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Past Records Broken in Local Schools

654 Pupils Enrolled, 107 More Than at Opening Last Year—165 in High School and More Will Enter—Auditorium Partitioned into Three Class Rooms and Two More May Have to be Added.

With enrollment of 654 pupils, Lumberton's graded and high schools have reached record attendance for the opening week. This is 107 more than the number in attendance at the opening last year.

The number enrolled in the grammar grades is 489 as compared with 425 on the opening day last year and 407 on the opening day two years ago.

Three new class rooms are being formed in the high school auditorium by running partitions, and it may be necessary later to provide two more class rooms in this room.

In remarks and announcements at the opening exercises Monday Supt. W. B. Crumpton stated that at least 75 per cent of the graduates of the Lumberton high school have gone or are going to college, and that every one has entered with at least 15 points to her or his credit.

All pupils who live outside the Lumberton district must pay tuition this week for three months. Mr. Crumpton announced, or the doors of the school will be closed against them next Monday. Pupils in grades 1 to 7, inclusive, must pay \$4 a month, or \$12; high school pupils must pay \$5 a month, or \$15. This is by order of the school board and Supt. Crumpton has the duty of enforcing the order.

Part of the seventh grade will use the east room of the "hut" or "castle." The room facing the part of the grounds on which the new building is being erected will not be used, and no pupils will be allowed on these grounds.

Supt. Crumpton urged the importance of parents doing their part to make the school a success, and he wants a parents-teachers association organized at once. Those who failed in their work last year were not made to study at home, he said.

Those called on by Prof. Crumpton were brief and helpful in their remarks. Chairman K. M. Barnes said the school board had done its best to prepare for the best year in the history of the school. He felt that they had been successful in a measure at least in improving the physical equipment and knew they had succeeded admirably in providing an able faculty; and he asked the children to show their appreciation by doing their best. Mr. Jas. D. Proctor, a member of the board, put in a happy word about playing the game all the way through with absolute fairness.

If that was done, he said, there would be no trouble. Dr. R. C. Beaman, pastor of Chestnut Street Methodist church, spoke of the noble work and great responsibility of the teacher, of the sadness that comes to mothers who turn their children over to the school for the first time, and the great privilege the children enjoy in the splendid equipment provided in their public schools.

St. Paul News

Reception in Honor of Teachers a Brilliant Affair—Birthday Party—Small Fire—Personal and Other Items.

By Bessie G. Johnson
St. Paul, Sept. 18—A brilliant social event of the Autumn and as an expression of welcome tendered the faculty of the local schools of the town, the Parent-Teachers association gave a delightful reception in their honor from 4 to 6 p. m. Friday in the spacious auditorium of the handsome newly-erected high school building.

The guests were met at the front door by Mesdames T. S. Teague and J. C. Lindsay. As they ascended the top of the stairs, they were greeted by Mesdames E. C. Murray and D. B. Lancaster, who introduced them to the receiving line, which was composed of Supt. T. S. Teague, Miss Mattie McArthur of Parkton, principal of the high school, and Misses Dorothea Farmer of Elm City, Margie Russell of Lumberton, Vera Torrence Greenville, S. C., and Pearl Evans of St. Pauls, music, who compose the high school faculty; graded school faculty—Misses Beatrice Lewallen of Ashboro, principal, 7th grade; Lydia Byrd of Broadway, 6th grade; Ethel Covington of Rockingham, 5th grade; Mary McFayden, of Raeford, 4th and 5th grades; Luna Satterfield of Durham, 4th grade; Laura Scarborough of Jackson Springs, 3rd grade; Louise Steele of St. Paul, 2nd and 3rd grades; Mary McGoogan of Rennert, 2nd grade; Jessamine Ashley of Fairmont, 1st grade and Mrs. J. H. Gochenour of Wendell, music. Mill school faculty—Misses Cornelia Steele of St. Paul principal, 1st grade; Tommie Fisher, St. Paul, 2nd and 3rd grades; Mrs. J. T. Page, St. Paul, 3rd and 4th grades; Dorothy Stelle, Lumberton, 4th and 5th grades. A number of the members of the school board and pastors of the town were present, and after all had gathered and wended their way thru the receiving line, and met the guests of honor, various words of welcome were tendered the faculty by Revs. J. M. Page and I. T. Poole, Messrs. L. A. McGeachy, G. R. Thagard, W. D. Johnson, S. L. Parker and Locke McInnis. At the conclusion all were conducted to the punch bowl, where delightful punch was served, Mesdames L. E. Nance, Joe Sugar, R. H. Coley, L. A. McGeachy and A. E. Howard, refreshment committee, very gracefully presiding. A large number of patrons and friends of the schools called during the evening, which attested the warm cordiality with which Supt. Teague and his very efficient corps of teachers are being received.

In the absence of Miss Dinahel Floyd of Fairmont, whose father remains very ill, Miss Sarah McDuffie, one of our St. Paul girls has had charge of the 1st grade in the graded school department. Miss Floyd's many friends trust the condition of her father will improve and that she may soon be able to resume her work.

An attractive party of the season was given Saturday afternoon from 4 to 6 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith McRainey when their daughter little Miss Laura Betty, celebrated her 10th birthday anniversary. Several of her young friends were invited to the home and after all had gathered a number of interesting outdoor games were enjoyed, after which delicious lemonade, and cake were served, followed by a variety of grapes and peanuts, which were most delightful to the happy bunch of 14 guests. Mrs. McRainey and young daughter proving charming hostesses.

Miss Margaret McGeachy left last Saturday for Alamance county, where she will be member of a school faculty where she taught session before last, last year being spent as member of the Robeson school faculty.

The missionary basket meeting will be held this week at the home of Mrs. C. R. Hester, 4 o'clock Friday afternoon.

Miss Pearle Howard returned home Thursday afternoon after a most pleasant visit among friends in Lumberton, where she spent 10 days or more.

Mr. Neill Johnson, father of Mrs. Smith McRainey, who has been quite ill, is still in a very serious way, we were advised on last evening.

Miss Macy Guiton of Pittman hospital, Fayetteville, spent last Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guiton, attending the McCormick-McLean marriage in the afternoon. She was accompanied to St. Paul by a friend, Miss Dalton, also of Pittman's who spent the day in the Guiton home—Miss Ada McGeachy, who spent sometime among relatives and friends in town, left Saturday for a brief visit to her sister, Mrs. Archie A. McEachern, in Fayetteville, leaving tonight, for Baltimore, Md. where she will possibly remain until the Christmas season.

Time To Begin Fighting Weevil.

Get Cotton Out and Destroy Stalks Before Frost, Says Farm Demonstrator Dukes—Army Worm is a Friend.

Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm demonstrator told the members of the co-operative marketing association that met in the court house Tuesday that it was time to begin fighting the boll weevil again and advised them to get the cotton picked as soon as possible, then cut the stalks and destroy them before frost.

The average date for a killing frost in Robeson county is November 5th, and according to Mr. Dukes if the stalks are destroyed before that date the weevils will be decreased by a large number. Destroying of the stalks at this season keeps the weevils from multiplying again before they begin hibernating.

Someone asked Mr. Dukes what to do with the army worm, to which he replied, "Let the army worm alone. He is your friend."

MAN CHARGED WITH STEALING COTTON LOCATED IN FLORIDA.

June Hall Will Return to North Carolina Without Requisition Papers—Found in Jacksonville.

Sheriff R. E. Lewis received a telegram yesterday from the chief of police of Jacksonville, Fla., advising that June Hall would return to North Carolina without requisition papers to answer charges of larceny.

Warrants were issued for the arrest of Hall several days ago when it was discovered that more than 800 pounds of cotton had been stolen from a farm near Lumber Bridge owned by Mr. Joe Odum, a merchant in Red Springs. The papers were sent to Sheriff N. H. McGeachy of Cumberland county, officers here thinking the man was in that territory. Sheriff McGeachy located the man in Jacksonville, where he was arrested yesterday.

Mr. Tracy Hall, brother of the accused man, furnished bond in the sum of \$1,000 for the release of his brother, who is required to appear before Recorder W. B. Ivey on October 1st. Sheriff Lewis wired the Jacksonville authorities to release the prisoner.

OKLAHOMA EDITORS ISSUE STATEMENT TO PEOPLE OF U. S.

Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 19 (Associated Press).—An address to the people of the United States, declaring that the supreme issue in Oklahoma today is constitutional government or despotism, was made public tonight by a group of Oklahoma daily newspaper publishers, following an all day meeting called by a local editor with a view of "placing the true situation before the country."

Publishers of several of the largest dailies in the State signed the statement.

"Gov. Walton by his own acts, has attempted to nullify rights guaranteed under our constitution, and to halt the lawful processes of republican government," the publishers declared.

A second declaration addressed to "Members of the legislature," said: "The editors of Oklahoma urge that the legislators meet immediately."

WALTON SAYS HE HAS MEN AND MONEY TO LAST A YEAR.

Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 19.—Governor Walton is ready to keep Oklahoma under martial law a year if necessary to stamp out lawlessness, according to a story published in the Oklahoma City Times today. The Governor was quoted as declaring he had the men and money and could last a year.

Parkton Letter

Concert by Orphans Next Saturday Night—A Busy Time—High Price for Cotton—Coast Line Extending Double Track South—Preparing to Build New Residence—Personal and Other Items.

By C. D. Williamson
Parkton, Sept. 18—Don't forget the Oxford singing class will give its annual concert at the school auditorium Saturday night, Sept. 22nd. We are looking forward to this concert as one of joy. We should patronize it for two reasons: they need it and everybody enjoys the hour and we always feel we get value received. Doors open at 7:30, concert at 8 sharp. Come.

Mr. A. L. Everett, fox-hunter, reports the first chase of our town, having been three times and bringing 4 foxes in. Races were snappy and very satisfactory. The McCormick races will start this week.

One of the most enjoyable socials of the season was a birthday party last Friday evening when Wilbur Monroe Williamson invited quite a number of his little friends to participate in his eighth birthday from 4 to 6 o'clock. Numerous games were indulged in. At 5:30 they marched into the dining room, which was beautifully decorated, and enjoyed delicious refreshments. Block cream and cake, pink lemonade, grapes, and later a melon-slicing. Numerous presents were presented to the host.

Miss Ruby Council left today for Raleigh, where she will visit relatives. "Say, Mister, can you cut my hair?" "Not today." "How about tomorrow?" "You never saw things in so much rush and it is inviting hay weather. Cotton gins in our town run day and night in order to accommodate their customers, and can scarcely keep up. Cotton sold yesterday on our market for 28 1-4 cents and today I heard it was 29; but we can't keep up with the market, only I know our market seems to be the highest in North Carolina.

Our town seems to be in darkness so far as electric lights is concerned, as the power plant went dead and now we will have to wait patiently for the new plant to arrive.

The Atlantic Coast Line is fast preparing to continue double-tracking south of our town. This will mean much.

Mr. T. M. Blue expects to build a nice residence on second street. Material is being placed on the lot.

Mr. Ed Gaitley has moved to Fayetteville. We will miss these good people.

Miss Georgia Williamson left last week for the mountains of North Carolina, where she will teach.

The writer in company with his niece Miss Marie Williamson is spending today with Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill in Lumberton.

The music teacher of the Parkton graded school arrived last week.

Miss Mamie Bradley, who had been visiting her friend Miss Louise Garrix, left Sunday for her home at Rocky Mount.

We observe some new cars in town. Capt. J. D. Cobb, A. B. Williamson, W. W. Gayney and others are rushing new Fords, while Will Phillips makes the road hot with his newly-purchased motorcycle. He only needs a little more practice. Only two passengers are allowed.

FRENCH HUNT FACES CHARGE OF MANUFACTURING WHISKEY.

Caught in Raid Made by Officers a Few Days Ago in Howellsville Township.

Cotton Mill Proposed for Rowland

Two-Thirds of Necessary Stock Subscribed—Coast Line Promises New Passenger Station—Other Signs of Progress—A Variety of News.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.
Rowland, Sept. 19—Mr. and Mrs. John Milton Lytch and Mr. and Mrs. Victor McA. Bond spent the week-end in Warrenton and Rocky Mount.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Smith left Tuesday for Montreal, where they will attend the marriage of Mrs. Smith's brother, which will take place Thursday of this week.

Mrs. J. E. Lytch was hostess last week to the Thursday Afternoon Rook club. Mrs. Sion Alford of Dillon was a guest of the club.

Mr. Lacy Edens is at home for a few days before returning to Trinity college. He spent the summer at Lake Junaluska.

Mrs. D. W. Bullock and son, John D., have gone to Bluefield, West Va. After a visit to relatives there Mrs. Bullock will return to Rowland while John D. will remain there, where he will be in school this year.

Mr. J. M. Johnson spent a few days last week at Lake Waccamaw. Mr. F. N. McKellar spent Sunday in Wilmington.

Dr. J. McN. Smith and Mr. W. L. Buck spent a few days last week hunting and fishing along the Coast.

Miss Ruth Branch of Lumberton is visiting relatives here. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edens and Carl Jr. have returned from a visit to relatives in Petersburg.

The Demonstration club held its regular monthly meeting last Friday afternoon with Miss Sellie Sinclair. It was an interesting meeting and the attendance was good.

Mr. Jack Ward went last week to Charlotte, where he purchased a Hupmobile.

Mr. P. Leinwand is in New York City on business.

Miss Pearl Straughan left Friday for Candor, where she will teach this year.

Miss Linnie Webster has returned from Virginia, where she spent several weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. L. M. Melvin left Monday for Asheville, where he will spend a few days. Mr. Morris Pate of Red Springs is taking his place as third trick operator.

Officials of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad met last week with the town fathers of Rowland and assured them that a new brick passenger station would be built here during 1924. The present depot building will be moved back 75 feet and used as a freight depot, and the new building will be on the present location.

Cotton Market

Reported by J. H. Barrington
Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 23 3-4 cents the pound.

Items of Local News

—Mr. Frank Gough Jr. left yesterday for Albion, Mich., where he will enter the Albion college and conservatory of music.

—The National Bank of Lumberton is publishing in today's Robesonian the best statement in its history. It shows deposits of over a million dollars.

—A new street sweeper with sprinkler attachment soon will enable the street force to keep the paved streets cleaner. It was purchased by the town fathers Tuesday.

—Mr. Robert McIntyre spent yesterday in Charlotte, where he consulted an architect about plans for a residence which he is planning to erect in the near future.

—Miss Isabelle McLeod went the first of the week to Hollins, Va., where she will be a student in Hollins college. Her brother Mr. John Blount McLeod went with her and is expected home this evening.

—Mr. Jno. C. Fuller went yesterday to Charlotte, where he will spend a few days buying stock for his auto accessories department, which he has recently started.

—A few moments in front of which he was parked—L. H. Caldwell's—and that some other property owners should see the difference paint can make on a main street in a well-paved town like Lumberton.

—Prof. A. B. Riley, superintendent of the Indian Normal school at Pembroke, and Rev. J. K. Henderson, a missionary among the Indians of Robeson, were Lumberton visitors yesterday. Prof. Riley returned recently from New York, where he attended a summer school at Columbia university.

—Mr. C. D. Williamson, The Robesonian's well-known correspondent at Parkton, was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday, a guest at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Justin McNeill. Mr. Williamson went back on the job today as letter carrier on R. F. D. 2 from Parkton after a vacation of 3 weeks.

—Mr. Hugh A. Barnes of Maxton has rented the Ballard building at West end of Fourth street and on the 1st of October will open a garage there. He has the agency for Dodge and Packard autos and Nash trucks.

—Mr. Barnes was a Lumberton visitor Tuesday. He will continue to make Maxton his home for the present.

—Yom Kippur, or Day of Atonement, is being observed today by Jews the world over. It began last evening at sunset and lasts until the same time today. It is regarded by all Jews as the holiest day of the calendar of the synagogue. No other holy day of the synagogue has been endowed with quite so much significance and solemnity.

—A permit has been issued to Mr. K. M. Biggs for the erection of a business house on South Elm street between the National Bank of Lumberton and the building occupied by Mr. N. P. Andrews. The building will be two stories, built of brick. The permit gives the privilege of building a cellar floor, although Mr. Biggs has not decided on this yet.

—The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co., opened for business Tuesday in the McIntyre building on Chestnut and Fifth streets, with Mr. A. W. Croom of New Bern as manager. Mr. Croom comes to this store from the Wilmington store. He was assisted in the opening here by Mr. H. A. Boyd of Fayetteville, assistant superintendent of the eastern division.

RUNAWAY MARRIAGE.

Miss Catherine Jones of Fairmont Ostensibly Started to Charlotte to College but Married Mr. Mem Griffin on the Way.
By W. H. M. Brown.
Fairmont, Sept. 20—A marriage of interest took place a few nights ago between here and Charlotte. Where the marriage took place is not learned. The contracting parties were Mr. Mem Griffin, who lives near town, and Miss Catherine Jones of Fairmont. It was a runaway affair. Miss Jones left Fairmont, as though she was going to college at Charlotte, but was overtaken along the way by her lover, and the ceremony was performed. They have not yet returned to Fairmont.

STRUCK MATCH TO DETERMINE HOW MUCH GAS THEY HAD.
By W. H. M. Brown.
Fairmont, Sept. 19—Two small colored boys, sons of Julia Pitman, were burned very badly about the face and head yesterday afternoon when a gas tank on an automobile exploded. One of the boys was in the act of looking into the tank to see how much gasoline it contained, the other one standing close by, and a match was used, it being dark. The car belonged to Sambo Pitman. Dr. J. P. Brown rendered medical treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Angus A. McCormick, who have been on a bridal trip to Asheville and other points of interest in Western North Carolina are expected to return today and will be at home to their many friends, at their attractive country home a few miles east of town.
Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. Browne Evans, Monday night, a fine boy.
Miss Lessie Martin left last evening for Fayetteville and she is with her sister, Mrs. Eugene Hollingsworth, who is sick.

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Mr. James Taylor of R. 2 from Maxton was a Lumberton visitor Monday afternoon.
Miss Margaret Melvin passed through here yesterday from Fairmont, where she spent the day, enroute to her home in Laurinburg.