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COMMENCEMENT

What a well fitting word to express this season when young people are graduating. Commencement. He who applied this word for its first usage knew full well what the High School and College graduate faces.

Those who would look on graduation as an end to be attained, as a climax to years of work and trouble, as the ultimate goal, are soon to discover their folly.

As we have heard and stated so many times, school days are the happiest of our lives. We just don't realize it at the time.

Young folks, your troubles are just beginning. That's why they call it Commencement. But they are not the kind of troubles which should be avoided or feared. They are just the monthly tests you are supposed to pass in order some day to be able to pass a final examination.

Except that none knows when and where that final comes. It may be at the bedside of a loved one; it may be on the battlefield, or unsung on some lonely farm or in some silent office; but eventually it comes to every person, that time when a definite decision must be made. It may be physical or moral or just plain humdrum. But it may be the decision that will change your whole life; it may affect many others.

The way you decide then will be determined by the way you face the smaller difficulties which will be placed in your way when Commencement is over and life has begun in earnest. Some call it character building.

But when you are young as you are today, the sun shines brightly, the world is easy to conquer, disappointments are soon forgotten, success awaits you. 'Twas ever thus and well it is. This would be a weary, dreary place without the boundless enthusiasm of youth.

Congratulations, Class of '31, we hope to you to carry on.

THE DOOMED CITY

A friend was talking about two North Carolina towns not so far away from here. To all outward appearances, there is little difference between the two. A stranger called upon to decide quickly which town he would choose for home or business, would have a difficult time making a choice.

But, according to this friend, there is a gulf as wide as the heavens which divide the two places. He expressed it thus: A City is a hollow shell; B City is a Gibraltar.

Just what did he mean; why such contrast in description when they both look the same; how can you speak of towns in that language?

What he meant was this: In A City, people did not pay their debts; they had lost that moral fiber which makes a man look upon a debt as something which must be paid before more debts are incurred; merchants had become lax in extending credit or were victims of worthless accounts, they, in turn, unable to meet their obligations; with a loss of that particular moral strength, looseness in other morals were creeping into the social and business life of the community.

In B City, men paid their debts, families lived within their incomes; while they may not have had as much to show on the surface as some of those in the neighboring town, what they did have was paid for; the merchants were strict in their accounts and had no fear of telling a man when he was asking for too much credit; those who borrowed were able to pay the banks, thus giving those institutions ample funds to loan at any time. In short, B City did business on a business like basis, and for so doing was blessed with a citizenship that could look the whole world

in the face honestly and unafraid.

So there's the yawning gulf and that's why one of those towns will live and grow and prosper when the other will have become a shambling village. High walls and fine buildings do not make a city. First, last and always, it is the people who make a town what it is. And unless those people are honest, fair in all their dealings, conscientious in making and meeting their obligations, that city is doomed.

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW THE TRUTH—

An effort is being made to turn the friends of City Extension against the plan by a whispering campaign which is not voiced in the open air.

These people, good people, who have been for City Extension, are being told that changes have been made in the plan of incorporation; that property had been excluded; that the amendment to the bill was made for the express purpose of slipping something over on the unsuspecting public.

Not only is this untrue, but it is being told deliberately. The amendment was made, as was necessary, to postpone the election in order to get the proper notices legally run and in order to call for a new registration. That is all.

NOT ONE LINE OF THE ORIGINAL BOUNDARIES HAS BEEN CHANGED and we defy anyone to prove the contrary. Of course, none will, nor will anyone publicly make such a statement. But it is being done in the whispering campaign.

We appeal to all citizens and voters to ask anyone in whom they have confidence about any phase of city extension. If in doubt, write this newspaper and we will publicly answer your letter or privately as you prefer. If we don't know the answer, we will be just as frank and tell you so. We won't make up an answer nor will we tell you a deliberate lie to influence your vote.

Here's some good advice if you are in doubt about the general plan. Ask men like these: Julian Allsbrook and Kelly Jenkins, attorneys who drew up the bill for city extension; ask any of your public officials who have studied the plans; Senator Zollieffer, Dr. Long, Solicitor R. Hunt Parker, County Commissioner W. F. Joyner, Coroner Billy Williams; or ask your school heads, Supt. A. E. Akers and Supt. Charley Davis; or ask Mayor George Taylor and Town Commissioners F. C. Williams, C. E. Matthews, Marvin Collier Tom St. Sing, C. T. Kidd; or ask Alfred Martin, president of Rosemary Merchants Association; or ask J. T. Chase, manager of the Power Co.; or ask the presidents, general managers and superintendents of any of the mills. Those are the kind of men who know the plan and will tell you the truth.

MADE IN NORTH CAROLINA

North Carolina manufacturers products in 62 of the 340 classifications into which the Bureau of the Census groups all manufactured products. Her raw materials, climate, labor, transportation and other facilities make it possible for her to manufacture goods in at least 144 of these classifications.

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More cotton goods are manufactured in North Carolina than any other State.

North Carolina leads all States in the manufacture of denims, napped fabrics, cotton flannels, bed spreads, quilts, sheets, pillow cases, gingham, shirting and table damask.

During 1929 North Carolina factories gave employment to 208,068 wage earners and 16,507 officers and salaried employees. Only 12 States employed more people in their factories.

There are 3,792 plants in North Carolina which had an output amounting to \$5,000 or more each in the last census year.

THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



STRAIGHT SHOOTING

By OLD TIMER

Opportunity knocks but once, seldom it knock a second time, but it knocks once—we all know that to be a fact. Opportunity is creeping up on Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids like a Santa Claus out of season. This Santa Claus will not wear red breeches or a long white beard, and he may not be recognized. He is bringing in his pack a Bigger and Better City and plenty of clean, pure water and a sewer system. If we allow him to pass over, and if we do not give him the welcome he deserves, I doubt if he will ever come again with the same goods in his pack.

Is there no way under the sun for the people of Roanoke Rapids and Rosemary for one time in their lives, and in the present generation, to bury the hatchet, get together, pull together and put the big idea across with flying colors? Constipated minds continue to be against everything worth while, and for the life of me I can't understand why some folks don't want to be on the progressive side of an important question.

Who and what is the outside influence that would keep us down in the class of small towns, a town without water, and a town which throws off a sewer odor for five months out of every twelve? Is it the fellow who thinks he will have to pay a few more taxes; or is it the fellow who lives away from here but who would continue to rule us, and if he cannot rule us, he would ruin us? Are we going to be run from the outside, or are we going to govern ourselves?

Santa Claus is on his way here with one package. Inside the one package are two bundles—one of these is Incorporation, the other is a Water and Sewer system. He will give us both, or he will give us neither of them. The two go together, all arguments to the contrary notwithstanding. Investigate that statement, and if I am not right, answer the statement. My advice to some of the bitter-enders is to pack your pipe tobacco a little harder and pull a little stronger while you think this matter over. If you want to give Rosemary and Roanoke Rapids the hardest blow it ever received below the belt, vote against, but as for me, I will always vote "For Incorporation" and "For Water Works and a Sewer System."

Back in the early days of Roanoke Rapids I heard men argue against building schools, hospitals, churches, and sidewalks. I have seen men vote against spending money to put in water mains for fire fighting purposes. I have heard men express their regrets that mills and industries

were coming to Roanoke Rapids. In all cases each and every one, the remarks were made due to some selfish, self-centered interest. Those people who have big money invested in or near Roanoke Rapids are watching us closely. Will we say to them we are content to remain a "chick town," or will we say that The Best Is None Too Good for Us?

I am sorry, Mr. Editor, that some people take you for Old Timer. How can a young man like yourself be an Old Timer? Don't forget that I have lived in Roanoke Rapids more years than you are old, and by the way, Mr. Editor, have you visited the flower yard of "Miss Fannie" Manning, in Rosemary? Its a fairyland of flowers, shade, rest and comfort.

The plug of chewing tobacco that George B. Lease, now of St. Louis, bought from J. W. Howell, a grocer at Marshtown, Ind., 60 years ago has now been paid for in full.

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