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# THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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## GERMAN GOVERNMENT EXPECTED TO MAKE REPARATION SO FAR AS REPARATION IS POSSIBLE FOR INJURIES WHICH ARE WITHOUT MEASURE.

### ACTS ARE OBVIOUSLY SUBVERSIVE OF ALL THE PRINCIPLES OF WARFARE.

Official Text of the American Note to the German Government Recites "Recent Acts of German Authorities in Violation of American Rights."

### RECALLS FORMER GERMAN ATTITUDE

Government and People of United States Look to Germany Says Note, for Just, Prompt and Enlightened Action in This Vital Matter.

#### BURLINGTON SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR SUMMER.

Nineteen Boys and Girls Complete Course and Are Awarded Diplomas.

#### MR. BICKETT THE SPEAKER.

The commencement exercises of the Burlington graded school came to an end last night in a blaze of glory when Attorney General T. W. Bickett delivered the commencement address and diplomas were presented to the 19 boys and girls who have completed the course.

The exercises began Sunday night with the baccalaureate sermon in Front street Methodist church by Rev. J. Clyde Turner of Greensboro, Monday evening the annual debate was held in the auditorium, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings were given to receptions to the senior class.

Thursday evening class exercises were held in the auditorium. The class motto is "Imer Trou;" class flower, sweet peas; class colors, green and white; class officers, Sam Bason, president; Gladys Brown, vice-president; James White, secretary; Julia Hornaday, treasurer. The exercises began with several musical numbers rendered by pupils of the music department. The class exercises were very original and unique, taking the form of a campfire supper given the class by the president, Sam Bason, at his father's farm. The stage was a woodland scene, and the boys and girls wore middy suits and buting costumes. They sat around the fire and laughingly told the history of the past four years in an interesting way. The feature of the supper was the "horoscopia," purchased by Sam Bason, to foretell the lives of the members. This was an instrument which different members of the class looked into and read the fate of the members in an entertaining way. The class will was read by Rufus Wilson. The valedictorian of the class, Miss Margaret Hayes, made a most touching and pleasing speech in a happy manner. The marshals were: James Heritage, chief; Misses Ava Heritage, Elizabeth Faucette and Kathleen Elder, and Harvey Horne, Carl Barrett and Glenn Holt.

The graduating exercises took place in the auditorium Friday evening. The limited auditorium space was taxed to its utmost capacity and many were turned away from the doors. Of the

musical part of this program especially deserving mention are the chorus "Come Where the Lilies Bloom," by a selected double quartette, and the piano solo, "The Last Hope," Gottschalk, perfectly rendered by Miss Hennie Malone. The prize essay on "Oral Hygiene," was read by Miss Eula Waddell, and the gold medal presented to her in a few well-chosen words by DeRoy Fonville. This medal is given each year to the pupil of the school writing the best essay on this subject and is giving rise to much thought and benefit on this important matter. E. S. W. Dameron, in a short speech, presented to Miss Catherine Cox the gold medal won by her in the recitation contest of Monday night.

The address by Hon. T. W. Bickett followed this. The introduction of the speaker was made by Supt. Albert H. King. Mr. Bickett spoke for an hour, holding his audience spell-bound, in spite of the warm weather and the crowded condition of the people.

Following this certificates of promotion into the high school were awarded to the 39 pupils of the seventh grade by their teacher, Miss Lottie Hart. Immediately after a short, timely address was made by Superintendent King on the work of the year, and special stress was laid upon the great need of a new building, with larger and better accommodations.

J. H. McEwen, principal of the high school, next presented to the graduates their diplomas, as Rev. D. McEwen also gave the Bibles to them. The members of the graduating class are: Samuel Murphy Bason, Frank McDowell Bain, Mary Sae Browning, Ellen Gladys Brown, Una Mae Elder, Minnie Mary Ellis, Dorothy Louise Faucette, Mary Elizabeth Garrison, Julia Hornaday, Margaret Hayes, Georgia Frances Hatch, Mamie Marie Malone, Sallie Helen Patterson, Clara May Purcell, Kathleen Graves Strickler, Esther Daisy Taylor, Virgie Gladys Trolinger, Rufus Duniop Wilson, and James Ira White.

The year has been a most successful one, 1,150 pupils having been enrolled.

The commencement exercises of the Friendship High School will take place on Thursday and Friday of this week. Prof. Meade Hart, the Principal, has prepared a very attractive and interesting program.

#### ITALY'S ARMY IS READY FOR WAR.

Austrian Army Has Seized Italian Property By Ally Aliens.

#### DEMONSTRATIONS OF WAR.

Announcement That Premier Solandro and Cabinet Will be Retained Causes Rejoicing and Manifestations Against Austria: Factions For and Against War Fight.

#### PRESIDENT READY TO REVIEW FLEET.

His Private Yacht Mayflower Reached New York Yesterday.

#### PROGRAM FOR REVIEW.

The President Will Go Ashore at Nine-thirty this Morning and Meet Important Naval Officers; Members of Cabinet Will Accompany President During Review of Fleet.

#### ALL ARMIES MAKE HEAVY ATTACKS.

Italian Situation Adds Interest To European War Circles.

#### GERMANY GREATEST LOSER.

Allies Report Heavy Gains And Many Repulses in Germany Territory; Russian Reinforcements are Thought To Have Checked Retreat.

#### PORTUGAL FACES GREAT CIVIL WAR.

A National Government Is Being Demanded by Republicans.

Lisbon is Surrounded by Three Thousand Troops Preparing to Open Fire; Recent Government Measures Are Claimed to Be Cause of Uprising.

#### REVIVAL MEETINGS.

A crowded house both morning and evening greeted Evangelist R. V. Miller in the opening sessions of the evangelistic meetings in the Christian church Sunday.

Both his morning and evening messages drew the closest attention from his splendid audience. Rev. Miller's presentation of the truth has no touch of the sensational but is sane, safe and founded on the Word of God. R. O. Bell, who has charge of the singing created a splendid impression on the people by his enthusiastic method of getting the people to sing, as well as by his splendid voice.

He has organized a "Boys and Girls chorus," consisting of boys and girls between the ages of eight and sixteen years of age, which promises to be a great help in the meetings.

Rev. Miller is giving a series of Bible readings and studies each morning from 9:30 to 10:30. Of the Monday morning study was a fair sample. The people of Burlington cannot afford to miss these morning services. Many are predicting already that the church will not be sufficiently large enough to accommodate the crowds of people who will desire to hear these servants of God.

#### VALEDICTORY.

We take pleasure in publishing the valedictory address of Miss Margaret Hayes, who won the high honor and distinction of being valedictorian in the class of 1915 of the Burlington High School. Miss Hayes is the daughter of our clever townsman and rural mail carrier, Mr. J. M. Hayes. This honor and distinction came to her by hard work and persistent efforts in her four years of high school life. She had many difficulties and obstacles to surmount, but she maintained the grit and determination that enabled her to finally succeed. The valedictory address follows:

"Citizens of Burlington, members of the Board, teachers, visitors and fellow students, in the name of the Senior class of nineteen fifteen, I sincerely welcome you. We feel that the closing event of our High School days would not be complete without you.

This is the time that we have longed for for four long years and joyously looked forward to for the glory that would be ours. And now that we have reached this milestone on our journey it is with mingled joy and regret—joy for the results of our labors; regret because we must part, for we realize that this is the last time we shall be together. And so, you first, dear classmates, I give my parting words: It is ours to do and dare. Let us show Burlington what we can do! Let us make Burlington proud of us!

We expect you, as our friends, to give us your best sympathy and earnest co-operation in the work that each of us has chosen to do. You have done so in the past and we take this opportunity to thank you. It is with this in mind that we, the Senior class of nineteen fifteen, say farewell to the best friends we have ever had.

And at this time it is fitting that we should offer at least a small part of the gratitude that is in our hearts, to the teachers and superintendents that it has been our good fortune to come in contact with. We cannot offer a beautifully worded tribute, because heart utterances are simple and direct. But we believe that we shall feel your influence through all coming life and never cease to hold you in memory dear.

And now we have finished. After tonight our childhood days will be gone forever and we shall prepare ourselves for the struggle of life and seek our appointed places in the affairs of the world. But we believe that Burlington needs us. We go, but we are coming back. We are going to do our part in making our city the Bigger, Better Burlington, for which we have all planned and earnestly hoped.

#### ATTENTION, DEBTERS.

The Young Men's Debating Club of Burlington will meet in regular session on Thursday evening of this week at eight o'clock. The program consists of a debate on the question of capital punishment, and there will doubtless be an interesting argument. All members are urged to be present.

#### SELLERS RAISES GOOD SELLERS.

Mr. R. J. Sellers is some chicken man. Starting on the eighteenth of March, without an incubator, he has successfully raised 160 healthy, vigorous biddies.—Oxford Public Ledger.

Mr. Sellers is a former Burlingtonian and his friends here will be glad to learn of his good luck in raising chickens.

The big fish, as usual, continues to get away from the big liar.

#### PRESENTATION SPEECH OF THE JOHN BENNERS GIBBLE DEBATORS MEDAL.

Delivered Before Large Audience in Graded School Auditorium—On Occasion of Annual Commencement Debate.

(By W. H. Carroll.)

Rev. John Benners Gibble, one of Burlington's most esteemed and highly appreciated ministers, desiring to advance the cause of education in our midst, and stimulate a desire among the pupils of this school to strive for success in the line of debate, of his own means, has awarded a Debators Medal, which he hopes to make permanent from year to year to the best debater in the Burlington High School.

This philanthropic and patriotic sentiment on his part, merits and receives the plaudits of all Burlington. To the recipient of this medal it should be a peculiar source of real pleasure as long as he lives. First because of the donor who has made it possible, and second because of the fact that real work and merit on the part of the recipient wins it.

The Iron Cross and other cheap clap-trap is being placed on heroes for martial valor on the other side of the Atlantic. We will not attempt to minimize or to speculate upon the merits or demerits of the beneficiaries who are obtaining them. We are strictly neutral in this great war, and it matters not what our opinion is, or where our sympathies are centered. It behooves us to remember that we are Americans, and it is for us for the present to be silent but to continue to maintain the prestige and dignity of this great country of ours. But, when this conflict of arms is over, when the last gun has been fired, when the last submarine and Zeppelin air-craft is called from this scene of ghastly conflict, when the science of war has spent itself in every form of destruction known to man in this electric age, the real great and final battle will begin. It will be a battle of reason. A battle of eloquence. A battle of stern debate, the names of heroes wearing the Iron Cross will soon be swallowed up in oblivion, while these in the coil of reason will live forever in imperishable glory. The power of debate will never grow old, never become obsolete, never go out of use. To possess this power and to be able to exert it in the time of need, whether on the platform, in the forum, at the sacred desk, at the bar of our courts or in the hustings, is an accomplishment that is God-given, and should be cherished and cultivated by every one who possesses it.

Mr. Steele, the Judges of this debate, by their verdict say you possess this power in no mean degree. By hard work and study, you have trained this particular talent, and to night your friends and loved ones are proud to take you by the hand and congratulate you for the great success you have accomplished. We are all proud of you, and you have a right to be proud of yourself. But do not let it all end here, nor diminish your efforts for still greater accomplishment. Remember that you are just beginning, be not overcome by this success, for with it comes responsibilities and tomorrow you may be defeated. You will find others upon the battlefield of oratory and eloquence, and should you come in contact with them, do not underestimate their powers or go in the contest without preparation and study. You have this almost Divine power, and in order to make it a real asset in your

life, let me beg you to cultivate it. Always live right and then you will have the courage and the hardihood to stand for the right. No coward has ever succeeded at anything. Be brave. Be a man. Always honor yourself and in order to do this live honorably before God and man. As long as your own right conduct is approved by an enlightened conscience, it may some times matter little what others think of you. Do right as you see it, and stand for the right as it appeals to you and at all times and on all occasions as long as you live, use this God-given power to help your fellow man, eradicate error and to spread righteousness in the world.

At the request of Rev. John Benners Gibble, you having obtained the highest vote of the judges of this debate, are entitled to accept this beautiful gold medal, and it is a pleasure to me to present it to you. May you ever wear it with pleasure to yourself and with honor to this great school, and to the kind hearted, big souled, educator and Christian gentlemen who authorize me to present it to you.

#### MRS. WILLIAMSON ENTERTAINS.

Two Literary Clubs of Burlington Enjoy Afternoon of Rare Pleasure.

Burlington, May 15.—Mrs. James N. Williamson, Jr., delightfully entertained the Woman's Literary club Tuesday afternoon. She had as guests also the Tuesday Afternoon Literary club. The home was made beautiful with early spring flowers, white and different shades of pink being used throughout. The library was exceptionally beautiful with a profusion of glowing pink roses in baskets of every shape. Snap-dragon and meadow lilies were used in the halls and drawing room while the dining room presented a fairy-like scene of beauty in its decorations of pink sweet peas and lilies of the valley. Here Mrs. Banks Williamson served punch.

Miss Mary Archer Williamson met the guests at the door and conducted them to the library, where they were received by Mrs. Williamson, Mrs. J. H. Spencer and Miss Minnie Williamson.

Mrs. J. W. Menefee ushered the guests into the large room on the western side of the house. Mrs. Williamson had arranged a rare treat for her guests in the address on Sidney Lanier by Prof. W. C. Smith, of the State Normal college, Greensboro. After he was gracefully introduced in a short speech by Miss Minnie Williamson, the president of the club, he gave a comprehensive sketch of the life and works of Sidney Lanier.

After this address the guests were invited by Mrs. D. E. Seilars into the dining room where another artistic and delicious feast was enjoyed.

After a delightful hour spent here the guests departed and the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Lynn B. Williamson Wednesday.

Mr. Robert L. Holt entertained at dinner Mr. and Mrs. James N. Williamson and their guests, Mrs. Robt. Oats, of Flat Rock, and Mrs. O. Marqued, of Danville, Va., and Miss Minnie Williamson and Walter Holt Friday evening at his very attractive bungalow, near Glencoe mills.

#### ICE CREAM SUPPER.

There will be an ice cream supper on the lawn of the Methodist Protestant church next Saturday night, May 22, given by the Junior Philathea class of that church. The public is cordially invited to go out and help the young ladies in their efforts. The proceeds will be used for the benefit of the church.