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Shepard Reward Increased to \$900

State Offers \$400 for Arrest and Conviction of Murderer—\$100 Reward Offered for Recovery of Body. Sheriff R. E. Lewis was advised Friday from Raleigh that the State offers a reward of \$400 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer or murderers of E. R. Shepard, whose abandoned auto was found beside the Wildcat highway near Lumberton on April 11. This brings the amount of the reward to \$900, Robeson county and Shepard's relatives offering \$250 each. Mr. J. B. Shepard of Doerun, Ga., a brother of the man who is supposed to have been murdered and who has been here helping in the investigation, offers \$100 for recovery of the body.

Many rumors have been run down by the officers, but no clues have been found. Shepard's disappearance remains a mystery.

103 Candidates for Office in Robeson

92 Democrats and 11 Republicans Had Filed Notice of Candidacy When Lists Were Closed Saturday Night—Some Have No Opposition and Are Declared Nominated.

One hundred and three candidates for office—92 Democrats and 11 Republicans—had filed notice of candidacy with Chairman Frank Gough, chairman of the county board of elections, up to the hour for closing the lists Saturday night. There are half a hundred candidates for road supervisor, 4 for sheriff, 7 for lower house of Legislature, 2 for Senate, 2 for register of deeds, 4 for clerk of court, 18 for recorder, 5 for road commissioner, 4 for county commissioner. The complete ticket will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Of the 103 who have filed notice of candidacy, the following have no opposition and have been declared the nominees of their party for the offices to which they aspire:

Democratic Candidates
For State Senate—L. R. Varner.
For register of deeds—M. W. Floyd.

For county commissioners—Bory McNair for district No. 3 and J. E. Hughes for district No. 5.

For road commissioners—T. O. Evans for district No. 3 and G. A. McKay for district No. 4.

For solicitor of recorders' court, Lumberton district—F. Ertel Carlyle.
For county surveyor—J. Ed Tyson.
For member board of education—Lucius McRae.

For road supervisor: Gaddys, J. W. Burns; Lumber Bridge—Robert Monroe; Maxton—L. L. McGirt; Orrum—R. W. Nye; St. Pauls—E. J. Dean; Wisharts—George A. Barnes.

Names of the above will not appear on primary tickets.

Republicans Candidates.
Following is a list of candidates on the Republican ticket who have filed their notice of candidacy and being without opposition have been declared the nominee of the party. They will have no interest in the primary of June 3rd:

For State Senate—L. E. Tyner.
For House of Representative—R. M. Phillips and A. E. Howard.
For clerk of Superior court—William M. Currie.

For sheriff—Rowland Stephens.
For register of deeds—Mrs. John D. Cobb.

For county commissioners—district No. 3, W. G. McLean; district No. 5, Joseph Allen.

For road commissioner—district No. 1, W. L. Lovett.
For road supervisor—Howellsville township, J. S. Currie; Raft Swamp township, Ernest Odum.

Most List Crop Acreages.

Mr. W. D. Jones of the crop reporting service of the State Department of Agriculture is a Lumberton visitor today. Mr. Jones is urging upon farmers the necessity of complying with the law which requires them, in listing taxes, to list the number of acres planted to each crop. An article prepared by Mr. Jones on this subject will be published in Thursday's Robesonian.

Mr. E. L. Hedgpeth Not Candidate for Sheriff.

Mr. E. L. Hedgpeth of Fairmont, who was suggested as candidate for sheriff of Robeson by the county Republican convention held in Lumberton last Monday, as stated in The Robesonian of that date, asks The Robesonian to state that he declined the nomination and is not a candidate.

Ready to Lend Money to Farmers.

Mr. H. M. McAllister, says that the Lumberton National Farm Loan association, which is associated with the Federal Land Bank of Columbia, S. C., is ready to lend money to farmers on real estate at 6 per cent interest for a period of 35 years.

Mr. Ira F. Davis returned home last night from a visit to Charlotte. Mr. A. T. McKellar of Rowland was a Lumberton visitor this morning.

Poultry Meetings Well Attended

Much Interest in Meetings Being Held Over the Country in Interest of Poultry Raising—State Specialist Olliver Tells How to Make Chickens All-Year-Round Money Crop.

The meeting of the Lumberton poultry association held at the court house Thursday evening at 8 o'clock was attended by a large crowd and the address of Mr. A. G. Olliver, of Raleigh, was much enjoyed by the poultry fanciers and all present. The East Lumberton band furnished music for the occasion.

In opening the meeting, Mr. W. W. Davis, president of the association, gave the following four reasons why the association was organized:

First, to promote the poultry industry in all of its branches; second to encourage the breeding of pure-bred poultry; third, to cooperate with each member and other poultry associations that are trying in any way to encourage and produce better poultry and eggs; fourth, to help its members buy, sell and acquire poultry products.

Miss Martha Flax Andrews, home demonstration agent, made some remarks in which she called upon all present to give the association their whole-hearted support, that it was for the adjoining townships as well as Lumberton.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, farm demonstration agent, followed Miss Andrews and called upon the audience to give the poultry industry serious thought, that it meant ready money all the year round if carried out as it should be and the association stood ready to help them.

Mr. A. G. Olliver, state poultry specialist, the speaker of the evening was introduced by Mr. W. W. Davis. He stated that he was not here to start anyone in the poultry business but to help them grow into it. Mr. Olliver said in part:

"The poultry business is an all-year-round one crop, and no farm should be without at least 100 laying hens of some pure-bred strain, the kind that you like best. The average corn-fed hen lays 52 eggs a year, one egg a week, when the pure-bred fed properly, would lay 200 to 250 eggs a year. Unless you are going to build the proper kind of coops, and feed properly, it would pay you to go slow in the poultry business."

Before Mr. Olliver closed his talk he showed some chicks that were on display at the meeting, and they were there from day-olds to grown-ups, at 13 weeks old weighing two pounds. He said that those chicks were fed right. In closing his remarks he called upon the people to join the association, it would mean better eggs and broilers for the market.

Well-attended and enthusiastic poultry meetings were held at Lumber Bridge Wednesday night and at Rowland Friday. A meeting which was to be held at Orrum Friday night was rained out.

WOMEN NAMED ON STATE DEMOCRATIC EXECUTIVE COM.

Miss Katie Buie and Mrs. T. L. Johnson Robeson Members of Executive and Advisory Committees, Respectively.

Sixty women got their names on the roll of the State Democratic executive committee at the meeting of the committee in Raleigh Thursday night. J. D. Norwood was reelected chairman. New members of the committee for the Sixth district are:

Mrs. N. A. Currie, Bladen; Mrs. D. J. Lewis Columbus; Mrs. N. A. Sinclair, Cumberland; Mrs. J. J. Wade, Harnett; Mrs. J. Walter Williamson, New Hanover; Miss Katie Buie, Robeson.

Chairman Norwood announced the appointment of Miss Mary Henderson of Salisbury as vice chairman of the executive committee and two members of the advisory committee from each district, members for the Sixth district being Mrs. T. L. Johnson of Robeson and J. C. Carr of New Hanover.

President R. B. John Resigns from Carolina College.

At a recent meeting of the trustees of Carolina college at Maxton Rev. R. B. John, who has been president of the college for several years, tendered his resignation and Rev. S. E. Mercer, presiding elder of the Weldon district and president of the college before Mr. John, Mr. A. E. White of Lumberton and Mr. Winfred Carter of Maxton were appointed a committee to select his successor. The college has grown under President John's administration and his resignation was accepted with reluctance.

Week-End Tickets on Sale by Seaboard.

Beginning Friday of last week, the Seaboard Air Line will sell week-end tickets Friday and Saturday of each week good until the following Tuesday. One-day tickets will be sold from Lumberton to Wilmington Saturday nights, good returning on the first train Monday morning.

Mr. H. H. Stanley of St. Pauls section is a business visitor here today.

Indian Normal Finals Mark Close of Successful Year

Evidences of Wonderful Progress—Large Crowd Attended Splendid Exercises—Work on New \$100,000 School Building Well Under Way.

By H. V. Brown.
One of the most successful school years in the history of the Cherokee Indian Normal school, at Pembroke came to a close Friday with a commencement well worth attending. Trains from north, south, east and west brought whites and Indians by the hundreds. Automobiles from every district of this section of the State were there, bringing more people to enjoy the annual event. To be assured of the wonderful progress being made by the Cherokee Indians, one only has to attend the event, and be convinced. Mr. H. E. Stacy of Lumberton delivered the principal address of the day, using as his subject, "The Progress of the State in Education and Industry". The auditorium was filled to capacity, and many more sought admittance to hear this wonderful speech. By the time the speaker was introduced the hall was filled and many standing. On the platform back of the speaker three candidates for offices sat with Professor Henderson and some of his co-workers. These candidates were Messrs. C. B. Skipper, H. L. Cook, and N. A. Sinclair.

Recitation Contest, Baseball

At 1:30 in the afternoon a recitation contest was held in the auditorium. This was especially good, showing that much instructive work has been done at the Normal this year. In this contest Messrs. H. L. Cook, N. A. Sinclair and M. N. Folger were the judges and favored Miss Sallie Deese as first winner, and Miss Mazinnie Lowry, second. This took up the time until three o'clock, when it was announced that the Pembroke baseball team would battle with Fort Bragg's nine on the local diamond, which had been prepared especially for this game. Beginning at exactly 4 o'clock the game went on and was played exceedingly well, the Pembroke Indians taking the honors four to one.

Considering the crowd and large number of automobiles, it was predicted that there would be more or less collisions or mishaps among the autoists, but nothing happened. It is true, however, that two bugs, each being pulled by a fine mule, became entangled on the campus. The result was a new wheel for the unlucky one. Especially was it evident that very little drinking was to be seen or effects of drinking. Nothing but peace prevailed, and everything seemed to work in harmony for the pleasure of the visitors and betterment of the community.

Debating Contest; Readings.

Friday night the exercises at the school building were held by members of the 9th grade. A debating contest was the feature of the exercises, when the question, "Resolved, That the United States should enter the League of Nations", was argued very intelligently and interestingly. Those contending for the entrance of the United States in the League were L. W. Jacobs and Earl Lowry, while the negative side was ably defended by C. H. Moore and J. R. Cummings. The judges decided in favor of the affirmative by a vote of 2-1. L. W. Jacobs and C. H. Moore were declared the best debaters in the school, and after another vote it was unanimously decided the first honors should go to L. W. Jacobs, with Moore running a close second. After the debate a very pretty and interesting essay was read by Miss Maggie Lee Oxendine. Then Miss Nettie Sampson pleased the audience when she recited "Hiawatha's Wooing". Miss Elizabeth Sampson also helped make the evening perfect by reading a selection.

New Building Begun

Of the 2500 people attending the exercises, the correspondent is unable to tell just how many candidates were there. But there was a plenty. Next year accommodations for those attending this commencement will be much better, as work has already begun on the new school building which will be not only a credit to Robeson but to the state of North Carolina as well.

Building Will Cost \$100,000

An appropriation of \$75,000 has been made for the betterment of schools at the Normal and a contract has already been let for the building. The amount of the bid for this work was \$51,710, which takes care of all general construction. This does not, however, include heating, lighting and water. It is figured that the entire cost of the building, light, water, heat, and furniture and fixtures, will be \$100,000. It is the purpose of the people to vote an additional \$25,000 to complete the work. The outside walls are now practically head high, with work going on at a rapid rate. By September 1st they are hoping to have the building complete and ready for use. Already the school has a nice dormitory for the girls, and it is the purpose to use the present school building for a dormitory for the boys.

A. W. McLean Made Brilliant Record on War Finance Board

Former Secretary McAdoo, Senators and Representatives Praise Splendid Work of Lumberton Man and Regret His Voluntary Retirement from Office.

By D. F. St. Clair.
Washington, May 19.—Honorable Angus W. McLean Wednesday voluntarily retired as Director of the War Finance Corporation after four years of service in one of the most important and difficult positions in the Government. It was on May 17th, 1918, that President Wilson appointed Mr. McLean a member of the War Finance corporation upon the recommendation of Senator Simmons and Secretary of the Treasury W. G. McAdoo, who wired to-day from his home in Los Angeles that McLean has served with unusual ability, patriotism and unselfishness. The former Secretary said that "Mr. McLean as a public official had a big part in the effective service rendered the people by the War Finance corporation and that his retirement is a great loss to the public."

A National Figure

In his four years service Mr. McLean has become a national figure. He is generally regarded by both Democrats and Republicans in Congress and by the administration as having shown himself a great master of finance and a splendid administrator. There is keen regret everywhere here at his departure from the office, for it is recognized that men with his financial ability combined with his comprehensive knowledge of the financial needs of agriculture are hard to find. It is conceded that he was the one man in the War Finance corporation who possessed this combination and the wonderful success of the corporation as an agency for farm credits is held to be due largely to his initiative as a director. A chorus of gratitude and praise has come to him for having as director met the needs of agriculture to the best advantage of the farmers, the banks and the Government.

Certainly one of the most competent judges of Mr. McLean's services to the stock raising industry of the West is Senator John B. Kendrick of Wyoming, a land of ranches. Senator Kendrick is one of the country's largest cattle raisers.

Rendered Great Service

In making an appraisal of Mr. McLean's ability and his work in the War Finance corporation, Senator Kendrick said, "Mr. A. W. McLean of the War Finance corporation is one of the very able men discovered in the country by the great war period. The previous administration found him but the present administration was most fortunate in having the benefit of his great services for more than a year in the difficult position he is now about to relinquish. Mr. McLean is both a great master of the science of agricultural finance and a great finance minister. He has had the vision to see and to know just what are the great problems that confront agriculture and that have been made most acute by the world war and reconstruction. He has had the courage to meet these problems, cutting red tape right and left and going to the very heart of each problem presented to him with the mental grasp and swift decision of great genius. But he is as cautious in action as he is ready and swift in decision. He knows, he does and he takes care all in the same act. I speak with most intimate personal knowledge of the inestimable service Mr. McLean has rendered agriculture and live stock growing in the West and especially in my own State of Wyoming. His knowledge of our needs out there and his readiness ever to render assistance have sustained and prospered our stock-growing industry. He has saved many of our banks from going to the wall and he has brought the money back promptly to the Government ready to do other service. He is an adept in turning money over with astonishing dispatch and making it work day and night and perpetually. I feel that I can not speak in too exalted terms of the services that he has rendered the farming industry of his country and his Government."

Senator Charles L. McNary, Republican, Oregon; Senator Harrell, Republican, Oklahoma, and Senator Burton, Republican, New Mexico, heartily (Continued on page four.)

Superior Court.

Superior court for the trial of civil cases convened today, and disposed of one divorce case before noon. The defendant and plaintiff were both colored. According to Clerk of Court Skipper, there will be no very important cases during this term, but the docket is heavy with small ones. Judge George W. Connor is presiding.

Among the out-of-town attorneys attending court today are D. P. McKinnon and W. E. Lynch of Rowland, J. E. Carpenter and Henry McKinnon of Maxton, V. H. Taylor and V. W. Keith of Fairmont, and J. S. Butler of St. Pauls.

\$30,000 Fire At Fairmont Sat. Night

Quick Work Checked Fire Which Started in H. Weinstein's Store and Threatened Great Destruction—Lumberton Fire Fighters Reached Scene in 20 Minutes—Splendid Exercises Mark Close of Successful Year of School.

By H. V. Brown.
Fairmont, May 22.—For the second time since February 1st, the Jones' buildings on Main street were gravely threatened Saturday night by fire. At 10:50 Mr. C. D. Baker discovered fire in H. Weinstein's store between the Bank of Fairmont and the Robeson Hardware Co. The alarm was turned in quickly and a quick response with hose no doubt counted materially in getting the fire under control in less than 30 minutes. When the water was first turned on the blaze, the future of the building seemed to be already doomed, many stating that it had gained too much headway. The Lumberton fire department was called over long distance, and within 20 minutes after the call was made Fire Chief Ed. Glover and his firemen were assisting in extinguishing the last blaze, which had caught in the second story, over the Bank of Fairmont. Mr. Thomas Baker, who was employed by Mr. Weinstein, told Mr. Weinstein before they closed the store that someone was frying some peculiar smelling meat. They did not investigate this, however, and it was only about 15 minutes after the store was closed that the blaze was discovered. It evidently had been burning for sometime. Plenty of water, good pressure, and excellent work saved Fairmont from a most destructive conflagration. Insurance partially covered the losses of Mr. Weinstein and the Jones' estate. The entire damage is estimated at \$30,000. The Robeson Hardware stock of goods was partially damaged by water and smoke. This was the second fire in this building since February, the first being in the vault of the Bank of Fairmont on the night of February 28th, which has caused the bank to remain closed since that time, in order that the records be made again.

School Finals

The Fairmont graded and high schools closed the commencement exercises Friday night with an excellent literary address by Dr. Robert H. Wright, president of East Carolina Teachers' college. At this time diplomas and certificates were presented. Class-day exercises were held in the auditorium Friday morning at 10 o'clock. On Thursday night a play entitled "Mary's Millions" was given by the members of the graduating class. This especially was good and a packed house enjoyed it thoroughly. On Wednesday night an operetta was given by the music department under the leadership of Miss Ora Kemp. In this several of the small tots took part and it was plainly seen that they had been given excellent training. The baseball game played Friday afternoon between Lumberton and Fairmont highs was almost a farce. The Fairmont lads, who have played mighty good baseball this season, went to pieces. Kelly, who has pitched several victories, started the game and had to be replaced in short order by Ashley, who did particularly good work for the remainder of the game, but it was too late, Lumberton had already won the game.

This closes a most successful school year, and the members of the faculty are being commended for their good work which had to be done under most trying circumstances, due to the overcrowded condition of the school rooms.

Those from here attending the commencement at Greensboro College for Women are Mesdames D. W. Galoway, H. L. Price and F. C. Jones. Miss Katharine Galloway, daughter of Mrs. Galloway and sister of Mrs. Price, and Miss Rose Jones, daughter of Mrs. F. C. Jones, are among those graduating from G. C. W. this year.

Mr. Averett G. Floyd returned home Friday from State college, where he has completed a 4-year course in agriculture. Mr. Floyd has received many honors during his college career, being a star on the football team every season. He was captain of the football team this past year.

Legion Meeting Tuesday Night
The regular meeting of the George Galloway post of the American Legion will be held in their hall over Turner's store Tuesday night, May 23. This meeting was to have been held last Thursday night but on account of the Fairmont school commencement was postponed. Important radio committee to make a report. Every ex-service man come.

Residence Burned Near Proctorville

According to reports reaching this office this morning, fire last night completely destroyed the residence and outhouses of Mr. Jas. Graham, who lives near Proctorville. The light of the fire was easily seen in Fairmont. Some of the townspeople are said to have gone running in direction of the fire, thinking it was a building in Fairmont, but it happened to be about 7 miles away. Mr. Graham's loss was complete.

COTTON MARKET

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 19c the pound.

BRIEF ITEMS AND LOCAL NEWS

—Local Odd Fellows will meet Thursday at 8 p. m. to elect officers. Mr. Crouch will be here all the week to give instructions.

—Miss Miller's music class will give a recital in the high school auditorium Thursday evening of this week at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

—Miss Mabel Fulton of Greensboro began work this morning as stenographer in the law offices of Messrs. McLean, Varner, McLean & Stacy.

—Ms. Troy Grantham of Marietta underwent an operation at the Baker sanatorium this morning at 8:30. His condition is reported as favorable this afternoon.

—The Goat club will give a barbecue and fish fry at the club house Thursday afternoon at 5:30. All candidates for office who will be voted in Lumberton will be invited. It will be known as "candidates night."

—Mr. Stephen McIntyre, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. McIntyre of Lumberton, is a member of the graduating class of Georgia Military academy, College Park, Ga. The commencement began yesterday and lasts until May 26.

—Dr. E. A. Branch of Norwood spent yesterday here with his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Branch, and returned last night to Raleigh, where he will be engaged for two-months conducting dental clinics for Wake county.

—Mr. W. C. Boone, who lives 4-1-2 miles from Lumberton on the Carthage road, had ripe peaches on the 13th of this month and sold some on the 18th at \$2.50 a bushel. With no bad luck Mr. Boone will have peaches right along now until frost.

—In mention in The Robesonian of the appointment of Mr. A. V. G. Wishart as county auditor to succeed Mr. J. M. McCallum, resigned, it was stated inadvertently that the salary was \$250 the month. The salary is \$2,500 the year. Mr. Wishart will take over the office on June 1st.

—Mr. J. C. Pulliam of Winston-Salem has arrived and will begin getting things in shape for the Lumberton baseball club, as he has been selected manager for the coming season. Last season Mr. Pulliam was a very satisfactory manager for the club.

—Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Nance and Messrs. Leon McGill and Melton Warwick returned last night from Charlotte, where they attended Saturday the 20th of May celebration, which is said to have been the greatest ever held. General J. J. Pershing, Legion Commander Hanford MacNider and Governor Cameron Morrison were guests of honor.

—As a result of an active campaign for new members and better attendance of old members, membership of the Baraca class of the First Baptist Sunday school has been increased to 96 and average attendance increased from 25 to 85. In order to accommodate the 85 present yesterday morning the class had to adjourn to the near-by school auditorium.

—Mr. A. E. White and Dr. Russell S. Beam returned last night from Charlotte, where Mrs. Beam is undergoing treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium. Dr. Beam and Mrs. Ira B. Townsend went with Mrs. Beam to Charlotte Friday morning and Mr. and Mrs. White went to Charlotte Saturday night to see their daughter, carrying with them Mrs. Beam's infant son. Mrs. Beam's condition is much improved and she is expected to be able to leave the sanatorium in about ten days. Mrs. White and the baby will remain in Charlotte to return with Mrs. Beam. Mrs. Townsend's brother, Mr. John French, has been under treatment at the Charlotte sanatorium for some time. His condition is improved. Mrs. Townsend is expected home tonight with her nephew Billy Foster French, who accompanied her.

GENOA CONFERENCE CLOSES

Declared to Have Been One of the Greatest Political Gatherings in Europe's History.

Genoa, May 19.—The Genoa economic conference, one of the greatest political gatherings in Europe's history, which brought here the representatives of 34 nations, adjourned at 1:15 p. m. today after six weeks of momentous deliberations. Its labors will be begun anew at The Hague on June 15.

The conference adopted the report of the economic commission, which contains constructive recommendations for the economic re-organization of Europe, adopted the arrangements for the conference at The Hague, and proclaimed Prime Minister Lloyd George's famous non-aggression pact, which, though provisional in nature, it is hoped to follow with a permanent European peace pact.

Progress on Hard-Surfaced Road.
All but about half a mile of the 3-mile road from Lumberton to McNeill's bridge has been hard-surfaced and opened to traffic. The unfinished stretch is westward from the oil mill.