

Closing Exercises at Valle Crucis School For Girls Will Begin Saturday, May 31

Graduation exercises of the Valle Crucis school of the Episcopal diocese of Western North Carolina were announced this week by Mrs. Emily Toll Hopkins, principal.

Mrs. Hopkins stated that the first program of the commencement series had been scheduled for Saturday evening, May 31. At this time, the senior class will present George Bernard Shaw's four-act comedy, "You Never Can Tell." This production will be directed by Miss Lyon Lockridge, English instructor in the school teaching staff. Designing of costumes and scenery will be under the direction of Mrs. E. C. Wall, art teacher.

The cast of the production is as follows: Mr. Valentine, a dentist, Frances Stevenson; Mrs. Clarendon, Jacqueline Heaslip; Philip Clanton, Susan Williams; Dolly Clanton, Darrow Armsbee; Gloria Clanton, Mary Wright; Mr. Crampton, Peggy Roberts; William the waiter, Lucy McCord; Mr. McComas, Dorothy Brown; Mr. Bohun, Betty Elizabeth Byers; and the parlor maid, Margaret Brown.

The Rev. Peter Lambert, head of the Appalachian school at Penland, N. C., will deliver the graduation sermon in the Holy Cross Episcopal church on Sunday morning, June 1. A Holy Communion service will be held after the address, and the offertory anthem, "Hark! Hark! My Soul," by Harry R. Shelley, will be rendered by the school chorus.

The graduation address will be delivered by the Rev. E. Dargan Butt, former pastor of the Holy Cross church, now stationed at Winchester, Tenn., on Monday evening, June 2. This program, last in the commencement series, as announced by Mrs. Hopkins, is as follows:

Professional, "Ancient of Days," by J. A. Jedreys; invocation, Rev. E. D. Butt; "Where'er You Walk," composition by Handel, the school chorus; graduation address, Rev. E. D. Butt; "Recessional," composition of R. De Koon, the school chorus; awarding of diplomas, Mrs. Emily Toll Hopkins; "Jerusalem," by H. Parry, the school chorus; "The Heavens Proclaim," by Beethoven, the school chorus; benediction, the Rev. Mr. Butt.

The Valle Crucis students will be leaving the community for their various homes soon after graduation. The senior class is composed of Dorothy Brown, Washington, D. C.; Anna Mae Cook, Valle Crucis; Jacqueline Heaslip, Raleigh, N. J.; Lucy McCord, Stillwater, N. J.; Frances Stevenson, Philadelphia, Pa.; Susan Williams, Birmingham, Mich.; and Mary Wright, Columbia, S. C.

It will be noted that only one member of the class, Anna Mae Cook, comes from Valle Crucis. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Will Cook and has attended the school for her entire eleven years.

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Six-Inch Sermon

By Rev. Robert H. Harper

BROADENING CHRISTIAN HORIZONS: PAUL'S CONVERSION

Lesson for May 18: Acts 9:1-16; Golden Text: Acts 26:19

That the bitter persecutor of Christians was so soundly converted, even as he drew near to Damascus, seems quite remarkable. Some have supposed that the sublime resignation of Stephen had made a profound impression upon Saul, that his conscience was already at work and that he had some misgivings as to his course. However that may be, let it be remembered that Saul that day came face to face with the risen and glorified Saviour and heard the voice that winds and seas and the dead had obeyed.

It is interesting that a name used as a synonym of liar was rescued from its infancy in connection with Saul's conversion. Quite different from the wretched liar was the good man named Ananias living in Damascus, whom the Lord sent unto Saul. It is not strange that he demurred when he heard the name of the terrible persecutor, but the Lord said unto him concerning Saul, "He is a chosen vessel unto me."

The caption of this lesson is significant. Saul's conversion had much to do with the broadening of Christian horizons. Saul, or Paul (as he was later known), was the first to see Christianity as a world religion and he gave it that character in the course of his mighty labors in chief cities of the Roman empire. His was the greatest contribution ever made toward the planning and growth of Christianity in the world.

Consider the fact that in doing what you can for Jesus where you are, you are making your own greatest contribution toward broadening Christian horizons in this day.

Story Reunion

A reunion of all the Storys and their family connections in the Blue Ridge territory and surrounding country is now being planned. All Storys and their relatives are invited and urged to attend this homecoming occasion.

The meeting will be held at Laurel Fork Baptist church in the community of Aho on the fifth Sunday in June, 1941. The program will begin at 10:30 a. m., having a morning session, a picnic dinner furnished by all who attend and a short afternoon session. A good program is being prepared by the committee and a delightful occasion is anticipated.

The committee: T. E. Story, Wilkesboro; Granville Story, Blowing Rock; Jake Story, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Lona Story Cook, Blowing Rock; Mrs. Maud Story Cook, Blowing Rock.

According to records, 926,000,000 gallons of water a day are consumed in New York City.

Rare Bird



Herwill M. Bryant, biologist member of the U. S. Antarctic Service, is shown here with a rare bird brought back from South Polar regions. It's a giant petrel and Bryant exhibits its broad wing spread. He also brought back some red beak penguins and polar gulls.

England's Ancient Buildings Are Bombed

House of Parliament and Westminster Abbey Damaged

London, May 12.—Naxite bombs sowed death, flame and destruction in Britain's imperial heart Saturday night, wrecking the House of Commons chamber, dumping debris upon Westminster Abbey's shrine, firing the British Museum and blackening the weathered face of Big Ben, official reports disclosed last night.

But Big Ben's massive hands still wheeled the hours and the famous chiming rang out again to London as the thin wail of sirens last night sounded the signal for possibly another German attack.

Saturday night's attack, it seemed plain, was without equal for damage wrought upon Britain's ancient hallowed monuments.

The attack damaged the commons chamber so gravely that it was doubted the mother of parliaments could again assemble there until the structure had been rebuilt; scarred Big Ben's face, putting out of kilter the apparatus that broadcasts the chimes to far-flung outposts of the empire on which the sun never sets; but failing to halt the clock itself; burned the roof of Westminster Abbey, showering debris down upon the hallowed floor where Britain's kings and queens for 500 years have assumed the crown and mantle of office and where Britain's great lie buried; burned the roof of Westminster hall, gutted the deanery of Westminster Abbey and adjoining structures; set the rear of the British museum, world's greatest treasury of man's knowledge, ablaze but failed to destroy many rare art objects previously taken to a place of safety.

The foray cost the Nazi Luftwaffe a record-breaking total of 33 bombers which fell under the blazing guns of the RAF's night fighters and the shells of anti-aircraft guns. The German explosive and incendiary bombs smashed most heavily upon the few acres beside the River Thames where some of the world's most famous buildings stand.

Hoover Opposes Entry Into War

America Is Unprepared, Says Former President

New York, May 12.—Former President Herbert Hoover last night warned that "we shall be at war this moment" our navy is put into action" and pleaded for time to prepare the nation.

He declared that the United States is unprepared for war from a military or industrial standpoint and asserted that, beyond a general determination to defend the Western Hemisphere and popular condemnation of aggressor nations, "we are a divided people."

"It is now proposed that we should put the American navy into action," he said over the Red network of the National Broadcasting Company. "That is a straight-forward, understandable proposal which boldy makes clear the meaning of words like convoys or patrols."

That is joining in this war, once and for all. From here the steps are automatic. Our navy must attack German submarines, ships and planes if it is to be of any use. To make it effective then we must expand naval and air bases abroad. We must equip these bases with expeditionary forces. And that is war for long years to come."

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