

Seniors Receive Diplomas Friday

Dr. F. B. Bishop Delivers Commencement Address In Auditorium

The immensity of the world today and the great necessity for guarding your personality formed the substance of the commencement address delivered by Dr. F. B. Bishop, pastor of the First Universalist church, at the high school auditorium Friday night when 47 mid-term graduates received their diplomas.

The commencement exercises were started here Sunday night with the baccalaureat sermon preached by Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, pastor of the First Baptist church. Class day exercises were held Friday morning at the school.

Rev. C. Ross Ritchie, pastor of the Trinity Lutheran church, pronounced the invocation last night after the procession of the senior class to "Priests from Athalia," Mendelssohn. The exercises were opened by Kipling's Recessional, sung by the members of the graduating class.

Polly Easley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Easley, received the honor of making the welcoming address. As salutatorian, she ranked second in scholastic record in the class.

Valedictory went to Adelaide Winslow, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Winslow, for her high average during the four high school years. The award for the attainment was presented by James R. Simpson, principal of the high school, and was given by the local board of trustees. Miss Winslow's average was 97.4.

In making his commencement address, Dr. Bishop pointed out that the earth was losing its immensity through speed and communication but the world was constantly growing larger, as scientists learned more about the universe.

"With a hasty glance over the field," the speaker stated, "we realize the world has grown from a comparatively simple affair to that of infinite complexities and startling reality. Science, invention, discovery and industry have cut us loose from our moorings in the rivulet our forefathers knew as life and set us adrift on the ocean."

In the modern world, he continued, there are two factors which have become important.

First is "guarding your personality, and second, relating that personality to this expanding universe."

"Neither is easy," he declared, "the size of the world frightens us. It calls for the readjustment all the way round, but the important thing is guarding that personality. Let nothing so condition your thinking that you cannot think for yourself."

"The gate of life is open to you," he told the class at the conclusion. "Enter it but keep that light in your eye—the integrity of your own personality."

C. S. Taylor, member of the school board, presented the diplomas to the graduates and Rev. G. W. Perry, pastor of the local First Methodist church, presented the Bibles after making a short talk. The benediction was pronounced by Rev. R. N. Childress, pastor of the Arlington Street Baptist church.

"Allah's Holiday," by Friml, sung by the high school girls' glee club was the musical feature of the evening.

R. M. Wilson, superintendent of the local public schools, presided.

Only 1200 Caswell County tobacco growers signed the preliminary agreement last September but 1300 have signed the adjustment contract so far.

EDGEcombe CITIZENS ATTEND COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING

Tarboro, Feb. 2.—Citizens from all over Edgecombe county were here yesterday to consider the proposition of establishing a community center for the county.

J. A. Abernathy, county superintendent of schools, explained the plans by which the center would be financed and Miss Catherine Millsaps, home demonstration agent, spoke on the various features of the proposed undertaking. She said it would contain a community house, athletic field, lake, camps for H club girls and for Tar Heel farmers and Boy Scouts.

Two sites were offered, one near Bynum's run, near Pinetops, and the other near the state test farm.

Those present adopted a resolution unanimously favoring the center and committees representing each township were appointed to confer with county commissioners.

Labor Organizes In Combat Unit

L. F. Pearsall Is Elected to Head New Organization as Chairman

Setting forth as its purpose the support of legislation and candidates in sympathy with workingmen, units of Rocky Mount labor were organized in a combined group at a meeting held in the Masonic temple Saturday night.

In the gathering of members of various units of labor in this city, L. F. Pearsall of the engineers, was selected as chairman, H. Weathersbee, of the railway conductors, vice chairman and C. E. Leggett of the railway trainmen, secretary.

Mr. Leggett acted as chairman protem until the election of officers was held.

The organization includes all railroad labor of Rocky Mount and railroad organizations with jurisdiction in and out of Rocky Mount terminals. The membership, however, it was pointed out, is not only confined to these groups and members of other recognized labor unions may join the organization.

According to the purposes outlined in the meeting Saturday night, the organization will "support all legislation in favor of labor and to prosecute that which is not; to support and make every reasonable effort to elect candidates in sympathy with the cause of labor."

Another meeting is being planned for Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the Masonic temple, it has been announced.

ODD FELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS

The Golden Belt lodge of Odd Fellows held a very interesting meeting here Friday, February 2nd. The meeting was a semi-annual election of officers and the following were elected:

C. F. Chasson, Nobel Grand; J. W. Gray, vice Nobel Grand; C. B. Spruill, Recording Sec.; H. K. Stephens, financial sect. and treasurer; George P. Womble, Dept. Master for District; J. B. W. Overton, Conductor; W. E. Moore, Chaplain; Albert Elmore, degree Captain; W. D. Smith, Warden.

The above lodge meets every Friday night and visiting brothers are always welcome and invited to the meetings.

LOST HAT: CLOSES THEATRE

Kaifeng, China.—Because a visiting general lost his hat in a moving picture theatre, police closed it and arrested the manager and sixteen ushers.

Craighill Speaks On Soviet Russia

Local Rector Declares There Is Much in Russia Which Is Worthwhile

Speaking on the "Brighter Side of Soviet Russia," Rev. Francis H. Craighill, rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, told members of the Current Topics club here last night that he was "heartily in accord" with the action of President Roosevelt in granting Russian recognition.

"I am for anything that may bring the world nearer to universal accord and I wish the United States was a member of the world court and the league of nations," he said.

In speaking of the brighter side of the soviet regime, Mr. Craighill emphasized the point that in doing so he was not unaware of a dark side. "There is much that is evil in Russia but this does not alter the fact that there is also much that is good."

"Russia now is an established state in which conservatism has emerged. Russia had made more forward strides under the soviet plan than any other nation of the world ever did in a period of equal length. Other nations of the world, including the United States, are wise in adopting some of the Russian plans."

"In order to understand Russia you must remember that it is a tremendous country of seventy languages and 160,000,000 people, and is three times as large in area as the United States. They are doing daring things over there. They are not afraid to try. While in other countries people read economic theories propounded by university professors, Russia puts them into effect with remarkable results."

"Education is the dominant factor. Old Russia was 68 per cent illiterate. New Russia is nine per cent illiterate. This is a better percentage than North Carolina or the United States as a whole claim. Russian presses last year turned out not only more volumes but more titles of books than England, France and the United States combined, and people are hungry for more and more education."

Turning to Russia's industrialization, Mr. Craighill said the country has "gone a long way in its objective of making Russia self contained and self supporting. Its power plants increased by leaps and bounds during the time of the first Five Year plan, and by the end of the second Five Year plan, Russia claims it will have power facilities twice that of the United States."

"It's factories are tremendous models of efficiency and production, some of the larger ones employing as many as 50,000 persons. The workers take great interest in their work because they feel that since they comprise the state and since the factories are owned by the state, they are the owners of the factories instead of hired laborers."

"Plans are underway which will result soon in the adoption of a four-hour work day, the speaker said.

"Agriculture," he said, "likewise is emerging into enlightenment. Seventy-five per cent of the people are peasants who formerly were illiterate, poverty-stricken and ignorant, but this condition is rapidly being rendered non-existent. Agriculture is coming into its own."

In conclusion, Mr. Craighill said that contentment of the people is a dominant note—"not the contentment of wealth but of achievement and progress."

Catawba County cotton growers will average about \$11 an acre for the land which will be retired from cotton production in 1934.

INTERESTING FARM NEWS

COTTON PROGRAM AFFECTS THE ENTIRE RURAL COMMUNITY

Because the low prices for cotton brought stagnation in nearly all lines of business in the South, local business men as well as farmers are interested in present efforts of the Agricultural Adjustment Administration to curtail the production of the staple in line with market demands.

Surveys made last fall by county farm agents and other field workers of the State College Extension Service revealed that there was a general toning up of business in every community affected by the operations of the cotton adjustment campaign last season. The payment of debts which had been on merchants' books for two and three years had an excellent effect, these field workers found. The general circulation of cash caused by the buying of necessities and some luxuries also had its effect.

The manager of a large store in one town surrounded by a cotton growing area reported that his business had been the best in all the years he had occupied his present position. This same attitude was taken by other business men in other lines.

"However," reported the agricultural extension workers, "the greatest results were found in the farming communities themselves. Farmers were more cheerful, felt more independent, and had more hope for the future. The improvement in the general attitude of the growers caused a feeling of well-being such as had not existed in the two previous years, to pervade the rural communities."

PAST RECORDS BROKEN IN CANNING FOOD

North Carolina farm women filled 11,570,950 quarts of surplus food during 1933, according to records gathered from home demonstration club women by regular and emergency home agents.

In a report made to Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon last week, Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, food conservation specialist at State College, paid high tribute to the efforts of farm women in the State to grow and save adequate food supplies in 1933. Early last January, the home demonstration workers mapped out a plan to aid rural women regularly enrolled in home demonstration clubs and to extend this aid to women who had not received this instruction at club meetings. As a result 28 emergency agents were added to the 55 agents regularly employed. Eleven emergency Negro home agents were also employed in addition to the seven then at work.

These workers trained 1,125 canning leaders from among their club memberships, who in turn carried the instruction to rural women in all parts of the State. The home demonstration department cooperated with the Governor's office of relief in all of the work. Not only were the women taught to conserve such food as was produced but they were aided in growing food supplies to be used during the summer months.

"One of the main objects of our effort was to aid every relief family living on a farm, whether owner or tenant, to produce food, including gardens, poultry and food and feed crops of sufficient

variety and quantity for home consumption and to conserve fruits and vegetables for winter use," Mrs. Morris said. "The results show that this objective was about met and in addition there is more food stuffs available for home use this winter than in any previous year since the World War."

NEED LONGER STAPLE IN DOMESTIC COTTON

A decided decline in exports of cotton through the Wilmington and Norfolk ports has resulted in a decline in the need to grow short staple cotton in North Carolina.

"When a large part of our cotton crop, particularly that grown in the Coastal Plain of eastern Carolina, was exported through the Wilmington and Norfolk ports, a flat price was paid on local markets regardless of staple lengths. Prior to 1915, few improved varieties with a staple length of 15-16 to one and 1-16 of an inch were grown in the State," says P. H. Kime, associate agronomist at State College. "Then, too, the varieties producing 7-8 inch staple frequently outyielded those producing a longer staple. Later, since 1921 the Manchester mills in England have been demanding the longer or medium staples and consequently we have found ourselves loaded with more short cotton than our local mills have been able to consume. This cotton must be sold in competition with that grown in China and India."

As a result, Kime says, we need less cotton to be grown. What is grown, however, should have a staple length of 15-16 to 1 and 1-16 inches. The new varieties with these average staple lengths have been perfected so that they will yield just as well as the old 7-8 inch cottons.

Mr. Kime has conducted a number of variety demonstrations in various parts of the State and will be glad to furnish any grower with latest information about the variety best suited for a particular section. He advocates the growing of one variety to a community and says that since the acreage must be reduced this season, it is only wise to grow the best cotton on the smaller acreage.

NO DECREASE SEEN IN POULTRY GROWING

Because poultry growing seems to provide a fairly dependable source of income and prices for broilers have been better than was anticipated, indications are that the demand for baby chicks in North Carolina this season will continue as good as in 1933.

"However, poultrymen should carefully select their sources of baby chicks and if possible get those which have been produced from eggs laid by blood-tested hens," cautions Roy S. Dearstyne, head of the State College poultry department. "Another important point is to be prepared for the chicks before they are received at the farm. Chicks are highly perishable and the brooder houses need to be ready in ample time. We have found that the starting of baby chicks for early pullets or for early broilers is more complicated than raising them later in the season when, sunshine, range and green feed is available."

Dearstyne says baby chicks started very early have a tendency toward leg weakness that later

chicks do not have. This means that the early chicks should get all the sunshine possible. Where they do not have green feed, an extra amount of cod liver oil needs to be added to the mash. If the chicks are badly crowded and the drinking and eating places are inadequate, cannibalism will likely develop.

Baby chicks started early need the best of care and rigid sanitation. Carelessness and indifference in handling them will prove costly, says the poultryman.

JONES ANNOUNCES PROFIT ON DANCE

Rocky Mount Raises \$426.45 for Warm Springs Foundation with Ball Here

The sum of \$426.45 had been sent from here today to national authorities in charge of the President's Birthday ball, held in many cities of the country Tuesday night to raise funds for the Warm Springs Foundation for Crippled Children, Millard F. Jones, treasurer for the local event, announced today.

Mr. Jones, in behalf of W. E. Fenner, M. R. Robbins and T. A. Avera, the committee in charge of the ball, expressed thanks to the executors of the J. H. Danie estate for use of the gymnasium, where the ball was held, to Joseph Gold, who furnished a cake which was raffled off, and to Fallon's and Weathers' florist shops for decorations.

Appreciation for the manner in which the public responded and supported the event also was expressed.

Figures compiled by Mr. Jones were as follows:
Ticket sales\$437.80
CWA workers' gift 5.80
Cake sale 28.75
Total receipts 472.35
Expenses 45.10
Net total\$426.45

EX-CANDIDATE ARRESTED

Winslow, Arizona.—Dillworth Sumpter, Socialist candidate for Congress last October, was arrested by a policeman who said he found him starting to dig a tunnel under a bank during the night. Sumpter received nearly 7,000 votes in his campaign but was decisively defeated by the Democratic candidate.

Prof. Fisher declares Roosevelt policy cuts national debt.

ELECT OFFICERS FOR HI-Y CLUB

Virginia Moore Meeks Head of New Members Elected

The Senior Girls' Hi-Y Club elected officers for 1934-35 at the Y. M. C. A. on Thursday evening, elevating Miss Virginia Moore Meeks to the office of president. Miss Meeks will succeed Miss Betty Griffin, who served as the first president of the club and who was elected last night to the office of vice-president, Miss Mary Osborne Ellington was elected secretary and Miss Maud Battle treasurer.

Six new members who were among the charter members of the Junior Girls' club were voted into the Senior organization and nine additional members were also elected. In the first group are Misses Mary Wood Winslow, Ann Jenkins, Ballard Wilson, Connie Lee Thigpen, Mary Ruth Moore and Susie Rankin Fountain. New members who will be extended invitations to join are Misses Corinna Denson, Charlotte Bailey, Mary Lena Pitt, Maybelle Lewis, Ruth Dixon, Phyllis Gold, Pauline Draper, Ann Braswell and Pauline Smith.

Membership in the organization is based on character and scholarship, and a certain standard must be maintained in order to affiliate with the club.

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