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NO. 1.

GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT ON

Began Last Night With Sermon—Class Exercises Today—Graduating Exercises and Address Tomorrow—Entertainment Tomorrow Night.

The closing exercises of the Morganton graded school began last night with the annual sermon, preached by Rev. W. M. Vines, D. D., of Charlotte. It was a literary gem and full of good, wholesome advice.

Today's program, beginning at 11 a. m., is as follows:

Essays and orations by members of the graduating class.
Instrumental Solo—Home, Sweet Home, Katherine Walton; The South in the Building of the Nation, Ruth Houk; The Influence of Reading, Mary Kincaid; The Danger of Excessive Armament, Joe Spainhour; Home and Its Queen, Hettie McCalliard; Purpose, Pluck and Patience, Beulah Bailey; Philanthropic Women, Joseph Ervin; Youth, Rosebud Tate; Patriotism, Earle Spencer; Trio—Autumn Days—March, Ruth Kistler; Myrtle Saunders, Margaret Woodward; Presentation of medals to winners.

The class exercises tonight consisted of Salutatory, Joseph Ervin; Class History, Mary Kincaid; Oration, Earle Spencer; Boatman's Song, Clara Creed, Mabel Wilson; Statistics, Hettie McCalliard; Instrumental Solo, Elizabeth Walton; Prophecy, Laura Claywell; Morn-Rise (Song), Clara Claywell; Class Poem, Joe Spainhour; W. Ethel Carter; Farewell Song, Clara. Beginning with a short musical program at 10:30 o'clock tomorrow morning the graduating exercises with an address from Hon. W. Ervin, of Durham, will make up the program. Tomorrow night the primary entertainment will be given.

News From Chesterfield.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.
Capt. W. B. Berry and daughter, Miss May, attended the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte.

Mr. Ernest Scott, of Morganton, visited his aunt, Miss Sallie Hensley Sunday.

Mrs. W. W. James spent Saturday with her daughter, Mrs. W. C. Heffer, near the State Hospital.

Mr. T. J. Crist, of Bristol, Tenn., was a guest at the home of Mr. J. V. Powell last Tuesday night.

Mr. Olin Wall, of Lenoir, who has been visiting his kindred and friends here, has returned to Lenoir.

Mrs. Addie Baird and daughter, Ruby, spent one day quite recently in Morganton.

Services were conducted at Mt. Pleasant Saturday night and Sunday morning by our pastor, Rev. A. C. Swafford.

Mr. John Smith was a visitor Sunday of Mr. Joseph Baker at Amherst. The many friends of Mr. Lenie Kerley are glad to know that he is improving.

Mr. Alfred Miller, of Lenoir, was the week-end guest of his mother, Mrs. Nora Miller.

Miss Eloise McCalliard and little daughter, of Morganton, visited their relatives here Saturday night and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Reins of Galloway, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carswell.

The good rain has come and everything is flourishing and the farmers are happy.

Messrs. Clarence and Claud Chutz and families spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives in Smoky Creek township.

The Sunday school at Mt. Pleasant is practicing for Children's Day, which will be the 3rd Sunday in June.

Friends of Capt. W. B. Berry and family are pleased to know they will still be near them, as they have purchased the farm of Mr. Clingman Fleming, on the beautiful Catawba river.

May 23rd, 1916.

Lawn Parties For Table Rock Circuit.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.
The ladies of the Table Rock circuit are planning four lawn parties for the benefit of the parsonage. The date is Saturday, June 3rd, from 10 a. m. to 7 p. m. Ice cream, lemonade, sandwiches and cake will be served at reasonable prices.

One party will be held at the parsonage, one on a lawn near the Table Rock postoffice. The other two will be held at convenient points—one in Linville township and the other on the Piedmont road. The exact location will be announced next week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Spainhour, Mrs. P. W. Hamlet, Mrs. P. W. Patton, Mrs. I. M. Taylor, Misses Katherine Ervin, Louise Holloway, Eunice Ervin and Katherine Taylor attended the Normal commencement at Greensboro this week.

ARMY BILL TO PRESIDENT.

Preparedness Measure Out of the Way.

Congress Saturday completed its work on the enactment of the first of administration preparedness measures—the army reorganization bill—entirely by the measure to President for his signature.

House approved with only 25 yeas the conference report on the army measure, already adopted by the Senate. It provides for a peacetime army with a peace strength of not more than 200,000 men, backed by a National Guard of more than 450,000, and carries many reorganizing features worked out by War Department officials to make the fighting army more efficient.

It provides for the actual number of men the army will provide to be enlisted under it. It provides for the interpretation placed on the sections by War Department officials. As construed by Chairman Oberlain of the Senate military committee it provides for a regular establishment of 211,000 at peace strength and 236,000 at war strength, with a National Guard of 457,000. The strength of the regulars under the interpretation given by Chairman Oberlain of the House Military committee would be 206,000.

It provides the personnel increases the measure provides for a government munitions manufacturing plant to cost more than \$20,000,000, for establishment of a system of military training camps for civilians paid for out of Federal Treasury; for a board to investigate the advisability of establishing a government munitions plant; for vocational education in the army. Federalizations of the National Guard would be accomplished through Federal pay and through a requirement making the Guardsmen subject to the orders of the President.

ITEMS FROM WORRY.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.
The ice cream supper at Arney's chapel Saturday night was in every way a success and the nice sum of \$3.25 was realized.

Mrs. John Powell, of Catawba Valley, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Arney.

Mr. W. P. Crouch and family attended services at Chesterfield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McClain, of Collettsville, spent Saturday night and Sunday at the home of Mr. W. M. Michaux.

Mrs. W. H. McDowell, of Cherryfields, spent last Friday in Morganton.

Demonstrator E. L. Perkins spent last Saturday at the home of Mr. H. L. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Arney, of Chesterfield, were in our section Sunday.

Miss Alma Teague and the Misses Fleming, of Hartland, attended the cream supper here Saturday night.

Mr. Jacob Cope is visiting his daughter, Mrs. Bean.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson and son, Clarence, attended the cream supper at the chapel.

Mr. R. J. Arney spent Saturday in Morganton.

Mr. J. S. Teague made a business trip to Morganton Friday.

Messrs. Ernest and Melvin Wadkins, of Adako, were in our section Saturday night.

Misses Fannie and Virginia Teague and Messrs. Chas. Michaux and Herman Crouch, who attended the Morganton high school, spent the weekend at their homes.

Messrs. Jeter Harris and Fred Whisenant spent Saturday in Morganton.

Mr. John Rhodes and family spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Edgar Harris.

Mr. R. V. Michaux, Jr., and family spent Saturday night at the home of Mr. Lewis Lynn.

There was no services at Arney's Friday night, the pastor, Rev. E. B. Troy, being unable to fill his appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Arney spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Arney.

Miss Susie Crouch was the guest of Miss Nell Michaux Saturday night. Miss Susie Perkins attended the celebration in Charlotte Saturday and reports a grand time.

BRYAN MAY BE PROHIBITION CANDIDATE

Prohibition Party Wants the Commoner to Head Its Ticket.

Chicago Dispatch, 23.

If he will consent to make the race, William Jennings Bryan may be selected as the candidate for president of the prohibition party. Recent statements of Mr. Bryan before the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church at Saratoga Springs, in which he was quoted as declaring that he had about reached the point where he could no longer follow a political party which refused to endorse national prohibition, were discussed by prohibition party leaders today. They expressed the belief that if the democratic national convention at St. Louis declined to adopt a national prohibition plank in its platform, Mr. Bryan might consent to become the candidate of the prohibition party for president. The prohibition national convention will be held at St. Paul July 19 to 22, and will be preceded by a rally in the interest of the movement, to obtain pledges from five million citizens to vote only for candidates for public office who favor national prohibition.

Bridgewater Items.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.
Messrs. Walker Lyerly, Caleb Kincaid, G. C. Coulter, Ben Martin and P. S. Thompson motored to Charlotte last Friday to attend the 20th of May celebration, returning Sunday.

Mr. A. F. Alexander attended the reunion of the U. C. V.'s at at Birmingham last week.

Messrs. Robert Winkler and Eugene Boyd have returned from Hot Springs, Ark., and both seem to be somewhat improved in health.

Mr. Walter W. Rust and family have been visiting the former's mother, Mrs. J. R. Rust, for the past week.

Mr. Fulward Gibbs, one of Bridgewater's successful business men, has purchased a new Ford car.

Master John Lyerly, of Hickory, spent Friday with Louise and Josephine Abernethy.

Mrs. S. P. Tate spent Thursday in Marion.

Mrs. J. K. Middleton and little son, James, of Asheville and Miss Norah Ballew, arrived last Friday to spend some time with relatives here.

Mr. Hugh H. Mills, of Superior, Wis., arrived here Saturday to spend a week with friends here and at Statesville, and will return to Superior Saturday, accompanied by his wife and little son, Hugh, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hunter have been visiting their son, Fred, at Glenwood for a few days.

Mrs. A. E. Neal and little niece, Mary Belle Blackburn, visited relatives on Muddy creek last week.

Mr. R. H. Seals spent Sunday at Rutherford College with friends.

Messrs. S. P. and M. F. Tate were business visitors in Marion Saturday.

Mrs. Wade Hennessee and son Hampton, of Garden City, visited his father, M. F. Tate, the first of the week.

Misses Sadie, Myrtle and Johnnie Adams, of Lancaster, S. C., arrived Monday to spend the summer with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Tate.

Mrs. Joe Seagle is quite sick at her home here.

Mrs. R. A. Abernethy and Miss Norah Ballew spent Wednesday in Marion.

Mr. J. W. Ballew, now with headquarters at Marion Junction, visited home folks Sunday.

There will be held at Snow Hill church embracing Saturday and Sunday, the 27th and 28th, quarterly conference, and the pastor, Rev. M. W. Mann, wishes to have a missionary rally on Saturday and hopes the good sisters will all bring out lunch on that day.

We hope that the much needed rain which has been falling here for the last two days has been a general one, as there has been much talk of the gardens especially, "drying up."

May 23rd, 1916.

Mrs. Joe Simpson and children, of Tuxedo, are here on a visit to Mrs. Simpson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Ward.

Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Williamson are visiting Mrs. Williamson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carmichael, in Winston-Salem.

Mr. G. M. Billings, of Wake Forest, who will be manager of Morganton's ball team this summer, is expected to arrive today.

Misses Gladys and Edith Avery and Florence Hildebran have come home from Winston-Salem, where they taught in the city schools the past year.

GLEN ALPINE NEWS.

Items of News Interest From Our Hustling Nearest Neighbor.

Correspondence of The News-Herald.
I saw an article in a recent edition of The News-Herald from our farm demonstrator to kill potato bugs which I think is good. I have a tested remedy which I saw in a paper some time ago and as The News-Herald has a large and valuable circulation, will give it for the benefit of its readers:

Take a tablespoon of flour and Paris green on the end of the big blade of a pocket knife (this is the proportion) mix well. This will make the flour of a light shade of green. While the potatoes are damp with dew, or you can sprinkle them, take a piece of cardboard and a stick and knock a little on each plant and it will certainly do the business for the bugs and it is not harmful to the plant. Mr. Perkins treatment called for lime and often people don't have the lime.

To get rid of flies use powdered borax in all places where flies congregate, out houses, pig pens, stables, etc. once or twice a week. Keep the premises clean. Dust the borax lightly over these places and you will in a great many instances have less flies than people who use screens. I have tried both of these and know they can be trusted.

The G. A. S. has paid a visit to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Pitts and as a consequence they have a lively addition to the family circle.

Memorial day will be held at the Methodist church next Saturday, the 27th. Usual exercises, with sermon, will be observed.

Misses Bessie Giles, Sadie Pitts and Hattie Guy Giles are home from Davenport and Statesville colleges. Several went from here to the closing exercises of these schools.

Mr. W. R. Puckett and wife and Mr. Charlie Saulman spent the night recently on the top of Table Rock, reporting a fine time. The grand view more than repaid them for their trip.

The Glen Alpine graded school board have reelected the present superintendent and tendered to the entire corps of teachers their former positions for a new term. We miss the school children and shall look forward with pleasure to the new term. The school is on a solid foundation and growing in power and interest each year. What we need is newer and better buildings and more room. I hope in the near future steps will be taken to cover this want.

Last Friday Prof. M. S. Giles, Dr. B. L. Long and Messrs. W. E. Giles and A. W. Trexler went to Charlotte in their cars to take in the sights of Charlotte and hear the president speak. They report a fine time and claim they saw a few people over 100,000.

We are having of late fine rains, which will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers and others of Burke county. Garden truck will grow now. Soon we will be getting cabbage, green peas, etc., which will be a big relief to our former diet.

Mr. T. A. Simpson, Southern railway agent here, has gone to New York and other points. Mr. O. K. Hendrick of Catawba, will fill Mr. Simpson's place during his absence.

Mr. Thomas Garrison leaves today for Lenoir City, Tenn., where he has a position with the Lenoir City Car shops.

The Valdese cotton and hosiery mill are having their mill and other houses nicely painted, which is done in an expert manner by Foreman John Fisher of Morganton and Messrs. N. R. and C. C. Parker and J. Q. Simpson, of Glen Alpine.

JAP.
Glen Alpine, N. C., May 24, 1916.

Little Miss Elizabeth Landis, of Marion, returned Saturday after a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Charlie Kirksey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ross have returned from a visit to their daughter, Mrs. Carl Carmichael in Charlotte.

Mrs. John Thompson visited her son, Mr. Walter Thompson, at Black Mountain, several days last week.

Mrs. Commodore Burleson and children, of Linville Falls, are spending some time with her mother, Mrs. M. E. Gillam.

Mrs. Fred Thorn returned yesterday to her home at Bostic, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Kirksey.

CANDIDATES IN THE PRIMARY.

Those Who Will Run in the First Legalized Primary June 3rd.

Last Saturday, May 20th, was the last day for the filing of the notices of the candidates who are to run in the primary June 3rd.

The following are the Democratic candidates:

For Legislature—John H. Pearson, B. L. Lunsford.
For Sheriff—Forest C. Berry, J. H. Hyams.

For Register of Deeds—John B. Holloway, B. E. Cox.
For County Commissioners—J. M. Brinkley, John A. Lackey, John A. Houk, J. W. Duckworth, John A. Fleming, M. C. Perry.

The Republican candidates are:
For Sheriff—Dan A. Johnson, Abel H. Carswell.
For Register of Deeds—J. R. Howard, C. G. Hicks.

MR. DICKSON REPLIES TO MR. MCKESSON.

To the Editor of The News-Herald:
In your issue of the 18th there is an article signed "C. F. McKesson," which you dignify in the head-line as "A reply to Mr. John A. Dickson."

This article does not attempt to reply to the one I wrote, which was printed in your issue of the 11th, nor to discuss the question at issue, which is: "Is it fair and right for a majority of the town of Morganton to annex a section outside their limits and levy taxes upon it, to pay debts for improvements already made, which they are not able to extend into the new territory; and this in violation of their agreement not to do so?" Mr. McKesson's article is full of abuse, mud-slinging and misrepresentations and seems to be intended to divert the attention of the people from the real question.

Mr. McKesson says I was a town commissioner and asks why I did not give the Burke Tanning Company water and lights. It has been a good many years since I was town commissioner; and at the time I was, the town did not have water and the electric lights were under the control of an independent board, known as the Board of Improvement, of which I was never a member.

He asks if, when I was chairman of the Board of County Commissioners I did not nearly double the taxes of the Burke Tanning Company. I did not. The tax assessor raised their taxes, with that of others, and the Board of Equalization, of which I was a member, lowered their assessment, as the records will show.

He says that about thirty years ago, during my term as commissioner, the first brick sidewalk was built just across the street from my home, while the rest of the town was in the mud. It is true that I was on the Board of Commissioners that built the first brick sidewalks in town, extending from Mr. R. T. Claywell's residence, just across the street from my home, through the town to Mr. S. T. Pearson's on West Union and from the depot to Judge Avery's, the four quarters of the town, about an equal distance each way, from the court house.

He further says that since I have been on the Morganton Township Road Commission I have built a dandy road and a bridge that leads to my lumber plant. This is absolutely false. Not a dollar of township money was spent upon either. The road to our plant was built and paid for and is kept up by the Morganton Mfg. & Trading Co. The bridge was built by the county and the road from the depot and beyond, mainly by private subscriptions through the efforts of Mr. Fred Mull.

The side street at my home was built and the sidewalk in front of my home kept up by myself, out of my private pocket. My offense seems to be that I have spent my own money, to improve my own property.

But Mr. McKesson is alarmed at my suggestion that "Ernest and Foss" should enter the primary for the Legislature and says it would be both water and electricity on the Republican wheel. Sounds strange from a Republican, doesn't it? Some of the people will remember that the first misfortune which befell the Democrats in Burke county was their nomination of Mr. McKesson for the Legislature. That was before he had changed his politics or held a Federal office.

The statement which he alleges I made before the Legislative committee was in reply to the question, "How long will it be before the town can extend its water, lights and street improvements into the proposed addition, and was true as then stated."

Doubtless if Mr. McKesson had been before the Legislative committee instead of giving them facts, he would have begun with Julius Caesar and ended with Bacchus and his friends, the Gapepians.

Respectfully,
John A. DICKSON.

Judge Webb has dissolved the order restraining the county commissioners from building the new courthouse for Surrey county. The commissioners will proceed to erect the building but they have changed the plans and will reduce the cost.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. F. H. Sain has opened this week a barber shop in the building formerly occupied by the Bank of Morganton.

A special Hoosier cabinet sale is going on at Claywell's furniture store. A special offer is being made to those who purchase this week.

The rain Monday and Tuesday was worth thousands of dollars to Burke county. It came just in time to save crops from what threatened to be a serious drought.

A large number of Morganton people attended the 20th of May celebration in Charlotte last Saturday. A company of cadets from the Deaf School was in the parade.

Miss Miriam Goodwin went to Statesville last Friday and on Monday had an operation at Dr. Long's hospital for appendicitis. Her friends are glad to hear she is recovering rapidly.

Friends here were pleased to learn that Miss Sue Tate stood so well the operation which she underwent at a Richmond hospital last Thursday. Her sister, Miss Wilhelmina Tate, is with her.

The colored graded school closed Tuesday with an entertainment at the court house Tuesday night. The entertainment was exceedingly good and showed that the teachers have worked faithfully.

Miss Melissa Laxton has been seriously ill for some time at the home of Mr. Andrew Walker. Her nephew and niece, Mr. Fred Laxton and Miss Kitty Laxton, of Charlotte, came yesterday to be with her.

The local council of the Junior Order will have a specially important meeting next Tuesday night. All Juniors are urged to be present. Plans will be made for the observation of decoration day the first Sunday in June.

On Friday night of last week the members of the graduating class were the guests of the Junior class at a party at the school building. This party is an annual affair, and is always very much enjoyed by the two classes.

Rev. J. E. Abernethy, of Monroe was in Morganton Sunday and on Sunday night preached at the Methodist church. Mr. Abernethy is one of the ablest preachers in the W. N. C. conference. Those who heard him Sunday night consider themselves fortunate.

Attention is called to the statement of the Recorder's Court published in this issue. This statement is not required by law but Judge I. T. Avery thought that it would be of general interest to the public to know how much had been collected during the past year and how the funds have been spent. From this source the public schools of Burke have received \$1536.67.

NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST.

Brief Notes of Recent Happenings in North Carolina.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association will be held in Winston-Salem, Zinzendorf hotel, May 30-June 1-2.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith, of Elkin, will give the Southern Methodist Board of Missions \$5,000 to build a church in China and will also pay the salary of a young pastor for the charge—\$900 a year.

The body of Master Sam Miller, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Philo A. Miller, was found in a spring in southwest Hickory Monday afternoon, the child having fallen into the water and drowned.

Miss Mary O. Graham, of Charlotte, has accepted the presidency of Peace Institute. This is the first time a woman in the South has been put at the head of an institution of learning of the first grade. She is a sister of Dr. Edward Kidder Graham, president of the North Carolina University.

The Charlotte women presented Mrs. Woodrow Wilson with a gold and silver colonial goblet as a memento of her visit to Charlotte last Saturday. It was presented at the luncheon at the Manufacturers club and was hidden in a basket of roses. Governor Manning of South Carolina made the presentation speech.