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## CLASS EXERCISES.

### At the Graded School Last Night—Scholarships Won by Brower and Sherrill.

The class exercises last night completed the commencement program of the Concord Public Schools and the class of 1910, twenty-two in number passed out into history.

The exercises last night were conducted entirely by the graduating class and the auditorium was crowded with people to witness the exercises by the graduates, and no one could resist a feeling of pride when the different representatives of the class would complete their part of the programme, and as they turned back to their seats with their last duty to their class and school performed they would be greeted with deafening applause by the audience. Every one on the program performed his or her part in a manner that not only did credit to themselves but to the class and to the school.

The exercises were begun with the class of 1910 singing "Farewell to Our School." The President of the class, Miss Elizabeth Irwin Woodhouse, in a manner that showed the wisdom of her classmates in bestowing the highest honor of their class upon her, then presented to the audience the class of 1910.

Miss Mary Francis Hartsell read a paper, "The Class, Its Past and Future," which was thoroughly enjoyed by every one. Miss Hartsell traced the history of the class from the day they entered the first grade to the graduating day. Tracing their gradual growth through the different processes of development in their ascent toward graduation, recalling a number of events that had transpired during the years the class of 1910 had been on their journey toward reaching the coveted goal where they now stood, recalled the pleasant memories that lingered with them of the social events they had attended together.

Mr. William Montgomery Sherrill, class orator, delivered his oration, "The March to Appomattox." Mr. Sherrill's speech showed that in him the class had found an orator that was fully capable of delivering an oration in keeping with the high standard of excellence the class had acquired in all its undertakings.

The next number on the program was the class poem by Miss Edna Camm Campbell, class poet, which was well read, and which breathed forth in verse the tender sentiments of the members of the class of 1910.

"Henry W. Grady," a declamation, by Edwin Neil Brower, was delivered by him in such way as to win the admiration of all who heard it which showed a thorough preparation and was delivered in a forceful and direct manner that did credit both to him and his class.

"The Last Will and Testament of the Class" by Miss Margaret Query, proved to be a most delightful legal instrument and at times when she would read out some of the wills and bequests of the class they would be followed by roars of laughter from the audience.

Miss Willie May Stratford presented the class gift, a bust of Washington. In a few well chosen remarks she expressed the regret that was felt by the class in leaving the school and also their desire to donate a gift that would keep alive the memory of the class of 1910.

Mr. M. B. Stickleby, on behalf of the school accepted the gift, speaking feelingly of the relationship between the members of the school board and the class. He closed his remarks by telling the graduating class that they rejoiced with them and expected great things of them in the life upon which they are about to enter.

Superintendent Lentz then announced the winners of the scholarships, stating at the time that on account of Prof. Webb's absence all of the scholarships could not be announced. These scholarships are given to the boy who averages over 85 and is in the estimation of the teacher prepared to enter the college in which they are given. The highest average among the boys entitles him to a scholarship to the University of North Carolina, the next highest to scholarship at Trinity College. The scholarship to the University was awarded to Mr. William Montgomery Sherrill, and the one to Trinity to Mr. Alfred Neil Brower.

Mr. Lentz then made reference to the remarkable record of one of the members of the class, Mr. William Montgomery Sherrill, who has been a student at the school for the past ten years and during that time has never missed a day or been tardy a single time or even missed a recitation. Mr. Lentz stated that Mr. Sherrill's father and mother desired to present him with a gift through the school and Dr. Smoot, chairman of the school board, in a few well chosen words presented to Mr. Sherrill a handsome gold watch.

Miss Margaret Query is another member of the graduating class who deserves special mention. She entered the graded school in the third

grade and was promoted from that to the fifth. She completed the course from the third grade to graduation without missing a day or being tardy. This is a fine record.

The class and the audience joined in singing "The Class of Nineteen Ten" and the audience adjourned.

## Court Cases Disposed of.

The criminal docket at this term of court was completed today at noon and court took a recess until tomorrow morning, when the civil docket will be taken up.

The case of Kriminger for cutting a telephone wire, which was tried some time ago in a magistrate's court, at which time the justice failed to bind the defendant over to court and the prosecution took an appeal on the matter of costs, was heard yesterday afternoon and after all the evidence was submitted the case was dismissed and the costs will have to be paid by Kriminger.

Other cases disposed of were: Mack Gunter, affray; fined \$30 including costs.

Bob Ritchie, store breaking; 60 days on the road.

George Jones, larceny, four months on chain gang.

The case against Fannie Jefferson, charged with infanticide was continued until next term of court. An agreement was made between the solicitor and the defendant's counsel, Messrs. Hartsell and Maness, that a physician practicing in this State, who is a specialist in mental diseases be employed and examine the defendant and to appear here at the next term of court to give testimony in the case. The Jefferson negro will plead insanity in her defense.

## Some Near-Poetry by George Jones.

This morning while the grand jury was making its visit to the jail, George Jones, one of the jail inmates, handed to Mr. C. F. Barrier, a member of the grand jury, the following "poem" which he composed:

When this you see, think of me,  
And think how bad I would like to be free;  
But I will have to rest with ease,  
And lay in jail and eat cow peas  
Which I cannot digest,  
But I will try and do my best,  
And lay in jail and take my rest.  
Pigs were made to bite and squeal  
But the more peas I eat the tighter I feel.

## Cleaning up the City.

The wagons started yesterday morning removing the trash in the clean up contest and up to noon today the following number of barrels were reported as moved, with 20 barrels to the load: Earl Dayvault 60, Robert Miller 40, O. C. Seaborn 40, N. E. Baker 40, Wilma Miller 38, Sam Petrea 26, Shirley Howell 25, Crowley Rogers 24, Glen Corzine 23, Joe Hendrix 23, Robt. Faggart 20, J. M. Coley 20, Herbert Draughan 20, Lewis Johnson 20, Wilbur Linker 20, Lonnie Penning 20, Lloyd Platt 20, Propst Russell 17, Will Davis 10, Haskell Petrea 10, Daisy Widenhouse 8, Sid Troy 5, Paul Holsbouser 5, Ansel McGinnis 4, Frank Davis 2.

## A Voluminous Deed.

Register of Deeds Harris is now engaged in registering one of the most voluminous legal instruments ever registered in this county, a mortgage from the Southern Power Co., to The Farmers' Loan & Trust Co., of New York, for \$10,000,000 five per cent. twenty year gold bonds, with interest payable semi-annually. The document covers all the plants of the company, the transmission lines, substations and lands, with a full survey of each, making 138 pages of printed matter in booklet form. This mortgage will be registered in every county in this and other States where the company has property.

## Mr. Luther Boger Buys the Scott Property.

Mr. L. E. Boger purchased the Scott property on West Corbin street yesterday from the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. This property was owned by H. S., J. H. and Mary E. Freeman and was sold to the Citizens Bank and Trust Co. by Mr. W. J. Hill, trustee. Mr. Boger will begin at once the erection of a modern garage on this property and the work will be pushed to completion as soon as possible. Mr. Boger will equip his new garage with all up-to-date equipment giving Concord a garage second to none in the State.

## Special Evangelistic Services.

The special evangelistic services at the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church began last Sunday and are being held every night, the prayer and praise service beginning at 7:45 o'clock and preaching at 8 o'clock. Rev. J. H. Pressley, a noted evangelist of Statesville, will arrive today and assist Rev. J. W. Simpson in conducting the meeting, which will continue for a week or ten days. A cordial invitation is extended to the public to attend these services.

## THE GENERAL CONFERENCE.

### Unfavorable Report on Equal Rights for Women.

Mr. R. M. Phillips, of the Greensboro News, who is in Asheville attending the General Conference, among other things has the following in his paper today:

A resolution fixing next Friday as the day for the election of bishops was voted down, the conference preferring to wait for the matter to come up regularly on the report of the committee on episcopacy.

The Vanderbilt University question, which involves the principle of church control of church schools, continues to be the most absorbing matter before the conference, and second only in interest to the election of bishops. The most able among the leaders are divided on this question, even the present members of the college of bishops not being united on it. Bishop Hendrix, in addressing the committee on education on the matter, strongly favors leaving the bishops of the church as advisory members of the board of trust, thus maintaining, he claims, the institution's character both as a church and a national college at the same time. Bishop Hoss is leading the contention that there should be a change and that the institution should be placed under the full and absolute control of the church.

A flood of memorials were presented and referred to the proper committees. One of notable interest was a memorial calling for a resident bishop on the Pacific coast. This produced quite a smile on the faces of the bishops seated on the platform, but it was impossible to get a glimpse of the effect on those who may be classed as near-bishops. It is not at all unlikely that some capable man will be willing to accept the responsibility of a residence on the Pacific coast with the other duties of the high office, if the conference, in its wisdom so orders it.

At a meeting of the committee on revisals, held tonight, the question of equal rights of the women with that of the laity was thoroughly debated and after a long discussion, by a vote of 17 to 6, the committee decided against the memorial presented by the women, in which they asked for equal representation with the men, and will report to the conference no concurrence.

A minority report will also be presented by the six gentlemen who voted in favor of the women.

Bishop Honda, of the Methodist church of Japan, and fraternal delegate to Methodist Episcopal church, South, Rev. M. Hori, and Rev. Y. Tanaka, two native ministers, were introduced and took seats on the rostrum.

A resolution providing for the change of the word "man" in the marriage ceremony to "husband" produced laughter.

A resolution was introduced that the Sunday preceding Labor day be set aside for sermons on labor subjects; that each annual conference take necessary steps to secure the observance of that day. This is in accordance with a resolution of the American Federation of Labor. The resolution was referred to the committee on temperance and other moral and social issues.

The pulpits Sunday were filled by pastors attending the Southern Methodist Conference, and the centre of interest was Central Church, where Bishop A. W. Wilson, of Baltimore, preached. Although he is 77 years old, he preached with the vigor and power of a man in mid-life. He charmed and swayed the vast congregation, and sob and earnest responses were heard. At the close of the sermon the Bishop received an ovation, many pressing forward to clasp his hand and thank him for his sermon.

## Mr. Doughton Here.

Mr. Robert L. Doughton, of Alleghany county, is in Concord today. Mr. Doughton has decided to allow his name to go before the convention for the nomination for Congress in this district, but he is not a candidate in the sense that he will enter any scramble for the nomination. Mr. Doughton is senator from the district composed of Ashe, Alleghany and Watauga, and although this district two years ago went Republican by about 250 majority, Mr. Doughton carried it by about 500. He is very popular in the western counties, and will have no opposition in that part of the district. He is a brother of former Lieutenant Governor, Hon. Rufus A. Doughton, and is a man of ability and of the highest character.

J. W. Bailey and Josephus Daniels heading a list of seventy-six democrats of Raleigh and Wake county, issue a call for another democratic mass meeting to assemble in Raleigh Saturday, May 14, to take action against what they declare to be a rule within the party in county politics. This is intended by its promoters to be an orderly sequel to the sensational meetings held there April 30th.

## HONORING THE MEMORY OF COL. PAUL B. MEANS.

### Concord Bar Adopts Resolutions of Respect—Tributes Paid to His Life.

At the opening of the court this morning a meeting of the members of the Concord bar was held out of respect for the memory of the late Col. Paul B. Means. The following resolution was passed by a rising vote, not only of the members of the bar but of all the citizens present:

Whereas, it has pleased God to remove from our midst Col. Paul Barringer Means, therefore, be it resolved:

First, That in the death of Col. Paul Barringer Means we, the members of the Concord bar, have lost a loving friend, and wise counsellor, our country an able and fearless lawyer, and our State has lost a true and loyal son, a brave and heroic soldier, and a conscientious statesman.

Second, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this court and be sent to his bereaved family.

The following friends and associates spoke upon the life of Col. Means and his service to his State and country and many were the beautiful tributes paid him by these men who had known him through a life time's association: Ex-Judge W. J. Montgomery, H. S. Puryear, Heriot Clarkson, D. B. Coltrane, L. T. Hartsell, H. S. Williams, M. B. Stickleby, T. D. Maness, J. Lee Crowell and Judge Geo P. Pell.

It was ordered by the court that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the records and it was also further ordered that a page in the record of the court be left vacant to the memory of Col. Means.

## A Smile on Its Face.

Charlotte Chronicle.

The rains of Saturday and Sunday have put a smile on the face of the earth. The season has advanced beyond the danger point from frost, cotton and corn are growing, cherries have ripened and peaches and apples are taking on size. The fruit trees need to be bracing themselves against the load their limbs are going to be called upon to bear, for fewer blossoms blew off unfruitful than has been known in many years. The improved system of corn growing is to have its first real test this summer and the chances are that Mecklenburg will score a record crop. The cotton crop may be larger than usual. It is certain that it will not fall below the average. This part of the country never entered upon the crop growing season in more promising shape.

One of the features of the Salem commencement will be a reception on Monday evening, May 22d, to Mrs. Stonewall Jackson, one of the distinguished alumnae of the school, which will be given under the auspices of the Alumnae Association.

The members of the tenth grade of the graded school are having a picnic at Bradford's mill today.

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## THE STREET CAR LINE.

### It is Expected that the Cars Will be Running Within 40 Days.

Mr. W. F. Snider, of Salisbury, president of the Piedmont Carolina Railway, returned last night from Grand Rapids, Mich., where he purchased the majority of the stock of the Salisbury-Spencer Street Car Co., including the gas and electric plant, for his company. This is the company that is constructing the street car line in this city and Mr. T. H. Vanderford stated this morning that this will mean a big improvement in the line for this city.

When asked as to when the cars would be in operation in this city, Mr. Vanderford said that he thought that it would be within thirty or forty days. That the poles for the trolley line were being prepared now, and a large force of hands would begin work Monday in putting them up; that by the time this work is completed the track will have already been completed to the depot, and that they would then put the cars in operation, but would continue the work of completing the line over the proposed route.

When asked as to the report that the Southern Power Co. was behind the deal for the Salisbury-Spencer line Mr. Vanderford stated that it was not and that the line was purchased solely for the Piedmont Carolina Railway Company.

## PERSONAL MENTION.

### Some of the State Library Where ... Come and Go.

Mr. Robert Leffer, of Dallas, Tex., is visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. R. E. L. Murphy, of Little Rock, Ark., and Mrs. A. E. Cohen, of Charlotte, spent yesterday in the city the guest of Miss Jennie Smith.

Misses Cora Ketter, Ruth Thom, Zelia Corriher, Ora Fisher and Ella Mouse and Messrs. Fred Foil, J. Y. McEachren, Lee Foil, Capt. W. B. Poreher and Dr. G. D. Moore, of Mt. Pleasant, spent last evening in the city to witness Paul Gilmore in "The Mummy and The Humming Bird."

## Death of Prof. Webb's Mother.

Mrs. R. S. Webb, mother of Prof. A. S. Webb, of Concord, died yesterday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Cannon, near Greensboro, after a few days illness of pneumonia. Mr. Webb was called to his mother's bedside last week and remained with her until the end came. She was the widow of the Rev. R. S. Webb, for many years a prominent minister of the Western North Carolina Conference. Mrs. Webb was 67 years of age, and a woman of beautiful Christian character. The interment took place near Mebane this afternoon.

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