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Chautauqua Closes Tonight With Splendid Program

Grand Concert Featuring "Gretchen of Holland" Will End 5 Days of Fine Entertainment—Concert and Lecture This Afternoon—May Return Next Year.

The Montague Light Opera Co., featuring "Gretchen of Holland," said to be a splendid musical production, with special scenery and costumes, will close the 5-day Chautauqua at the tent near the graded school building tonight. This afternoon at 4:00 o'clock the same company will give a concert and a lecture on "The New India" will be given by Bhaskar Hivale, a native of India.

A splendid program has been given during the 5 days and it is generally conceded that this has been the best Chautauqua Lumberton has ever had. The lectures, concerts and other features have been of a high order, entertaining and instructive.

Owing to the unavoidable conflict with the local school commencement the Chautauqua management generously waived its right to all single admissions, which it turned over to the guarantors, whose deficit will be reduced considerably thereby. It is thought that each of the guarantors will have to pay about \$6.

At a meeting of the Chautauqua management and local guarantors Saturday night it was decided to bring the Chautauqua back to Lumberton next year if 50 guarantors sign the contract. Fourteen of those present at the meeting signed, and Supt. W. H. Harris is securing other signatures today.

Congressman Lyon Will Speak in Lumberton Wednesday

He Will Address Rural Letter Carriers of County at Their Annual Meeting.

Congressman Homer L. Lyon will address the Robeson Rural Letter Carriers association Wednesday at 11 a. m. at the court house. This will be Congressman Lyon's first address here since his election to Congress more than 2 years ago. The public is invited to hear him.

As stated in Thursday's Robesonian, this is the annual meeting of the letter carriers of the county. Mr. C. D. Williamson of Parkton is president of the association.

BARBECUE TO ENCOURAGE STRAWBERRY RAISING

A barbecue will be given at Dublin Thursday, May 31st, at 12 o'clock, by the officers of the V. & C. S. Railroad Co., at which time the matter of raising strawberries in that section will be ably discussed by prominent and successful growers of the berry from Chadbourne. Everybody interested is invited.

ANNUAL PICNIC OF GUS FLOYD CHAPTER OF U. D. C. POSTPONED

By Phone to The Robesonian. Fairmont, May 28.—Owing to the illness of Mr. Gus Floyd, who was taken very sick Saturday night, the annual picnic of the Gus Floyd Chapter, U. D. C., which was to have been held here Wednesday, May 30, has been postponed indefinitely.

Luke Britt Returns to Jail

Luke Britt, charged with the murder of E. R. Shepherd, who mysteriously disappeared from Lumberton more than a year ago and whose remains were found several weeks ago, had sufficiently recovered from an operation for hernia to return Friday morning to his cell in the county jail. The prisoner had suffered from the time he was sent to jail until the operation was performed, which was done at the Thompson hospital upon order of the county commissioners recommended by the county health officer and private physicians.

Had One Car Light Shining

George Washington Green, the colored parson who had an accident on the Red Springs road Sunday night, May 20th, deposes and says that it was a great mistake that was printed in The Robesonian last Monday, that he was driving his car with the aid of nothing more than a smoking lantern. He states the he had come to a complete stop when hit by the other car and that he had one light burning on his car, using the lantern in place of the light that would not burn.

For Victims of Cleveland School House Fire

To the Editor of The Robesonian: In response to the demand for help for the Cleveland, (S. C.) sufferers, I enclose you check for \$6.25 contributed by my shop forces as follows: W. H. Humphrey—\$2.00 Mrs. W. R. Hendren—\$1.00 Miss Nancy McPhail—\$1.00 W. B. Jolly—\$1.00 Obbie Coleman—\$1.00 Master Earle Hendren (10)—25c. Total \$6.25. W. H. HUMPHREY, Lumberton, May 25.

Last of School Closing Events This Morning

Graduating Exercises, Delivery of Diplomas and Certificates and Address by Mr. Geo. V. Cowper of Kinston Brings Commencement to a Close.

Commencement exercises of the Lumberton high school came to a close this morning with graduating exercises, delivery of diplomas to the 18 graduates, delivery of certificates to those finishing the 7th grade work, certificates to the 65 in the whole school making perfect attendance, delivery of prizes and the literary address by Mr. Geo. V. Cowper of Kinston.

The exercises were opened with prayer by Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, after which the high school glee club delighted the audience with the "High School Song". Next on program were two splendid essays, "Natural Resources of North Carolina", by Miss Nesbit Page, and "Life of Thomas A. Edison", by Mr. Frank Gough, Jr., which were thoroughly enjoyed by all, after which the glee club gave another beautiful song.

The speaker of the day was fittingly introduced by Senator L. R. Varner. For about 40 minutes Mr. Cowper held the undivided attention of his hearers with an interesting, inspiring and upbuilding address to the graduating class on "Making the most out of life" and "How can we make the most out of life?" His speech was a gem, the memory of which will live long in the minds of those present, and which will mean lots to the graduates if taken and put into practice as they make the journey of life.

Before the awarding of diplomas to the graduating class, the glee club came in with another delightful song. Then the diplomas were delivered by Mr. K. M. Barnes, chairman of the school board, with appropriate remarks. Certificates and Prizes Certificates were delivered to those finishing the 7th grade work by Prof. Crumpton, assisted by Misses Eugenia McLean and Mildred Weinstein, Miss Eugenia making the highest average in the whole high school, Miss Mildred following by a close second. Certificates were also delivered to the 65 in the entire school who had attained perfect attendance during the year, by Prof. Crumpton assisted by Misses McLean and Weinstein and Mr. Archie Stone. In the music department, Miss Evelyn Barker was awarded a prize for the highest average in music and Miss Geraldine Musselwhite one for making the most improvement during the year. These were given by Miss Leila Straughn. A prize was given to Archie Stone for making the highest average in the high school in algebra. In the 5th grade prizes were given to Archie Ward for making the highest average and to Charlie Hardin for making the most improvement by Miss Emma Lucas Ward, the teacher.

J. R. Poole Again Elected Head of County Schools

He Has Served in That Capacity for 20 Years—Lucius McRae Re-elected Chairman of County Board of Education—Budget to be Fixed June 26—Action on Consolidation Request Deferred.

Prof. J. R. Poole was re-elected county superintendent of schools for a 2-year term at a special meeting of the county board of education held in the office at the court house Friday. The salary is \$3,000, necessary expenses to be paid by the board. The term begins July first. Supt. Poole will have held this office continuously for 20 years at the expiration of his present term, June 30 next, and his re-election will give general satisfaction. At its last session the Legislature passed an act requiring public notice to be given when election of county superintendent will be held, and fixing the salary at \$3,000 with necessary expenses. Public notice was given of the election but there were no other applicants, and the board received letters urging the reelection of Supt. Poole. Mr. Ben G. Floyd was re-elected clerk in the superintendent's office as the same salary as heretofore, \$1,800 the year. Mr. Lucius McRae of Red Springs was re-elected chairman of the board. The budget for next year's work will be arranged at a joint meeting of the board of county commissioners and the educational board, to be held June 26th in the court house. A request from Wakulla to be consolidated with Floral college school was read and the matter was continued until the first Monday in June at 2:30 p. m.

Misses Clare Hester and Tommie Fisher of St. Paul were Lumberton Visitors Friday

Dr. L. E. Ricks of Fairmont was a Lumberton visitor Thursday. Dr. G. M. Pate of Raynham was a Lumberton visitor Friday.

HUBBARD LOWREY, PEMBROKE POLICE CHIEF, SHOT AND SERIOUSLY WOUNDED

Hubbard Lowrey, chief of police of Pembroke and for 20 years a deputy sheriff of Robeson county, was seriously wounded today about noon when he was shot by a boy by the name of Locklear at the home of Duckery Brooks.

The shooting took place about 2 miles west of Pembroke, while Lowrey was on a mission of collecting taxes. Medical attention was given him by Dr. McDowell of Maxton, who ordered him brought to the Baker sanatorium here, his condition being serious. A breech-loading gun was used and an early examination at the sanatorium showed that 40 or 50 shot were on the inside of the man. The shot were number 6 bird shot. Lowrey is conscious and has made a statement as to who did the shooting and what caused it. His condition is serious.

Class Day Exercises All to the Good

Large Audience Enjoyed Every Minute of Program in School Auditorium Friday Evening—Each Number Was a Feature.

Class day exercises of the graduating class of Lumberton high school were held in the school auditorium Friday night at 7:45, the early hour being used on account of the Redpath Chautauqua program which began after the exercises.

The large audience which crowded the auditorium was not disappointed in the least, as the exercises were a mixture of humor and pathos. Each member of class showed signs of being saddened by the fact that they had forever finished their work at the school they had learned to love and they mixed humor with it to make the occasion balance and be an enjoyment to all.

Those taking active part in the program were Misses Hazel Prevatt, Viola Edwards, Grace Ross, Helen Townsend, Isabelle MacLeod and Nesbit Page, Messrs. Quintus Beckwith and Frank Gough, and it is a very difficult problem to solve when trying to find the lone feature, for everything was grand, nothing said or done that would distinguish that act as being inferior to the others.

The salutation by Miss Hazel Prevatt was the first good thing on the program. Then Mr. Quintus Beckwith, appropriately costumed as a historian, read from the tablet the "History of the Class" in a very pleasing manner. Miss Viola Edwards in humorous manner took charge of the entire situation as she discharged her duty as "Class Grumbler." Then Miss Grace Ross added greatly to the program with her "Class Poem." The vocal solo, "If I Built a Wall for You," by Miss Isabelle MacLeod, which was accompanied by Frank Gough on violin and Miss Evelyn Boyd on piano, could have been selected as a feature of the evening had it not been for the fact that everything was equally as fine.

Mr. Frank Gough, taking his seat at his desk in "Frank Gough's Garage," picked up a copy of The Robesonian dated May 25th, 1947, and therefrom read the "Prophecy" of the class. This proved exceedingly interesting and humorous. A feature of this one act was that as the prophet completed the reading of the news item about his mates there appeared on the stage a person resembling the one read about, who marched before the audience and off the side of the stage.

Miss Helen Townsend, "Trophy Bearer," caused many more laughs as she presented the gifts to the members of the class.

The sole executor of the "Last Will and Testament" of the class has a hard job, and the recipients of the legacy will have a harder job in carrying out and accepting the things mentioned in the will as read by Miss Isabelle MacLeod. Then the Valedictorian, Miss Nesbit Page, put the finishing touches on the exercises, the memory of which will never fade.

The class totals 18 and is composed of Misses Amanda Mitchell Allen, Mabel Lee Bullard, Alma Ruth Doby, Jeannette Duncan, Sadie Ray Edwards, Viola Edwards, Cora May King, Isabelle MacLeod, Hazel Evelyn Prevatt, Nesbit Virginia Page, Ruby Courtney Phillips, Helen Teresa Townsend, Grace Ross, Miriam Weinstein, Messrs. Robert Knox Andrews, John Quintus Beckwith, Yates Williams Floyd and Frank Gough, Jr. Marshalls were Misses Bertha Bithca and Eva Mae Musselwhite, Messrs. Irving Biggs and Stewart Ramseur.

Miss Ruth McEwen, English teacher, was presented with a beautiful pin as a gift from the class.

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Building a Life Your Biggest Job

Capacity Congregation Heard Baccalaureat Sermon by Rev. W. A. Stanbury Yesterday—An Inspiring and Strengthening Message.

A congregation which packed both the main auditorium and the Sunday school room of Chestnut Street Methodist church yesterday at 11 a. m. the Lumberton high school by Rev. W. A. Stanbury, pastor of Grace Street Methodist church of Wilmington. The choir was composed of high school girls.

"Building a life is the biggest thing you have to do, it is a lifetime job and will take all the strength you have and all you can get," Mr. Stanbury told the class of 14 girls and 4 boys. His text was the 4th verse of the 2nd chapter of Haggai: "Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord, and be strong, O Joshua, son of Josedech, the high priest; and be strong all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and work: for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts."

Starting with the universal admiration for physical strength, the preacher drove home the truth that physical strength is not enough, that to fight life's battles successfully requires strength of heart and purpose, strength that endures when all is gone save the will which says keep on. He emphasized the difficulties that lie ahead of those standing upon the threshold of greater achievement. "The greatest man in the world," he said, "whoever he may be, is on the verge of the greatest failure. There has never been a time when the world was friendly to the person who is really achieving something worth while. Life is one fight after another. You tackle a job without realizing its bigness. It is so all through life. Blithely we fare forth to do a thing and always find it bigger than we thought. And so there comes a time when we become discouraged. People with lower ideals, with less true thoughts, oppose at every step." "It is a hard job to conquer the difficulties. It requires a strong heart, powers to go on and build a life amid all difficulties. But never forget that God is, and is a rewarder of them that fear Him.

"To men whose hearts had given out the prophet uttered the words of the text. He encouraged them to be strong; and to young life, not realizing the bigness of the task of building a life, the biggest thing you have to do, it is the message that one should keep ringing in the heart. And only the strength that comes from God can sustain one for the life-long battle." In conclusion the preacher quoted:

"I know not where His islands lift Their fringed palms in air, I only know I cannot drift Beyond His love and care."

Mr. Stanbury was a guest while here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Gray. He returned to Wilmington yesterday afternoon.

Recorder's Court

Road Sentence for Driving a Car While Under the "Influence"—2 2-Months Road Sentences for Larceny and Receiving—Chief Barker Does Some Detective Work.

Pink Willoughby, who claims to be a good driver of an automobile, will not drive one for the next four months, at least while he is under the influence of intoxicating liquors, having received a 4-month's road sentence on account of his conviction in Recorder W. B. Ivey's court Saturday of driving a car while intoxicated. He was found not guilty of a charge of being drunk and disorderly upon the public highway.

Archie Andrews, colored, will spend the next 12 months under the supervision and in charge of the keeper of the chain gang of Robeson county as the result of a sentence passed upon him by Recorder Ivey after he was found guilty of larceny.

Harrison Rogers, also of color, will keep Andrews company for the same number of months while they improve the roads for having received a pair of shoes from Andrews when he was aware of the fact that they had been secured by theft.

Thirty days more will be added to their sentences if they fail to pay a fine of \$10 and costs in a case against them charging vagrancy. These cases grew out of a series of thefts that have been made in the shoe department of L. E. Caldwell's, a total of 9 pairs having been missed. Chief of Police D. M. Barker is to be congratulated on his detective work in affecting the arrest of the guilty ones. One pair of the shoes was found under the bed upon which Harrison Rogers had heretofore been resting at nights, and as the officers think, during the day also. Another pair was found wrapped in paper under the hovering arm of Archie Andrews.

Randle McNair, colored, had just enough evidence to show the court that he had worked "some" during the last thirty days as cook at the Lorraine hotel, and was found not guilty of a charge of vagrancy.

Mrs. A. D. Prevatt and sons, Masters Delmus and A. D. Jr., of Pembroke, are Lumberton visitors today.

MacNeill Society Won Loving Cup In Close Debate

Debaters of Both Literary Societies of High School Did so Well That Selecting Winner Was Hard Job—Society That Wins Cup 3 Successive Years Will Retain It.

Final exercises of the Lumberton high school began Friday morning at 10:30 in the school auditorium with a debate between the Lumbee and John Charles MacNeill Literary societies. The affirmative was represented by Misses Natta Duncan and Minnie Johnson for the Lumbee society, the negative by Miss Hazel Prevatt and Mr. Henry Lee for the John Charles MacNeill society.

The query, "Resolved: That congress should provide for the enforcement of the decisions of the Railroad Labor Board," was efficiently and effectively handled by the debaters. Each one presented well-prepared straight-to-the-point, clear arguments in a most pleasing manner, reflecting much credit on themselves. So well did all acquit themselves and so good was the argument that the judges found it hard to decide on the winning side. The decision, which was 2-1 in favor of the negative—John Charles MacNeill society—was read by Mr. K. M. Barnes, chairman of the board of trustees. The judges were Messrs. K. M. Barnes and Ertel Carlyle and Rev. R. A. Hedgpeth.

The silver loving cup awarded to the winning side was also presented by Mr. Barnes with an appropriate speech.

This was the first of debates that will be held annually between these societies. The loving cup, offered by the school board, will be given to the society winning the decision each year and if either society wins it three years in succession it will be retained by it permanently.

Before the debate the audience was delighted with the rendering of a violin solo by Mr. Frank Gough, Jr., a reading by Miss Virginia Lawrence and a chorus, High School song, by the glee club. After the debate Miss Frances McNeill rendered a delightful piano solo.

Everything about the occasion was what it should have been but the number present, only a few being present to hear the excellent exercises. Patrons and friends of the school should certainly encourage the children by attending the exercises given by them more than they do. Mr. Ward H. Harris, superintendent of the Redpath Chautauqua which night, was presented to the audience after the debate by Prof. Crumpton, and he extended an invitation to the senior class, officers and debaters to attend the performance Friday evening at the Chautauqua tent.

Exhibit of Work of Art Students

Art Department of Local School Makes Splendid Showing—Specimens of Work Attract Admiring Attention.

The art department of the Lumberton school has made a wonderful showing during its two years under the capable direction of Miss Ada Edwards.

The exhibit which was made in the building speaks well of the class and its instructor. Hundreds have seen the exhibit and many complimentary remarks have been heard, in fact everyone seeing the work has made it known that they were especially pleased with the showing.

"The Age of Innocence," a painting by Dewey Lytton, 2nd-year pupil, has attracted the attention of all and is an exceptionally good showing of his talent. A set of Japanese paintings by Christine Geddie has also been among those receiving special attention. A Dutch scene painted by Lillian Whiting won the prize at the Robeson County fair last year and is another one of these exhibits which a person cannot pass by when reviewing.

Pupils of the art department are given three hours each week after the school hours for instruction and the members of the class are all of the elementary department of the school with a single exception, Dewey Lytton.

All the work done is in oil, water colors and crayon. Members of the class are Lillian Whiting, Christine Geddie, Margaret French, Lillian Rose Beasley, Elizabeth Proctor, Ruth Nell Bullock, Nancy Pope McAllister, Walter Powers, Dewey Lytton, Nelson Worley, Pendleton Gray.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The meeting of the Town Board, advertised to be held tonight to hear complaints and allegations concerning the sidewalks, paving, etc., will be held but will be immediately adjourned to reconvene tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the large hall in the municipal building. This is made necessary on account of the unavoidable absence from the city of a member of the street committee.

J. P. RUSSELL, Clerk of the Board.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 26 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Mrs. A. H. Webster is critically ill at her home on North Pine street.

—Special communication of St. Albans Lodge No. 114, A. F. & A. M., Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Miss Irene Thomas and Mr. Chas. Hal Harrington.

—Only 3 more days in which auto drivers may drive across a railroad track without first coming to a full stop and not violate the laws of the state of North Carolina.

—Miss Mildred Bankard, trimmer in Miss Josephine Breese's millinery store, expects to leave June 4th for her home in Westminster, Md., having finished the season here.

—Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, preached the baccalaureat sermon before the graduating class of the Hamlet high school at Hamlet yesterday morning.

—It was expected that some of the musicians with the Chautauqua would have charge of the music at Chestnut Street Methodist church last evening, but they failed to make proper connection.

—Miss Elizabeth Frye, county welfare officer, left today for Raleigh, where she will attend a meeting of the N. C. State Nurse's association. Misses Rosa and Mary Johnson are also attending the meeting.

—On account of the Chautauqua the senior B. Y. P. U. of the First Baptist church will not meet tonight as usual, but will hold its regular weekly meeting tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. All members are urged to be present.

—Rev. Dr. and Mrs. R. C. Beaman went this morning to Wilmington, where Mrs. Beaman, who has been in ill health for some time, will enter the Bullock hospital for treatment. Dr. Beaman will return to Lumberton tomorrow evening.

—Mr. W. C. Prevatt, who lives near Lowe, was a Lumberton visitor Saturday. He says he has found no boll weevils in his cotton but that several of his neighbors say they have found them in large quantities, one man reporting 16 on one stalk and another 18 on two stalks.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bridgman, who live near Barnesville, were Lumberton visitors Friday. They came to take their 4-year-old daughter, Alathor, home from the Baker sanatorium, where she underwent an operation 2 weeks ago for empyema. She is getting along fine.

—Miss Hazel Carlyle and brother, Mr. Ertel Carlyle, expect to leave tonight for Greensboro, where they will attend the finals at Greensboro College for Women. Their sister Miss Sarah Carlyle is a member of the graduating class, and will accompany them on their return home.

—Misses Stella Norman of Laurinburg and Cornelia Wern of Charlotte left Saturday afternoon for their homes and Miss Thelma Pegram for her home at Hamlet today, after spending a week here attending a house party given by Miss Anna Lawrence at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Lawrence, Sixth street.

—Mayor E. M. Johnson returned Friday from Wake Forest, where he was present at a meeting of the class of 1913, of which he was a member. A meeting of the different classes is held at the college every 10 years. He was accompanied on his return home by his wife, who spent several days in Coats with friends and relatives.

—At a meeting of the representatives of the Robeson county Cotton Growers association held in the court house a few days ago, Dr. G. M. Pate of Rowland, incumbent, and Mr. A. E. McEachern of St. Pauls were nominated for directors of the Robeson county district of the association. The names will be sent to Raleigh and passed upon, after which they will be returned to Lumberton and a ballot cast for the election of one.

—Rev. A. C. Tebeau, formerly of Lumberton, will finish his theological course and will be ordained at the theological seminary at Alexandria, Va., on June 8th. Immediately thereafter he will come to Lumberton to join Mrs. Tebeau, who came recently to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Whaley. Mr. Tebeau has accepted a call to Bend, Oregon, to which place they will go in July after visiting friends in Hendersonville.

—Mr. Harry Russell has arrived home from Davidson college, where he was a student during the past term. Mr. Russell is a ministerial student and graduates from this college this year. Messrs. William Cooper of Williamsburg county, S. C., and Johnnie McCallum, of Maxton, classmates of Mr. Russell, are expected to arrive today to visit Mr. Russell till tomorrow, when the three will leave for Davidson to attend the commencement exercises, after which they, with another class mate, will make a tour of the West.