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## County Commencement Friday, April 7th

### LAURINBURG WON AT HOME AND ABROAD

Lumberton's Young Men Debaters Lost to Laurinburg Young Ladies, While Laurinburg Lads Take Honors at Sanford—Three Schools in County Win.

Three Scotland county schools are eligible to send debating teams to Chapel Hill the latter part of this month to enter the contest for the Aycock Memorial Cup, which will be contested for by the High Schools of the State.

The Laurinburg school had the distinction of winning both the affirmative and the negative side of the question: Resolved that the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging its navy. The school at Spring Hill won the same distinction.

Misses Mary John and Mary Fields held up for the affirmative side of the question and engaged Messrs. Robert Proctor and Ertle Carlyle, of the Lumberton High School, here at the graded school auditorium, while Messrs. Edwin Gill and Edgar Whitaker, taking the negative side of the question, debated the team of the Sanford High School at their own home.

have debated with Roberdell and Hoffman, is entitled to enter the final debate because of the fact that neither of the opposing schools would enter into the debate.

Wagram, like Laurinburg, won on both sides of the question. At home they won from Mason's Cross and their negative team won over the Laurel Hill team.

Scotland will have the privilege of sending three teams to Chapel Hill. Those entitled to go are: Misses John, Fields, and Messrs. Gill and Whitaker, of the Laurinburg school; Misses Nancy White and Hortense McGregor, and Messrs. Allison Gibson and Douglas Sizemore, of the Rockdale school, Gibson; Messrs. Johnson Matthews, Clifton Smith, Daniel Stubbs and Miss Grace Monroe, of Spring Hill school.

#### WAGRAM-RIVERTON NOTES.

Spring Hill School Excels—Mrs. Livingston Recovering.

All the acquaintances of Mrs. Charles Livingston, of Riverton, will be glad to know she is rapidly recovering after a successful operation in the hospital at Fayetteville.

Miss Martha Watson is visiting in Kinston.

Mr. D. W. L. Smith is just completing a new dairy house. His large herd of cows make a pretty picture every morning on the green rye fields.

The few lawns that are sodded to grain in this community are now showing up nicely. The ladies of Wagram got busy last Spring and beautified several spots by the streets with beds of bright flowers. This spring would be a good time to start shade trees. My, but some of your yards look uninviting in July and August to the country passerby, so blistering hot.

Spring Hill High School is coming into its own now. There seems to be a great spirit among the students. They not only had the winning basketball team this season. Their score board shows more victories in base ball than any other country school in Scotland. Their debating team will go to Chapel Hill, and the County Commencement is yet to be heard from.

There are men and women in a great many of the Northern states who know more about the bluffs, growth and beauties of Lumber River than you do. So many see it only where the public roads lead them across and where you come to the swimming hole. Why not arrange a weeks boating party and make the trip of 180 or 200 miles down this river in the Spring or Summer? Wayne McNeill, of Wagram, might put you wise to the cost of canoes, tents, cooking kits, etc.

#### A Freak Egg.

Deputy Sheriff Lamar P. Smith exhibited to the Exchange man Tuesday, a hen egg that was entirely out of the ordinary and very, very freakish. It weighs one-quarter of a pound; required 8 1-2 inches of a perfectly correct tape line to reach around its ends and 8 1-2 inches to measure around the center of it.

We suggested that he send it to Col. Al Fairbrother, who is we are reliably informed very fond of the fruit, but he says that he expects to turn it over to the first old hen on his place that develops a mania for "settin'" and is confident that the result will at best be twins if not trips.

#### Mrs. Ritch Better.

The numerous Laurinburg friends of Mrs. Laura Ritch will be glad to learn that she is recovering from an attack of pleurisy which she has suffered recently.

Mrs. Ritch has been at St. Pauls with Mrs. T. L. Northrop since the death of Dr. Northrop, and it was during her visit there that she was stricken.

Immediately following the debate, a reception was given at the school building in honor of the visitors.

The Gibson school, which was to

### THINGS PERTAINING TO LIFE

By Harry M. North.

#### PASSION WEEK.

The last few days of our Lord's life on earth are known as Passion Week, or the week of his sufferings. We have already seen how He came into the city on Palm Sunday. Beginning with that time we will trace as well as possible the course of events to the end. Not far from Jerusalem was the little town of Bethany where Mary, Martha and Lazarus lived. Now Jesus and His disciples were there each evening of this week and spent the night at the home of these friends. On Monday as He came in He pronounced the curse against the barren fig tree. Having taught in the temple that day He went again to Bethany. Tuesday was a very eventful day in which he contended with the rulers, answering all arguments which they could bring, giving them also those great parables written in the 21st and 22nd chapters of Saint Matthew. We do not know what He did on Wednesday, but it is likely that He rested. About this time Judas closed his bargain with the chief priests. On Thursday He comes for the last time into the city sending two men to prepare for the Passover. It was that night when Supper was over that Jesus gave the greatest of all His discourses. These are found in five chapters of Saint John's Gospel beginning with the thirteenth. When He was through speaking they sang the Hallel, which is Psalms 118-119, and then went out across the brook into the Garden of Gethsemane.

It was there that Jesus agonized in prayer, having left his disciples behind Him. They were not able to watch with Him one hour. Presently Judas came and betrayed Him. Peter resented the affront but Jesus would not allow him to use his sword. Long before day on that Friday morning they carried Him before Annas, the father-in-law of the high priest. Next they carried Him to Caiaphas, who was setting high priest. A few of the rulers who had remained awake for the occasion met Him there and having questioned Him condemned Him unfairly. They left Him then until day-light and they assembled the Sanhedrin, or Jewish court. During this time they mocked Him and spit on Him, and Peter denies Him. When it was light they tried Him before their court and afterwards took Him to Pilate, the governor. It was now that Judas, seeing how things were going, brought the money back and went and hanged himself.

For the first time Jesus enters the palace of a king. It was six o'clock, and the city was scarcely awake. Pilate could find nothing wrong with Him and sent Him to Herod who was in town for the feast. This was the Herod who had killed John the Baptist. After he had set Jesus at naught and in derision had dressed Him in gorgeous clothing he sent him again to Pilate. The governor tried to have Him released but the people claimed Barabbas instead. After hearing the dream of his wife Pilate tried to wash his hands of the matter but the crowd would not allow him. They clamored for his death. So when Pilate had scourged Him he delivered Jesus to be crucified. All of this had taken place before nine o'clock in the morning on Friday. Compelling Him to bear his cross they came out to Calvary at this hour where they crucified Him. Jesus hung upon the cross about seven hours. At noon the heavens were darkened and remained so until three o'clock.

During this time Jesus uttered seven sayings from the cross, which are as follows: Concerning those who were putting Him to death He said, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." To the thief He said, "This day shalt thou be with me in Paradise." Seeing Mary, His mother, standing there with Saint John, he said to them, "Woman, behold thy son; Son, behold thy mother." Again he cried in the language of the 22nd Psalm, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Again, "I thirst." And, "It is finished." At three o'clock He cried with a loud voice, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit," and when He said this He died. At four o'clock they took Him from the cross, burying Him a half hour later, and set the

guard at the tomb at five. "And thus the Redeemer was left pale, but victorious, to sleep through the Sabbath."

#### "AUNT BECKY'S" MESSAGE.

Two Fires in the Fork—Schools Closing—Death of Mr. Edens.

March with its warring elements has passed out, leaving its usual trail of fires and losses. Even the Fork did not wholly escape its fury. The shingle mill of Mr. Neill McKinnon, together with a considerable quantity of shingles was consumed one night last week, and on Wednesday p. m. a barn belonging to a tenant house on the farm of Mr. R. D. Hamer burned down, containing 25 or 30 bushels of corn. The origin of both fires is unknown.

Planting and mixing fertilizers are the chief occupations of the farmers in this section, these latter days, and cotton planting will soon be on hand. Cotton seed are not very plentiful this season, and should any misfortune overtake the first planting, our farmers would be in a serious dilemma.

Rebt. McLaurin came up from Latta on Friday p. m. by way of Clio and McColl, and stated that he saw some cotton already planted in the counties of Dillon and Marlboro, S. C. We are not yet through planting corn in this section, and I am glad to note that there will be probably no reduction in the acreage from that of last year. I heard a neighbor lady one day talking about a pile of corn cobs she had seen in a branch between her home and his; which had contained seed corn, and were placed in running water, that his corn crop should not suffer from drought. This is an old superstition, handed down through many generations, and I have often seen the cobs down in the big branch near our home, but I have never yet known any one "to own the fugitive cobs."

I have just been reading with horror of some of Villa's atrocities in Mexico, whereby a father and four sons were first tortured, and then shot to death. The life of the youngest son was spared, whom the bandit carried back to the stricken mother, telling her that "he left him alive to support her." The sole offense of this family was their inability to give certain information, which Villa was anxious to obtain. The Mexican situation seems to offer a serious problem to our government, and no one can predict the outcome.

Almost the whole world seems united for blood, and the semi-Christianized nations have great cause to wonder at the inconsistency of the so-called Christians who rise up to slay their brethren.

The public schools in the Fork are nearing the close of the present term. Miss Tiddy of the Turn Out school will finish up on Wednesday, the 6th instant. She expects to charge the pupils down to Lumberton on the 7th, also Miss Letty McMillan of the Oak Grove school. We are getting dry down this way, and would welcome a good rain, which will doubtless come in due season.

We have been taking note of the fruit crop, and find plenty of peaches, but peeps about all killed.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered at Smyrna church on yesterday the first Sabbath in April; a goodly congregation was present on the occasion. There I was informed by Mr. Daniel Webster of Bennett, of the sudden death of a former neighbor, and friend, Mr. Colin J. Edens, late of Red Springs. On Friday p. m. Mr. Edens was driving about a mile distant, to his farm. When outside the town limits, his horse and empty vehicle were seen passing her house by a colored woman, who went out, and looking down the road, saw Mr. Edens's prostrate body, and upon approaching, found that life was extinct. The cause was presumably heart trouble. Mr. Edens was a native of Marion county, S. C., a Confederate veteran, and a man who had many friends. Since beginning this letter, the main

### TOMORROW WILL BE GREAT DAY IN LAURINBURG

Greatest Interest Ever Shown in County Commencement Exhibited in One to be Held Here Tomorrow—Great Crowds From Every Section of County Coming.

#### MR. R. D. GIBSON IS DEAD.

One of Scotland's Most Beloved Citizens Suddenly Called Away.

Mr. R. D. Gibson, aged about 60 years, died at his country home in Williamson township Tuesday night at 8:30. The immediate cause of his death was a stroke of paralysis which followed a season of more than a year of declining health.

His death has brought the bitter cup of sorrow to the lips of friends and relatives. He was a heart of gold. He was one of nature's noblemen in its truest sense—brave, generous, manly. His was the soul of honor, and his friends and friendships were sacred to him.

There was a daily beauty about his life which won every heart. In temperament he was mild and candid; and yet remarkable for an uncompromising firmness. He gained confidence when he seemed least to seek it.

He believed in the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. He believed that the man who scattered flowers in the pathway of his fellow-men, who let into the dark places of life the sunshine of human sympathy and human happiness, followed in the footsteps of his Master.

When Scotland county was formed he was appointed officer to the grand jury and until his death held the position and discharged the duties like he did everything else, thoroughly. He was a prominent and consecrated member of the St. John's Methodist church and gave liberally of his time and his means to further the cause and noble work done by this church.

He was a prosperous planter, a good neighbor, and his kindly offices and generous ministrations will be sorely missed by many. Yesterday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, all that was mortal of this fine citizen was laid to rest at the Eli Gibson burying ground. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Mr. Brown, pastor of the St. John's church at the church.

He is survived by his wife, his aged mother, two brothers, Messrs. Henry F. Gibson and John K. Gibson, both of Williamson township; five sisters, Mrs. Archie Jones and Mrs. Cary Barker, of Hoke county, Mrs. Beverly, of Marlboro county, South Carolina, Mrs. John K. Gibson, of Cumberland county and Mrs. F. J. Bullard, of this county.

#### No Charge for Ball Game.

There will be no charge for admission to the baseball game between the Laurinburg school team and the county team here tomorrow. Supt. Peele has asked that we make this announcement. Come prepared to see a good game, and without cost to any one.

#### Remodeling Home.

Mr. W. McN. Lyte is making preparations to remodel his home. The remodeling will consist in building an addition and a complete working over of the old house. While the work is being done, Mr. Lyte and family will live in a commodious and comfortable tent.

has come and everything looks refreshed.

Snakes have made an early appearance in these parts, two having been already killed at the crossing of the big branch.

Mr. and Mrs. James McNeill and son, of John Station attended services at Smyrna and Oak Grove churches on Sunday, and gave us a pleasant call in the p. m.

C. A. Olmstead, my grandson, is quite sick at this writing.

Mr. Evander Bullock and daughter, Miss Janie, of Rowland, were among relatives in the Fork yesterday.

"Aunt Becky." Old Fork, April 6th.

Superintendent Peele tells the Exchange man that at no time in the history of the schools of Scotland has there been such keen interest throughout the whole county in the County Commencement as there is this year. Every school is sending representatives to contest for the honors that will be won by some fortunate student tomorrow, and no trouble or time has been spared to fit the contestants for the battle.

County Commencement has grown to be one of the big events of the year in Scotland. Everybody lays aside their work and worries for this one day and attends the meeting keyed to the highest point, pulling, scotching, boosting for their own township, and in this way the most intense interest is manifested. This spirit, while friendly, has developed into a rivalry that makes every person sit up and take notice. Every township will come here tomorrow with a determination to win its share of the honors, and it will be no easy task to be the victor in any of the various contests.

The program, which appears below, will give you some hint of what is to be done, but the mere reading of it will not convey the slightest idea of what the contests mean.

Laurinburg will be glad to entertain this fine gathering of people that will come here tomorrow, and on behalf of the town, the Exchange extends to one and all a most cordial invitation to come with the guarantee that you will be most heartily welcomed and that you will be accorded the very best treatment.

#### SCOTLAND COUNTY COMMENCEMENT.

April 7th, 1916—10 o'clock.

Chorus—Spring Hill High School.

#### DECLAMATION CONTEST.

- 1 Toussaint L'Overture—William Dawkins.
- 2 The Legacy of the Confederacy—Johnson Matthews.
- 3 The Death of Hamilton—Hervey Evans.
- 4 Signing the Declaration—Patterson Covington.

Dramatization—Laurel Hill High School.

#### RECITATION CONTEST.

- 1 Aunt Sarah—Grace Menden.
- 2 Annunciation—Mary Menden.
- 3 Higher Culture in Dixie—Suzanna Morrison.
- 4 The Sweet Girl Graduate—Martha Fairly.

Chorus—Rockdale High School.

Reading Prize Essay.

Instrumental Quartette—Laurinburg Graded School.

Delivery of Prizes.

Delivery of Diplomas.

Dinner on School Grounds.

#### ATHLETIC CONTESTS.

- Taking place at 2:00 p. m.
- 1 100 Yard Dash.
  - 2 60 Yard Dash (small boys.)
  - 3 250 Yard Dash.
  - 4 Standing High Jump (large boys.)
  - 5 Running High Jump (small boys.)
  - 6 Running High Jump (large boys.)
  - 7 Standing Broad Jump (small boys.)
  - 8 Standing Broad Jump (large boys.)
  - 9 Running Broad Jump (small boys.)
  - 10 Running Broad Jump (large boys.)

#### BASE BALL GAME.

Taking place at 4:00 p. m.

County vs. Laurinburg.

Game to take place at the Laurinburg base ball park.

Admission to game will be free to everybody.

#### "Goon Girl."

The "Goon Girl," a five reel picture of rare merit, featuring Margaret Clark as the "Goon Girl," was exhibited at the Gena Theatre Monday night, and was one of the finest plays ever exhibited here.