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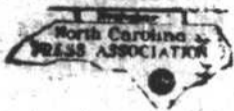
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Commencement Time In Wilkes County

This week and next high schools in Wilkes county will turn out many graduates.

If all the advice given graduates at commencement time were laid end to end — it would probably be a good thing.

Speakers will speil forth many good admonitions to graduates. Little will be remembered.

But graduates should remember that commencement means beginning. For those who choose not to continue in scholastic education commencement will mean the beginning of wrestling with the world for a livelihood. For those who go to college high school commencement means a beginning of higher education.

Regardless of the future course in schools and colleges, high school graduation does not mean the cessation of learning. What you have received in high school should prepare you to learn more and more as you grow into citizenship.

Graduates will learn, some of them to their sorrow, that the diploma is no guarantee of a soft job with a fat pay check. They will learn that they must apply themselves with diligence and thoroughness to whatever task they are assigned, and that success can be achieved only through constant and efficient work and application to duty.

Our congratulations go to each high school graduate this year. Many of you have struggled to reach this point in your lives the beginning of a new phase of life with greater responsibilities. Our best wishes go with our congratulations.

Vote In Primary Saturday, May 27th

On Saturday, May 27, voters of the major parties in North Carolina will select their nominees for the fall election.

Citizens should in this primary exercise their right to vote. The right of a free ballot is the most precious right guaranteed by our constitution, because that right is the power to choose our governmental representatives.

In the primary Saturday voters of the Democratic party will choose a nominee for United States senate and representative in congress. There is also a contest for nomination to the supreme court. In Wilkes county Democrats will choose a nominee for sheriff.

The Republicans will select a nominee for solicitor of the 17th judicial district, a nominee for sheriff and for clerk of court.

In some of the races nomination is tantamount to election. In other words, the primary will in effect be the selection of the officials.

Those registered as members of the major parties should consider it a highly important duty to vote in the primary, and have a voice in the selection of those who will fill the responsible offices. And every voter should make an effort to make honest selections and to vote for those whom he or she considers best fitted for the positions sought.

Where Do They Come From?

The superintendent of the Keswick Colony of Mercy, Keswick Grove, New Jersey, Dr. Addison C. Raws, says that alcoholics are coming from "homes like yours — families like yours — from schools like yours — from communities like yours — and even

from churches like yours. Drink is no respecter of persons, and alcohol chooses its victims from every walk of life — doctors, lawyers, university professors, men of almost every profession and trade."

Dr. Raws states further, that he was talking with a judge from a southern state who sought help in breaking the grip of the alcoholic habit. In the conversation he mentioned the name of a newspaper man from the same city. "The judge replied, 'Yes, I knew that man. When I first became a judge, the second case to come before me for trial and sentence for drunken driving was that man.' Then he added rather sadly, "Since that time, I, myself, have been sentenced for drunken driving."

Yes, your friends who seem so poised and so in command of their drinking, are just as much in danger of alcoholism as those they look upon as socially untrained and "weak."

As for cutting remarks, our favorite is probably "let the chips fall where they may." — Greensboro Daily News.

- THE - EVERYDAY COUNSELOR

By Rev. Herbert Spaug, D. D.



Do you like to be alone? To feel alone? Few people do. Most people fear loneliness as they would a mad dog. Many go to tragic extremes to avoid it. Witness the tremendous amount of alcoholism and drunkenness due to loneliness.

This is particularly true with women alcoholics, and alas, their number is increasing. I have talked with many of them and have found that they drifted from social drinking to solitary drinking, which is the second stage of alcoholism, from sheer loneliness and boredom.

The other day I had to make an emergency trip by private plane. I was quite interested to watch the clouds as we passed through them from time to time. They appear far different when viewed close at hand than far off. From the ground they look like huge mountains, but as we flew into them, they had a way of dissolving and scurrying away hastily. That's like a lot of our fears and worries. When viewed from man's level they look formidable. But when we rise up to meet them in prayer, they have a way of dissolving.

But the real sight came when we flew up above the clouds, and completely lost sight of the earth beneath. Here spread out before us was the most gorgeous and awe-inspiring panorama I have ever seen. Apparently we were flying over a boundless area of snow and ice covered peaks and valleys. The pilot commented to me, "If you want to know what a real feeling of loneliness is, then fly up here by yourself. If the grandeur of God's handiwork doesn't touch your soul and make you reach out for Him, then there is something badly wrong with you."

I will never forget that experience, high above the earth and all man-made association, and extending out as far as one could see in any direction, either the very blue sky above, or these endless wierd and magnificent cloud formations. The words of the Psalmist intinctively came to my mind: "O Lord our Lord, how excellent is thy name in all the earth! When I see thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast formed; What is man, that thou should care for him? For thou hast made him a little lower than God, and hast crowned him with glory and honour!"

The wonders of nature never cease to make me bow in awe and gratitude, but the wonders of the power of God in the human heart are even greater.

No, you are never alone. You may close God out of your heart, but He will always be outside waiting for admission and while He waits is doing a magnificent job with this universe of ours in spite of our lack of cooperation.

If your faith gets weak, try flying upstairs sometime. You will be doing some praying up there, and some more when you come back. But you don't have to get in a plane to "go upstairs." You can get on your knees and do it.

Alone? No. Not unless you order it!
 EDITOR'S NOTE: The fourth edition of Dr. Spaug's little book on successful living "The Pathway to Contentment" is available. Orders may be sent to The Everyday Counselor, Box 6034, Charlotte 7, N. C. The price is \$1.00 postpaid.

SOCIETY

Hedrick-Hardman To Pledge Vows In Tampa, Florida

Invitations have been received here reading as follows: "Mrs. Veola Johnson Hedrick requests the honour of your presence at the marriage of her daughter, Martha Craig, to Mr. Lawrence Edwin Hardman on Saturday, June the third, nineteen hundred and fifty, at five-thirty o'clock in the afternoon, St. John's Episcopal Church, Tampa, Florida."

Cards inclosed "Reception immediately after the ceremony Merry Markers Club, Davis Island."

Mrs. McCoy Entertains D.A.R. Chapter

The American Way of Life was the theme for an instructive and interesting talk given by Miss Luey Finley at the May meeting of the Rendezvous Mountain chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. B. McCoy. A large number of the members were present.

The new regent, Mrs. W. R. Absher, presided, heard several committee reports, and the usual routine of business was transacted. At the close of the meeting, which opened the D.A.R. ritual, the group was invited into the dining room where delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. McCoy.

W.S.C.S. Of Union M. E. Church Meets

The Union Society of Christian Service met with Mrs. J. M. Nichols May 14 with 12 members and two visitors present.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Claude Laws. Miss Winnie McLean had charge of the program, assisted by Mrs. Charlie Warren, Mrs. Ezel Crysel and Mrs. Earl Baker. Prayer was by Mrs. C. W. Mahaffey. Officers were elected as follows:

president, Mrs. Claude Laws; vice president, Mrs. Mary Nichols, secretary, Mrs. Earl Baker; treasurer, Miss Winnie McLean.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mrs. J. P. Crysel. Refreshments were served by the hostess, assisted by Miss Mary Nichols and Mrs. D. E. Turner. The June meeting will be at the home of the president, Mrs. Claude Laws, on Tuesday night, June 6. All members of the church are invited to attend this meeting.

Staley-Watts

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Watts, of North Wilkesboro, Route 1, announce the marriage of their daughter, Betty Jo, to Floyd E. Staley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Staley, of Wilkesboro, on May 12th at the home of Rev. Clate Brown in Oakwoods.

Rock Creek W.M.S. Met With Mrs. Brewer

Rock Creek W. M. S. met with Mrs. J. N. Brewer Wednesday night, May 17, for the regular monthly meeting. Devotional was given by Mrs. Roscoe Wood. The play, "Invisible Bridges" was presented in a sprightly way by Mrs. Eugene Sebastian, Mrs. Chas. H. Wood, Mrs. Leroy Porter, Mrs. Roy Richardson and Mrs. Lester Johnson. Three prayers were offered. A number of love gifts have been given to the needy, sick and shut-ins during the past month.

During the business session the following teachers were elected for the Daily Vacation Bible school; Mrs. J. C. Pines, superintendent; Mr. J. C. Pipes, Bible; Young People, Eulalia Johnson;

Intermediates, Mrs. Roscoe Wood; Junior, Miss Nilta Sebastian; Primary, Mrs. Eugene Sebastian; Beginner, Mrs. Chas. H. Wood.

At the close of the meeting delicious refreshments were served by the hostess assisted by Mrs. Alton Brewer. — Reported.



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