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## BENSON HIGH SCHOOL CLOSES

Address by E. S. W. Dameron.—  
Democrats Carry Town Election.—  
House Destroyed by Fire.

Benson May 8.—Miss Naomi Vinson, of Smithfield, spent several days recently with Mrs. Jesse McLamb.

Miss Rosa Canaday, of Snow Hill, came Monday and will visit relatives here for several days.

Miss Pauline Oates, of Red Springs, is here this week, the guest of her sister, Miss Janie Bell Oates.

Miss Edith Hassell, of Smithfield, was here Sunday spending the day with Miss Ida Thompson.

Messrs. Claud Canaday and J. C. Warren, who are students at the University of North Carolina, attended commencement here this week.

Mrs. C. H. Biggs, of Lillington, has been here for some time with her sister, Mrs. J. L. Hall.

Miss Mary Gordon, of Hamlet, N. C., is here on a visit to her sister, Mrs. J. R. Barbour.

Mrs. Luna Tolar, who taught in the Benson High School last year, is here with Mrs. J. H. Rose.

Misses Stella and Stratha Benson are here this week, the guests of Mrs. Moses Peacock.

Rev. J. M. Duncan filled his regular appointment at the Parrish Memorial Baptist church Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Carl Ryals and Miss Lona Hawley, of Hamlet, are here for the past few days with relatives.

Mr. J. B. Faircloth went to Clinton Saturday where he spent Sunday at his old home, returning to Benson Monday.

Mr. Clem Bryan and family, of Clayton, are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Godwin.

Messrs. W. D. Boon, Alonzo Parrish and J. H. Godwin went to Raleigh Monday on business.

Mr. W. C. Woodall, of the firm of Rose and Company, is in Durham today on business for his firm.

The city election went off very quietly Tuesday, the democratic ticket being elected by from sixteen to twenty-four majority. The new officers, Jesse Britt, Mayor; Messrs. W. T. Martin, W. D. Boon, P. B. Johnson and Preston Woodall, Commissioners, will be installed at the regular meeting Thursday night. The best of feeling exists over the result of the election from the men who were on both tickets and here's hoping that untidely every citizen in the town will stand with the new officers and make Benson the most progressive town in the county.

Among those who attended the commencement exercises here this week we note, from Smithfield, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lassiter, Misses Annie Peacock and Ellen Eldridge, Prof. Royall and Mrs. J. C. Stancill. From Four Oaks, Misses Mary and Neva Barbour, Golda Creech, Messrs. J. W. and D. H. Sanders, L. C. Barbour, Chester and Victor Cole, Milton Massengill and Hunter Creech.

The residence on Main Street occupied by Messrs. Lexie and Jesse Stephenson with their families, was destroyed by fire Sunday night. The fire company did excellent work but the flames had made such headway when the alarm was given that nothing could be saved. The building with its entire contents was destroyed. There was very little insurance on the property.

The annual commencement of the Benson High school closed Tuesday night. The exercises began Friday night with drills, songs, dialogues and a Tom Thumb wedding by the little folks. Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. Walter N. Johnson, of Wake Forest, the sermon being an earnest appeal to the audience to become "Fishers of Men" in the every day walks of life. The services were added to by an anthem sung by a choir of teachers and pupils.

Monday evening a Japanese play was given by the expression class; a drill, "The Vestal Virgins" by the high school girls, and music completed the program.

Tuesday morning the reciters' con-

test was held, a number of young girls competing for the medals which were awarded to Gertrude Surles and Nettie Anderson.

This contest was followed by the annual address which was delivered by Hon. E. S. W. Dameron, of Burlington, N. C. The address was one of the best ever delivered in Benson, it being a plea for a higher physical, mental and spiritual development of man. The address was heard by a large and appreciative audience who congratulated the school on securing so noted a speaker as Mr. Dameron.

In the afternoon the declamers' contest was held, several young men competing for the medal which was awarded to Jefferson Barefoot.

Following this contest a game of ball between the Smithfield and Benson teams was pulled off, the score resulting in a tie of two to each school.

The graduating exercises Tuesday night concluded the commencement which did not disappoint the large crowds who had gathered to hear it.

Nine pupils, Walter Strickland, James Raynor, John Hall, Jasper Massengill, Eli Morgan, Nettie Anderson, Bertha Johnson, Hattie Allen and Ida Ivey, received their diplomas, which were presented by Rev. J. M. Duncan of the Benson Baptist church, after which medals and prizes were delivered to a large number of students to whom they had been given by the members of the faculty.

This has been one of the most successful terms in the life of the school, due largely to the efficiency of Prof. Rose and his excellent assistants. Prof. Rose will not be back next term, he having resigned, to the regret of the entire student body.

At a meeting Tuesday the board of trustees elected to succeed him Prof. S. C. Garrison, of Lincoln county, an alumnus of Wake Forest College.

### THE DEATH OF A GOOD MAN.

It is with a sad heart that I make the attempt to write the death of my father, C. V. Byrd.

He had a stroke of Paralysis March 1, 1910, and gradually grew worse until the end came Saturday night, April 23, 1913.

He bore his afflictions with patience, never murmuring nor complaining. He had been helpless two years, and during that time he never seemed to get impatient.

He was forty-four years old. All was done for him that loving hands could do but none could stay the icy hands of death. God knew best and said come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest, and he obeyed the call.

He united with the Primitive Baptist church at Hannahs Creek two years ago. He was a good father and neighbor, always ready to help the poor and needy.

Let us all try to live such a life that we may be prepared to spend eternity with him where parting will be no more.

He was laid to rest at Hannahs Creek cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of friends and relatives which had gathered to give him the last sad farewell.

Besides a wife and six children, he leaves a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss, but our loss is his eternal gain. It is hard to part with one so dear, but let us bow in humble submission to the Father's will.

Oh, we loved him, yes, we loved him, but the saviour loved him better and took him to live with him.

Wont that be a happy meeting when we all meet dear father around the great white throne where we can be together for ever, where parting and sadness will be no more.

His loving daughter,  
MATTIE TYNER.

### EYES BLOWN OUT.

Mr. C. L. Perry who was in Kenly yesterday informs us of a distressing accident that occurred there yesterday when the eyes of Arnold White were blown out and his face terribly disfigured by an explosion of dynamite he was using in a well being dug for the town. After fixing the charge in the well and lighting the fuse White remarked he was not afraid and looked in about the time the explosion occurred. He was fearfully injured. Physicians made the man as comfortable as possible.—Wilson Times, May 3.

## SELMA HAS QUIET TOWN ELECTION

Selma May 7.—Mr. Howard A. Hood is here on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Hood.

Mrs. W. T. Woodard and little son have returned from a visit to relatives in the country.

The election passed off very quietly. Mr. M. F. Nordan was elected Mayor and Messrs. W. T. Woodard, F. M. Hood C. P. Harper and B. S. Reynolds Commissioners.

For Trustees of the Selma Graded school, Messrs. Eli Taylor, I. T. Wood, Wm. Ferrell, C. A. Corbett, J. J. Deans, I. T. Rains and T. M. Benoy were elected.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parker, of Fayetteville, were here Sunday visiting their sons, Messrs. W. H. B., E. D. and R. P. Parker.

Mr. J. A. Spiers, long a resident of our town, but now of Wilson, was here Tuesday shaking hands with his many friends.

Mr. H. D. Hood, Jr., is here this week running the A. C. L. Switch engine. He is a son of Mr. H. D. Hood.

Mrs. R. M. Nowell and Mrs. W. H. Call left Tuesday for New Berne to attend the meeting of the Federation of Women's Clubs.

Misses Mary and Sarah Creech, and Lessie Oneal, spent Wednesday afternoon in Smithfield.

Mrs. J. A. Gurley, (ne Miss Omega Peedin) died suddenly Saturday morning. She was not sick, only feeling badly, was laying down when her mother carried her supper to her. She said, "I do not feel like I can eat a mouthful," but raised up on the bed and fell back dead without a word. She leaves an infant about 3 months old and a mother, two brothers, Tommy Peedin and Kelly Peedin, and sister Miss Minnie Peedin, and husband, Mr. Lon Gurley, to whom the sympathy of our people is given.

### DEATH OF A CHILD.

On Monday night, May the 5th, the Angel of death came and took from our midst Retha Pearl, the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Creech. Retha was only about two years of age, a tender flower lent to us to bloom and thrive in God's fair garden for a reason to be nipped at last by the frosty breath of death. We understand not the powerful workings of the Almighty Maker; we can only know and realize that there is a Divinity back of it all. Retha, we loved you, it was not for us to say when you should go. We would have kept you always, but we must bow to a higher will than ours. Loved ones, let us realize that grief cannot bring her back. Although our hearts be sore and feel empty and void, let us fill them with sweet thoughts of a joyful meeting in the great beyond. "God moves in a mysterious way His wonders to perform."

He needs the fairest and sweetest for adornment and he was but claiming his own. "Let us be patient. These severe afflictions Not from the ground rise. But oftentimes celestial benedictions Assume this dark disguise." "Sometime, when all life's lessons have been learned, And sun and stars forevermore have set, The things which our weak judgment here has spurned, The things o'er which we grieved with lashes wet, Shall flash on us and light dark night, As stars shine most in deeper tints of blue, And we shall see how all God's plans were right, And what we deemed reproof was love most true.

Let us remember, however, that God's plans, like lilies, pure and white unfold, We must not tear the close shut leaves apart, Time will reveal the Calyxes of gold."

### A FOND COUSIN.

Four Oaks, N. C.

You cannot hold a man down in the ditch without staying in the ditch with him.—Booker T. Washington.

## KENLY HEARS DR. W. A. HARPER

Commencement Exercises of a High Order.—New Brick School House to be Built this Summer.

Kenly, May 7.—The most successful commencement that the Kenly High school has ever held was brought to a close Tuesday night.

Friday night was given over entirely to the Seniors, no one else appearing on the stage. This was called "Senior night." The exercises consisted of the president's address, the history and prophecy of the class and a play. This was an enjoyable programme and had the air of a college "Class day."

On Sunday morning President W. A. Harper of Elon College delivered the annual address. The speaker took as his subject the "By-Products of Life," Dr. Harper, being a former teacher of the Kenly school made of his address a heart-to-heart talk. Any man can make living said the speaker, but no man has learned to live until he has utilized the by-products. Armour became rich by using in his slaughter yards what for years had been thrown away. Millions of Codfish are caught from the "Banks" of Newfoundland every year and yet the "Banks" are as full the next year. The only way to be happy is to utilize the by-products. Don't while away your time when you ought to be doing a deed of kindness.

Dr. Harper made a most vital impression on the people of Kenly. At 7:30 Sunday evening a Vesper service was conducted at the Methodist church. This service consisted of sacred songs, solos, duets, quartets and choruses.

The junior elocution and music recital was given Monday morning. This was exceedingly interesting. None but small children took part in these exercises.

On Monday night the essay contest was held. The essays were of a very high order. One visitor remarked that they sounded more like college essays than high school essays. The girls who took part in this contest were: Miss Callie Rollings with the subject "The secret of Happiness," Miss Agnes Hales, "The Home Circle"; Miss Faye Barnes, "Victory"; Miss Beulah Bailey, "Hidden Splendor"; and Miss Ethel Hardison, "Memory's Message." After a long deliberation Miss Hardison was declared winner and was presented with a gold medal.

The graduating exercises were held Tuesday morning. The first part of the programme was taken up with the oratorical contest. This was very spirited. The two seniors in this contest wrote their orations. These were George Walston with the subject, "Woman Suffrage"; Wilbert Wellons with the subject, "The secret of our Nations Success." Five other boys participated with declamations. Jesse Godwin, a 9th grade boy, won the medal with the declamation, "The Hand of God in History." The scholarship medal was won by Wilbert Wellons with a very high average for the whole year.

Immediately after the delivery of medals, the diplomas were awarded to the seven seniors by Supt. Leonard. Mr. Leonard spoke of the high ideals of the class of 1913 and bespoke a brilliant future for each member. The members of the class are: Beulah Bailey, Agnes Hales, Faye Barnes, Ethel Hardison, Callie Rollings, George Walston and Wilbert Wellons.

The commencement ended with the elocution and musical recital Tuesday night. This part of the programme was in charge of Miss Keiter, elocution, and Miss Hunter, music.

The little town has been filled with visitors. It is a time that the people look forward to from year to year.

At the beginning of the fall term there will be a well equipped brick school building and a dormitory on the present site of the old school building. This means that the school will go forward at a more rapid pace toward the moral and mental uplift of the community.

### FROM INGRAMS' CAPITAL.

Four Oaks, May 7.—On Monday morning about ten o'clock Mr. Allen Baker dropped dead. He left his home that morning to go saw wood for a party who lived near the railroad. No one was at home when he was a work. A colored man, in passing, saw him lying on the wood pile and notified Mr. Parrish, who lived near. Mr. Parrish went to see about him and found him dead. Mr. Baker was about eighty years of age and a veteran of the Civil War.

Our community was shocked and saddened at the unexpected death of Retha Pearl, baby daughter of our townsman, Mr. C. C. Creech. The undivided sympathy of the community goes out to the bereaved ones.

On Monday night the angel of death visited the home of Mr. J. B. Lee and took therefrom a dearly loved baby. The burial services were held in the cemetery on Thursday evening, the Rev. Mr. Starling officiating. The tenderest sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved ones in this their loss.

Mr. J. S. Stroup, of Goldsboro, was a week-end visitor in town.

It is with deep regret that we note the illness of Mr. J. M. Rhodes. We hope to see him out ere long.

Messrs. W. J. Lewis, B. I. Tart, H. B. Williams and Rev. Mr. Starling attended the Newton Grove commencement last week.

F. Hunter Creech made a business trip to Dunn on Monday. On Monday night he saw the Advanced Vocal Class of Buie's Creek Academy present the operetta-Pauline. He says it is the best thing he ever saw presented by amateurs. We understand it will be given in Smithfield on the 16th.

Quite a number of Four Oaks folks attended the Benson High school commencement and report an extra good time.

### A SAD DEATH.

On Monday morning, May 5, at 1:25, the Death Angel came and took from our home James E. Lee. He had been in declining health for the past two years and had been practically helpless for the past six months. He was born February 6, 1831, and died May 5 1913, making his stay on earth 82 years, two months and 28 days. He was laid to rest in the family burying ground at his home 3 1/2 miles south of Four Oaks. A large crowd was present to pay the deceased a last tribute of respect. He was a brother of Ed Lee and John Lee, of Selma, both dead, and of Rainey Lee. He has always been a faithful and kind man through his community. We hope our loss will be his eternal gain.

He will sleep, but not forever; There will be a glorious dawn. We hope to meet again On the Resurrection Morn.

Could we but see his smiling face, delighted with that happy place, we could not wish him back in this sinning world, but say to him, With God remain.

We'll try to gain that peaceful shore, Where parting tears are shed no more.

His Grandson,  
JAS. T. LEE.

### SELMA GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION.

One of the hardest fought battles ever waged in the county took place in the Selma Graded school district recently. On Tuesday, May 6, an election was held for a school trustees, and the votes were as follows: R. E. Richardson, 128 votes; R. J. Noble 95; W. H. Hare 111; R. M. Adams 132; H. A. Pearce 114; J. W. Foster 96. The first three mentioned were the old school board.

The men who are elected are all new men as follows: Eli Taylor-150 votes; I. T. Wood 177; C. A. Corbett 164; J. J. Deans 175; Ira T. Rains 177; T. M. Benoy 182.

It is said that the voters of the three cotton mills went solidly for the new board except one man who split his ticket. Sixty-two voters came from the three mills.

It is very good for strength To know that some one needs you to be strong.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

## PRINCETON GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES

Princeton May 7.—Misses Violet Massey and Annie Watts, of Durham, have been spending sometime with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jones.

Prof. J. A. McLeod of Buies Creek, was in town during the week. Prof. McLeod will be principal of the Princeton school next year.

Rev. C. R. Nelson, of Henderson, was in town Wednesday.

Miss Cornelia Sanders, of Selma, visited in town this week.

Mr. Marvin Stuckey, has returned from working during the winter at Elizabethtown.

Mr. Nelson Wells, and daughter, Miss Gladys, of Selma have been visiting in town.

Prof. Geo. Howardy, of Rosewood, was in town Friday.

Miss Bertha Woodard of Selma visited Miss Hester Gurley this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gurley of Fremont, were visitors in town during this week.

Mrs. Luther Grantham and children left Monday for Falcon where she will visit several days.

Mr. Willie Perry Sugg returned home from the A. and M. this week.

Mr. John Sanders, of Smithfield, was in town Thursday.

Mr. Holton and Miss Helen Wallace of Smithfield, visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ledbetter this week.

Miss Ellen Eldridge left Sunday for Benson where she will spend the week.

Prof. J. U. Teague left Saturday for Washington, D. C.

Miss Cora Bell Ives, of Smithfield, visited in town last week.

Miss Myrtle Kornegay, of Pine Level, visited Miss Bessie Mason this week.

Miss Betty Ward of Smithfield, has been visiting in town this week.

Rosewood Ball team played Princeton at Princeton last Friday. The score 12 to 5 in favor of Princeton.

Prof. L. T. Royall, of Smithfield, was in town Wednesday.

The exercises of the Princeton school commencement began Wednesday evening at eight o'clock, in the school auditorium by the Debator's contest, which was so surprisingly carried out by Messrs. Massey, Edwards, Massey, affirmative; Does, Holt and Eason, Negative. The query was: Resolved, that United States should own and control all institution and Utilities. The medal was awarded to Mr. Pucket Holt.

On Thursday evening the recitations and Declamations continued the exercises. Miss Hester Gurley won the Reciters medal, and Mr. Earnest Davis the declaimers.

On Friday afternoon Prof. R. A. Merritt, of the Normal Industrial College, of Greensboro, delivered an address on Education, which was enjoyed by all. Friday evening was given to drills, recitations—and the play—"Too much of a good thing." Miss Francis Ledbetter won the Reciter's medal. Miss Agnes Massey won the medal for the highest grades in music. The prizes for being present at school every day during the year were won by Misses Rachel Edwards, Agnes Massey, Thelma Tolar and Rufus Howell.

### SCHOOL MEETING.

On Thursday May 15th at eleven o'clock I shall be glad to meet the patrons of school districts Nos. 2 and 7, Meadows township, to consider a school site and the building of a house for the consolidated territory. Prof. Brogden, State Supervisor of Rural schools will be present and will speak to the people. All in surrounding territory who are interested are invited to be at Peacock's Cross roads at the hour named above.

L. T. ROYALL,  
County Superintendent.

### NEW ENTERPRISE IN KENLY.

The Kenly Insurance and Realty Company of Kenly, to deal in real estate and to act as agents was incorporated a few days ago. The authorized capital of \$50,000, with \$5,000 paid in by H. F. Edgerton, J. H. Kirby, and Mrs. J. H. Kirby.

That country is fairest which is peopled with the happiest men.—Emerson.