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## Williamston High School Closed Doors Last Night With Graduation Exercises

### Dr. H. M. Poteat Makes Fine Address; Prizes Are Presented

The graduation exercises of the local high school were the most brilliant held here in years. The graduating class, composed of Misses Vivian Taylor, Ellen Cowing, Frances Hoyt, Margaret Manning, Laura Orleans, Pattie Edmondson, Josephine Sykes, Messrs. Gaylord and Bill Harrison, Robert Manning, George Harris, Jr., Benjamin Courtney, Fred Taylor, and John Booker, were presented diplomas. It is one of the largest classes in the history of the school.

Those graduating from the grammar school and receiving certificates were Katherine Hardison, Anne May Williams, Virginia Harrison, Margaret Rodgers, Thelma Cook, and Mary Carstarphen, Homer Barnhill, Alton Daniel, Edwin Peel, Hibbel Liverman, William James, Jr., Claude B. Clark, Jr., A. J. Manning, Jr. and Paul Simpson.

Certificates of honor were given all students who had not been tardy nor missed a day during the past session of the school.

Special mention and prolonged applause were given little Miss Katherine Hardison and Robert Brown, Jr., each of whom have not been tardy or missed a day from school in seven years.

In behalf of the chamber of commerce, Secretary R. L. Coburn presented Miss Margaret Manning with a medal which is given annually to the best all-around pupil in the high school. In a few very flattering words he made the presentation.

The program for the occasion was attractively arranged. After a verse of "America, the Beautiful," was sung, invocation was made by the Rev. E. D. Dodd. The address of welcome was made by Miss Margaret Manning, then a chorus "Voices of the Woods," was rendered before Prof. J. S. Seymour introduced Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, of Wake Forest College.

Dr. Poteat, making a few pungent remarks in his preliminary, one of which was that he thought there should be a law passed which would forbid graduating speeches, especially the serious ones, when the young people were so joyful and happy, brought the audience to his feet and everyone present followed him constantly for the 30 minutes that he spoke.

He said that the trumpet had sounded the call to war not long since and we had nobly responded. But that there were other calls to war which we are bound to respond to our great nation will fall.

First, he mentioned the call to the war on ignorance. He gave statistics that were not boring but awe-inspiring in their vastness, comparing the amount spent for education with that spent for nonessentials and luxuries.

But "Education not built upon character is a heinous counterfeiter," he emphasized with all his power. Training for service the faculties God gave us is education, and this education should come from the schools, the homes, and the churches," he said.

Dr. Poteat gave the evangelists who are going over the country now and denouncing education and educated men and women a rap, declaring it an outrage against society that they should be allowed to go abroad and preach ignorance instead of learning from the pulpits of God's houses.

Another war to be fought is against vice, the double standard of morals for men and women and strong drink being two things that every man and woman should arise and say, "I will go and fight."

"Filth and disease should be stamped out," and a war waged against them, said the speaker, and he showed how laziness and ignorance spread disease. The rat, fly, and mosquito should be fought against, because they are the greatest germ carriers.

The fourth war, against graft and corruption, can be waged successfully only when our people are educated along the lines of citizenship. He said that citizenship is just as much a profession as law and medicine.

This thought was closely allied with the next, which was developed on the need of allegiance and loyalty to our government. "There are 27 newspapers, 40 propaganda organizations, and 28 national societies at work against our government," declared the speaker, and unless our American people arise to fight against them they will undermine its foundation.

Perhaps no part of the learned doctor's speech was more stronger put than his indictment against intolerance and bigotry. "No man has a

### Campfire Speedster



"Radio," Campfire Girls' message carrying pigeon, safe on the shoulder of Katherine Hayden, after a flight from Chicago to New York in which he equalled the time of the "Twentieth Century" train.

## SENIORS CLASS DAY EXERCISES ENJOYED

Seniors Made Defendants in Mock Court Scene at Graded School Auditorium Wednesday

At the graded school auditorium Wednesday night a representative audience of the whole town heard the class day exercises of Williamston's largest graduating class.

Planned and gotten up by Mrs. W. H. Harrell and Miss Eva Peel, who have helped the seniors in their work and in their play and many times given them hours and hours of extra time to help them over the rocky road to graduation, the exercises were thoroughly enjoyable. Especially so to those intimately associated with the members of the class.

The exercises carried out through the court play, the "The Court of Educational Adjustments," were unusual. Judge Benjamin Courtney, Attorney Robert Manning, Foreman of the Grand Jury Laura Orleans, Clerk Margaret Manning, and Sheriff Fred Taylor held court and found offenses of wasting time, talking too much, timidity and bashfulness, chewing gum, heart smashing and many other similar crimes.

In the procedure of the court the judge and every officer became involved in the cases. The judge gave sentences and fines. Bill Harrison, as a prophet, was ordered to foretell the future of the members of the class. Miss Frances Hoyt, the class poet, had to read the class poem.

right to dictate and force his beliefs on another, for no man is infallible," he said. The fact that the church schools and the State schools are being criticized for their teachings brought a clear-cut answer from Dr. Poteat as to what Wake Forest and the other schools of North Carolina are teaching, in the following words: "Almighty God made the heaven and earth. The Bible is the inspired word of God. Jesus, His only Son, died for our redemption." He also stated that colleges, aside from the churches and the homes, were the greatest educational forces.

Last but not least was a call to the young men and women starting out in their lives to enlist in the war against sin. "One is for Him or against Him," and many, even preachers, are against Him, because they are not doing God's work. It is the only life to lead, and a definite task should be undertaken, not as a means of a "living," but of building a character.

In closing, very impressively he quoted: "The Son of God goes forth to war. A kingly crown to gain; His blood-red banner streams afar. Who follows in His train?" Professor Seymour gave a brief resume of the year's work, and paid a loving tribute to the teachers and the boys and girls who have made the work so successful. He has the love of his pupils and through the hearty cooperation of all concerned the school has accomplished great results.

Miss Laura Orleans, winner of the first honors, made the valedictory address. This feature of the program was also very enjoyable.

After a chorus, "Out With the Tides," good-night was said by Professor Seymour.

## CASTS REFLECTION ON GRAND JURY

Editor of Washington Daily News Overlooks Fact That Grand Jury Investigated Officers

(AN EDITORIAL)

It was the hope of the people of Martin County that the humiliation of the recent unfortunate happening which occurred in our county might be allowed to pass away and that its citizens might live in the sunshine of charity. But, apparently, not so. Even our friend and neighbor, the Washington Daily News, continues to sandpaper and salt us.

In an editorial of the 14th they bitterly assail the officers of Martin County.

The Enterprise had purposely intended to "open not its mouth" in the matter, and certainly not until the trial was over, because it, like all other Martin County citizens, was anxious to see justice done and every man brought to justice.

We feel now that it will not be the maply thing to stand by and see injustice done. The editorial states that "There was some surprise that the sheriff and clerk of court did not come in for a reprimand and even dismissal."

Now, the Daily News may have been surprised, but the honest and intelligent citizens of Martin County were not surprised. And they are the people who select and elect the officers of their county and watch their acts and hold them responsible for what they do or what they fail to do.

Again, the Daily News says "The slate will not have been wiped clean until these two officers are discharged and men of courage and honesty of purpose appointed in their places. Then, and only then, will the people of Martin County have done their full duty."

Well, Mr. Editor of the Daily News, have you made a true and exhaustive investigation of the whole matter, just as the court and grand jury did, or have you filled your mind with the office-seekers' propaganda, which fills the air, until you are liable to fall in error?

It might be well for the News to inquire about the character, standing, integrity, courage, and honesty of R. J. Peel and Sheriff Robertson. There are 20,000 people in Martin County, most of whom know both of these officers. Ask them.

The grand jury of the county should take the sayings of the Daily News as an insult. They examined every man who claimed to know anything against the officers; nor did they stop there, they sent for every person supposed to know anything pertaining to the case, either near or remote, and made a long and tedious investigation, lasting a week. At all times the jury was keeping close to the judge and solicitor for all necessary advice.

We submit that the Daily News might be able to get some information by consulting the 18 Martin County citizens drawn as grand jurors, sworn and duly charged with the sacred duty of preserving the peace and dignity of the State. They have made a report satisfactory to the court, but will gladly give the Daily News any information it wishes.

The officers in question do not gamble nor get drunk. They stay close to their duties and are highly respected by the people of their county. Now, the Daily News can find that propaganda has been heralded from "Goose Nest to Gauk" by office seekers crying for plums, if it will go to the bottom of the case.

Martin County frankly admits many faults, but still claims the sense of justice and honor to want right to prevail. It also claims sufficient intelligence to distinguish right from wrong.

THE EDITOR

## Alfred P. Griffin Sentenced by Error

Alfred P. Gurkin's name appeared in the list of those sentenced to prison, which was an error of the court. However, the judge found he had made the mistake in names and converted his sentence to a fine.

Griffin, who raised a hand nor had a voice in the matter, leaving the crowd as soon as he found that violence was threatened.

## THE ENTERPRISE WEEKLY SERMON

Be Thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort. For Thou art my rock and my fortress.—Psalm 71:3.

By REV. C. O. PARDO  
This present day in the affairs of civilization is the day when men are wont to reduce most everything to the materialistic equation.

By investigation and research, study and experimentation, mankind has been able to discover some of the most fundamental truths and causes which have long been hidden from man. For instance, in the field of science, men have discovered the basic principles governing the earth's activities in the solar system. Today we may know what phenomena will occur among the planets 25, even a hundred, years before the event takes place.

In the field of invention, which is closely allied with science, man has overcome time and space by the perfecting of telegraphy, telephone, and radio. Transportation has shortened the time of traveling the distance of 60 miles—which used to require at least five or six hours by a fast horse—to a matter of minutes by automobile and airplane.

Medical and surgical science have so far progressed, until by plastic surgery, a man's middle finger is taken from a hand and grafted onto his face and it becomes a nose.

I read an account this morning of a scientist, Dr. Oscar Riddle, of the Carnegie Institute, who has a young pigeon which started life as a female, laid eggs, hatched, and mothered young. Then, after an infection of a gland, it lost its female characteristics and is now a male.

Dr. C. E. Seashore, of the State University of Iowa, has succeeded in photographing the air disturbances caused by the human voice in singing. The fact is, science today is accomplishing the impossible of yesterday and realizing just a glimpse of tomorrow.

In the field of religion, however, man has made little progress. Perhaps the reason for this is that religious investigators have confined their investigations to God, and not to man and his relation to God. The Bible—the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments—contains a wonderful record of human experiences with God. Not one glimpse of God, not one word from God, not even a knowledge of God save that given us by men; men like Abraham, Jacob, Moses, Aaron, David, Solomon, Isaiah, and Nehemiah.

We who are Christians believe that the only revelation of God to man was through the Son of God, who took upon Himself human form, in order that we could comprehend God. Therefore, if you want to know more about God, you must learn through the humanity of Jesus—the human experiences of His Apostles; our own experiences in applying His ways, His word, His grace to our every-day human lives. The man who would know God must experience God. You being human, can not investigate God, who is divine.

The writer of the psalm cried out

## REVIVAL WILL BEGIN MAY 24

Christian Federation Again Reminds Public of Stewart-Goodchild Evangelistic Meeting

We desire to again call the attention of the public to the evangelistic services to be held in the Roanoke Warehouse, beginning May 24 and lasting through June 7th, being two weeks. These services are to be conducted by Rev. William Stewart, of Burlington, N. C., and the song service will be under the direction of Rev. R. C. Goodchild, also of Burlington. This meeting is to be non-denominational, and the cooperation of every church and the Christian people of the town and surrounding country is earnestly requested and sought. It is our desire and prayer that the name of Christ shall be magnified and glorified by a great ingathering of souls into His Kingdom and a general revival and reedication of Christian people, and this alone is our earnest and heartfelt prayer.

We have just seen the terrible consequence and result of sin. How it not only stuns the guilty, but how its penalty is visited upon the innocent and guiltless. Oh, how we ought to hate the devil and sin and how we ought to fight it with all our strength and might, and the only sure and effective victory is through Jesus Christ. The devil has won a mighty victory for the time being over Christianity. Are we, as representatives of Christ, going to allow sin and the devil to continue victorious? God forbid. Christ is calling His people to arms, to take a firm stand for the right and truth, to uphold His name, to proclaim His unsearchable riches to a lost world. Are you going to answer this call, Christians? If so, will you begin to pray earnestly for this meeting? Ask God to revive our own hearts and to anoint us afresh from on high, and that the blood-stained banner of Christ may be held aloft that Williamston and Martin County may see the Saviour nailed to and dying upon the cross for the remission of sins.—(Williamston Laymen's Christian Federation.)

## Class of 1925 Is Being Extensively Entertained

The graduating class of 1925 is being extensively entertained. A veritable round of gaieties began Tuesday night when Misses Pattie Edmondson and Josephine Sykes entertained the class at the home of Miss Sykes on Church Street.

They served a delicious salad at the conclusion of a very pleasant evening.

Thursday evening immediately after the program the class was invited by Mrs. F. W. Hoyt to her home on Main Street. For the occasion the lovely home was made more beautiful by the use of quantities of sweet peas, the class flowers.

An ice course of cream and homemade cake, and mints and salted nuts were served.

Tonight Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Courtney will entertain the young members of the class in honor of their son, Benjamin, who is a member of the class. Monday they will go to Ray's Camp and Tuesday night they will be the guests of Miss Eva Peel, a member of the high-school faculty, at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Peel.

### CHURCH OF THE ADVENT

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector  
8:00 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
9:45 a. m.—Church school.  
10:00 a. m.—Advent Bible Class, Hon. Clayton Moore, teacher.  
11:00 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.  
3:30 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.  
8:00 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

"Thou art my rock and my fortress." How did he know? He had experienced God.

The religious man or woman, who lives in the state of complacent assurance that God is their rock of defense, their fortress against sin, the world, and the devil, are men and women who in the weakness of their humanity have thrown themselves upon the divine love and mercy of God. They have not investigated the incarnation of Christ, nor understood, perhaps, the mystery of the resurrection, much less have they comprehended the Holy Spirit, who like the winds of heaven, "bloweth where it listeth," but dreamy assurance from the experiences of other men and women who have trusted in God. They, too, have thrown themselves upon God's love and mercy, and repentant but trusting have cried "Be Thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort; Thou has given commitment to save me, for Thou art my rock and my fortress."

## Bethel Policeman Injured In Attempting Arrest of Noted Negro Moonshiner

### Best U. S. Athlete



Planaky, of Georgetown University, won the famous Decathlon championship at the Penn Relay games, stamping himself the best all-around athlete in the U. S.

## CONVICTED MEN TAKEN TO JAIL

Sheriff and Four Deputies Take Nine Members to Penitentiary at Raleigh Today

The nine men convicted in the Needleman case were taken to Raleigh this morning by Sheriff Robertson and four deputies.

After all the excitement of the crime and the long bitter trial and the smoke of prejudice has lifted, it would not be amiss to say that the State of North Carolina has never in its history received in a body nine better prisoners. It is true that they slipped from the true line of good citizenship and performed a terrible and unlawful act, but when it comes to honesty of purpose and faithfulness to duty these prisoners will stand true. They will obey the regulations of those who are appointed over them, and so far as being workers, North Carolina will find them among the best.

Impulse led them into the committing of an awful and dangerous crime. Most of them made due confession and impressed those who saw and heard them with their honesty, frankness and truth.

The sheriff ordered that no members of the families of the men visit the jail this morning to bid them good-by. Having let each and every friend or loved one that really wanted to tell their good-by visit the jail yesterday, he was very firm about their coming anywhere near the jail this morning. In deference to the officer they did as he said, and there was no one there to make the leave taking harder on the men. When they passed through the main thoroughfare of the town Elmer Stone waved a feeble farewell to friends in their places of business. There was no excitement and commotion connected with their leave taking.

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## COLORED GIRL SHOOT'S HERSELF

Finds Pistol in Street and While Playing With It Gets Shot In Foot

Last night Maud Tankard, a colored woman while going to her home on West Main Street, found a pistol in the street near the home of Mr. W. T. Meadows. She picked it up and started to her home a few blocks away. Before going in the house she shifted it to her other hand and was playing with it when it fired. The ball entered the top of her foot, inflicting a painful and perhaps a dangerous wound.

The law does not seem to lessen the pistol-carrying habit. Some person must have accidentally lost the pistol in passing along the street.

## NOTICE OF MASONIC MEETING TONIGHT

There will be a special communication of Skewarkee Lodge, No. 90, A. F. & A. M., tonight at 8:00 o'clock. Work in the Master Mason's degree. All Master Masons in good standing are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. W. T. Hunter Home  
Mrs. W. T. Hunter, who has been spending several months in Florida, has returned to her home.

### L. H. Martin Attacked With Knife; Has to Shoot Negro

Wednesday evening Mr. L. H. Martin, Bethel policeman, accompanied by Dean Jones, entered a large tract of woods near the Pitt-Martin County line, where they found a still and several barrels of beer which was in a condition to run. Upon this evidence they hid, and within a short time John Eddie Pitt and his brother appeared on the scene and proceeded at once to make preparations for the operation of the still. The brother of John Eddie placed the cap on the still while he built the fire.

After waiting for several minutes until they could make considerable progress in the manufacture of the liquor Martin and Jones walked up, each going for one man. Jones followed his man into the woods and soon caught and returned with him, but when Martin told his negro to put up his hands he jumped on him and proceeded to carve him with a knife. Martin was heavily clad, wearing a coat, sweater, and vest, preventing the negro from cutting him severely, though he cut his coat practically off. Other than the cutting of his coat, Martin was not injured, with the exception of a slight cut in the back.

Before the fight was over, Martin succeeded in freeing his head from the firm grip of the negro's arm, after which Pitt grabbed for an axe lying near the scene, but before he could reach it Martin shot him through the back, the ball passing through one of his lungs.

The negro fell and begged Martin not to shoot him again, as he had killed him. Soon thereafter Jones returned with his negro and they were placed under arrest. A cart and mule were summoned to carry the supposed dying man home, but before the "ambulance" arrived Pitt recovered sufficiently to walk home with his brother.

Dr. Garrington, who is attending the negro, says his chances for recovery are very good, and unless complications set in he will recover.

The Pitt family, which has a notorious record as liquor manufacturers have been in the business for several years on a large scale. John Ed Pitt is now under an indictment in the United States court for operating a moonshine still on the 13th of November. He would have been tried at the recent term of the Federal court held at Washington, but all the witnesses could not be reached.

## Dust Rose Bushes to Prevent Diseases

Raleigh, May 12.—Powdery mildew and blotch, two very common diseases of the rose, is now beginning to appear, but may be controlled effectively by dusting with sulphur-arsenate, made by mixing 19 parts of finely ground sulphur to one part of dry powdered arsenate of lead.

This dust material amounts almost to a specific for the two rose diseases. The material should be thoroughly mixed before applying and dusted on the plants with a dust gun. If a dust gun is not available one may use the homemade device of a cloth sack on a pole.

Dr. F. A. Wolf, plant disease investigator for the North Carolina Experiment Station, recommends that the dust be put on when the plants are damp with dew or rain. Several applications at intervals of a few days may be necessary to bring the disease under control, but best success always follows where the dusting is started with the first appearance of the disease.

Dr. Wolf states that the rambling group of roses is subject to mildew, but it is not destructive to bush roses; on the other hand, blotch is confined almost entirely to bush roses and nearly all ramblers are free from its attack. The mildew is characterized by a frosty or powdery coating on the leaves, young stems and flower buds. The affected buds either fail to open or the flowers are imperfect. Blotch shows itself by the presence of large black patches on the leaves. As the blotches develop, the leaves become a light green, then yellow, and finally drop off. "This will so weaken the vigor of the plant that few flowers will be formed."

"Dusting is better than spraying," says Dr. Wolf, "because the liquid sprays discolor the foliage and flowers with the dried coating."

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Siscoff and Mrs. J. D. Throver are spending today in Tarboro.

### Do You Want a Boyish Figure?



Do as Miss Lila Everett of Los Angeles if you would keep a girlish figure. She does it to keep fit for swimming—and many victories.