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The most vital need of our time is to broaden the scope and enlarge the horizon of Christian ethics; in a word, to realize the Kingdom in all life. For today the larger part of human life is untouched by Jesus' gospel.—Henry Kendall Booth—The Great Galilean Returns, Scribner's. Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness.—Matthew 6:33.

### A Long and Honorable Record

ON July 1 of the present year M. D. Billings will retire as superintendent of schools for Macon county after serving the schools for 40 years, eight years as teacher and principal, and 32 years continuously as county superintendent.

This is a record of service which has been equalled by few officials in North Carolina or elsewhere, and embraces the entire period during which the common schools of the state progressed from haphazard methods, little money and few trained teachers, to the modern, highly efficient and constantly expanding system of today. And in that progress Mr. Billings has had a large part.

He will leave the office after many years of work well done, and his retirement will be felt with deep regret by hundreds of our citizens who have been educated under his supervision.

### "A Very Constructive Job"

THE record of the 1939 session of the General Assembly was aptly characterized by Governor Hoey as a "very constructive job."

While many institutions and departments of the state failed to receive all the funds asked for, the appropriation bill carries substantial increases all along the line, and the legislators prorated what they had to spend in a way that will no doubt prove satisfactory to the majority of the people.

The appropriation measure is the largest in the history of the state, but the large increase in income tax returns seems to indicate that all departments will go through the next biennium without a deficit.

In the matter of health, the laws requiring physical examination of both parties before marriage, and blood tests for expectant mothers, will aid in the state's anti-syphilis campaign.

The abolition of absentee voting in primary elections and doing away with professional markers in all elections will go far toward the prevention of scandals and the charges of crookedness which are heard after every political campaign.

The teacher retirement bill failed to pass, but a workable measure will probably be enacted at the next session.

Taken altogether, the work of the Assembly was constructive and progressive, and will be approved by the voters.



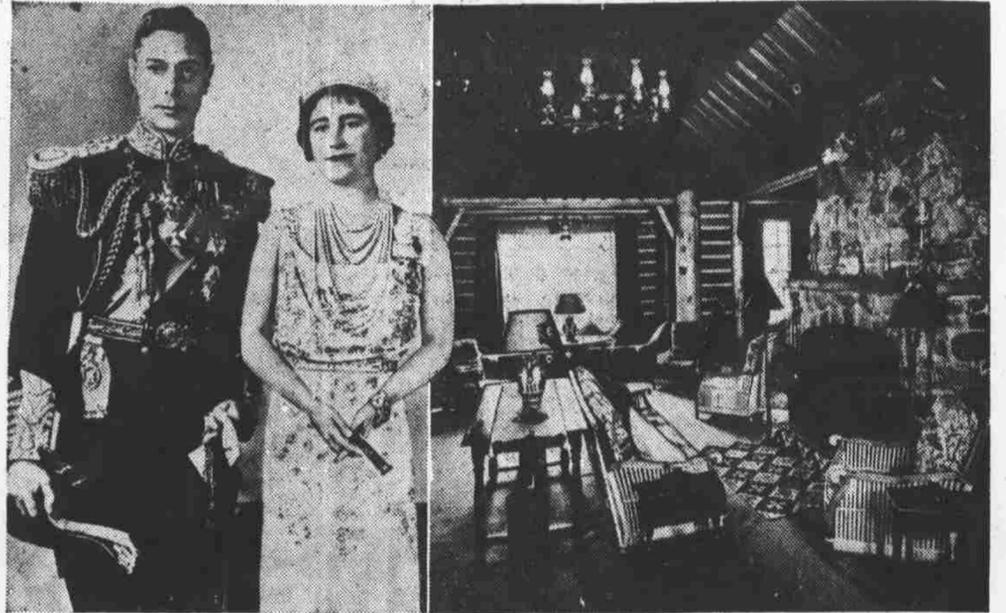
### JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AT COUNTRY CLUB

Gay Dutch music, Dutch boys and girls, and even Dutch food, turned the country club into a veritable Holland last Friday night at the annual junior-senior banquet which was attended by 180 happy students.

The Dutch motif was carried out throughout the evening. From the soft glow of the Aladdin lamps to

the little Dutch windmill in front of the welcoming fireplace, Holland seemed to be in America! Down the center of the banquet tables were miniature blue and white windmills alternated by blue vases of yellow jonquils and spirea. The favors and place cards combined were pairs of wooden shoes, Dutch boys, Dutch girls, and windmills. An attractive booklet with a sentimental Holland scene contained the

## Canada Prepares for Royal Visit in May



The first visit ever paid to Canada by a reigning British sovereign will be marked on May 15 when King George VI and his queen, pictured at the left, will arrive in Quebec. The royal couple will spend four days in the United States, according to present plans. They will visit all the principal cities of Canada, before returning home on the battle cruiser Repulse. At the right is pictured a portion of the living room in the bungalow which the king and queen will occupy at the main lodge in Jasper National park, Alberta, for one of their periods of rest.

program of the evening, the menu, the songs, and a page for autographs.

The gaiety of the evening began when "The Flying Dutchman," Henry Cabe, toastmaster of the evening and president of the junior class, introduced eight waitresses, dressed as Dutch boys and girls, who sang a Dutch welcome. These girls, little sisters of the junior class, were Jessie Mae Barnard, Helen Franks, Lucile Calloway, Byrda Nell Southard, Marie Dean, Janell Green, Virginia Bryant, and Helen Dills, and they served efficiently throughout the evening in typical Dutch fashion.

The theme song of the banquet was "Little Dutch Mill" which was sung by all at intervals.

A. J. Davis gave a toast, "To the Little Dutch Girl" whom he compared to the girls of Franklin high school whom he assured will never be forgotten.

Louise Blaine gave "To the Little Dutch Boy" which consisted of a toast to the boys of Franklin high school.

In giving the toast to the faculty, Dorothy Jones compared them to the tulips of Holland—and admired, but of different colors and hues.

Mr. Wells, in responding to this toast, compared the four classes of high school to the four sails of a windmill.

The president of the senior class, J. C. Jacobs, gave "Boating on the Canals," a toast to the juniors. He likened the four years of high school to a ride on a canal and expressed appreciation to the junior class for making the end of the trip enjoyable.

Entertaining features of the evening were two songs, "In a Little Dutch Kindergarden" and "Its Tulip Time in Holland," by Dorothy Sloan; a pianologue, "O-o-olo Vot Dot Lena Could Eat," by J. C. Cunningham; and a Dutch dance from the operetta, "Hansel and Gretel."

The program was brought to a close by all singing "Tiptoe Through the Tulips With Me."

### FRANKLIN LOSES IN TRIANGULAR DEBATE

Franklin High's debating teams suffered a severe blow when both her negative and affirmative teams lost—the affirmative to Robbinsville, and the negative to Andrews. The question that was debated was, "Shall the United States form an Alliance with Great Britain?" The Franklin affirmative teams, Jack Tessier and Wilson Ledford debated against the Robbinsville team at Franklin High Friday morning at 10 o'clock. The negative team, John Wasilik and Eugene Furr debated the Andrews team at Andrews Friday afternoon. Each of the teams put up a strong argument and showed the result of long hours of coaching and preparation.

### FIRST GRADE ENTERTAINS FRIDAY

The first grade invited the mothers and the second grade to its room Friday morning and gave the following program:  
1. Prayer—"Father, we thank Thee," by all the children,

2. A group of songs by all the children.

- a. Springtime
- b. The Windmill
- c. A Bird Nest
- d. The Robin

3. A story—"The Little Red Hen," read by Minnie Lee Gibson and dramatized by Verna Marie Greene, Carolyn Sypher, Jimmy Sutton, George Waldroop, Patsy Sutton.

4. "Chicken Little"—dramatized by George Stevens, Veilla Gene McGlamery, Ernest McNeil, Nora Lee Carpenter, L. T. Calloway, Burt Leach.

5. A puppet show—"Little Red Riding Hood."

The story was told by Mildred Ann McCollum. The puppets were operated by Curley Gene Walker, Alvin Styles, Charles Moore, Ernest McNeil and Eugene Greene.

Minnie Lee Gibson, Reporter.

### Muse's Corner

#### APRIL HILLS

"How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of Him . . ."  
Who loved the Galilean hills  
And in the forest dim

Walked beneath the kindly trees  
As I have done today—  
The groves were God's first  
temples,"  
E'er man learned to pray

On cushioned stool, beneath a Cross  
And painted Seraphim . . .  
"How beautiful upon the mountains  
Are the feet of Him . . ."  
BESS H. HINES  
Kenansville, N. C.

### Soybean Meal Cheap Source Of Nitrogen

Prof. C. B. Williams, head of the agronomy department of State college, recommends soybean meal as a source of organic nitrogen in mixed fertilizers. He points out that it is cheaper than many other standard sources of this most necessary part of fertilizer formulas.

In answer to numerous questions about the value and comparative cost of soybean meal, Prof. Williams issued the following statement:

"During the past month a goodly number of inquiries have come to me with reference to the value of soybean meal as a source of organic nitrogen in mixed fertilizers. From the information which is available, this material is an excellent source, standing in excellence with such standard carriers as cottonseed meal, fish scrap and dried blood.

"From quotations which I secured, the nitrogen contained in soybean meal, retailing at \$27 per ton, cost 16 cents per pound while the nitrogen derived from cottonseed meal at \$29 per ton cost 21 cents per pound.

"A considerable tonnage of soybeans have been crushed by the cotton oil mills of the state this year, making available their fine source of organic nitrogen for use

by North Carolina farmers. At present prices, so far as our information goes, soybean meal is the cheapest source of organic nitrogen and cottonseed meal is next. Dried blood and fish scrap are more expensive carriers of this essential plant food.

### Macon Theatre

Matinees 3:30 P. M.  
Night Show 7:30 and 9:30  
SHOWING FROM 1:30 TO  
11 P. M. SATURDAYS

### PROGRAM FOR WEEK

FRIDAY, APRIL 7  
"SECRET SERVICE OF  
THE AIR"

RONALD REGAN, JOHN LITEL,  
ILA RHODES, JAMES STEPHENSON,  
EDDIE FOY, Jr.  
A thrill from start to finish!

SATURDAY, APRIL 8  
Double Feature Program

Another rip-roaring round-up of  
Cassidy thrills!  
"SILVER ON THE  
SAGE"

WILLIAM BOYD With  
GEORGE HAYS  
RUSSELL HAYDEN  
And

"THE ADVENTURES  
OF JANE ARDEN"

Starring ROSELLA TOWNE  
With WILLIAM GARGAN  
JAMES STEPHENSON  
BENNY RUBIN

MONDAY, APRIL 10  
Robert Louis Stevenson's  
Immortal Adventure  
WALLACE BEERY  
JACKIE COOPER  
IN

"TREASURE ISLAND"

With LIONEL BARRYMORE  
OTTO KRUGER  
LEWIS STONE  
NIGEL BRUCE  
CHARLES "Chic" SALE

TUESDAY, APRIL 11  
"THERE'S THAT  
WOMAN AGAIN"

MELVYN DOUGLAS  
VIRGINIA BRUCE  
MARGARET LINDSAY

Delightful and sparkling with Virginia Bruce as the giddy wife who decides to crack the big jewel case for her detective husband.

WED.-THUR., 12-13  
SHIRLEY TEMPLE IN  
HER FIRST ALL TECHNI-  
COLOR PICTURE

"THE LITTLE  
PRINCESS"

With RICHARD GREENE  
ANITA LOUISE, IAN HUNTER,  
CESAR ROMERO, ARTHUR  
TREACHER, MARY NASH  
And Others You Will Enjoy

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