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EIGHTY-FOUR GET DIPLOMAS.

Twenty-Fifth Annual Commencement at Greensboro With Woman as Chief Speaker.

(Greensboro News, 23.) The graduation of 84 North Carolina young women occurred yesterday in the State Normal college here with simple but very impressive exercises. Although this was the 25th commencement it was the first time that the honor of the principal address to the seniors fell to a woman, Mrs. Walter McNab Miller, of Washington, D. C., being the speaker. Mrs. Miller spoke of waste elimination, a subject which drew special attention to the occasion. She made a tremendous impression. Her style of delivery was already known to some in Greensboro, who heard her on her former visit here, but those who had not heard her were equally delighted with the meaningful eloquence she commands.

Judge J. D. Murphy, of Asheville, of the board of trustees, was asked to deliver the diplomas to the candidates. He made a brief address on the significance of the occasion. Copies of the Bible were presented and each graduate received a copy of the constitution of the United States and one of the constitution of North Carolina.

Rev. J. Clyde Turner spoke fittingly in presenting the Bibles, and Judge Murphy paid a gallant tribute to womanhood, referring to the 84 girls as queens, flower gardens, American beauties, and beautiful, pure, noble women. He spoke graciously of Mrs. Miller, who preceded him on the program, as having made perhaps the most "practical, hopeful, appropriate address I have ever heard from this rostrum." Her voicing of the women's wish to render patriotic service to their country reminded him of Esther; they would go into the war "for weal or for woe, if we perish."

All of Certain Age To Register.

The law requires that every male citizen, white and colored, from 21 to 30 years of age, inclusive, (that is one who has not yet reached 31) shall register on June 5th. Those who are sick must send in their card, and those who are away from home must send in their names by mail.

Peru has begun to manufacture its own Portland cement, which it heretofore imported from Europe and the United States.

THURSDAY IN THE BIG WAR

On a front of nearly ten miles on the Carso plateau the Italian troops have smashed the Austrian line hard and taken various positions from the town of Castagnavizza to the head of the Gulf of Trieste. In their renewal of their offensive the Italians received valuable aid from some of the nine British batterish that have hauled their big guns down to the Isonzo front to help in the efforts aimed at the conquest of Trieste, Austria's big seaport on the Adriatic.

Not alone were the Italians successful in capturing numerous points of vantage but more than 9,000 Austrian prisoners, including officers in excess of 300, were taken. The Austrians are declared to have been taken completely by surprise by the sudden onslaught of the Italians, who to divert attention from the southern end of the Isonzo line had struck a hard blow to the north. When the Austrians recovered from their surprise they launched heavy counter-attacks, but the Italians tenaciously held their ground.

The new advance of the Italians brings them appreciably nearer Trieste, which, from the lower part of the line, is less than 10 miles away. The ground traversed and yet to be passed over is difficult for military purposes, and even with other successful advances, such as the last one, the objective of the Italians will not be attained except by fighting of a most desperate nature.

Comparative quiet still prevails on the western front in France held by the British, but farther south, around the bend in the line from Soissons, eastward, intensive artillery duels are in progress between the French and the Germans, being most severe in the regions of Moulin de Vaulerc, the California plateau and Chevreux. On none of the other fronts has there been an engagement of any great importance.

The exhortations of the Russian Minister of War, M. Kerensky, that the Russian troops cease their attitude of passiveness and go into the fray with the object of bringing about the necessary defeat of Germany, evidently are bearing fruit. The entire garrison of Sebastopol, Russia's big fortress and naval station in the Crimea, has requested unanimously that it be permitted to go to the Riga front and give battle to the Germans.

German submarines have sent to the bottom two more big steamships

and caused the loss of 458 lives. The vessels were the British steamer Transylvania, acting as a transport, which was sunk in the Mediterranean and the French steamer Sontag, with passengers from Saloniki for Marseilles.—Associated Press summary, in today's News and Observer.

BETHEL NEWS.

A large crowd attended church at Bethel Sunday afternoon.

We regret to note the illness of little Miss Annie Stanley who is very sick with pneumonia and malaria. We hope she will soon be out again.

Miss Cassie Lee, of Rock Hill section, spent Saturday night with Miss Della Lee.

Mr. Roy Hatcher, of Mt. Olive, spent Saturday and Sunday at Mr. Lonnie Norris's.

Miss Ada Barbour and Pearl Moore, of Smithfield, spent Saturday night at Mr. Alvin Moore's.

Miss Lena West, of Four Oaks, spent Saturday night with Miss Lola Norris.

Miss Ada Blackman, of Poplar Springs section, spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. Jessie Blackman.

BAD BILL.

Four Oaks, Route No. 2.

What He Needed.

Stubbs was feeling his way to the kitchen stove in the dark, when he fell over the coal scuttle.

"Oh John," called Mrs. Stubbs, sweetly, "I know what you need. You should get what they have on battleships."

"What's that?" growled Stubbs as he rubbed his shins.

"Why, a range-finder." And what Stubbs said about woman's wit was plenty.—Ex.

Fields-Watson.

Kenly, May 23.—On last Thursday night at 8:45 o'clock, at the home of the bride, Miss Lillie Belle Fields and Mr. Zeb Watson were united in the holy bonds of matrimony.

The bride was dressed in a beautiful traveling suit of blue and wore pink carnations with ferns.

The house was very prettily decorated with cut flowers.

The happy couple left on the 9:02 train for other points.

They have the best wishes of their many friends for a happy, prosperous journey through life.

BETHANY NOTES.

The cold spell hit the crops of this section hard. Some folks have planted cotton twice, and tobacco looks poor. Some land for tobacco has been planted in cotton, and some in corn. Some fine showers of rain fell on the night of the 22nd, which were welcomed by the farmers.

Quite a number of the citizens of Oneals attended the meeting of the Farmers Loan Association at Hare's Store Saturday evening. Ten directors and other officers were elected. Mr. Thomas Atkinson, of Washington, was in the meeting giving information and helping in every way possible.

Mr. Moses Creech and Miss Ora Tyner were married at the home of Mr. Joseph Abdallah, of Selma, on the afternoon of May 23rd, by Rev. W. D. Stencil.

Miss Lida Tyner, of near Four Oaks, is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. Moses Creech.

Messrs. Kirkman Creech, S. A. Boyette, Mrs. Boyette, Miss Flossie Lamb and Mrs. Nettie Knox attended the funeral of Mrs. Morris, near Selma, Wednesday evening.

Now let's make another pull for good roads, by going to Hare's Store June the 2nd, at 3 o'clock, and electing three men to take hold of the matter and go to work. And be sure to elect men who will work with all their might; men who are the most suitable in every way for the place, who will pull together for the public good. One township near us voted bonds last year and hasn't worked their roads yet. What is the matter? We mean business, now, let us get to work. BETH.

May 24, 1917.

A Real Bargain.

The minister dropped into the village barber shop for a shave, at the close of which he proffered the usual 10-cent price of the shop.

"I'll take it in preaching, sir," replied the polite barber, refusing the offered coin.

"My friend," rejoined the minister with some dignity, "I haven't a 10-cent sermon."

"That's all right, sir," quickly retorted the barber: "then I'll come twice."—Christian Herald.

Pennsylvania last year grew potatoes on 265,200 acres and got an average of 70 bushels to the acre, compared with 96 bushels in 1915.

New York Cafe.

Mr. Christ Jones, of Rocky Mount, N. C., was in our town Tuesday. He has contracted to lease the S. B. Jones building for several years for the purpose of running an up-to-date Cafe. Mr. Jones is an experienced restaurant man, he having been in the business for twenty-five years, thirteen years in Greece, and twelve years in the United States. Ten of the twelve years in this country Mr. Jones has managed The Ideal Cafe at Rocky Mount with much success. Mr. Jones is a naturalized American citizen and is highly respected by all who know him. Besides owning the Ideal Cafe in Rocky Mount, he operates a string of cafes at the following places: New York Cafe at Scotland Neck, Wilson, and The Busy Bee at Petersburg, Va. He comes to us highly recommended and promises to operate an up-to-date sanitary cafe which will remain open day and night. Mr. Jones now expects to begin business August first, but if the building can be remodeled at an earlier date he will begin business before then. After opening up The New York Cafe here, he will be glad for the people of Smithfield and the community to come to his place of business and inspect it.—Adv't.

The pain caused from Piles is very bad. Dr. Muns' Piles and Eczema Ointment will relieve you instantly. Creech Drug Co., Smithfield, N. C.—Adv't.

Summers Will Still Smile.

The birds sing on, and why not we? The world grows sweet in spite of all. The wind blows soft across the sea, The snows of ripening blossoms fall. The earth turns back amid war's ruin The mutilated page, and glows Adown the leagues of laughing spring With beauty of the promised rose. The barrage of a million wars That blasts the leagues of all worth while, May leave the plain like burned-out stars, But there the summers still will smile. —Baltimore Sun.

French insurance companies have a novel plan for the identification of their clients, this being to keep a record of their teeth.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF JOHN JERNIGAN.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of John Jernigan convicted at the March Term of the Superior Court of Johnston County for the crime of larceny and sentenced to the roads for a term of twelve months.

All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This the 24th day of May, 1917. CREECH & POU, Attorneys.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON OF LUTHER HOLT.

Application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Luther Holt convicted at the March Term of the Superior Court 1916 of Johnston County for the crime of larceny and sentenced to the roads for a term of two years.

All persons who oppose the granting of said pardon are invited to forward their protests to the Governor without delay.

This the 24th day of May, 1917. CREECH & POU, Attorneys.

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