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Indian Shoots Indian in Sunday Row

Dodie Locklear is in Hospital and Edmund Jacobs is in Jail as Result of Shooting Scrape Yesterday in Yard at Latter's Home—Locklear May Lose an Arm.

Dodie Locklear, Indian, is in the Thompson hospital suffering from gunshot wounds which he received late yesterday afternoon. The shot took effect in Locklear's left arm, chest and right hand. White it is probable that amputation of the left arm will be necessary, it is not thought the wounds will prove fatal. Edmund Jacobs, another Indian, is in jail charged with the shooting, which took place in Jacob's yard, some six miles north of Lumberton. Several shots were fired during the row, it is said.

Man Shot Through Window at St. Pauls

Mystery Surrounds Shooting of Mr. Johnny Marsh—Most of Load from Shot Gun Entered Back—May Recover—No Clue.

Mystery surrounds the shooting of Mr. Johnny Marsh, cotton mill employee, at his rooming house in St. Pauls Friday night, about 9:30. Marsh was sitting in the front room of the house when he was fired upon through a window. Most of the load from a shot gun entered Marsh's back, and though he was dangerously wounded it is thought he will recover. There is no clue to who fired the shot and no arrest has been made. Marsh is a middle-aged man and weighs less than 100 pounds, it is said.

MARTIAL LAW DECLARED IN PEKING, CHINA YESTERDAY

Peking, April 30.—(By the Associated Press.)—Martial law was declared in Peking today.

The armies of General Chang Tso-Lin and General Wu Pei Fu fought continuously throughout Sunday. The fight centered around Changsintien, 12 miles distant. A government communique says Chang Tso-Lin's forces were victorious.

President H. Su Shih Chang, in consequence of the hostilities, today issued three proclamations calling attention to the serious consequences to China which might result from the jeopardizing of foreign interests.

Clean-Up Days This Week

While much cleaning up was done about town Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week, the bad weather interfered somewhat with the work. Mayor A. E. White is anxious that the work be continued until the town has been thoroughly cleaned of trash and rubbish, and has named Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week as days to complete the job. All trash placed out on the sidewalks or streets will be moved by the town. Mayor White urges the importance of cleaning up vacant lots, as well as the premises about the homes and business houses.

Meet These Candidates.

Candidates for office whose announcements appeared in Thursday's paper or appear today for the first time are: J. D. Powers, for road supervisor Howellville township; for road commissioner, district No. 2, D. J. Oliver; for road supervisor Renert township, Lacy McNair; for road supervisor White House township, Leon Henley; for solicitor St. Pauls district, renomination, John D. Canada; for road supervisor Smiths township, Ralph Lowery; for road supervisor Gaddy township, J. W. Burns; for road supervisor White House township, L. M. Oliver.

Baseball Today on Local Grounds Between Hamlet and Lumberton.

The State high school championship baseball game between the Lumberton and Hamlet teams was postponed from Friday until today, owing to the rain on Friday. The game will be played on the local grounds this afternoon, being called at 4 o'clock. The loser in today's game will be eliminated from the contest for the State high school championship.

Recorder's Court.

Leonard Watts was bound over to the Superior court Saturday by Recorder D. H. Fuller on the charge of house-breaking. His bond was fixed at \$100, which he made.

John Wilkerson, colored, of Red Springs was fined \$5 and cost Friday on the charge of exceeding the speed limit.

Ruff McKellar, colored, was let off by paying the cost for being drunk.

The Earth Trembled.

Last Thursday morning at 4:15 o'clock the earth trembled hereabouts, according to Mr. Levi J. Perry. Mr. Perry said there were indubitable signs of it in the engine room of the Lumberton cotton mill in East Lumberton.

Mr. Boyd Adams of the Marietta section is a Lumberton visitor today.

Red Letter Day At Laurel Institute

Splendid Exercises at Close of One of Best Sessions in History of Well-Known Indian School—Addressed by Dr. K. C. Beaman and Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle—Fine Picnic Dinner—205 Pupils Enrolled During Past Term.

Friday of last week was indeed a red-letter day for faculty, pupils and patrons of Laurel Institute (Indian) at Union chapel, near Buie. The program rendered marked the close of one of the very best sessions in the history of this institution of learning for the Indians of Robeson county. The program was made up of splendid exercises by the students of the school and two addresses—one by Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, Lumberton, and the other by Mr. F. Ertel Carlyle of the Lumberton bar.

The exercises of the day were opened with prayer led by Rev. L. W. Jacobs. This was followed by a pleasing program rendered by pupils of the school, consisting of speeches, dialogues and songs. The children displayed unusual talent and proved that they had been well trained.

Why the School?

Dr. Beaman was the first speaker of the day. He handled his subject, "Why the School? and Why We Go to It," in a masterful manner. The speaker linked the schools and the religion of the Lord Jesus Christ as the two agencies that brought about the present civilization of this country. "Without these, we would all be savages," he declared. Continuing the speaker said in part: "All life is a school and all are students. In this school we learn much that does not contribute to one's well being or the betterment of civilization. The schools are agencies for training the people for a better life. They are to teach what life can be and accomplish. They should educate both the heart and the head. The great purpose of the school room is to teach boys and girls to live one for another. The school should teach boys and girls how to make the world better and life happier.

"Human life is the one great thing in the world. Many fail to realize what life means. They don't use life to the best end, failing to co-operate with God in His plans. One of the greatest problems of today is the boy with a bottle of monkey rum in one hip pocket and a bull-dog pistol in the other. We must strive to eliminate these.

"We should live for the betterment of the world and not only for the (Continued on page four.)

FEW BUSINESS MEN AT MEET

Bad Weather Kept Crowd Away from Meeting to Hear Neosha Plan Explained. Friday. Night—Another Meeting May Be Arranged.

Owing to the inclement weather Friday evening, only a very few business men gathered at the municipal building to hear Mr. G. R. Lowe, who was scheduled to deliver a "business talk to business men." In fact, the crowd was so small that Mr. Lowe did not explain fully the proposition which he had expected to lay before the business men of Lumberton. It is probable that he will return to Lumberton within the next few weeks.

The purpose of the Neosha plan, upon which Mr. Lowe is working, is to create a more friendly spirit between the people living in the rural districts and those living in the towns. Under his plan an auction sale of the things which the farmers might have to offer would be conducted in town once a month. Another feature of the plan would be a one-a-month "Golden Rule sale." For this sale the merchants of the town would place two special bargains on sale during the day of such sale. No two merchants would advertise the same bargains.

Mr. Lowe was accompanied to Lumberton by Mr. A. D. Robeson, agricultural and industrial agent of the S. A. L. railway.

L. C. Townsend Nominated Commissioner for Ward No. 4.

Mr. L. C. Townsend was nominated town commissioner from ward No. 4 over Mr. S. S. Small in the second primary Friday by a vote of 70 to 57. A total of 127 votes were cast in the primary Friday, as compared with 152 from this ward in the first primary Tuesday. In the first primary Mr. Townsend received 71 votes, Mr. Small 70 and Mr. D. B. McNeill 11. Neither of the three candidates receiving a majority of the votes cast in Tuesday's primary necessitated a second primary.

The general election to confirm the nominations in Tuesday's primary, together with that of Friday's primary, is being held today. A list of the nominees for the various town offices was published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Mr. Colon Kinlaw of St. Pauls is a Lumberton visitor today.

Mr. J. T. McLendon of Fayetteville is a Lumberton business visitor today.

LUMBERTON'S NEXT MAYOR



E. M. JOHNSON
Junior member of law firm of Johnson & Johnson, elected mayor of Lumberton today. He defeated Mr. E. M. Britt in the primary held last Tuesday. Mr. Johnson is a native of Buncombe county and a graduate of Wake Forest college.

Commissioners Districts of Robeson

Townships That Make Up the District of County for County and Road Commissioners—Recorders Districts.

It is well known, of course, that Robeson county is divided into five districts for the election of county and road commissioners, but not many people are familiar enough with the divisions to know what townships make up the various districts, so it would be well for all citizens of the county to cut this out and save it for reference. Districts for county commissioners and road commissioners are the same. They are as follows:

District No. 1—Lumberton, Wisharts, Britts, Orrum, Sterlings.

District No. 2—Rowland, Thompson, Gaddy, Fairmont, White House.

District No. 3—Maxton, Smiths, Alfordville, Pembroke, Back Swamp.

District No. 4—Red Springs, Burnt Swamp, Raft Swamp, Shannon, Lumber Bridge.

District No. 5—St. Pauls, Parkton, Rennert, Howellsville, Saddle Tree.

Recorder districts are made up as follows:

Lumberton district—Lumberton, Britts, Back Swamp, Raft Swamp, Saddle Tree, Howellsville, Wisharts.

Fairmont district—Fairmont, Orrum, Sterlings, White House.

Rowland district—Rowland, Gaddy, Thompson.

Maxton district—Maxton, Alfordville, Smiths, Pembroke.

Red Springs district—Red Springs, Lumber Bridge, Burnt Swamp, Shannon.

St. Pauls district—St. Pauls, Rennert, Parkton.

PLAY WILL BE GIVEN AT NYE SCHOOL HOUSE NIGHT OF MAY 3

A play entitled "All a Mistake" will be given at Nye school house, Sterling township, Wednesday night of this week, May 3rd, beginning at 8 o'clock. No admission fee will be charged, and the public is invited. The Nye school closed Friday of last week. Miss Sallie Bullock was teacher. She with her sister Miss Lizzie Bullock and their father, Mr. D. L. Bullock, of R. 2 from Fairmont, were Lumberton visitors Saturday.

Lumberton Doctor Among Officers Elected by State Medical Society

Dr. T. C. Johnson of Lumberton was elected second vice president of the State Medical society at its annual meeting in Winston-Salem last week, the closing session being held Thursday. Other officers elected were: President, Dr. J. Wesley Long; first vice president, Dr. Fred Haynes of Winston-Salem; third vice president, Dr. B. L. Long of Hamilton; secretary-treasurer, Dr. L. B. McBrayer. Dr. J. O. McLelland of Maxton was elected a delegate to the South Carolina society. Dr. N. A. Thompson of Lumberton served on several important committees. The next annual meeting will be held in Asheville.

Anti-Typhoid and Anti-Diphtheria Campaigns Start Soon.

Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, will begin at an early date another campaign against typhoid.

The anti-typhoid vaccination will be given free again this year. Along with the free anti-typhoid vaccination, Dr. Hardin will give preventive treatment for diphtheria to children between the ages of 6 months and 7 years. Ten cents will be charged for the three treatments required for preventing diphtheria, this only covering the cost of the vaccine. Dr. Hardin will visit various points in the county during the campaign, but will be in his office in the court house on Saturdays.

Mr. D. C. Currie of Lumber Bridge was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

4,000 People at County Commencement Color'd Schools

Every Colored School in County Represented at Great Occasion Here Friday—Parade Required Hour to Pass Given Point—Exhibits were Splendid—Many Contests During Day—Orderly and Well-Dressed Crowd.

A crowd estimated at fully 4,000 people attended the county commencement of colored schools of Robeson at the fair grounds here Friday. It is thought that every one of the 56 colored schools of the county was represented, and it was a great day for the colored population, notwithstanding the inclement weather.

Beginning with a parade, led by a band, from the colored graded school across the river to the fair grounds, each school bearing a banner and about an hour being necessary for the parade to pass a given point, the day was spent at the fair grounds in viewing many excellent exhibits and in various games and contests.

Special Exhibits

The exhibits were splendid, reflecting great credit upon the schools. The leading exhibits from all schools were literary, industrial and busy work. In the literary work the writing was excellent from the Lumberton graded school and was fairly good from others. A collection of compositions on "The Value of Good Health" showed splendid work and good thought. Exhibits of sewing deserve special mention. These were made up of fine specimens of hand and machine made garments and embroidery work. Exhibits of basket-making and mats, both pine needle and shuck, were fine. The busy-work exhibit represented many well-spent hours where children learned free-hand drawing, water coloring of pictures, paper cutting and some hand work with the needle. Some cooking was displayed, but this was not in evidence as much as the other features.

The following schools had exhibits: Rowland, Pleasant Hill, Marietta, Lumberton graded, St. Pauls graded, Chrysalis, Pleasant Meadow, Mt. Zion, Cedar Grove, Pleasant View, Beauty Spot, Hilly Branch, Holy Swamp, Red Hill, Providence, Snow Hill, Parkton, Shannon, Red Stone.

Mr. T. L. Johnson, a member of the county board of education was on the program for an address, but at one o'clock, the time set for the speaking, a fine, cold drizzle made speaking in the open air a hazardous undertaking and not half the crowd could be reached indoors, though the exhibits building was packed, so that feature of the day was abandoned. The games and contests were put on later and were carried through in a most satisfactory manner.

It was a splendid occasion in every way, and it was a neat, well-dressed and well-behaved crowd.

The list of contests and prize-winners will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Lumber Bridge News Letter

School Finals May 3, 4 and 5—Class Day Exercises and Literary Address Friday and Play Friday Night—Personal.

Correspondence of The Robesonian. Lumber Bridge, April 28.—School closes Thursday, May 5. Commencement begins on Sunday at 3 p. m. when Dr. Joel A. Snyder of Fayetteville will preach the baccalaureate sermon in the school auditorium. Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the recitation and declamation contest will be held. Those participating in this contest are all high school pupils.

Thursday evening the elementary grades will present their entertainment. One of the features of their varied program will be an operetta entitled "The Fairy Rose." We feel sure that the elementary grades entertainment will be unusually good this year.

On Friday mornings at 10 o'clock the class day exercises will be held. We are proud of our unusually large graduating class. Following the class day exercises, Mr. L. J. Britt will deliver the literary address.

Friday at 8 p. m. the annual commencement play will be presented by the high school department. Lumber Bridge school has the reputation for giving good plays and we believe the one this year will surpass all others. A bevy of chorus girls will add much charm to our play, "Kentucky Belle."

Miss Sarah Covington, who has been teaching at Pineview, is at home for her vacation.

We are sorry to learn that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. McGoogan and family were called to Perry, Fla., Wednesday on account of the death of Mrs. McGoogan's mother, Mrs. Wingate.

Chicken With Three Legs.

A chicken with three legs was hatched at the home of Mrs. Rowland Deese, Cedar and Ninth streets, last week. The third leg sticks out behind and does not interfere with or aid locomotion. It is apparently a perfectly healthy biddie.

Fairmont News

Quick Work Saves Cotton-Loaded Truck from Burning Up—Parade by Children in Interest of Bond Election for New School Building—Baseball Reports Mixed—Personal.

By H. V. Brown

Fairmont, April 29.—A truck carrying four bales of cotton from here to Lumberton last Thursday afternoon caught fire about five miles north of here, and had it not been for quick work the truck and cotton would have been totally destroyed. Mr. Jetter D. Lewis was the owner of the cotton and his son, Rabe, was driving. A car came from behind just as the fire was discovered and the occupants helped extinguish the flames. A well close by aided them greatly in putting the fire out before the entire thing was destroyed. Mr. Lewis stated that he would probably lose about 200 pounds of cotton. The truck was slightly damaged.

Among those from here attending the Baptist union meeting at Ten Mile last Friday were Messrs. A. J. Floyd, J. D. Kyle, E. V. McDaniel, A. F. Floyd and Rev. J. R. Miller.

School Bond Election May 8

May 8th will determine, according to the voters, whether or not Fairmont will have a school building suitable for the needs. The issue calls for \$75,000. A parade by the school children was given through the main parts of the town Friday, finally making a circle at the intersection of Center and Main streets, where Dr. Landrith presented to the 6th grade a large American flag, which they had won by securing the largest attendance at the lecture by Dr. Landrith in the Baptist church Thursday night. In presenting the flag Dr. Landrith asked the children how many would be disappointed if they did not get a new school building, and every hand went up. He then made an appeal to the citizens who had gathered around for their support of the bond issue. The feature of the parade was the fact that many banners were carried by the little ones, some reading as follows: "COME SEE OUR CONDITION. IT IS TERRIBLE." If Fairmont district fails to carry the issue and build a school house, Barnesville will have the best schoolhouse in this section of the county, when completed. Much work has been done on it already and by fall it will be in readiness for school work.

While in town last Thursday on business Mr. F. C. Ashley, who lives a few miles east of here, became suddenly ill with a severe attack of kidney colic. He was carried to Dr. Hayes' office and after a few hours was able to return to his home.

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COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 16 3-4 cents the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—State Senator L. R. Varsler is able to be out today after being confined to his home for several days.

—Mrs. Wilson Spivey of Lakeview, S. C., entered the Thompson hospital yesterday afternoon for an operation.

—Born, yesterday morning, at the Thompson hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Meares, an 8 1-2 pound daughter.

—The Woman's Missionary society of Chestnut Street Methodist church will meet at the church Wednesday at 4 p. m.

—Mrs. D. C. Miechal of Fairmont underwent an operation Saturday at the Baker sanatorium. Her condition is reported as favorable.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Walter Smith and Miss Annie Graham, daughter of Mrs. G. P. Graham of the Tolarville section.

—The Lumberton Home Demonstration club will hold its regular meeting this afternoon at 3:30 in the domestic science room at the school building.

—The county commissioners, the county board of education and the county road board are holding regular monthly meetings here today. Large crowd in town.

—The age of Mr. Charles Townsend, whose death was reported in Thursday's Robesonian, was about 82 years, instead of 72, as was given in the report of his death.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Work was begun Monday morning on the Maxton to Laurinburg link of the Wilmington-Charlotte-Asheville highway. Soon Maxton and Laurinburg will be connected with concrete road.

—Maxton Scottish Chief: Miss Myrtle Prevatte, editor of the Scottish Chief, passed through Maxton last Tuesday on her way to the home of her parents near Lumberton for a few days rest after an operation for appendicitis. She returned to Maxton Friday evening.

—The regular meeting of Robeson chapter, U. D. C., has been postponed from Thursday afternoon of this week to Friday afternoon on account of the district meeting that will be held Thursday. The meeting will be held Friday p. m. at 4 o'clock at the home of Mrs. A. T. Parmele.

—Mr. C. B. Fry Saturday purchased the stock and fixtures of the Robeson Vulcanizing company, which recently made an assignment. The purchase was made through Mr. F. D. Hackett, Jr., trustee. Mr. Fry will conduct a like business at the same stand, Elm and Second streets.

—Messrs. K. M. Barnes, H. M. McAllister and M. F. Cobb of Lumberton, Ralph Boring of Elizabethtown, G. W. Covington of McDonalds and J. F. Johnson of Fairmont returned Friday evening from Pinehurst, where they attended the annual convention of the North Carolina Bankers association.

—Dr. E. R. Hardin, county health officer, returned Thursday afternoon from Winston-Salem, where he attended a meeting of the North Carolina public health officers. Dr. Hardin read a paper before the meeting on "Public Health Work in Robeson County Schools." He also attended the meeting of the State Medical association while in Winston-Salem.

—Miss Bessie McNair, a member of the school board of Maxton, Mrs. L. W. McKinnon and Mr. H. C. McNair, also of Maxton, were in Lumberton this morning in the interest of proposed enlargement of the Maxton school district, the matter to be determined by the county board of education. It is proposed to take in a section of Scotland county, also more territory in Robeson.

—Rev. S. J. Starnes, who a year and a half ago left Lumberton, where he was linotype operator for The Robesonian for three years, to enter Trinity Park school at Durham, is a member of the graduating class of that school this spring. The commencement will be held Thursday and Friday evenings of this week. Mr. Starnes has been a member of the North Carolina Methodist conference since last fall.

Young Lady Fainted in Theatre from Shock of Accident.

A Miss Davis of Fairmont fainted in the Pastime theatre here Thursday night and did not regain consciousness until after she had been carried into the North State drug store, next door, and restoratives had been administered. Miss Davis came to Lumberton in an automobile with some young ladies and men to see "The Fall of Babylon". They were caught in the wind and rain storm which came on early in the evening and so severe was the storm that the driver could not see and it became necessary to stop the car. Just as that was done the car went into a ditch. It was not thought at the time that anybody was hurt but Miss Davis appeared so nervous when she went into the theatre that her condition attracted the attention of Mr. Griffin, the proprietor. Miss Davis said later that she did not remember going into the theatre at all.