

TOWN BOARD HALTS  
WORK OF PHONE CO.

Effort to Have Poles Moved Off Elm Street Between First and Sixth—Manager Speir Will Come to Lumberton to Determine Right of Franchise and Contract—Would Have Moved Poles in 1921 But Property Owners Would Not Give Right-Of-Way.

CAN BE SECURED NOW  
TOWN OFFICIALS THINK

Replacing old telephone poles with new ones on Elm street by the Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co. was stopped yesterday afternoon by town commissioner at a special meeting of the board.

The matter was taken up with the local telephone exchange manager, and the work stopped until Mr. Morgan B. Speir, manager for North and South Carolina, could arrive here and determine the right of franchise and contract.

In 1917 the telephone company entered into an agreement with the town authorities that all poles on Elm street would be taken down and the cables stretched across poles and buildings in alleyways between First and Sixth streets. This was to be done within 2 years.

Baccalaureate Sermon  
Sunday Night at 8 In  
H. S. Auditorium

Rev. A. E. Baker of Baltimore will preach sermon for graduating class—No Services at Other Churches.

OTHER CLOSING EXERCISES

Rev. A. E. Baker, former pastor of the Presbyterian church of Lumberton, now pastor of Dickey Memorial Presbyterian church of Hillsdale, Baltimore, Md., will preach the baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of the Lumberton high school in the high school auditorium next Sunday night at 8 o'clock.

Next Tuesday afternoon, the hour to be announced later, elementary music pupils of Miss Iva Pearson and expression pupils of Miss Lillian Edgerton will give an entertainment in the school auditorium.

Next Thursday night at 8:30 class day exercises will be held and at the same hour Friday night of next week graduating exercises will be held and the literary address will be delivered by Hon. Clyde Hoy of Shelby.

Play Will Not Be Repeated. Supt. Crompton announced last night that in response to request from many people "Miss Cherry Blossom," the high school play which delighted a small audience when it was presented recently, would be repeated next Wednesday, but this morning it was decided not to repeat the play on account of the students being too busy with examinations and other entertainments to allow time for re-learning.

CAROLINA COLLEGE FINALS.

Dr. W. P. Few, President of Duke University, Will Deliver Commencement Address May 26th.

The 12th annual commencement of Carolina college, at Maxton, begins next Sunday, May 24, with the baccalaureate sermon at 11 a. m. in the college auditorium by Rev. C. L. Read, presiding elder of the Rockingham district.

Monday, May 25, 6 p. m., alumnae dinner; 8:15 p. m., operetta, college auditorium.

Tuesday, May 26, 10:30 a. m., commencement address by Dr. W. P. Few, president of Duke university; presentation of diplomas.

Season Tickets. Phone 20 if you want a Chautauqua season adult ticket particularly free.

Drive To FULLER'S SERVICE STATION Corner 2nd & Chestnut S. S.

Work Begins on New  
Tobacco Warehouse

Mrs. W. W. Carlyle Will Build Large Brick Structure on Corner of First and Chestnut Streets—Mr. Sam Watkins of Oxford Leases House—Old Wooden Buildings Being Torn Away—To Cost About \$13,000.

MAIN ENTRANCE ON CHESTNUT

Masons will begin Monday morning laying brick on the corner of First and Chestnut streets for a large tobacco warehouse to be owned by Mrs. W. W. Carlyle, and operated this season by Mr. Sam Watkins of Oxford. Old wooden buildings on the lot are being razed and the work is being rapidly pushed forward. It is expected that the building will be completed within 60 days.

Plans for the building show that it will be 145 long on First street and 134 feet on Chestnut street. The main entrance will be on Chestnut, with several doors on First street. On the south side, next to the V. & C. S. railroad, the building will be 141 feet long. The cost of the building will be approximately \$13,000.

Mr. Watkins, who has leased the building, is no stranger to Robeson county farmers, having conducted the Farmers warehouse here for several years prior to 3 years ago. He is considered an excellent judge of tobacco and a warehouseman of much experience.

ST. PAUL NEWS

High School Sermon Sunday in Baptist Church—Supt. Franklin Relected—Movements of The People.

By Bessie G. Johnson. St. Paul, May 20.—Mr. Earle R. Franklin has been unanimously re-elected superintendent of the St. Paul schools. His co-workers will be selected later.

Mr. Franklin will tour Europe during the summer months, leaving at an early date, according to expectations now.

A slight change has been made in the commencement program, the annual sermon Sunday morning to be preached by Rev. E. F. Sullivan of Maxton, will be held in the local Baptist church at 11 o'clock, instead of the Presbyterian church, as first announced.

Mrs. L. S. Britt and children accompanied her sister, Mrs. Stanley Harris, and little daughter, Sybil, to Philadelphia Friday where they were guests until Sunday in the home of their sister Mrs. Harvey McMillan.

Mrs. Britt and the kiddies returned in the afternoon.—Mr. Lee McLean, student at Union Theological seminary in Richmond, Va., is home for vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. N. McLean, near town.—Mrs. E. C. Murray, who was a patient several days in a Fayetteville hospital, returned home.—Master Billy Evans is recuperating nicely following his recent illness.

Mrs. W. N. Blue and son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Blue, were here from Raeford Sunday afternoon in the home of their daughter, Mrs. D. Shaw McEachern.—Mrs. Gordon Jones and little daughter have returned from Wallace, where they spent several weeks. They were accompanied to St. Paul by an uncle, Mr. W. T. Wallace, the grandmother, Mrs. D. H. Wallace, and Miss Ella Hendry, who were enroute to Rowland.

—Mrs. J. E. Holt and children who have been on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Lancaster, the past two weeks, expect to return today to their home town, Cherryville.

Rev. Mack McBrady, who has a parsonage in the eastern part of the State, arrived Monday night for a brief visit to his sister, Mrs. L. I. Grantiam, Armfield street.—Mr. Frances Northrop had as guest Sunday.

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Chautauqua Begins This Afternoon.

Redpath's Chautauqua begins a 5-day engagement here at 4 p. m. today in a large tent on the high school grounds, north of the high school building. Up to this morning advance sale of tickets lacked about \$1,250, leaving about \$600 to be paid by the guarantors. It is expected that a few more season tickets will be sold before the first program this afternoon.

The program was published in Monday's Robesonian. There are splendid attractions twice each day, 4 and 8:15 p. m., for the 5 days, besides special entertainments for children at 3 p. m. Friday, Saturday and next Tuesday.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock there will be an entertainment and exercises by the elementary department. Those finishing this department will receive certificates at this time.

Contests in declaiming and oratory will be held Thursday morning at 10 a. m., and at 2 p. m. the girls will have a contest in expression, after which there will be a music recital. The high school play will be given Thursday night at 8, for which an admission of 25 and 15 cents will be charged.

Class day exercises will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock, and Supt. At T. Allen of the State Department of Education will deliver the principal address.

Miss Julia Bethea, who taught in the Townsville high school, came home Tuesday night accompanied by one of her students, little Miss Mildred Adams, who will spend some time with her.

Cotton Market

Middling cotton is quoted on the local market today at 22½ cents the pound.

HOSPITAL DIRECTORS  
REJECT ALL BIDS

13 Firms Fail in Effort to Land Thompson Memorial Hospital Erection Job—Lowest Bid Was Approximately \$71,000, Ten Percent Higher Than Highest Estimate Made by Directors and Architect.

CONTRACT IS HELD OPEN

Directors of the Thompson Memorial Hospital, Inc., rejected yesterday afternoon every one of the 13 bids offered by as many contracting firms for the erection of the hospital building, and the matter is left open for the next few days, during which time private bids will be received.

Estimates had been made by the directors and architect, and the lowest bid received yesterday was 10 percent higher than the highest estimate and directors had placed on the proposition. The lowest bid was approximately \$71,000, which included a complete building, heating and plumbing.

Much interest is being taken in the building of the hospital as the plans for it show that when completed it will be one of the finest buildings of the kind in this section of North Carolina.

Fairmont Letter

School Closes Next Week—Music Recital Friday Night and Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday—Fidelis Class Elects Officers.

By Mrs. H. G. Inman. Fairmont, May 21.—The Fairmont school will close next week, the music recital to be given Friday night, May 22, at 8 o'clock. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Methodist church Sunday morning by Rev. T. M. Grant of Chestnut Street Methodist church of Lumberton.

Miss Maggie Pittman of Lumberton is spending a few days with her sister Mrs. D. Y. Floyd.

Miss Annie Avant went Sunday night to Baker sanatorium to undergo an operation for appendicitis. Miss Avant is stenographer for Webster Motor Co.

The May meeting of the Fidelis class was held Monday night with Mrs. Giles Floyd, with only nine members braving the rain and mud to attend. However, it was an enthusiastic meeting. On account of ill health and plans to move away in a few months, Mrs. E. L. Vinson resigned as president. Mrs. F. F. Purvis, first vice president and who has also acted as president since Mrs. Vinson's illness, was unanimously elected president, while Mrs. Carl Pittman is Mrs. Purvis' successor as first vice president. After the naming of committees, lemonade and wafers were served.

Mr. Carson Byrne, assistant steward at the State hospital, Goldsboro, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Byrne.

Mrs. Onedia Bell of Fayetteville spent a few days the first of the week with her sister Mrs. Charles McKenzie.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Webster and Sam Jr., spent last week visiting relatives and friends in Charlotte. They attended the automobile races while there.

Mrs. Quince Bullard left Tuesday morning for Florence and Marion, where she will spend a week with friends.

Miss Nell Hamilton of Laurinburg spent a few hours Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Floyd.

Miss Sarah Floyd has returned home from St. Paul, where she taught music in the St. Paul high school.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Nye and Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Holmes are attending the Shriners' meeting in Charlotte.

Miss Sue Ashley spent the weekend in Duke with Mrs. E. J. Pittman.

Pembroke Normal  
Finals Next Week

Dr. Chas. H. Durham of Lumberton Will Preach Sermon Sunday afternoon—Elementary Department Exercises Wednesday Night—Supt. Allen Will Be Principal Speaker at Graduating Exercises Friday.

Dr. Chas. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church of Lumberton, will preach the commencement sermon at the Indian Normal school in Pembroke Sunday afternoon at 3:30. This will be the opening of the commencement exercises.

Wednesday night at 8 o'clock there will be an entertainment and exercises by the elementary department. Those finishing this department will receive certificates at this time.

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Strawberries Theme  
At Kiwanis Lunch

Berries Can Be Grown Locally at a Profit Say Those Who Have Had Experience—Profit in Selling Direct and in Canning in Various Ways—25 Acres Already in Berries and 35 More Pledged.

EXPECT TO INCREASE LOCAL  
ACREAGE TO AT LEAST 100.

Strawberries were discussed at the Kiwanis lunch at the Lorraine Tuesday, gastronomically and with relish by the entire company and as a profitable berry to grow and put up in preserves and jam by Miss Flax Andrews, county home agent, Mr. E. L. Hamilton, manager of the Green Valley dairy farm, Mr. O. O. Dukes, county farm agent, and Dr. R. S. Beam.

It takes 100 acres planted in berries to make the raising of them a profitable venture for a community, and Mr. Dukes stated that there are 25 acres in berries around Lumberton now and 35 additional acres have been pledged. He thinks the number will be increased to 100. June and July are the months to plant.

Mr. Hamilton, who has handled more berries than any other local man, both berries from his own farm and from the Green Valley dairy farm, and who has been putting up berries on a considerable scale, as stated in Monday's Robesonian, is the principal speaker. He has been growing berries for the past 3 years, shipping to the Northern markets, and Dr. Beam selling also to nearby ice cream factories. When he was advised after one of his shipments that his berries reached the market in such a ripe state that they had to be sold for preserving purposes he at once got the idea that it would be better to preserve them himself than to sell them up North and then perhaps buy them back later in jars, so he began putting them up in jam. That is, he began doing that when the market got weak. Smaller berries can be canned profitably all during the season, he said, greater profit being made in shipping only the larger berries, and during the latter part of the season all the berries can be put up profitably.

If a farmer can grow strawberries at a profit, he said, and sell to an ice cream company, he can make more money canning them. He said that a local cannery could pay \$4 a crate for berries and make a satisfactory profit. He shipped \$1,233 worth of berries during the past season.

Dr. Beam, who also has been raising berries for the past three years, is enthusiastic about the possibilities of raising them profitably. He said that a normal crop always pays, even under the added expense of express and loss in shipment.

Miss Andrews confined her remarks to the canning end of the industry. While agreeing with Mr. Hamilton about putting up jam, she said the berries can be saved in other ways, in jelly and preserves. She urged the importance of putting up a standard product. She thinks there is no limit to the possibility of disposing of strawberry preserves, put up in tins or buckets, to colleges and other institutions.

Mr. Dukes said he has been trying for the past 2 or 3 years to get enough farmers interested in raising strawberries to make it profitable locally, and the interest is greater now than it has been before. Two meetings have been held recently and 35 acres already have been pledged for next year. These, with the 25 already planted, make 60 acres, and he thinks 100 acres can be secured. He said that sometimes business men discourage ventures of this kind by unthoughtfully expressing an adverse opinion to some farmer after he has been converted to the idea by the farm agent, and made the reasonable request that business men of the town refrain from throwing cold water on any proposition that, properly fostered, will result in profit to the farmers. Mr. Dukes read a list showing the acreage already planted to berries in this immediate vicinity and those who expect to plant, as follows:

Those who have berries, and number of acres: E. L. Hamilton 7, John McMillan 1, M. F. Caldwell 2, R. S. Beam 5, Lumberton Cotton Mills (Green Valley dairy farm) 8, John Taylor 2—a total of 25.

Those who expect to plant: John McMillan 2, M. F. Caldwell 2, Lumberton Cotton Mills 2, J. Walter Prevatt 1, W. J. Ritter 2, R. G. Inman 2, J. C. Boone 2, I. E. Wishart 4, J. C. Stansel 2, H. O. Edens 4, G. L. Thompson 2, H. H. Abbott 1, Mrs. F. A. Wishart 1, H. M. Baker 4, King & McNeill 2, J. H. Wishart 2—a total of 35. This acreage, as stated, is expected to be increased to 100.

Mr. Hamilton presented each guest at the lunch with a beautiful jar of strawberry jam put up from berries grown on the Green Valley dairy farm at the East Lumberton school house, which, as stated in an item in Monday's paper, has been converted into a cannery since school closed. He also furnished jam for tartar served during the lunch and berries raised on the Green Valley farm were

British Ambassador  
Presents King's Gift  
To Flora Macdonald

"Another Link Between Britain and America" Forged When Cornerstone From His Majesty's Estate in Scotland Is Presented to College at Red Springs.

Red Springs, May 20.—"Another link between Britain and America" was forged today when the British ambassador to the United States, acting as the personal representative of King George V., presented, through the Stewart Society of Edinburgh, a cornerstone quarried from Balmoral, his majesty's estate in Scotland, to Flora Macdonald college, an institution of the Presbyterian church of North Carolina.

As Sir Esme Howard, the ambassador from overseas, delivered the address of presentation, in the college auditorium, he was flanked on one side by the stone given by the king and on the other by the original cornerstone from the grave of the Scottish heroine, whose name the college bears and who is famed in song and story for her devotion to the house of Stuart and the house of Hanover.

The headstone was presented to the college by the people of the Isle of Skye when it was replaced recently by a monument to Flora Macdonald. It was draped with a British flag which lay on the grave. The cornerstone was draped with an American flag and with the Stuart plaid.

The ceremony of presentation was held during the college commencement exercises this morning.

The response to the British ambassador's presentation was by Dr. E. E. Stewart, of Philadelphia, representing the Stewart society, who in turn presented the stone to the college.

It was accepted by Major J. W. McLaughlin, of Raeford, senior member of the college trustees, acting for Governor A. W. McLean. This method of presenting the stone was adopted for diplomatic reasons and because of the king's relation to the house of Stuart.

"A typical adherent of lost causes" was Sir Esme's characterization of Flora Macdonald in the course of a scholarly and eloquent address, in which he paid a warm tribute to the loyalty of the remarkable woman whose story fills such an interesting page in Anglo-American history.

Though most of his family were staunch Hanoverians, said Sir Esme, the house in which he was reared was held by one of its members for King Charles I. During the war for independence its owner was an American sympathizer and named two of his farms "Putnam" and "Jefferson."

Quoting the language of its inscription, he declared that the stone was "yet another link between Britain and America," and stated that King George said to him when they last talked together, "great hope lies in good feeling between England and America."

B. T. Commencement  
Begins Next Sunday

Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. S. E. Mercer—Play Night of May 25—Graduating Exercises, Address, May Pole Dance and Oratorical Contest May 26.

B. T. commencement exercises will begin next Sunday, May 24, with the baccalaureate sermon at Ten Mile church at 11 a. m. by Rev. S. E. Mercer, who was born and reared in that section of Robeson, Howellsville township, and is now a presiding elder of the North Carolina Methodist conference.

Monday, May 25, at 8 p. m., there will be an entertainment by primary and intermediate grades, as follows: 1st grade—Fairy and Elf drill; 2nd grade—minuet; 3rd and 3rd grades—minstrel; 3rd grade—Advent of Spring; 4th and 5th grades—Miss Minerva's School and Scarecrow Drill.

Tuesday the Big Day. Tuesday, May 26, will be the big day of the finals.

At 10:30 a. m. graduating exercises program: Chorus; Class Poem—Mary Louise Regan; Prophet and Giftperson—Katie Lee Andrews; Class Will—Troy Regan; Historian—Mary Louise Regan; Vaudeville—Anna Belle Regan; class song; commencement address—H. E. Stacy of Lumberton.

At 4 p. m., May Pole dance, girls of 6th and 7th grades and high school.

At 8 p. m., chorus and oratorical contest.

B. T. (Barkers-Ten Mile) is one of the foremost high schools in the county, located in a progressive rural community. Prof. D. B. Oliver is principal.

Mr. C. S. Tait Jr. of Brunswick Ga., is visiting his aunt, Miss Alice Tait, 4th street.

TOWN TAXES.

A complete list of property on which taxes have not been paid will appear in The Robesonian for May 28th, 1925.

J. P. RUSSELL, Clerk & Treasurer.

red in shortcake at the lunch. Kiwanians and their guests also enjoyed a vocal solo by Mr. H. D. Wheeler, advance man of the Red path Chautauqua, Miss Elsie Thompson playing piano accompaniment.

WILL PREACH BACCALAUREATE  
SERMON HERE SUNDAY NIGHT.

—Messrs. F. Eli Wishart and W. R. Allen were among those from here attending the Mecklenburg day celebration in Charlotte yesterday.

—Messrs. R. T. Allen, D. R. Slaw and Max Weinstein were among those from here attending the Shrine ceremonial in Wilson Tuesday and yesterday.

—There will be a series of revival meetings at Sandy Grove Baptist church, colored, conducted by Rev. H. B. Moore of Tarboro, beginning May 25 and running through the week. The public is urged to attend.

—Baseball here tomorrow afternoon 3:30. Lumberton's "Wine Wix" vs. local high school team. Plenty of fun at the game, many errors expected. The opposing twirlers have not been announced.

—The condition of Miss Aileen Prevatt, who has been ill for the past several weeks, is very much improved. She returned last week from Cumberland general hospital, Fayetteville, where she underwent special treatment.

—Dr. C. H. Durham, pastor of the First Baptist church, and Rev. I. P. Hedgipeth, pastor of several churches out from Lumberton, returned Tuesday night from Memphis, Tenn., where they attended the annual sessions of the Southern Baptist convention.

—Mr. R. A. Phillips, special representative of the Provident Life Insurance Co. of Raleigh, was a Lumberton visitor Monday and spoke in very complimentary way of the wonderful progress the town and county is making. "It is one of the best towns in the State," he said.

—The condition of Mrs. Erastus Williams of R. 3 from Fairmont, who has been undergoing treatment at the Baker sanatorium, is very much improved. Her step-mother, Mrs. Frances Williams of route 3 from Fairmont, spent several days here this week with her.

—An educational exhibit dealing with the advantages of spare time study is being held this week at McMillan's drug store by Mr. O. B. Revell of the International Correspondence schools of Scranton, Pa. The display takes up an entire window and shows samples of students' work.

—Rev. F. A. Prevatt of Lumberton R. 2 was a visitor in Fairmont Friday. While there he visited Mr. J. H. Bass and was surprised to find he was celebrating his 72nd birthday. 34 grandchildren were present and he seemed to be the happiest old man anywhere. At 12 o'clock an elaborate dinner was served.

—Prof. Chapell Wilson, head of the department of education at the Appalachian State Normal school at Boone, Watauga county, is spending a ten-day vacation at the home of his father, Mr. J. M. Wilson, Howellsville township. He will return to the school next week to prepare for the summer school, which begins June 3. The summer school there is the third largest in the State.

THE GREAT REVIVAL AT SMITH'S  
Woman 82 Years Old Among Converts on Last Night—Over 120 New Testaments Given Converts by League—About 50 Converts Expressed Desire to Join Some Church in the Community.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

One of the greatest revival meetings ever held in the eastern part of Robeson county came to a close last Sunday night at Smith's church. The meeting was conducted by the Men's Christian league of Lumberton, and lasted for a period of 2 weeks. Services were held only at night, as the members of the league in charge of the services are working men.

The number of conversions and reclamations reached to something over 180. The oldest person to take her place among the new converts the last night was a lady 82 years old. She went away from the service with the joy of salvation in her heart and a New Testament, a gift of the league.

On the last night of the meeting something over 120 New Testaments were given by the league as a free gift to the converts who did not already own one.

About 50 of the new converts indicated their desire to join one of the churches in the immediate community and we understand they will be given a chance by the pastors in the near future.

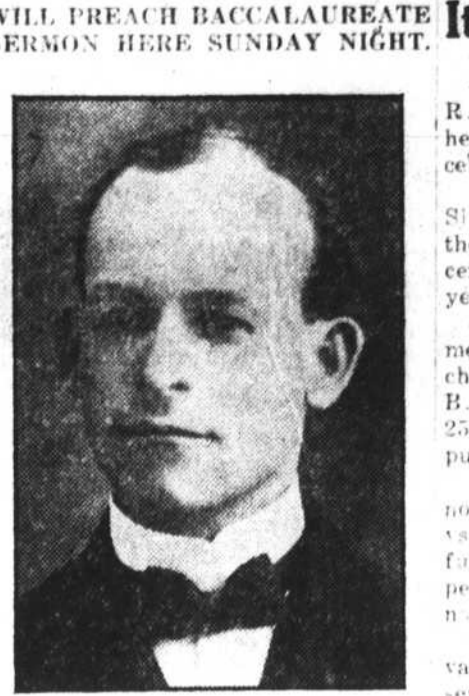
The league will continue to put forth effort in that community to keep the work going and to make of the churches living forces for righteousness.

Mr. and Mrs. Julius Canady Jr. and small daughter, Elizabeth, of Wilmington, spent Tuesday here, guests in the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Fleming.

Fred Thompson and his 5-year-old daughter Julia Mae, of Goldsboro, were drowned in a pond near that place Sunday. The boys were found Monday necked in each other's arms.

SPRING AND SUMMER STYLES  
are now on Display.

Cash or 4 Months to Pay.  
JOHN D. PURVIS, Tailor,  
5th St. Front of Courthouse.



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