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Home Economics And Art Exhibit

Splendid and Interesting Display of Work Done by Pupils of Home Economics and Art Department of Local Schools—Examples of Work a Credit to Both Teachers and Pupils.

The exhibit, of work done by pupils of the home economics and art classes of the Lumberton schools at the high school auditorium yesterday from 3:30 to 5 p. m. was altogether creditable and interesting. The art class is taught by Miss Ada Edwards, while home economics is taught by Miss Elizabeth Peay.

The work was attractively displayed on the stage, which was decorated with pine, holly, moss, ferns and potted plants. Music was furnished by Misses Ethel Miller and Jennie Saine, music teachers in the school, and members of the high school glee club. Delicious sandwiches and hot tea were served the many visitors.

In the art and hand-work display were numerous attractive and creditable articles of basketry, drawings, hand-paintings, maps, etc. One painting of special interest was the poem, "The House by the Side of the Road," with an illustrated cover. Miss Edwards teaches the seventh grade and gives two lessons each week in art. The exhibit made plain the fact that there is art talent in the class and also that as an art and hand-work teacher Miss Edwards is an expert.

In the home economics exhibit were articles of wearing apparel of various kinds—all well and attractively made—home-made dolls, fancy work, sofa pillows, center pieces, etc. A number of coats and dresses made from discarded garments attracted much attention from visitors. This showed that all the attention of the class is not directed to the finer and fancy things, but to the making of articles that are useful and money savers for the average home. A number of articles of clothing made by the class for the Red Cross was on display. In this class the pupils are taught things that are worth-while and profitable. The exhibit yesterday was a credit to both pupils of the class and their teacher, Miss Peay.

The work in both these classes was only begun last September and the work accomplished is gratifying to the fullest extent.

Recorder's Court

7 Colored Gem'on Taxed With Costs for a Skin Game—Shotgun Fugured in Assault and Indian Appeals from 4 Months' Road Sentence.

Engaging in a "skin" game resulted in George Leach, Henry Jacobs, Henry Chatman, Jim Duckery, Jerry McLaurin, Will Armstrong and John Henry McKinnon—all colored—facing Recorder David H. Fuller Monday. They were all found guilty and each was taxed with the cost.

Will Armstrong was found not guilty of the larceny of a pistol from Henry Jacobs.

Governor Bell, Indian, was found guilty yesterday of assault upon James Burnett with a shotgun. He was sentenced to serve 4 months on the roads. He gave notice of appeal and made bond in the sum of \$500. He was fined \$15 and cost on the charge of cursing and raising a disturbance on the public highway. James Burnett was found not guilty of assaulting Governor Bell with a shotgun.

Remember Former Soldiers.

There are several ex-soldiers from Robeson county at the government hospital at Baltimore. It would be well and fitting to remember these at Christmas. Any person wishing to send a Christmas gift to soldiers from this county who are in the hospital should send same to Mr. J. P. Russell, chairman of the Lumberton Red Cross chapter, not later than December 19. It would be better to send money, wearing apparel or cakes. The citizens of many towns in the State are going to remember the ex-soldiers from their immediate sections. Robeson should not forget hers.

Officers of Sahriners Club Elected.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year by the Robeson county Shrine club at a well-attended meeting of the club here yesterday afternoon: president, G. B. Patterson; vice-president, W. A. China; Parkton; secretary, E. P. Williams; Maxton; treasurer, D. R. Shaw, Lumberton; chairman board of directors, E. J. Chambers, Fairmont.

The club was organized about six months ago and will meet annually. Members of the club will be entertained by the various lodges in the county during the year.

Negro Accidentally Shot Himself. A coroner's jury found that Eddie Jones, colored, who was shot and killed early Monday morning at his home in Fairmont, accidentally shot himself. The inquest was conducted by Dr. A. R. Hayes of Fairmont and the jury was composed of Messrs. W. W. Lewis, M. T. Singletary, W. C. Brown, H. G. Mitchell, E. Fisher and J. W. Ashley.

Major Issues Of Naval Ratio Settled

Prospects of a Far Eastern Agreement Somewhat Clouded by Chinese Proposal—American Ratio Forms Basis of Naval Settlement.

Washington, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—The arms conference delegates have reached an agreement on all the major issues of the naval ratio but are encountering new difficulties in their discussions on the Far East.

The American "5-5-3" ratio forms the basis of the naval settlement, but there are to be readjustments in the original American plan to permit Japan to retain her new battleship Mutsu. The United States and Great Britain will be given a compensative quota of additional ships not yet determined in detail.

In the far eastern negotiations the latest element of controversy is a request by China for abrogation of the treaties resulting from Japan's famous "twenty-one demands." When the request was presented to the far eastern committee of the whole today the Japanese promptly objected and the committee adjourned.

Coming at a time when the Shantung negotiations are at a critical stage, the Chinese abrogation proposal has somewhat clouded the prospects of a far eastern agreement, but most of the delegates remain confident of an ultimate solution.

Another meeting of the "big three" late today advanced the naval question nearer to the point of a final and detailed settlement, but left some minor points still to be determined. In all quarters announcement of a complete accord was regarded as only a question of hours.

As the offset to Japanese retention of the Mutsu, the United States is to retain the superdreadnaught Washington and Colorado, and an equivalent increase in British capital ship tonnage is to be provided.

The details of this British increase constitute the only point still to be decided.

\$8,377.50 FOR ROBESON COUNTY CONFEDERATE PENSIONERS

Clerk of Court Skipper is Ready to Distribute State Pension Money Among Those Entitled to It.

State Confederate pensions have arrived and those entitled to such pension can get same by calling at the office of Mr. C. B. Skipper, clerk of the Superior court, at the court house.

The pension lists for Robeson this year totals \$8,377.50. There is one 2nd class pensioner who will receive \$67.50; one third class who will receive \$60, 72 fourth class veterans who will receive \$50 each; 87 widows of veterans who come under fourth class and will receive \$50 each; while four blind widows of veterans will receive \$75 each. Three totally disabled veterans receive \$15 each monthly.

A like pension will be paid next June, the law providing that the pension be paid semi-yearly.

MUST NOT CURSE CONVICTS

Road Superintendent of Robeson Says Guards Who Curse Convicts Will be Discharged.

Cursing convicts in Robeson county has got to stop, according to Mr. J. I. Townsend, who is serving as county superintendent of roads. Mr. Townsend says he has worked negro labor all his life and never cursed a man who was working for him and he thinks cursing convicts by guards is a shame. The county chain gang force has been cursed and abused in an uncalled for manner in the past, it is said, "I'm going to put a stop to it," Mr. Townsend declared, when talking to a Robesonian reporter. Guards who insist on cursing the men under them will be discharged promptly and without ceremony.

Local Schools Close for Holidays Tomorrow Until January 2.

The Lumberton graded and high schools will close Friday of this week for the holidays and the spring term will open Monday, January 2.

Miss Esther Miller of Rowland and Miss Ruth Wilcox of Waverly, Va., will leave tomorrow evening for home to spend the holidays and other out-of-town members of the faculty will leave Saturday morning. Misses Elizabeth Peay, Chester, S. C., Nell Sutton, Danburg, Ga., Ada Edwards, Mars Hill, Annie Louise Huff, Laurens, S. C., Jennie Saine, Lincolnton, and Prof. J. W. R. Norton, Laurel Hill.

Mr. James D. Proctor is spending the day in Hamlet on legal business. Mrs. Nolie Horn and son, Mr. G. A. Horn, of R. 1, Fairmont, were among the visitors in town Tuesday. Mrs. N. C. Stubbs of Hunter's Lodge was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Money to Lend on Cotton. Consult us in regard to warehousing facilities.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF LUMBERTON.

Fatal Auto-Train Wreck At Red Sp's

Almo Gilchrist of Wagram Killed When Auto Was Struck by Train—Fireman J. E. Mangum of Raleigh Injured—Train Wrecked But None of Passengers Injured.

Red Springs, Dec. 13.—Almo Gilchrist, of Wagram, was instantly killed this morning at 11 o'clock when the automobile he was driving was struck by Atlantic Coast Line passenger train No. 64. The train was wrecked and J. E. Mangum, fireman, son of J. W. Mangum, of Raleigh, was seriously injured. He was given medical attention here and then rushed to Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville.

The wreck occurred at the Red Springs oil mill crossing near here. Following the crash the engine, tender, express car and coaches of the passenger train ran into a siding fifty yards beyond the crossing and were derailed. The locomotive turned over in two feet of mud, with the tender at right angles to the track. Fireman Mangum was caught between the cab and tender and his left side was badly torn. Engineer Rutledge escaped unhurt.

Gilchrist, the driver of the machine, was instantly killed, being caught by the locomotive and buried under it when it was derailed. His body was terribly mangled. The body was taken to a local undertaking establishment and later removed to his home by relatives.

Fireman Mangum was conscious when removed from the wreck. He was hurried to a local drug store, where he was given emergency attention by Drs. Hodgen and McMillan, and then taken to the Highsmith hospital at Fayetteville.

Although badly shaken up, none of the passengers of the train were injured. The train was in charge of conductor Campbell and Engineer Rutledge and operates between Fayetteville and Bennettsville, S. C. A wrecking crew from Florence is clearing up the wreck.

Doctors Hold Interesting Meeting

Robeson Medical Society Holds Last Meeting for Year—Address by Dr. J. S. Mitchner of State Board of Health—Committee Appointed to Work Out Plans for Venereal Disease Clinic—Officers Elected.

A feature of the regular monthly meeting of the Robeson County Medical society held in the municipal building here yesterday afternoon was an address by Dr. J. S. Mitchner of the State Board of Health. This was the last meeting of the year and was well attended.

Clinical cases were reported by Drs. R. S. Beam and J. A. Martin of Lumberton and an interesting paper dealing with impertigo was read by Dr. H. T. Pope of Lumberton.

The following officers were elected by the society for the ensuing year: president, Dr. E. L. Bowman of McDonald; first vice-president, Dr. N. H. Andrews of Rowland; second vice-president, Dr. R. S. Beam of Lumberton; secretary-treasurer, Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer; delegate to meeting of the State Medical society, Dr. N. A. Thompson of Lumberton; alternate, Dr. W. E. Evans of Rowland. Two members of the censor board were elected, these being Dr. J. F. Nash of St. Pauls and Dr. T. F. Costner of Lumberton. Dr. John Knox of Lumberton is also a member of this board.

The matter of establishing a venereal disease clinic in Lumberton to be operated by the physicians of the county was considered and the following committee was appointed to work out plans for such a clinic: Drs. J. F. Nash, E. L. Bowman and E. R. Hardin. If established, the clinic will be operated in co-operation with the State Board of Health.

\$159.50 From Red Cross Roll Call.

The annual Red Cross roll call closed in Lumberton yesterday, 154 members having enrolled during the ten days the membership drive was on. A donation of \$5 was made by Efrid's department store and another donation of 50 cents was made, bringing the total amount collected to \$159.50. One-half of this will be retained by the local chapter and one-half sent to Red Cross headquarters. Every member of several families enrolled.

The roll call was headed by Mrs. W. W. Parker, who was assisted by Mesdames Lee M. French, J. J. Goodwin and C. H. Boyd, Misses Myrtle Barnes, Lula Norment and Margaret Pinlayson. Both Mrs. Parker and those who assisted her in the work are to be commended for the interest taken in this work.

NOTICE

This is to notify all tax-payers that 1 per cent. will be added to all unpaid State and county taxes on January 1, 1922 and one per cent. additional each month thereafter until paid.

R. E. LEWIS, Sheriff.

Ejection Bill May Fail In House

Passed Senate on Second Reading Yesterday—Municipal Finance Act Must Go Back to House for Concurrence—School Funding Bill Passes Senate and Awaits Ratification.

Raleigh, Dec. 14.—The ejection bill, reversing the principles governing the ejection of tenants from property, passed the senate on second reading tonight, Senator Lutz Long's move of last night, whereby he obtained reconsideration of the measure, having proved successful. The vote was 22-19, the nineteen senators who opposed it last night standing "pat" while the bill's supporters gained three.

The senate passed on second reading also the municipal finance act, but in doing so, an amendment which had been added in the house was stricken out, necessitating the return to the lower body for concurrence. Members were undetermined tonight whether the striking out of the amendment would force the house to re-pass the measure on second and third reading votes, thereby further delaying the proceedings of the special session.

If concurrence by the house can be obtained without argument or second and third readings, the bill will go through the senate by Saturday morning; otherwise the continuance of the session through next Monday or Tuesday may be necessary, it was stated.

Both houses spent the greater part of tonight's session ridding the calendar of local bills, a great mass of them having gone through. The business of the session was systematically expedited, and members are hopeful of clearing the session of the local bills tomorrow or Saturday.

Senator Harry Stubbs was not present in the tonight's session, and his bill, placed on the senate calendar Tuesday morning, did not come up for consideration. Whether the Martin county senator will let his measure, which precipitated a fight Monday and threatened to create a regular storm in the general assembly, die as it now rests, was a matter of uncertainty among senators. Nothing has been heard of it since its introduction yesterday morning.

A bill to increase the salary of the adjutant-general from \$3,000 to \$4,500 and providing salary increases for other state officers not taken care of at the regular session, failed to pass on third reading in the senate by a vote of 26 to 18.

Touched by appeals from several senators in behalf of needy Confederate veterans, the senate revised its policy regarding private pensions and passed a number of them.

The house paid no attention to state wide measures at the night session, devoting its attention exclusively to consideration of the multitude of local bills which have been before it for several days.

Numerous house members declared tonight that the ejection bill enabling a landlord to force a tenant from his property by giving a bond, which the court hearing following, would fail to go through that body, the majority against being large.

The senate passed on third reading without a dissenting vote today the school funding bill, leaving only ratification as the final touch to the measure before the state treasurer will be authorized to borrow \$710,000 to make up the deficit in the school fund. The general assembly now has performed one of the two duties for which it was called into special session.

The municipal finance act, the second measure prompting the special session, will go before the senate tomorrow morning and it will be through by Friday or Saturday morning. Regardless of pending legislation and a mass of local bills, the solons are going to wind up state affairs Saturday and adjourn not later than Saturday night. The house took a definite step towards insuring adjournment for Saturday when it adopted a resolution today agreeing that no new bills would be introduced in that body after the morning, and the senate has turned down a bunch of proposals from its members to check the flow of roll call bills but it will be ready to adjourn as soon as the house finishes its work.

The senate has been making better time than the house, and its work is "up to date", the flurry of Monday night is passing and what Senator Mendenhall, of Guilford, terms "tomfoolery" is being checked, so that only the constitutional convention bill remains before the general assembly now as a possible trouble maker.

For instance, the senate bill reducing the personal property tax exemption from \$300 to \$100 has been killed, failing to survive a house committee meeting. Representative Will Neal's bill to abolish the state wide primary did not get anywhere with the governor, the women and the farmers against it. The new ejection bill, over which senate battled last night, is doomed even if Senator Long succeeds in getting it through the senate upon reconsideration. House members and some of the senators declare the lower body has been proving a "stop watch" for the upper body during the session, referring in

Four-Power Pacific Treaty Signed

Reservations Attached to Make it Inapplicable to Purely Domestic Questions and to American Mandate Policy.

Washington, Dec. 13.—(By the Associated Press.)—The four-power Pacific treaty, with a reservation attached to make it inapplicable to purely domestic questions and to the American mandate policy, was formally signed today by the plenipotentiaries of the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France.

The reservation, presented in writing by the American representatives and accepted by all the others, declares that the American attitude toward Pacific mandates shall not be affected by the treaty, and that the treaty provision for a four-power consultation on questions arising over the Pacific islands shall not be construed as applying to any problems which in international law are only of domestic concern. No formal ceremony accompanied the affixing of seals and signatures. The signing took place in the ante-room of the office of the secretary of state, in the presence of a large company of American and foreign officials, advisers and clerks. There was no speech making, and representatives of the press were not admitted.

The American copy of the treaty now goes to President Harding, who will submit it to the senate for ratification. He probably will not take it to the capitol in person and he may delay its submission until the arms conference is nearer a decision on the other important points before it.

It was indicated at the White House today that Mr. Harding saw no reason for acting hastily.

The text of the American reservation follows:

"In signing the treaty this day between the United States of America, the British empire, France and Japan, it is declared to be the understanding and intent of the signatory powers:

"1. That the treaty shall apply to the mandated islands in the Pacific ocean; provided, however, that the making of the treaty shall not be deemed to be an assent on the part of the United States of America to the mandates and shall not preclude agreements between the United States of America and the mandatory powers, respectively, in relation to the mandated islands.

"2. That the controversies to which the second paragraph of Article 1 refers shall not be taken to embrace questions which, according to principles of international law, lie exclusively within the domestic jurisdiction of the respective powers."

these remarks to the exemption bill and the ejection bill.

Representative Connor, of Wilson, introduced in the house this morning a bill amending the mandamus section of the public school law providing for a jury trial in all legal battles over the rate of taxes counties must levy for the operation of schools for the six months term. The bill will go through with the educational bill, validating previous school tax rates and raising the maximum authorized rate from 30 to 39 cents thereby insuring in the opinion of Representatives, positive settlement of school disputes and acting as a barrier against possible future difficulties. Heretofore, disputes of this character were heard before the superior court, judge in chambers, going from him directly to the supreme court.

The house put a stop to efforts to have the daisy adopted as the official state flower, a bill introduced by Representative Ross containing this provision having been defeated on a viva voce vote.—Brock Barkley in Charlotte Observer.

Raleigh, Dec. 13.—In the stiffest fight of the special session the senate tonight split over a bill to change the rules for ejection proceedings, privileging the property owner to give bond and force the tenant from his place at once in lieu of the existing regulations privileging the tenant to give bond and continue occupancy of the property until after court hearing.

Sensors Hartsell, of Cabarrus, and Long, of Alamance, championed the new bill, while Sensors Varner, of Robeson, and Taylor, of Wayne, opposed it. Vigorous speeches for and against the measure featured the night session. The vote on second reading stood 19-19. In order to obtain reconsideration tomorrow of this bill, Senator Long changed his vote, making the final second reading vote stand 20-18 against the measure.

Under the bill's provisions the owner of a property may give a bond and force his tenant to move from the place at once, a court hearing following. Existing laws privilege the tenant to give bond and appeal to the courts, ejections being impossible until a court decision to this effect is made.

Mr. S. W. Fowler and son, Mr. J. A. Fowler, of R. 1, Rowland, were Lumberton visitors Monday.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 cents the pound; strict middling 16 1-2 cents.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Mr. E. D. Britt and family moved yesterday from Howellsville township to Britt's township.

—John A. Jones, Indian, who lives on R. 6 from Lumberton, killed a hog Tuesday that tipped the scales at 570 pounds.

—The community picture service will be closed from Monday, December 19, to January 1, on account of the holidays.

—Pupils of Miss Miller's music class will give a recital at the high school auditorium this evening, beginning at 7:30. The public is invited.

—Mr. J. F. Raybon, who lives in the northern part of town, killed two fine hogs Monday. They were 16 months old. One weighed 417 and the other 400 pounds.

—Mr. J. W. Efrid, one of the Efrid Brothers and buyer for the 31 stores operated by the Efrid chain, spent a few hours here on business yesterday.

—Channie Gouse and Lewis Nichols, a colored couple from Rowland, were married in the court house yesterday at 3 p. m., Justice M. G. McKenzie officiating.

—There will be an oyster supper at Oakdale school house Wednesday night, December 21. There will also be other attractions. The public is invited.

—Fire destroyed the residence of Mr. Austin Barnes, near Bloomingdale church, early yesterday morning. Much of the furniture was also burned. The loss was heavy, with but little insurance.

—Mr. L. L. Hayes of the Elizabethtown section passed through town yesterday en route home from Hamlet, where he took his small son to the James sanatorium for radium treatment for cancer. The child has practically recovered from the effects of the cancer, though he lost his left hand.

—A business card brings the information that Mr. R. C. Birmingham, formerly of Lumberton, and several other gentlemen have formed an association for the practice of general accounting under the name of Interstate Audit Co., with offices in the new Chamber of Commerce building in Charlotte.

Cooperative Marketing Meetings

Meetings Will be Held at Township Voting Places December 17—County Meeting to be Held December 21.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Cooperative marketing meetings will be held at each township voting precinct Saturday, December 17, at 2 o'clock for the purpose of electing township officers and appointing delegates to attend the county meeting on December 21. All who have signed the cotton or tobacco contract should attend these meetings. Those who wish to sign should attend also.

On December 21, at 11 a. m., the county meeting will be held at the court house, Lumberton, to elect county officers, consisting of a president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer. These officers will take charge of the county and make arrangements for the election of our district director. This election will take place early in January. The director will be elected by a vote of the contract-signers.

The contract fee will remain \$3 until January 1, after which time it will be advanced to \$10. Now is the time to sign. See the undersigned or your township chairman.

O. O. DUKES, Farm Demonstrator, Lumberton, N. C.

Stressing Importance of Fire and Accident Prevention.

Miss Evelyn Lee of the State Insurance Department is spending this week in Robeson visiting various schools. The purpose of Miss Lee's work is to impress upon children the importance of fire and accident prevention. In her talk, she urges the forming of careful instead of careless habits. Being doubly careful during the holidays is another warning given by Miss Lee, thus reducing fire waste and probable loss of life. She has already visited many of the schools in the county, being accompanied by Prof. J. E. Poole, county superintendent of schools.

Morse Pleads Not Guilty.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Charles W. Morse, of New York, who was recalled to this country from France by Attorney General Daugherty was served today with a warrant alleging conspiracy to defraud the government and the Emergency Fleec corporation, in which the United States is a stockholder.

Arraigned before United States Commissioner Isaac R. Hitt, Mr. Morse pleaded not guilty and upon waiver of hearing was freed from custody upon \$50,000 bond to await the action of the grand jury.