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PRINCIPLE FIRST

\$1. A YEAR in ADVANCE

County Commencement April Third

Parade-Spelling Match-High School Declamation and Recitation Contests - Commencement Exercises-Athletics-Rules Governing All Contests.

Cleveland county will hold its annual Commencement April 3rd 1916 at Shelby, N. C. The committee has adopted the following rules for the different contests that will take place:

PARADE

The line of the parade will form between the Baptist church and S. A. L. Ry. and march to College Inn, thence back North Washington street to North side of Court Square. Three marshalls will be appointed for each township. Each school will be requested to march in military order (four abreast).

A set of maps will be given to the school making the best showing in the parade.

SPELLING MATCH

Each school shall be allowed three contestants on a team. 2. No pupil above the seventh grade shall be allowed to take part in the contest. 3. Only one team from each township shall be allowed. If more than one team from a township enters, they hold a preliminary contest on Friday March 17th. 4. All schools expecting to enter the spelling contest must notify the county Supt. not later than March 1st.

A set of maps will be given the winning school.

HIGH SCHOOL DECLAMATION AND RECITATION CONTESTS

All schools in the county doing high school work may enter this contest, Shelby, Piedmont and Rolling Springs excepted.

Medal for the best declamation will be given by Dr. S. S. Royter.

Medal for the best recitation will be given by Hon. E. Y. Webb.

7TH GRADE DECLAMATION AND RECITATION CONTESTS

This contest is open to any boy and to any girl in the county below the eight grade.

Only one boy and one girl will be allowed from any one town

ship. 2. Any school expecting to enter this contest must notify the county Supt. not later than March 1st. 3. If more than any one school from a township enters than a preliminary contest must be held on Friday March 17th to determine the boy and the girl to represent the township.

The medal for the best declamation will be given by Mr. George Blanton, and for the best recitation will be given by Hon. Rush H. H. H. H.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Diplomas for all who have finished the seventh grade will be given by Prof. I. C. Griffin. 2. A gold medal will be given by Row Peterson for the girl doing the best work in Essentials of English, also a solid silver medal given by the same company to the boy doing the best work in Essentials. Studies in English.

ATHLETICS

Athletics will follow the age limit instead of the grade limit. This is done to give the little fellows a show.

FOR BOYS UNDER 14 YEARS OF AGE:

1 mile race. 1/4 mile race. 100 Yd. race. Relay race.

FOR BOYS OVER 14 YEARS OF AGE:

1 mile race. 1/4 mile race. 100 Yd. race and relay race.

Any school can have as many contestants as wanted. 2. Any school can have as many relay teams as wished.

RULES COVERING ALL CONTESTS

All schools expecting to enter any contest must notify the county Supt. by March 1st. 2. All preliminary contests must be held on Friday March 17th. 3. No pupil shall enter any contest who has not attended school thirty per cent of the school year.

Committee.

THE Kings Mountain Baptist Sunday School Association

WILL MEET
January 29 and 30th.

WITH
Poplar Springs Church
19 MILES WEST OF KINGS MOUNTAIN

Saturday the 29th

10:30 A. M.—Devotional Service—conducted by Rev. D. G. Washburn. This followed by roll call and report of Committees.

11:00 A. M.—To What Extent Should Our Churches Enforce Discipline—Speakers, Rev. A. C. Irwin and J. W. Suttle.

11:30 A. M.—How Should the Church Member Be Equipped to Do the Lord's Work. Speaker, Rev. T. C. Holland.

1:00 P. M.—Missions in the Sunday School. Speakers Jasper Barnett and Rev. D. G. Washburn.

1:30 P. M.—What Should be Qualifications of a Sunday School Superintendent? Speakers, J. L. Blanton and Gate Hamrick.

2:00 P. M.—Open Conference.

Sunday the 30th

10:00 A. M.—Devotional Exercises—conducted by Rev. I. D. Harrell.

10:15 A. M.—Sunday School Mass Meeting—conducted by Rev. J. R. Miller.

10:30 A. M.—Are Church Members Under An Much Obligation to attend the Sunday School As They Are the Preaching Services. If Not, Why? Speakers, Rev. J. R. Miller and Rev. W. E. Lowe.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Rev. J. W. Suttle, followed by collection for State Missions.

1:30 P. M.—What Should be the Qualifications of the Sunday School Teacher. Speakers, G. P. Webb and J. Y. Irwin.

2:00 P. M.—Open Conference.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

We give below the proceedings of Court held in Shelby last week as recorded in the Cleveland Star Friday.

The Superior Court will finish both criminal and civil dockets as scheduled this week. Judge James L. Webb is presiding.

The criminal docket was finished Wednesday afternoon and now the court is engaged in the trial of the civil docket. Isabella Smith the negro who cut her husband, John Smith's throat, will serve 5 years in the state prison.

Jim McDowell who killed his father near Waco will serve three years in the state prison.

And Erwin Smith who shot Mr. John R. Poston near Waco last week was given two years on roads of No. 6 township.

Mr. Baxter Battis of Earl was chosen and sworn in as foreman of the grand jury. J. J. Proett as a special officer to attend the grand jury.

Audie Smith, retailing. Defendant through attorney C. R. Hoey, plead guilty. Judgement of Court \$25 fine and costs.

Lee Woodall, embezzlement, continued for defendant. Stanhope Anthony and Paul Anthony, aid in escape found not guilty by jury.

N. A. Smith and Rob. Cook, affray alias capias for Cook. Smith plead guilty and Judgement was suspended upon payment of costs.

J. M. Putnam, setting fire to woods. Defendant plead guilty. Sentence not passed.

Horace Haynes and Delle Camp, F. & A. Plead not guilty found guilty by jury. Prayer for Judgement continued.

Lawrence Walker, assault with deadly weapon. Defendant plead guilty. Upon recommendation of solicitor Judgement was suspended upon payment of costs.

Guy Tillman, larceny. Found not guilty by jury.

State vs Isabelle Smith, retailing. Nol pros with leave.

Rush Patterson, retailing defendant in standing army. Costs paid and off.

D. D. Williams, discharging of crop. Defendant through attorney N. F. McMillan, waived bill and plead guilty. Judgement suspended upon payment of cost.

State vs Tom Haynes, Hub Boone, Henry Haynes, Claude Haynes and Sam Borroughs, breaking and entering store and larceny Alias capias.

John McKin, larceny, defendant pleads guilty. Judgement not yet passed.

G. T. Sarratt, assault with intent to rape. Plead not guilty Found guilty by jury. Judgement of court five years in penitentiary.

B. Erwin Smith, secret assault and carrying concealed weapon. Given two years on roads on No. 6 township.

Plato Barnett, C. C. W., A. D. W. three cases combined. Found guilty by jury. Judgement suspended upon payment of costs.

Ed. Ford retailing found guilty judgement \$20 and costs, and \$5 stenographer fee.

Jim Smith, abandonment, found guilty. Judgement not yet passed.

The Work Of The Rural School.

The first great educational problem is the work of the rural schools to the needs of rural life to the every day needs of the country people that constitute more than eight twentieths of our population. —State Supt. J. Y. Joyner in Sept. issue of N. C. Education

Dixon School and Sunday School

A Fine School—Some Of The Methods Employed In Teaching—Union Sunday School—Old and Young Of All Denominations Attend—Community Pulling Together—The Right Sort Of Development.

Since the Herald has very kindly expressed an interest in our school and community, we are going to endeavor to tell something of our methods in teaching and also how we manage to keep the people coming to Sunday school during the winter months. To talk about the Sunday school is to include practically the entire community.

There is no church nearer than Bethlehem. It was almost impossible to attend Sunday school three miles away during the winter. When the present principal of our school came to make her home among us she at once saw the need of a Sunday school. Finally one was organized. Soon every Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian was feeling as if he had an interest in the school.

Literature for all grades was ordered. The International Sunday school lesson was taught all through the winter the school flourished. Now we have more than one hundred members enrolled, a great part of these being the older men and women of the neighborhood. They are perhaps more eager than our young people and make excellent teachers.

Once in a while some minister from the neighborhood churches will preach for us. Rev. Bateman of Shelby and Rev. Cole of Kings Mtn, have been with us at intervals. The services of such men as these are greatly appreciated.

Nearly every Sunday we have a splendid talk on the lesson by the Superintendent and some times and object lesson on the black board.

The people are very much interested in good music and are trying to make ours as good as we can. We have a good organ, a good leader and everybody sings, so music is certainly forth coming.

To show you how our day school and our Sunday school are united, the lesson for the following Sunday is studied every morning as a part of the devotional exercises by the larger students of the school. We try to keep the two closely related. It keeps the parents interested in their children's progress at school six days in a week.

On Friday nights we have a debating society. Not only the pupils of our school come to this but their parents and any others who care to take part or listen. The last query was "Resolved that Immigration should be abolished." Such questions as this require thought and preparation but our people prove equal to the occasion. This brings us to our day school. We have an excellent committee who take a great

interest in the welfare of the school. There are sixty pupils enrolled and two teachers in charge. Since we have been asked about our methods of teaching and how we manage to keep up interest we shall try to say a little along these lines. Perhaps to some, this is an old question a our methods may be the ones you see practised every day. Still no method is practised by different people in exactly the same way.

The principal has the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh grades. Since both teachers and pupils are kept busy interest is necessary to success. Several of the boys and girls expect to secure a seventh grade diploma this spring and begin high school work next fall. Just now all are very much enthused over the County Commencement and are thinking of entering some of the contests.

Friday afternoon from 8:45 until 4:00 are devoted principally to spelling matches, songs etc. varied according to the interest shown.

The primary grades are always easy to interest. The main object is to keep them so. We begin the days work with a bible story told as simply as possible. In the afternoon another story of a different nature is told, perhaps a Fairy story, a myth or some legend that is dear to childish minds. A song is never allowed to become old. New ones are taught before they become tired of the other. Then when we have an opportunity we sing both new and old with enjoyment.

Words of praise are always given for improvements. The key note of our school management is work for fear of punishment. Of course a material reward for everything is impossible, but mental and spiritual rewards are deemed the more desirable. Each pupil helps to keep order and in various ways is made to feel that he is an important factor of Dixon school around which the interest of children, parents, neighbors and friends of the community are centered.

(The editor of the Herald wishes to thank the correspondent for such a superb article on her community development. Who will be next? Editor.)

Lyceum Attraction Thursday night Feb. 3rd.

Don't forget about the "Regulators." They will be at the school auditorium Thursday night of next week. This is the fourth attraction on the Lyceum

Book Club Meets With Mrs. J. S. Mauney.

Mrs. J. S. Mauney entertained the Thursday Afternoon Book Club on Tuesday Jan. 4th. in honor of her daughter Mrs. F. Cooper of Philadelphia and Miss Sarah Hoffman of Dallas, N. C.

The guests were met at the door by Mrs. W. A. Ridenhour.

The house was tastefully decorated with narcissus and pink carnations. The articles, "Where Toys Come From" by Madames B. M. Orzard and I. B. Goforth and a current article "The Suburban Child of Belgium"

by Mrs. O. C. O'Farrell composed the literary program.

We were further entertained by a reading "Polly surprise party" by Miss Winnie Vera Mauney a grand-daughter of the hostess. Miss Sarah Hoffman rendered several piano solos.

Misses Winnie Vera and Janella Mauney served refreshments consisting of a salad course followed by ices.

Mrs. Knox Taylor of Wilmington was an out of town guest.

In passing Mayworth, N. C. the other day we noticed that a big addition is being made to the cotton mill there and that several new residences are going up. Marks of prosperity are evident on every hand.