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C. C. H. S. CLOSES BEST TERM EVER

287 Students Were Enrolled During the Year. Final Exercises Began Friday Night and Continued Thru Sunday.

The most successful years work in the history of the Cove Creek High School came to an end on Friday the 24th of April. During the year 287 students were enrolled, 93 of whom were in the high school department. The average daily attendance for the year was 245 and the high school average attendance was 81. The final report shows that during the year a new building was erected which had been used for Home Economics, Science Laboratory and art. It also shows that \$190 was spent to buy books for the library and \$60.00 to add to the equipment for the teaching of science. The equipment for Home Economics and the Furniture for this department is not surpassed by many much larger schools. About \$40 was spent for maps for class room work. These expenditures have been met locally to a large extent. The Department of high school education at Raleigh donated \$1,000 to aid in carrying the school on for the full eight months term. We have raised in plays, tuition and other ways over \$500 and this money has been used to defray expenses and add equipment. Our local tax brings in about \$2200 per year.

Classes in art and voice were started this year. Those taking art under Mrs. P. G. Spainhour have made rapid progress and the art exhibit was one of the important features of commencement.

The final exercises of the school began on Friday night and lasted thru Sunday. The children of the grades presented operettas, drills and songs followed by a play, "Dot, the Miner's Daughter" by the seventh grade on Friday night. These exercises showed careful training and were much enjoyed. Saturday morning the graduation class gave their class day exercises followed by the annual address by Hon. W. B. Austin of Jefferson. Mr. Austin spoke on the progress and achievements of North Carolina and urged the Senior class to go out into the world to render service to this great state. Superintendent Sarah Hagaman presented diplomas to the graduating class, 43 in number and also to seven members of last year's class who returned to school for three months this spring in order to receive their diplomas from an accredited high school. Principal S. F. Horton then presented certificates of perfect attendance to about thirty students who had not missed a day from school during the year.

Saturday afternoon Cove Creek won from Boone by a score of 10 to 9 in an exciting and interesting game of baseball. The senior class gave a play on Saturday night "The Dust of the Earth." A fee was charged for admission and the proceeds amounted to \$105.00. On Sunday morning the three nearest Sunday Schools Henson's Chapel, Willowdale and Cove Creek met in the school auditorium with J. B. Horton superintendent of Henson's chapel Sunday School in charge. After the opening exercises the classes met in the class rooms with teachers selected from the regular teachers of the three Sunday Schools. Upon reassembling in the school auditorium Mr. W. Y. Perry made an application upon the lesson. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. A. C. Sherwood. It was a splendid sermon and filled with the spirit and zeal for which Mr. Sherwood is so well known.

The names of the graduates and those perfect in attendance follow: Senior Class: Howard Dugger, Edith Brinkley, Clay Harman, Amy Henson, Mabel Henson, Blanche Henson, Mary Lizzie Horton, Vaught Mast, Jennie Mast, Gardner Matheson, Thelma Perry, Anna Mae Sherwood, Choney Moody, Grady Tester, Howard Walker, Ralph Walker, Russ Weaver, Theo Weaver, Kemp Wilson. Perfect Attendance Certificates: Eleventh grade: Howard Walker, Gardner Matheson, Amy Henson, Clay Henson, Theo Weaver, Choney Moody. Tenth grade: Blanche Mast, Ted Robinson, Forest Wilson, Tom Moody. Ninth grade: Essie Henson, Don Perry, Mona Greer, Myrtle Harman. Eighth grade: Ruby Mast. Seventh grade: Ina Don Wilson.

Washington Shocked by Hindenburg's Election

American Government with No Official Interest in Germany. Says Presidential Choice is Blunder.

Washington—News of the election of Field Marshal Von Hindenburg as president of Germany, was received in official circles in Washington as something of a shock.

While it has been realized by those who have been watching the progress of the election closely, that the German war here was certain to poll a very heavy vote, few had been inclined to think he actually would be elected, as his triumph is certain to mean a difficult period for Germany until it is clear just what the change in government portends.

There can be no question despite the official silence that has been maintained here with regard to the German election and which was not broken tonight, that both government and diplomatic observers in Washington felt the election of Von Hindenburg is a blunder. It will be viewed with suspicion particularly in France, and it very probably will result in an attitude on the part of bankers on both sides of the Atlantic which will make it difficult for the German people to finance their recuperation from the effects of the war during the next few months.

So far as the Washington government is concerned, it has no direct interest in the election. Its relations are with the German government and are in such form that the German presidency has little bearing upon the carrying out of treaty stipulations. The indirect effect of the Hindenburg election however will probably be more important, since it is apt to delay still further the complete execution of the Dawes plan upon which the Washington administration has relied hopefully to restore Europe to a sound economic basis and to free American business in that way from many embarrassments it has faced since the war.

The psychological effect of the Hindenburg election in France and in other allied countries, probably will be its most serious aspect, in the judgment of informed officials here. It is perfectly natural they feel that the French people shall view the election of the German soldier with some alarm and should believe that it meant the return of militarism in Germany.

Observers here do not take that view of the situation however and regard the Hindenburg election as an evidence of sentimental reaction among the German people to his undoubtedly fine war record.

They are convinced there is no danger at this time of a relapse to monarchy in Germany. They point out that it has been expressed judgment of many influential German officials that any movement toward restoration of an imperial form of government would split Germany utterly because it is impossible that even the advocates of monarchial government in the various states that make up the German federation could agree upon a man to become emperor. The old antagonism against selection of a Prussian which almost disrupted the original empire, would be certain it is felt, to break out with redoubled force.

METHODIST NOTES

The revival meeting at Blowing Rock closed last Sunday night with good results. The church seems to be revived, and there seems to be a greater determination on the part of all churches to be of greater service religiously to that community.

Church people should read church news. One cannot keep up with the times without some religious paper. The time for renewal of subscriptions to the Advocate is about over therefore let's make as good showing as possible on the last lap. Send your subscription direct to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, Greensboro N. C. or give it to the pastor. Sunday School Sunday at 9:45. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Epworth League 6:45. Wednesday prayer service and choir practice 7:45. Sixth grade: Robert Horton, Pearl Green, Lizzy Wilson, Marylee Bingham.

SELL SPREADS BY USE OF "HARD-LUCK" STORY

Editor Democrat: I have just written three letters, one to Mrs. Smith Hagsman, one to the National Headquarters of the American Red Cross at Washington, D. C. and the third to a woman's work exchange in New York City, all in regard to a letter written to this New York exchange by a Watauga woman. This woman makes knotted bedspreads for sale. She thought that by representing herself to be the mother of a large family of children, in need of help, she could sell her spreads. She did not say that she is a widow. I believe she is not. She did not succeed in selling her spread, but did succeed in getting her name passed around as a subject for charity from New York to Atlanta to Washington to Raleigh.

This is one of several similar letters that have come to the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare within the last few months. Mrs. Hagsman, I know, has others. Nothing is wrong from two points of view. Some of the letters that I have seen are not honest. The writers are not in the great need that they represent themselves. If any of them do happen to be in need of aid the best place to apply for such help is to the people of their own community and the people of their own county. In the second place it is not good business. Very few people buy knotted spreads as a matter of charity. Most people who buy them, buy them for other things, because they want them. Such letters as the one that came to us this morning hurt the business. A far better way would be for the Women in Watauga County also make knotted spreads for sale to get together and ask some one, perhaps the farm demonstration agent, since the county does not have a home demonstration agent, to investigate the market for this kind of work. He could get the assistance, I have no doubt, of the State Bureau of Markets. With this assistance he could find out whether the demand for knotted work is a fact that is dying, or whether the demand will continue and can be made to grow. He should find out how many women in Watauga county and in North Carolina are engaged in the manufacture of these articles, and approximately the number of spreads per woman they may reasonably hope to sell within the next year. This would be far better than for Watauga women to go on attempting to sell their wares by representing themselves to the world as paupers.

ROY M. BROWN

Director, Bureau of Institutional Supervision, State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

BOONE BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 10 a. m. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

Present in Sunday School last Sunday 264. Collection for orphanage \$12.59.

We extend a cordial invitation to visitors, teachers, students and residents to worship with us. Let us make next Sunday a record breaker in our Sunday School.

Let us hold in mind the school of Missions conducted by Rev. and Mrs. K. D. Stukenbrok following the second Sunday in May. Classes will be taught for the men women and Y. W. A. also a class for intermediate boys and girls.

Mr. Ed Preston, B. Y. P. U. Secretary was present at the B. Y. P. U. Sunday night. He is conducting a B. Y. P. U. at Mount Vernon. He is very popular with the young folks.

The Southern Baptist Convention meets at Memphis, Tenn., May 13. Those who purpose going should write Dr. Chas. E. Maddy for railway reduction certificate. It is to be hoped that a number from the county will attend.

Blowing Rock Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m. Preaching Saturday night 7:30 p. m. Sunday 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Rev. K. D. Stukenbrok and wife will be at Blowing Rock Sunday night to begin the school of Missions. The classes will meet each evening next week at 6:30 p. m. There will be two class periods, followed by a sermon on Stewardship by Mr. Stukenbrok. Invitation to neighboring churches is extended.

DANIEL BOONE MAY BE OPENED THE NINTH

The date for the opening of the Daniel Boone Hotel has not yet been definitely decided, but the latest opinion of the management is to the effect that the building will be in readiness by Saturday May 9th.

Mr. Wood of Albert Pick & Co. Chicago, is here putting the furniture and other equipment in place, and many other activities are going on about the building. The work on the grounds is nearing completion and the many little details incidental to the opening are being worked out daily. Mrs. I. W. Coyle of Statesville wife of the lessee, Manager Nathan Sharp, coming to us from the New Charlotte Hotel, and young Mr. Street, who has been employed as clerk, have been here several days and are busy helping to get everything in readiness. They express themselves as being highly pleased with the hotel, and our growing little city.

MRS. SOUTH HOSTESS TO THE FRIDAY CLUB

"Smile and the world smiles with you" might well have been the motto of the Friday Afternoon Club which met with Mrs. A. E. South on the twenty fifth. If the members had any cares, they wisely forgot them and entered heartily into an afternoon of conversation, fun and frolic under the direction of Mrs. South. Everything was planned with such skill and care that time slipped away on noiseless wings.

"A Garden Romance" taxed our ingenuity in supplying the missing words. Only things grown in the garden might be used. The prize, a miniature churn, was won jointly by Messdames M. P. Critcher and Tracy Council. Then came the jolly stunt game. Each guest wrote the name of a stout suitable for parlor entertainment. These were distributed by lot and each individual expected to perform the stunt drawn. How we laughed! How we laughed! Surely the pictures made on the lawn will reveal faces one hundred per cent happy.

When we entered the dining room which like the parlor was beautified with a profusion of fragrant lilacs from which each member was presented with a beautiful bouquet. Mrs. South assisted by her mother, Mrs. Casady, delightfully served a salad course with sandwiches and coffee followed by ice cream and cake. Mr. James Cleve Johnson and Dean Bingham were guests of the club.

The Club will meet again on May first with Mrs. Rankin.

CRAIG-HAMBY

Lenoir, N. C.—Beautiful indeed was the nuptial solemnized Tuesday April 21, 6 p. m. when Miss Bina Louise Hamby became the bride of Clarence B. Craig at the home of the bride's father P. L. Hamby, who has recently moved into his handsome new home on Ridge Street.

The opulent rooms were beautiful in white spring flowers with a background of green among which were placed lighted tapers which shed a soft glow on the lovely scene.

With Miss Olive Powell at the piano Mrs. J. E. Broynall sang in her usual charming manner, "All for you" and "I love you truly."

Dr. W. C. Tyree officiated using the impressive ring ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig left amid a veritable shower of rice for Washington D. C. and Baltimore by automobile.

The bride wore a beautiful ensemble suit of charmeen with accessories to match and was especially attractive on this occasion.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Hamby and has for several years served as the efficient book keeper for the Bradley Electric Co.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hartwell Craig and for some time held a responsible position with the Star Furniture Corporation.

They were the recipients of many handsome gifts attesting to their wide popularity.

Sixteen Cylinders Drive Plane

Hull, Eng.—The largest single engine airplane recently completed a successful trial flight near Hull. It is driven by a 16-cylinder motor and carries a naval torpedo weighing 1000 pounds. The plane is 54 feet long with a wing span of 88 feet.

DEATH CLAIMS CENTENARIAN

Riley Greer, of Rutherford Dies last Friday.—Interment at Family Burying Ground—Never Farther from Home Than Statesville.

Riley Greer of Rutherford, the oldest inhabitant of Watauga county died at his home Friday the twenty-fourth at the age of 101 years and 21 days. The illness to which he succumbed was of only a few days duration.

Born on April 3, 1824, the year in which John Quincy Adams was elected, Mr. Greer has the distinction of having lived during the lifetime of every president except George Washington. At the time of his birth there were 23 states in the Union, two of which were west of the Mississippi. Every inch of the railroads in this county was built after the birth of Mr. Greer.

It is said that Mr. Greer was never farther from his home than Statesville, and was too old for negro service in the Civil War.

Even unto the end his mind was active, appetite good and disposition cheerful. For 99 years he was an inveterate tobacco chewer.

Interment was at the family graveyard on the 26th. Rev. Levi Greene conducting the funeral.

Deceased is survived by a large circle of relatives in Watauga.

MR. NISWONGER VISITS APPLE ORCHARDS

Mr. N. R. Niswonger, district horticulturist, will be in Watauga on the 12th and 13th of May assisting the County Agent in holding meetings with some of the farmers that are giving their orchard attention. Mr. Niswonger has been working in North Carolina for two years and in this short length of time has succeeded in convincing all those with whom he works that he knows the apple business. His recommendations in regard to pruning, fertilizing soil management and spraying are giving results in apples where farmers are willing to follow his program.

County agent Steele wishes to announce that they will be at Carter Farming on Boone Dam Tuesday the 12th at 10 o'clock; at D. C. Coffey's Boone, R. F. D. at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At each of these places a spraying demonstration will be given and Mr. Niswonger and Mr. Steele will answer inquiries and explain the principles of fruit production to all those who meet them at these places.

On Wednesday the 13th they expect to be in the county agent's office until noon, going in the afternoon to Bob Taylor's orchard on Sissy Park. All those interested in the proper care of fruit are invited to meet with them at Bob Taylor's and see his new spray pump in action. Mr. Taylor has just installed a power spray with which one man and one boy are now doing the work that has formerly required six men to do and doing this work. Mr. Taylor believes, much better than was formerly done. The speed and efficiency in which this new machine operates amazes all who see it. Mr. Taylor says it will pay for itself this season through a saving in labor, not to mention the benefits he expects to receive because of the better work done.

Mrs. Ira T. Johnston who has been visiting in Watauga county for the past few weeks returned home Sunday.—Jefferson Recorder.

Miss Mary Frances Linney, of Boone, is spending the week with her grandmother Mrs. W. B. Matheson. She accompanied her father, District Attorney F. A. Linney here. Mr. Linney was en route to Statesville to attend Federal Court.—Taylor'sville Times.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Foley of Terre Haute, Indiana have been visiting relatives here since last Saturday. Mr. Foley is a licensed undertaker and embalmer in this state and was here looking for a location which he thinks he has found. They will leave for their home early next week and will then decide fully what they will do. It occurs to us that Boone is an ideal place for an undertaker as there is no establishment of this kind in the entire mountain region.

OUTLINES NORMAL SCHOOL PROGRAM

President Dougherty Designates Ten Items as Program of the School for Year—Visitors at A. S. N.—Local Lady Wins High Honors.

Quite a number of visitors of distinction have been at the Normal School during the past few days. Among them Mrs. Hall from Wilmington who is a teacher in the Lees McRae Institute at Banner Elk. She made an interesting talk to the students. Mr. H. V. Rees of Oakland, California, Mr. M. L. Tremain, the former of whom made a fine and helpful talk. Prof. H. M. Loy of Tryon School in Gaston county was a pleasant caller. Dr. Parker, owner and publisher of the Encyclopedia Americana, a man of distinction and wide knowledge, spent some hours at the school on Friday. His main idea to get any new facts he might about Daniel Boone. He spent \$1,500.00 the past year making the Encyclopedia better.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin, the former of whom is teacher in the Normal School, are rejoicing with them in the distinguished success of their talented daughter Miss Rankin, who recently gave her graduating recital in piano at Wintboro College in South Carolina. In the state contest for a year's training at the New York Conservatory Miss Rankin won first place by the unanimous vote of five judges. On Saturday in the District contest in which four states, North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida contested, she again won first place. The next contest will be in Portland, Oregon to which place her expenses will be paid. The one who wins the final contest will be given a year's training at the New York Conservatory. Miss Rankin is a young lady of most extraordinary talent in music and with high ambitions in her chosen course, and hers and her father and mother's many friends hope that she may be the successful contestant.

President Dougherty and Prof. Wilson have been making trips recently to various high schools in northwest section of the state.

A musical recital given at the younger students under the direction of Miss Sue Spainhour, at the Normal school on Friday night, and the splendid results showed talents and skill for student and teacher.

At the regular faculty meeting on Friday afternoon President Dougherty put on the board ten items which he designated as the program of the Normal School for 1925-26. These items were as follows: 1. Developing the Demonstration School 2. Improving the School Campus; 3. Better equipment, especially with reference to the library and laboratory; 4. Improvement of the faculty by adding several new members; 5. Reorganization of the High School Department; 6. Better Cooperation with other High schools; 7. Conference here of County Superintendents High School Principals, High School Teachers, and the bringing of other distinguished men here in the interest of school work; 8. Cultural improvement of all connected with the school; 9. Inclosing the campus; 10. Better Janitorial Service. These items open up a fine field of possibilities for this and other schools, and will mean much for the development of the Normal School. The teachers are standing as a unit with the President in this program for the Normal School for 1925-26. J. M. DOWNUM

RUTHERWOOD NEWS

Mr. Isaac Bodenhammer and family have been very sick with flu but is better at this writing.

Miss Cynthia Bowles has spent the winter in Alexander county returned home a few weeks ago.

Uncle Riley Greer died at his home near Rutherford last Friday night at the age of 101 years. Throngs of people gathered to pay respects to the honored old gentleman.

Miss Sarah Norris of Boone Route 1, passed through Rutherford last Saturday on her return home after spending some days in Johnson City Tenn.

Mr. Ralphe Greer is indisposed with flu but not serious.

Farmers are busy planting and news very scarce in this section.