for hoboing a train.

Regan did not go on the stand. He was represented by Mr. H. E. Stacy of the law firm of McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy, while Tilly was represented by Mr. Edward K. Proctor. Eight watch chains and two card cases were found in the pockets of the defendants when arrested. When they were arrested at Rocky Mount officers there notified the officers here of their arrest and Policeman Vance McGill went to Rocky Mount Thursday night and brought the defendants here Friday. They were placed in jail here, where they remained until the hearing Saturday.

A. P. Mitchell Disturbs The Waters

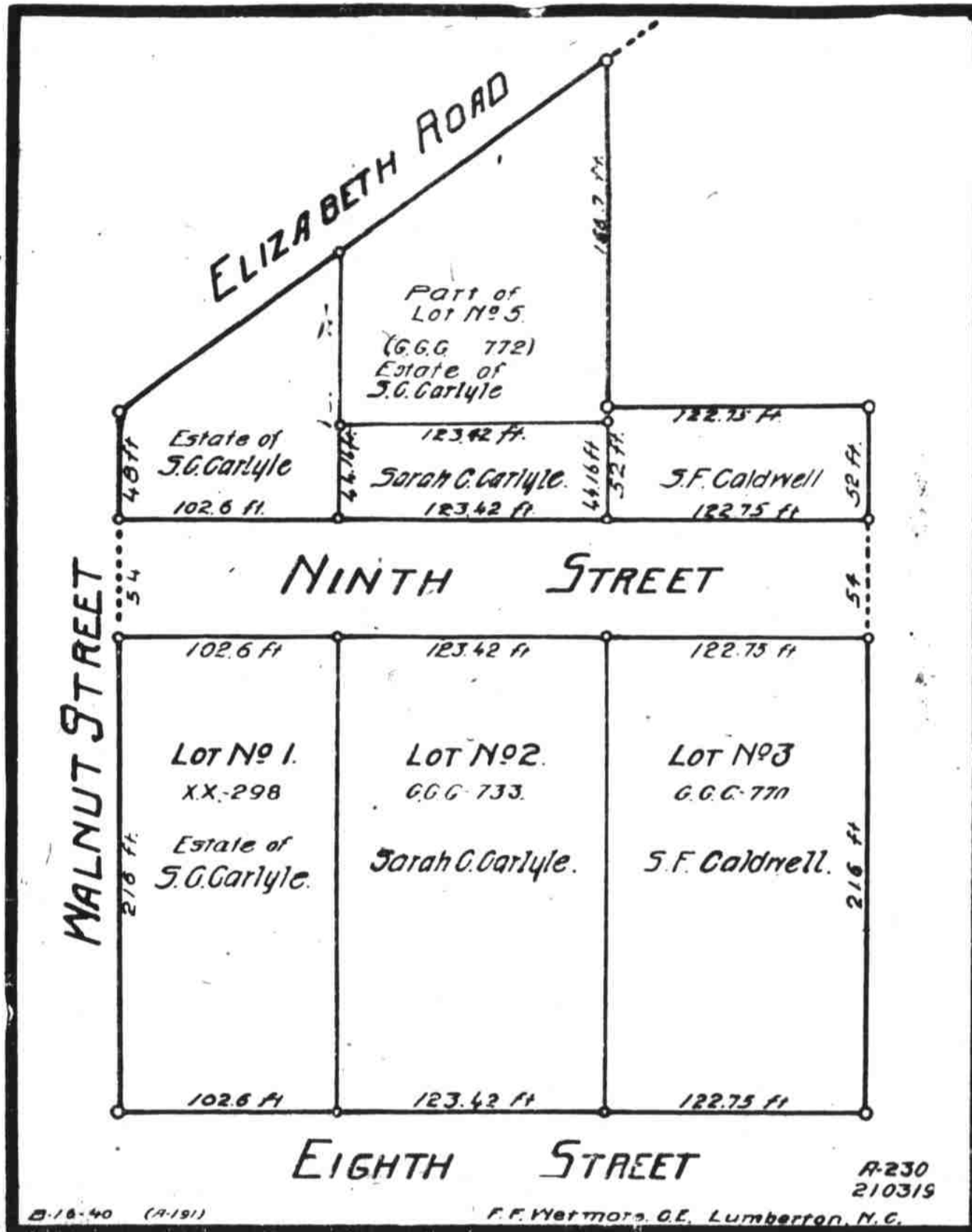
Local Seaboard Agent is in the race for Office of Mayor—Lists Not Closed Yet and Water's Fine.

Mr. A. P. Mitchell is the third candidate to enter the race for mayor of the town of Lumberton. When seen by a representative of The Robesonian Saturday, Mr. Mitchell stated that he would be a candidate and was already in the race. Mr. Mitchell is local Seaboard agent and has been a citizen of the town for some time, coming here from Maxton. As has been stated in The Robesonian, Mayor A. E. White will offer for the nomination to succeed himself and Mr. R. N. Brigman says he is running for the same office. The lists have not been officially closed and others may yet "come out."

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Biggs and two children, Eller and Chalmers, spent yesterday at the home of Mrs. Biggs' father, ex-Sheriff E. C. McNeill, at Rowland.

Mrs. A. M. Breece of Pembroke was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

PROPERTY IT IS PROPOSED TO PURCHASE FOR SCHOOL SITE



Above is shown the size and location of the property that will be purchased for \$20,000 for a school site if the bond issue is voted on April 5. The cut was made from tracing by Mr. F. F. Wetmore, civil engineer, who says that, including Ninth street, which has not been opened, the size is nearly 3 acres. Opponents of the bond issue are attempting to make capital of the amount at which this property is listed for taxation. The S. F. Caldwell lot is listed at \$2,000, the J. C. Carlyle lots at \$6,500, making \$8,500 for those two portions of the entire lot. If the Sarah C. Carlyle part (center) is listed at the same as the S. F. Caldwell portion, it would bring the whole to \$10,500, which is much nearer the value of the property than some other local property is listed.

DEBATE AT ORRUM MARCH 30.

Students Will Debate Consolidation of Districts—Orrum and Lumberton Will Cross Bats Here Friday—Other Items.

By W. Jerome Stephens / Proctorville, March 25.—The Orrum high school literary societies will give an entertainment and debate Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock in the school auditorium. After a large program of plays, songs and readings, the debate will be rendered. Query: "Resolved, that the surrounding school district of the Orrum high school district unite as one and build a \$75,000 or \$100,000.00 school and dormitory at Orrum."

The speakers are: Affirmative—W. Jerome Stephens, Sallie Ennis, Ralph Horne; Negative—Edna Nye, Jammie Page, Thetus Shepherd. The public is invited.

The Orrum graded and high school will close some time in May, and we are expecting to give the largest and best commencement and concert ever given in the history of the school. The Orrum H. S. base ball team will play the Lumberton H. S. team at Lumberton next Friday evening at 4 o'clock.

Mrs. W. R. Surles is spending some time visiting at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Happy Lewis, Wilmington.

We are very sorry to report Mr. E. D. Surles on the sick list. The Proctorville school gave an Easter egg hunt. The children report lots of fun.

Mr. George Branch has remodeled and fresh painted the inside of his store.

Mr. Tifney Barnes, a student at Wake Forest medical college, is a visitor at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Barnes of Proctorville.

The condition of Mr. Robt. Byrd, who lives near here, is much improved. Mr. Byrd was thrown from his wagon while hauling fertilizer and seriously hurt.

Farmers in and around our town are planting corn and picking tobacco beds. The tobacco plants are fine.

Mr. Talmage Graham of the Tolarsville section was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

Mr. J. C. Baxley of Buie, E. 1, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday.

THE RECORD OF DEATHS.

Mr. Jno. D. Barnes, Near Bloomingdale.

Mr. Jno. D. Barnes, aged about 87 years, died early Friday morning at his home near Bloomingdale church, death resulting from acute indigestion. Deceased was only sick a few hours, having attended church twice on the Sunday before his death. He is survived by several children. The funeral was conducted Saturday at 4 p. m. and interment made in the family burying ground. Deceased was a good citizen and will be missed in his community.

Mr. George Ray of Buie—Funeral at Philadelphia Friday Afternoon.

Mr. George Ray, aged about 62 years, died at his home at Buie Friday morning at 1 o'clock and the remains were interred at Philadelphia Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock. A large crowd attended the funeral. Deceased had been in feeble health since last August with kidney trouble and his condition became worse about a week before his death. He was a bachelor and two brothers, both of whom live at Buie, survive.

Double Murder and Attempt at Suicide

The negro who shot and killed Lula Wilson Milligan, colored, at Norfolk, Virginia, mention of which was made in Thursday's Robesonian, shot and killed a negro man at the same time and then shot himself, according to information received here. The wound inflicted upon himself failed to prove fatal, it is said, and he is in jail at Norfolk. Lula formerly lived here and her remains were interred here last Wednesday.

Series of Lectures at Trinity College.

The first series of lectures on the John McTyerie foundation will be given at Trinity college, in Carven Memorial hall, March 29, 30 and 31, at 8:15 p. m., by Hon. Paul S. Reinsch of Washington, D. C., recently Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary from the United States to China. Subjects: March 29, American Duties and Interests in the Far East; March 30, American Relations With China; March 31, American Achievements and Duties in the Philippine Islands.

Recorder's Court

Two Alleged Blockaders Give Bond in Sum of \$1,000 Each for Appearance in Superior Court—Indian Charged With Receiving Stolen Goods Also Gives \$1,000 Bond.

Daniel Buckie Locklear and Raymond Brooks, Indians, were found guilty of manufacturing whiskey by Recorder David H. Fuller Friday and sentenced to 8 months each on the roads. They gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$1,000 each for their appearance in Superior court. Brooks waived trial before Recorder R. M. Williams of Maxton on a second charge of manufacturing whiskey and he is under a \$1,000 bond on that charge. He is also charged with carrying a concealed weapon and will be given a hearing on that charge at an early date.

Locklear and Brooks were arrested at the time three whiskey stills were captured in the rice swamp at Harper's ferry, some two weeks ago.

Bud Barton, Indian, was found guilty Thursday by Assistant Recorder L. J. Britt of receiving stolen goods knowing that they were stolen and was bound over to the Superior court under a \$1,000 bond, which he made.

Seed House at Oil Mill at Rowland Burned Yesterday.

The seed house at the oil mill at Rowland was destroyed by fire about 10 o'clock yesterday morning, together with a quantity of hulls and some cotton seed. Heroic work on the part of the Rowland fire department saved the mill proper. The loss was practically covered by insurance.

George Moore, a young negro, charged with attempted criminal assault Friday upon Mrs. Austin Timberlake, a highly respected white woman living near Wake Forest. He was arrested the same day and placed in Wake county jail. A thousand citizens joined in the search and the negro was found hiding in a clump of vines not far from the home of the Timberlakes.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Blue and two children, Frances and Robert, of Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors Saturday afternoon.

DON'T FAIL TO REGISTER. In order to vote in the school bond election on April 5 it is necessary to register. Mr. B. G. Floyd, registrar, is not confining registration to Saturdays but will register you any day. See him at the court house.

COTTON MARKET. Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 10 1/2 cents the pound; strict middling 11 1/2 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS LOCAL NEWS

—The weather was fine for displaying Easter hats.
—License has been issued for the marriage of G. Robert Hutchinson and Emma Small.
—The condition of Mr. O. C. Norment, who has been ill for several days, is very much improved today.
—Messrs. James and Justin McNeill, local truckers, had home-grown cabbage on the market Friday and Saturday.

—Born, to Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCormick of McDonald, Sunday morning, at the Thompson hospital here, a fine boy.

—Mr. James McKay, a well-known citizen of Rowland, underwent an operation for appendicitis at a hospital in Florence, S. C., Saturday night.

—A special communication of St. Alban's lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., has been called for Tuesday evening, 7:30, for work in the first degree.

—Miss Ganelle Barnes, who is at the head of the music department of the Carey school is home for the Easter holidays. She arrived Friday and expects to return to Carey Wednesday.

—The community service picture show will be put on at the high school building here tomorrow night. The people of the town, both old and young, are invited to see the show. The admission is 10 cents.

—Mr. M. B. Robbins and family moved Friday from a residence owned by Mayor A. E. White on Chestnut street into a residence recently purchased by Mr. Robbins from Mr. L. H. Caldwell on East Fifth street.

—George Beck of West Lumberton was arrested this morning on the charge of cutting two tires of Dr. T. C. Johnson's auto last night. He is in jail and will be given a hearing tomorrow at 10 a. m.

—Shreff R. E. Lewis returned yesterday from Nichols, Ga., where he spent a few days with his brother, Mr. W. P. Lewis, who recently suffered a stroke of paralysis. His condition was unimproved when Sheriff Lewis left him Saturday.

—Rev. Baxter F. McLendon, better known as "Cyclone Mack," passed through town Saturday en route to Wilmington, where yesterday he opened a meeting at Calvary Baptist church. He will bring his large tent into use later and the meeting will last through five or six weeks.

—Former Sheriff and State Senator Geo. B. McLeod is spending a few days at his home here, coming from Iola, Kas., where he is interested in oil wells. He and his associates have struck another well, he says, making seven wells from which they are now getting a daily flow.

—A reunion of the Hedgpath family was held at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Hedgpath yesterday. Those present from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Hedgpath and 3 children, Messrs. L. Z. Robert and Alphonso Hedgpath, all of Rowland, Mr. J. H. Johnson and 2 children and Miss Harrington of Barnesville.

—Mrs. J. D. Kernodle of Graham and Mrs. C. B. Irwin of Fayetteville are guests at the home of Mrs. Kernodle's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. D. Proctor, North Elm street. Mrs. Kernodle arrived Friday and Mrs. Irwin arrived Saturday. They will be here for several days. Mr. Proctor entertains this afternoon on 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of her guests. Mrs. H. M. McAllister will entertain tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock in their honor.

—Messrs. H. C. Britt of R. 4, Lumberton, and Howard Bullard of Lumberton were bruised up considerably yesterday afternoon when a Ford car in which they were riding turned turtle on the Creek road about six miles from Lumberton. Mr. Bullard suffered a broken collar bone and other bruises, while Mr. Britt's forehead was lacerated and he was otherwise bruised about the face and head. The Ford was badly wrecked.

—The following Lumberton young people, students at various colleges, spent Easter with home folks: Miss Miriam Weinstein, Virginia college, Roanoke, Va.; Misses Mary Lee and Rosa Caldwell, Wilma Duryam, Elsie Thompson and Marion Allen, Meredith college, Raleigh; Hazel and Sarah Carlyle and Lula Norment, Greensboro college for women, Greensboro; Anna Lawrence, Passifern school, Hendersonville; Messrs. Max Weinstein and Stephen McIntyre, Jr., Georgia Military academy, College Park, Ga.; Robert and F. Ertel Proctor, Vernon McNeill and F. Ertel Carlyle, State university, Chapel Hill; Erwin Williams, R. A. Hedgpath, Jr. and Jno. B. McLeod, Wake Forest college; William Caldwell, Randolph-Macon Military academy, Front Royal, Va.