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MURPHY SCHOOL CLOSES VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Diplomas Awarded to Seniors—
King Delivers Literary
Address

Tuesday night with the awarding of diplomas to the Senior Class and the literary address by Rev. W. P. King, of Gainesville, Ga., one of the most successful years in the history of the Murphy Graded School was brought to a happy conclusion. At fifteen minutes to eight o'clock the seniors marched down the aisle and took their places on the stage and the exercises were begun with an invocation by Rev. T. L. Sasser, pastor of the Baptist Church. Then following Rosini's Fanfare from William Tell Overture by Misses Elizabeth Brittain and Mary Ella Clegg. The salutatory address was given by Miss Elizabeth Brittain, read the last will and testament, an Lucius Cope, president of the class, delivered the valedictory address.

The prophecy, couched in metre, was read by Miss Mary Ella Clegg and Lucius Cope, president of the class. Rev. W. P. King, of Gainesville, Ga., delivered a very forceful address dealing with the various stages in the development of man as worked out by psychologists. He got the good graces of the audience at the very beginning when he told of asking a friend for a good fresh joke to tell when delivering the address here, and his friend was said to have replied, "The very fact that you are to deliver the address is joke enough." Enough humor was interspersed throughout the address to hold the profoundest attention of the large audience gathered in the school auditorium.

Following the address, medals were awarded to Harry Miller for highest attainment in scholarship during the year, and to Corbett Allen for progress and faithful work and attainment in all endeavors. The scholarship medal was given by the Woman's Club, but the donor of the other medal was withheld by special request.

After the awarding of the medals, Prof. Chas. F. Owen made some farewell remarks and then following some words of advice to the four members of the graduating class delivered to them their diplomas. Commencement exercises began last Friday evening with a musical recital by Miss Ida M. Johnson's class in music. Sunday the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Rev. R. C. Campbell, of Canton, N. C. On Monday morning the elementary declamation and recitation contests were held, James Williamson winning the medal for the best declamation and Eloise Fain winning the medal for the best recitation. Monday evening was society night, the Henry Grady and Webster Literary Societies debating against each other on the question, "Resolved, that Capital Punishment should be Abolished in North Carolina."

The Henry Grady Society, upholding the affirmative, was represented by Lucius Cope and Bertha Mae Cope, and the Webster Society, defending the negative side, by Harry Fain and Maurine Fain. The negative side was declared winner and Miss Fain the best debater and awarded the gold medal.

Tuesday morning the high school declamation and recitation contests were held, the promotion lists read and certificates of promotion from the seventh grade to the high school presented.

Also, certificates were awarded to eight pupils for perfect attendance during the year. Charles Clegg was declared winner in the declamation contest and Bertha Mae Cope in the recitation contest, both of whom were awarded medals.

Services At The Methodist Church

Rev. Adolphus E. Bell, of Taylorsville, N. C. will preach at the Methodist Church Sunday morning at regular hour, 11 a. m., to which services the members of the church and the public are invited. There will be no services in the evening, the pastor announces, on account of the revival meeting in progress at the Baptist church.

Concert To Be Held Friday Night

The musical concert Friday night, June 1st, by Mrs. Edna Edwards and Mr. Stanley Olmsted promises to be one of the most interesting and entertaining programs it has ever been the privilege of a Murphy audience to listen to. Both Mrs. Edwards and Mr. Olmsted are accomplished performers in their respective arts, the one an opera singer, the other a pianist. The concert itself should attract a capacity house at the school auditorium Friday night. The proceeds are to be used for the benefit of the new Methodist Church.

Southern Buys Rails To Improve its Lines

Washington, D. C.—Thirty-three thousand tons of steel rail have just been purchased by the Southern Railway system for delivery during the last six months of 1923. Included in this order are 25,000 tons of 100-pound section and 7,500 tons of 85-pound section rail. This brings the Southern's purchase of new steel for 1923 to 73,000 tons, 40,000 tons having been bought earlier in the year.

The largest share of the new order went to the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Company, which will roll 23,000 tons at its Ensley, Ala., plant 8,000 tons were ordered from the Bethlehem Steel Co., and 2,000 tons from the Illinois Steel Co.

The 100-pound rail will be used in carrying out the program of the Southern to relay the Washington-Atlanta, Cincinnati-Chatanooga, and other lines of high traffic density with this heavy rail. This work is now in progress between Manassas and Orange, Va., between Greensboro and Charlotte, N. C., between Knoxville and Morristown, Tenn., and between Somerset, Ky., and Oakdale, Tenn.

Heavy time plates are being used wherever the 100-pound rail is being laid, giving added strength and smoothness to the track.

A large amount of serviceable 85-pound rail is being leased and transferred to lines which are now equipped with lighter rail.

Albert Cox Is Aide To Secretary of War

Mr. A. A. Cox, of Raleigh, is announced as civilian aide to the Secretary of War, for the state of North Carolina, in assisting in procurement of applicants for the citizen's Military Training Camps.

Mr. Cox is a member of the Military Training Camps Association of the United States, which association grew out of the first camps at Plattsburg, and since 1916 has been a nation-wide organization, sponsoring camps for training of young men all over the country.

The Corps Area Aide to the Secretary of War, Mr. Clark Howell Jr., of Atlanta, Ga., expressed himself as being delighted that Mr. Cox was able to accept this position, and stated, "I have no doubt that with Mr. Cox's help, we will be able to secure North Carolina's quota on or about May 31st."

About a third of the number to attend from this State have already been formally accepted and so notified. Requests for applications or literature will receive prompt attention, Mr. Cox stated, if sent to him at Raleigh, N. C.

Body of Little Clay County Child Found

About nine o'clock Sunday morning the body of little Harry Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Smith, of Clay County, was found on a small sand bar in the Hiwassee River just above the mouth of Brantown Creek, about seven miles east of Murphy. The little child was drowned in Sweetwater Creek on the 15th, during a freshet, and although its body had been searched for from that day it was not until Sunday that it was found. The small form was carried to Sweetwater where it was laid to rest on Monday.

CHARLOTTE MAN SUCCEEDS LATE JUSTICE WALKER

Raleigh, May 29.—Heriot Clarkson, of Charlotte, was a few days ago elevated to the Supreme Court bench by Governor Morrison to succeed the late Justice Platt D. Walker. Mr. Clarkson has been a close personal friend of the Governor for a long time and was his campaign manager in the last primary elections. As soon as the vacancy on the supreme court bench occurred, Mr. Clarkson loomed up as the probable successor. The appointment of Attorney W. T. Guthrie, of Charlotte, was also urged upon the Governor and as he also was a life-long friend of Morrison and at one time his law partner, the latter was put in an unpleasant situation. However, Mr. Guthrie withdrew his name from the race and Mr. Clarkson was immediately appointed.

Mr. Clarkson is a lawyer of ability and has long been identified with all public movements in the State and his appointment to the supreme court bench meets with general approval over the State.

Miss Trapier Elected Dean Summer School

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—Miss Jane Graham Trapier, a graduate of St. Marys School and a well known local teacher, has been elected Dean of Women at the State College Summer School, Dr. W. A. Withers, the director, announced yesterday. Miss Trapier will enter upon her new duties at the opening of the summer school term June 12.

Prospects for a large attendance this summer seem to be unusually bright, says Dr. Withers in discussing the plans for the term. Already the applications for admission exceed those received at the corresponding period in many years of the Summer School's history, but with increased facilities in the college plant the authorities anticipate being able to take care of all who apply.

Dr. Withers gives some rather interesting data relative to the growth of the school. The summer work was organized by President Winston during whose administration the sessions of 1903 and 1906 were held. Dr. James Y. Joyner was the director of the session of 1906, and Charles J. Parker was the secretary of the first three sessions. The enrollment for those years was as follows: 1903, 338, 834, 1906, 753.

In 1917 the work was resumed under the present administration. The attendance has been as follows: 1917, 517, 1918, 558, 1919, 474, 1920, 671, 1921, 882, 1922, 992. For the first few terms after the work was resumed in 1917, the State college Summer School was a comparatively new institution in the State and it was not very well known. It is only during the last three years that the summer term has been thoroughly established in the minds of the teachers in this section and it is interesting to note that it has grown steadily each year.

During the 1922 session there was an enrollment of 767 in teachers' courses, 17 in college entrance courses, 64 in college credit courses 42 in the demonstration school, 30 in cotton classing, and seven others taking special work, making a total of 927. Of the 767 teachers, 665 were enrolled in the approved summer school, 84 in the county summer school for Wake, Franklin, Wayne and Johnston counties, and 18 in the school of vocational agriculture. There were 141 men, 744 women, 25 boys and 17 girls. There were students from 80 North Carolina counties. Seven states and foreign countries were represented.

Revival Services Begin.

Revival services began Wednesday night at the Baptist Church with Rev. J. H. Stanberry in the pulpit. Services were announced for some days to come at the following hours: 10 in the morning and 7:30 in the evening.

Not only the Christian people, but every one in the community is invited to attend these services.

ODD FELLOWS ANNUAL MEET

By Edgar Womble.

Raleigh.—Under the inspiring influence of the happy children and the splendid buildings and grounds of the Odd Fellow's Orphan Home at Goldsboro, together with the elevation of Sam B. Curran, of Greenville, to the office of Grand Master, the North Carolina Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows at its annual meeting meeting last week, the sessions of which were held in the auditorium of the Jacobi Memorial building at the Home, enlarged its vision and rededicated itself to the care of the fatherless of its membership and other features of the mission of Odd Fellowship.

Representatives from the mountains to the seashore were overwhelmingly in favor of more liberal support for the Home and for no lowering of the excellent standard. For this purpose the annual Home dues per capita was increased from two dollars to three dollars. Representatives brought special gifts from their respective lodges and presented them to the trustees on Tuesday night. The gifts amounted to \$10,000 and there were promises of more to follow.

Immediately after the installation of officers on Thursday afternoon, the board of trustees met and voted to admit fifteen more children to the Home. This disposed of all applications pending.

The entertainment by the children, a feature of which was a number of selections by the boys band, on the opening night, were especially enjoyed by the representatives and other members of the Grand Lodge.

Practically all of the lodges of the State were represented and the sessions throughout were harmonious and enjoyable. Raleigh was selected as the next meeting place. The delegation from the capital city stated that they expected to have their ten-story temple and office building ready for occupancy before the next meeting of the Grand Lodge and this was one of the reasons advanced for meeting there next year.

Grand Secretary John D. Berry, and Grand Treasurer M. L. Shipman were re-elected without opposition. With these two efficient officers working in conjunction with the new Grand Master and other officers, the membership feels that the Order is on the eve of the strongest forward move in its history.

Shriners Rather Dilatory Declares Agent Wood

In a communication received from Division Passenger Agent Wood, in Asheville, he makes the statement that the Shriners are rather dilatory in securing their accommodations to Washington in special cars leaving Asheville on June 4th, which cars are to be used for sleeping purposes while in Washington.

The advertisement that has appeared in this paper for the past several issues quotes a lower berth rate of \$15.00, good for one or two people, an upper berth rate of \$12.00 good for one person, and drawing room rate of \$45.00, good for at least four persons.

The demand for Pullman cars all over the country is heavier than can be met by the railroads, special trains coming from all points in the United States to Washington.

The most wonderful and spectacular program that has ever been seen in the country has been arranged in Washington. Among other attractions that are being provided, just as an illustration of what is being done to get attractions from all over the country, will be two Cherokee Indian LaCrosse teams. Wonderful pageants will be put on Pennsylvania Avenue from the Capitol to the White House is now roped off and grandstands erected the whole length of this street. Special illumination, the most gorgeous ever seen, is being prepared.

Mr. Wood feels that the Shriners who expect to take advantage of these sleeping car arrangements should send in their checks without further delay in order that there may be no failure on the part of the railway to provide such accommodations as are desired, but it is feared that many late comers are going to be disappointed for, as stated in the beginning of this article, the supply of Pullman sleeping cars is extremely limited.

All requests for reservations should be accompanied by money order or check and forwarded at once to Mr. J. H. Wood, Division Passenger Agent, Asheville.

Road Meeting Is Postponed

On account of continued rain and the fact that some of the State officials could not be here on June 5th for the road meeting, this meeting, as announced in last week's paper, has been postponed until a little later date. As soon as word can be had from highway officials as to what time they can be here, the date will be announced and the meeting advertised. Those interested in the road from Murphy to the Tennessee State line should watch for this notice and notify their friends, and have a large crowd present.

Forestry Department Making Arrangements for Mt. Mitchell Tourists

Chapel Hill.—With the opening of the automobile road to the top of Mt. Mitchell on the State Park within a few days, it is expected that there will start a pilgrimage to the historic peak that will number 40,000 people before the end of the season. This is eight times the number that took the trip during the short season following the opening of the road late last year, but the figure is a conservative one in the light of apparent interest in the number of inquiries that have reached the Development Company.

In order that the thousands expected may be well cared for and their number increased, the North Carolina Geological Survey is taking steps to assure camping convenience for spending the night near the summit, including water supply, tents, blankets, sanitary conveniences, etc. It is also planned to have in operation for the season a tea room at which visitors may be served with meals. These essentials to the free use of the State's one park will be taken care of either by the Development Company, which has charge of the road, or provided under state management. The Development Company already has plans made for the building of a number of huts at Camp Alice for the accommodation of tourists.

Suggestions for the broader improvement and greater convenience of Mt. Mitchell and the contiguous Federal Forest Reserve were also discussed at a meeting at Asheville in which Director Pratt of the Survey, State Forester Holmes, Verne Rhodes, Supervisor of Pisgah Forest, and C. D. Dickey, of the Mt. Mitchell Development Company took part. These included the proposition of erecting a modern inn and lodge on government land near the park by Federal cession as allowed in the Weeks Law. Mr. Dickey has now taken up this matter with President Perley of the development company and will report within a few weeks whether or not that interest will be able to undertake the project.

Other projects in contemplation for the improvement of the park are the extension of the motor highway from Camp Alice a half mile further up the mountain to Commissary Ridge, the proposed site for the lodge; the improvement of the trail leading to the summit, and the construction of additional trails for horseback riders and pedestrians. Established or under construction this summer are trails to connect Mt. Mitchell with Mica, along the Black Mountain range, to Deep Gap Spruce Forest and South Toe River; and a trail on the Yancey-Buncombe divide, through Balsam Gap, by Yates Knob, to Ogle Meadow, whence there are roads to Burnsville and Burnsville.

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INSANE MAN INCRIMINATES SELF IN WASH.

Patton Taylor, Wanted Here for
Killing West McDonald, Is
Held in Washington

Sheriff W. P. Odum and Chief of Police D. M. Burchfield left Thursday to bring back Patton Taylor, wanted in this county for the killing of Wesley McDonald in 1919. Communications were received here a few days ago by the Sheriff stating that Taylor was being held there. His identity and the crime he is guilty of became known in a strange way. The man became insane several months ago and while in an insane condition divulged his identity and the deed he had committed in Cherokee County. He at first told that his name was Davis, it is understood, but later his rightful name was found out. He has recovered his sanity and has been discharged from the insane hospital but is being held by the sheriff of Pierce County, Wash.

The details of the crime Taylor is held for cannot be learned here, more than that he shot McDonald in the lower section of the county in 1919. The cause of the killing is not known.

Andrews Woman to Direct Summer School

Mrs. D. H. Tillitt, of Andrews, has been named director of the summer school which is to be held in Murphy this summer. The school will open on Thursday, June 7th, and continue for a period of six weeks. The high school building will be used for the classes. Mrs. Tillitt will be assisted by two other teachers.

The summer school is planned for teachers and those who desire to become teachers and is a definite effort to try to put the schools of the county on a higher plane. In announcing the summer school County Superintendent Martin gave out the following statement:

"In order to secure credit for a unit work in a county summer school a teacher must enter during the first three days, must show 25 days attendance and must complete four courses, making a grade of at least seventy-five per cent on the final examination given in each subject."

Wanted—A Friend Of The Forest

Raleigh.—E. O. Robinson, of the lumber firm of Mowbray and Robinson, has set the whole South a splendid example by donating a trust fund of one-million dollars and 16,000 acres of timber land to be used to further educational, agricultural and economic progress of the mountain district of eastern Kentucky.

H. M. Curran, farm forester for North Carolina State College and State Department of Agriculture, states that Mr. Robinson won his fortune from the forest of eastern Kentucky and is a pioneer lumber man of that section.

Fifteen thousand acres of the land is to be reforested and then managed under intelligent supervision as an example of how forest lands should be treated in that section. The income from the trust fund will be used in part for this work.

In talking about this matter, Mr. Curran says, "Where can we find such a friend for the forests of North Carolina, Kentucky is rich in forests, it is true, but North Carolina is far richer. Shall it be said that the land of the Blue Grass and Thoroughbred cares more for the future of her forests than the Land of the Long Leaf Pine, or that Kentucky is richer in patriotic citizenship than the Old North State? Can we not find among those whose fortunes are founded on the exploitation of our forests wealth some one who will follow the example of E. O. Robinson? North Carolina needs some one who will give the State a tract of land and the funds necessary to operate it so as to demonstrate to coming generations that the forest lands of North Carolina can again yield their wealth of timber and naval stores."