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# THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY, APRIL 13th, 1915.

## The Fourth Annual COUNTY COMMENCEMENT.

Of The Alamance County Schools At Graham, N. C., April 24, 1915.

### The Grand Wind Up Day of The Year.

"We believe in the education of all the children of all the people."

In order to graduate students from the Public Schools, and thus give them credit for what they have done, and passports into the State High Schools, to exhibit school products and pictures, to gather information and inspiration, the County Commencement has its existence. In obedience to these several demands the County Superintendent of Schools has set apart Saturday, April 24, 1915, as the day for the fourth Annual County Commencement for the Public Schools. (Should April 24th be a rainy day the Commencement will be postponed one week, or to Saturday, May 1st.) Every committeeman, teacher, patron, pupil and friend to the cause of education in the county is invited most cordially to cooperate in one grand united effort to make this a great day in educational uplift.

### PROGRAMME.

10:30.—Parade from Graded School Grounds around Court House to Baptist Church.

11:30.—Prayer.

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' name."

Address by Prof. E. C. Brooks, Editor of N. C. Journal of Education.

Presentation of Diplomas and prizes.

1:00.—Lunch Period.

1:30.—Declamation and Recitation Contest, Opera House and Court House.

2:45.—Spelling Contest, at Court House.

3:00.—Athletic Contest, Graded School Grounds.

Basket Ball

Ring Games

100 Yard Dash

Mile Race

Shot Put

High Jump

Broad Jump

Hurdle

880 Run

Pole Vault

Relay Race.

Music by Oneida Brass Band.

### Marshals.

E. P. McClure, Graham, Chief.

Patterson Township—J. A. Hornaday, Liberty, No. 3.

Coble Township—D. M. Elder, Burlington, No. 1.

Boon Station Township—J. B. Somers, Elon College.

Morton Township—A. E. Patterson, Altamahaw.

Faucette Township—W. J. Graham, Burlington, No. 2.

Graham Township—J. Doph Long, Graham.

Albright Township—G. M. Isley, Graham, No. 1.

Newlin Township—James Guy Braxton, Snow Camp.

Thompson Township—Wm. H. Eason, Swepsonville.

Melville Township—E. P. Cook, Mebane.

Pleasant Grove Township—C. L. Gilliam, Watson, No. 1.

Burlington Township—John M. Cook, Burlington.  
Haw River Township—George A. Blackmon, Haw River.

### Parade.

The Parade will start at the Graded School Building and proceed down Main Street around the Court House and back to the Baptist Church Grove. It is the purpose this year to make the Parade larger than ever. The Floats, the school floats, the Tomato Club floats, the Corn Club floats, the music floats, all sorts of floats, Corn Clubs, Tomato Clubs, Graduates, Committeemen, Teachers, Children, little children, large children, country children, city children, all will be in one grand parade.

The Brass Band will lead, the floats will follow. Then will come the Graduates and Clubs, after these will follow the schools in regular order. The new Main Street in Graham will be finished by the 24th and it will make a most excellent place for the parade. Schools are asked to provide themselves with such banners as they like. Also such flags and other colors and uniforms. What should be an inspiring sight is the parade.

### Literary Address.

The Literary Address will be made in the Baptist Church grove immediately after the parade, by Prof. E. C. Brooks, professor of Education in Trinity College. Prof. Brooks is one of the State's foremost Educators. He is the author of the story of cotton, Editor of No. C. Education and a speaker of power.

### Certificates

A Certificate of Graduation will be presented to each student who passes satisfactory examination on the Public School course. These certificates will be presented from the platform immediately after the address. All students who were neither absent nor tardy for the year will receive a certificate of attendance from the Superintendent's office. These certificates may be had any time in the afternoon.

### Dinner.

One half hour is given for dinner. Schools should come in groups, and if they do, it will be easy to retire to their vehicles and have a school picnic dinner.

### Contest in Recitation And Declamation.

All graduates may contest in Recitation or Declamation by sending his or her name to the Superintendent by April 20th. This contest should be one of the attractive features of the commencement.

### Athletics.

The field day part of the program will be given on the Graded School grounds. Basketball by the girls, Rings games for small children will be given on the girls' ground, and on the boys' ground will be given by the boys at the same time High Jump, Broad Jump, shot put and races. This plan gives both girls and boys a chance at the same time and furnishes a full field athletic feats.

### The Exhibition.

The exhibition of School products will be shown in the Oneida Store building on Main Street. This is a large, spacious room and will furnish a splendid place for displaying samples of the year's work. Any school work may be placed on exhibition but we expect especially writing, drawing, compositions, Primary number work, cooking, sewing, boxes, maps, pictures, and reports. The exhibition should interest every one. It instructs with samples of what has been done and what can be done. It is at the exhibition hall that we exchange ideas and learn from the best.

### Prizes.

The day will not be without its rewards. Under the auspices of the Country Life Club of Alamance county, the following prizes will be given for donated improvement work:

1st Prize—\$50.00 given by the Primary Teachers of Alamance county.

2nd Prize—\$30.00 given by the Local Country Life Club.

3rd Prize—\$20.00—Five dollars given by each of the following: B. A. Sellars & Sons, Freeman Drug Co., M. B. Smith Furniture Co., and J. D. & L. B. Whitted.

4th Prize—\$15.00 given by the Central Loan & Trust Company.

5th Prize—\$10.00 given by the National Bank of Alamance.

6th Prize—\$10.00 given by the Piedmont Trust Company.

### Special Prizes.

1st—\$15.00 will be given to the school having the greatest number of community meetings.

2nd—\$10.00 will be given to the school having the second greatest number of community meetings.

The Row-Peterson Company will give to that pupil who makes the highest grade in English grammar, a gold pin.

A silver pin will be given the pupil making the second highest grade.

Float prizes will be awarded as follows: (1) \$10.00, (2) \$7.50, (3) \$5.00, (4) \$2.50.

### Individual Prizes.

Graham Hardware Company will give the following prizes:

1st Prize—\$10 in gold to the pupil in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, or 7th grade who makes the highest average in spelling.

2nd Prize—\$5.00 in gold to the pupil in any of the above grades who make the second highest average.

### WAKE FOREST BEATS ELON.

Elon College, April 10.—In a slow, uninteresting game Wake Forest defeated Elon by a score of 17 to 9 at Hardin park, Burlington. There were no features other than numerous errors. Both teams hit hard, Wake Forest securing 14 safeties, while Elon got 13 to her credit. It was not a test of strength of a team, for no team could show team work under such circumstances.

Batteries for Elon: Bailey, Poythress, Massey and Moorefield. Wake Forest: Ellis, Moore and Holding.

### MONUMENT UNVEILED.

An enjoyable picnic and memorial dedication was given Easter Monday on the battle-ground of Lindley's Mill, now known as Sudphin's mill, Southern Alamance.

The exercise began about 11:30 A. M. The student body of Spring Graded School formed a line of March which extended in a crescent shape about the monument as it stood on the top of the hill.

To mark the place of battle where Whigs and Tories fought, the monument selected was one of simplicity, yet very neat and nicely erected. The marble slab which bears an appropriate inscription was placed in a boulder of stone and cement facing the road on the south.

In the opening exercise the song, "America The Beautiful", was sung by the students already assembled. This was followed by a full description of the battle by Miss Venie Lewis of Spring School. Her information given did much to promote interest of the occasion. After this the silence was broken by the words of Prof. Dixon as he named some one to unveil the monument. For this performance, Messrs. Nigal N. Marlett and Rossie S. McBane were chosen. As they began uplifting the veil of "Red, White, and Blue," from the invisible ornament, the waiting audience were in silence to see the monument brought before their eyes. Just immediately after this a short, but appropriate speech of presentation was delivered by Mr. Percy E. Lindley of the student body. Then the emblem was cheerfully accepted by Mr. Edgar N. McBane in behalf of the county. Mr. McBane was acting as a substitute for Prof. J. B. Roberson.

Following this a beautiful and inspiring poem was read bearing upon the battle by Miss Alta Marlett. Other patriotic songs were rendered among which were "Alamance," "Carolina," and "Columbia, The Gem of The Ocean." The program was now closed, except a few remarks being made by the teacher, Prof. Dixon.

When the exercise closed a picnic dinner was served in common. This was indeed a joyous event. Every one present seemed pleased to attend the sacred spot where years before a desperate battle had been waged for the cause of "Liberty."

### Coble's Township Sunday School Convention.

Coble's township Sunday School convention will be held with Mt. Hermon church, Sunday, April 18, 1915.

The following will be the speakers for the day:

Rev. C. H. Whitaker.

Rev. H. S. E. Thompson.

L. H. Holt.

J. W. H. Isley.

W. W. Clapp.

Rev. J. A. Branson.

W. L. Kinney.

Rev. A. B. Kindall.

Also Orchestra from Elon College.

Dinner will be served on the ground. Come and let us enjoy the day.

H. M. NEESE, Pres.  
J. E. Stroud, Sec'y

## ANOTHER GERMAN RAIDER

### STEAMS INTO NEWPORT NEWS

Kronprinz Wilhelm, Former Liner, Reaches Port After Having Been on the Open Sea Since August 3.—Destroyed Many Merchantmen.

### SLIPPED PAST BRITISH WARSHIPS.

Raider Came Into Port Early Sunday Morning, Passing Four British Cruisers Off the Capes—Captain Says He Can Go Out The Same Way.

### "ALLIES ARE ENGAGED IN HOPELESS CAUSE."

Ex-Consul Reiterates in a Book His Pro-German Communications to Bryan.

New York, April 10.—Robert J. Thompson, recently American consul at Aix-la-Chapelle, Germany, who resigned his post because his pro-German communications to Washington displeased Secretary of State Bryan, has published his letters under the title "England and Germany in the War."

Mr. Thompson says that ties of blood, friendship, sentiment and personal relations bind him to England and France; he wears the ribbon of the French Legion of Honor and is of English descent.

Here are some of his assurances to Mr. Bryan, for which he assumes all responsibility:

"I regard the endeavor to isolate Germany effectually to be a futile as an attempt to place the lid on Vesuvius."

"I say all this with reluctance and mortification, for I love both England and France. I believe they are engaged in a hopeless if not, indeed, a wicked cause, measured both by the sacrifice and woes they bring on themselves and by their effort to check the world by laying low its chief and most brilliant exponent."

"Donald Thompson, the Kansas war photographer of the New York World, who was arrested a dozen times by the German military authorities, wounded once by shrapnel, and presented in 30 odd engagements, covering pretty much all of western Belgium, said to me that he learned of no single case of brutality or unprovoked reprisal on the part of the German troops. This man was being paid a large sum of money, both by the New York World and the London Daily Mail for war photographs, and atrocity stories, as well as pictures, were at a premium. The baby with its hands cut off and the nurse with amputated breasts were always in the town or village just ahead of him, until finally these two particular atrocities reached London, in violation of all pathological laws of strangulation and bleeding to death. They have been sought for religiously by many, and Bernard Shaw,

who spent much time endeavoring to locate them, says that when he was finally told they had gone on to Archangel by way of the Arctic he gave up the search."

### MISTAKEN FOR ROBBERS.

Sunday night during the rain storm Messrs. Arthur Lankford and Roy Sykes took refuge in a buggy which was standing in the shed at the rear of the store of Midway Store Co. It being very dark around the store they used a flash light to see. The reflection of the light appeared to the nearby residents to be in the store, and thinking that some parties were robbing the store, several men surrounded the store in order to catch the supposed "robbers." A shot gun was secured and when the men approached near where Lankford and Sykes were, one of the boys in the buggy flashed the light to see who was coming, and when he did, the man with the gun supposed that they were intending to shoot, so he fired. The shooting was accidental, neither party knew who the other was. The shooting was not fatal, and the young men are getting along nicely.

### TO HAVE CAKE SALE.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Protestant Church will conduct a cake sale at Holt Brothers grocery store next Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th. They will have on sale some very nice cakes at reasonable prices. The proceeds of the sale will be used for the benefit of the church. You are cordially invited to patronize these ladies and thereby help them in their efforts to aid the church in this way.

### VOLUNTARY BANKRUPTCY.

The Alamance Fair Association voluntarily filed a petition in bankruptcy last week and is now in the hands of receivers. The association will be re-organized in the near future.

You can lead a lish to liquor, but you can't make him break away.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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