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"If it Concerns Harnett, It's in THE NEWS"

COMMENCEMENT AT LILLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

The commencement season at Lillington High and Farm-Life School will open Sunday morning with baccalaureate sermon by Dr. W. I. Cranford of Trinity College. The services will be held in the school auditorium at 11 o'clock.

Thirteen students are in the graduating class this year, four boys and nine girls, as follows: Clida Woodall, Blanche Johnson, Kathryn Hockaday, Vida Betts, Ruby Dewar, Mamie Johnson, Ruth Kelly, Addie McDonald, Beulah O'Quinn, Stedman McLean, Harold Moss, Luther Rollins, Sion Wilburn.

On Tuesday evening at 8:30 exercises by the Grammar school will be held. This part of the commencement program is given over to the younger students and is always among the most enjoyable numbers.

Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 the recitation and declamation contest will take place. Six of the school's expert platform speakers will fill the program for this event.

Wednesday evening at 8:30 will be given to class day exercises and the senior recital. The class motto reads: "There is no elevator to success; take the stairs." It will be interesting and inspiring to hear the farewell song of a class with such a meaningful motto. The exercises and recital will probably measure the capacity of the auditorium in numbers attending.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock the annual address will be delivered by some speaker yet to be selected. At this hour the diplomas will be presented to the graduates. Diplomats from Lillington High School admit to any college or university in North Carolina without further examination or test. Many graduates of this school are now in the various institutions of learning throughout the State. They are reflecting great credit upon the local institution.

Thursday evening at 8:30 will be presented the school's own production of the romantic musical comedy, "The Gypsy Rover." Director, Miss Blanch Johnson. Weeks of practice have been put into this number on the commencement program and no one in this vicinity will hardly do themselves the injustice of failing to witness it. It will be a rare treat. The play will wind up the closing exercises.

All persons attending commencement are urged to be present and be seated before the appointed hour for opening each exercise. The lady principal, Miss Richard, says this is "positively must." She means

just that. Doors will be closed promptly.

Also, cars arriving after any opening hour must park at the foot of the hill and remain there till exercises are over.

PERSONAL

On account of the baccalaureate sermon at the school auditorium next Sunday morning, there will be no service at the Presbyterian church. The communion service announced for that morning is postponed to the second Sunday morning of May. However, there will be preaching at the Presbyterian church Sunday night.

Rev. G. F. Kirkpatrick will preach at Flat Branch church next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. This is the regular day and hour for services at that church until a permanent pastor is secured.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rowland of McCullers visited Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Long this week.

Mr. C. N. Ware of Lillington R. 4 makes announcement of his candidacy for the nomination for county auditor in the Democratic primary in June. So far Mr. Ware is the only Democrat who is announced for this office.

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Stewart visited Mrs. Stewart's parents in Dunn this week.

Mr. J. Walter Turnage, contractor of Dunn, was in Lillington on business Tuesday.

Auditor McKinney of Raleigh is spending a few days in Lillington on business for the town.

Mrs. Hiram Baggett returned Sunday from Richmond where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Medley.

Mrs. R. P. Wray returned Tuesday from Zebulon where she has been on a few days' visit.

Dr. J. W. Halford and Dr. J. F. McKay went to Charlotte this week to attend the State Medical Society meeting there.

Miss Fannie Brooks, county home demonstrator, is spending a few days at Pineview and Pinehurst this week attending lectures on landscape gardening.

Mrs. J. W. Halford accompanied her.

Dr. W. I. Cranford of Trinity College will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Lillington High School auditorium on Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. O. P. Shell of Dunn, candidate for judge of the recorder's court and politician d'lux, spent Wednesday in Lillington on business. The judge says he is sane and therefore safe.

Mr. J. T. Ellington of Angier was in town Monday on business.

Mr. M. J. Senter will hold a sale at public auction of personal property and household effects at his residence near Kipling this coming Wednesday. Quite a list of desirable property is offered and no doubt a large crowd will be on hand at the sale.

Mr. J. A. Blalock of Dunn was in Lillington Wednesday. He reported the condition of his daughter, Miss Pauline Blalock, as improved. She is in a hospital in Asheville. Miss Blalock is well known in Lillington, having visited here often.

Mr. L. P. Surles of Dunn was a visitor to Lillington Monday. Attorney Robert Godwin of Dunn was in town on business Wednesday.

The Lyceum singers, vocal quartets, instrumental quartets, trios, solos, etc., at Lillington High School auditorium Friday night, April 23. Don't fail to hear them.

Mr. and Mrs. Neill Green of Dunn were visitors to Lillington Wednesday. This was Mr.

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FROM OLIVIA

Olivia, April 19.

Fruit growers say recent frosts have not injured the prospects for a good crop in this section.

Miss Ida Denton and Miss Jennie Perkins have gone to Sanford to take positions in the El-Reas cigar factory there.

Mr. Alan McDonald is engaged in putting in new shelves and counters in Webber & Olive's store to make room for an enlarged stock of merchandise they have coming in.

Mr. and Mrs. Craig of Pineview were visitors in Olivia Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Davis motored to Dobson and other points in Surry county where they are visiting friends and relatives for a few days.

Practically all tobacco men here report plants coming in in good shape, and some say will be ready to set in about three weeks. Failure to get deliveries on fertilizers is becoming serious to those who failed to get theirs early in the season.

Mr. Henry Lee Smith made his first shipment of asparagus today.

Most of the boys here fail to find anything exciting in the "wear overalls" idea, as they have been wearing them right along. We hope that this fad does more than increase the price of this popular garment, which is likely to be the result; however, if it succeeds in inspiring some of the new converts to overalls, with the idea that it might be well to do a little real work and produce something, some benefit may be obtained after all.

Miss Fannie Brooks, county home demonstrator, will be in Olivia this week in the interests of her canning club work. Olivia already has several experienced cold pack canners, and the work ought to succeed well here.

MAMERS NOTES.

The farmers of Mamers section have organized a company and are going to put up a cotton gin at Mamers. Part of the machinery for this gin has already arrived. This will mean a great deal to the farmers of this section.

Mr. Allen Jones is erecting a new residence in Mamers.

Misses Idell O'Quinn and Beulah Moore attended preaching at Spring Hill Sunday afternoon.

The commencement exercises of Mamers school will be held on the 28th and 29th of April. The exercises will begin on Wednesday night, the 28th, extending through Thursday, and closing Thursday night.

Green's first trip since recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Attorney B. Ray Olive of Fuquay Springs was a visitor in town Wednesday.

Attorney J. R. Barbour of Benson was in the countyseat Wednesday.

Attorney C. R. Partin of Angier was in town Wednesday.

Register of Deeds W. H. Faucette and Auditor Allen M. Shaw went to Raleigh on business Wednesday.

At the meeting of the North Carolina Medical Society in Charlotte this week Dr. Wm. P. Holt of Duke was elected a member of the State board of examiners for a term of six years.

Mr. Marvin Edwards and Miss Vera Dorman motored to Durham last Sunday and spent the day.

Miss Baye Johnson has resigned her position with Baggett & Johnson and left for Raleigh this week where she has accepted a position.

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PROBLEMS FACING STRICKEN WORLD

Shall Chaos or Reconstruction in Europe Follow the Great World War?

DANGER IN GENERAL UNREST

Practically Universal Feeling of Discontent Will Grow Unless the Causes Which Gave It Birth Are Removed.

Article VII.

By FRANK CORMERFORD.

A specter haunts Europe. It is the ghost of unrest. When I started out to interview unrest in Europe I did not give my ear to the idle theorist who always knows all about everything, but never from direct experience with it, nor did I go to the agitator who preaches unrest in red words. Neither did I seek out the type of fanatical labor leader, who is eager for trouble, who is trying to mobilize unrest and marshal it under the banner of Revolution. I passed by the placemonger, time-serving politician. I was not interested in platitudes and promises.

I sought knowledge of unrest from those who knew it from contact with it, those who were part and parcel of it. I went to the man in the street, the average man. I talked with the sweaty, dirty coal miner at the mouth of the shaft. He had just come from his day in the darkness deep in the ground. I visited the man who works in the mill. I listened to the rough speech of the teamster. I went to factories and talked with men between the two whistles which mark the time of the noon meal. They munched at black bread, ate cheese or sausage, gulped tea, coffee or cheap, diluted red wine. I spent time with the idle, the idle by choice as well as those without work through no fault of their own. Only yesterday many, yes, most of these men were in khaki; now, back on the job in overalls, they were thinking. Their speech was troubled. Discontent looked out from their eyes. I could feel it. They talked it, but never as unrest, always protest.

Unrest Must Be Quieted.

Their state of mind is the problem. Unrest is epidemic; it is militant. There is little of pacifism in it. It is real, it is not without cause. To get close to the cause of this disease without work through no fault of their own. Only yesterday many, yes, most of these men were in khaki; now, back on the job in overalls, they were thinking. Their speech was troubled. Discontent looked out from their eyes. I could feel it. They talked it, but never as unrest, always protest.

The world was swept from its senses. The fire would run its course until stopped because there was nothing left to burn. Who dares picture the state in which it would leave the world? In this day, when the nerves of the world are on edge, when cold and hunger irritate, one shudders when he thinks of the fate of civilization if unrest is not checked before it explodes in passion and wrath.

Unrest existed before the war. It was an accorn then, it is an oak now. Before the war men were complaining, and justly complaining, about their lot. The difference now is that four years in the trenches have caused them to stop complaining and act. Soldiering taught them much. They learned of the greatness of their present tendency to act in the grown grievance and the war lesson. Before the war they complained; today they demand. It is interesting to examine unrest in the complaint stage, as these men knew it before 1914.

These plain, ordinary average men have always been intensely human. They loved their wives and children. They lived for their homes. They felt keenly their responsibility for the happiness of their loved ones. They have but one thing to give. Before the war they gave it unspargingly—it was their labor. Their one source of income was the pay envelope. With their wages they had to buy shoes, clothes, food, and provide shelter for the lives they brought into the world, and for the women they had chosen to be the mothers of those children.

"Home" Before All.

"Home, Sweet Home" is the international anthem. It is the heart song of the average man. The club plays no part in his life. From his home he goes to work, and from work he goes home. Shanties and tenements are not homes. These men have always protested against the ugly shacks in which they were compelled to house their loved ones. They bit their lips in jobless days when their children went to bed hungry. Resentment grew in their hearts when they saw how poorly dressed their wives and children were. They muttered curses when their children were forced to go to work. They wanted to give their children a better education than they had had, a better chance in life, and they laughed at laws prohibiting child labor, while conditions compelled child-

dren to work or starve. As these men grew older their families grew in size and demand, while their ability to earn decreased. The tragedy registered in their pay envelopes. They were being ground between growing needs and diminishing wages. The grinding not only hurt their bodies, it furbowed their brain.

They lived in dread of poverty. It had been their curse, they feared it would be their pallbearer. Poverty had taken its revenge upon them. They were realizing that if they could help it it would not put its lash upon their children. They knew poverty intimately. It wasn't a word, a name, it was a living hateful, cruel companion. It was the devil that recruited the Marqs of Scariet Hall, the Maglans of the slums, and always the army was mobilized from the shanties of the poor. Children who had been robbed of their youth, who had never owned a flower, poorly fed and miserably clad, dragged out of bed by alarm clocks, sounding the call to toll, when they should have been answering the school bell, children's physicality unlit for the breadwinner's struggle, children without the moral endurance necessary for the fight, were driven into No Woman's land, the rotten scum under the world.

Light in Education.

Before the war men were brooding on these things, papers, books, magazines mirroring life, pictured their horrors. They were the subject of public discussion and debate. Men returning from a hard day's work talked these things over with their wives after the children had gone to bed, and many a man left his supper table to peek through the half-closed door into the room where his kiddies were sleeping, uptoeking back, only to look into the eyes of a mother, and see reflected there the fears he felt.

The invention of the typesetting machine, the cheap manufacture of paper, the growth of public school systems, and public libraries, brought light to the dark minds of the workmen. In that light they saw more clearly their needs and more completely realized their rights. It is the natural ambition of man to climb. He wants to get on and up. Ignorance had kept him from climbing. Ignorance is darkness. Men stumble when they try to go forward in the dark. Education is the light in the road. They sought to make haste, to make up for the lost time. Education taught them to want things for themselves and their families that their fathers and mothers never thought of wanting. The homes which satisfied their parents depressed and irritated them. The bathtub and tooth brush are acquired habits. The desire to straighten the back that has been bent in toll too long, is put there by education. One thing stood in the way—it obstructed the path upward to decent living. They saw the barrier clearly and distinctly—poverty. They saw this impassable obstacle was made out of poor wages. They saw more. They saw that poor wages built the poorhouses and filled them, organized the bread lines, introduced the soup house. Out of their thoughts, in their experience, they carved a truth. "As long as some people have more than they can possibly use, while others through no fault of their own have less than they absolutely need, something is wrong," and when the call to arms came these thoughts were living in the mass mind of the world. Many not concerned with the problem of the other seven-eighths, knowing nothing of what was happening in the minds of the men and women of toil, and caring less, they did not know that these men were untiring and planning to tear down the wall of poverty.

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Contradiction in Berlin.

Fats, oils, clothes, milk for babies and other necessities are scarce in Berlin, and so high-priced that the poorer people can hardly afford them at all; yet the shop windows along Unter den Linden are full of beautiful goods.

Housing conditions pinch despite the fact that Berlin and other cities have less population than before the war. Every candy store window in Berlin has a crowd before it all day long. Adults, as well as children, stand and stare at the displays of sweets.

Movies—most of them immoral—are always crowded. Twelve new moving picture houses are to be erected. The most popular firms are those "on the ragged edge."

Thesaters are crowded, and so is the opera, as a rule.

"Old Timers" on Rhine Again.

Quite a number of regular "old timers" who marched to the Rhine with the American army of occupation in December, 1918, and who have been to the United States and discharged and enlisted again, go to make up the Fifth and Fiftieth infantry regiments which arrived recently in the vicinity of Coblenz to await possible dispatch in the near future to Upper Silesia to supervise the plebiscite.

Some of them saw ten and twelve months' service in France and Belgium before the armistice.

Russa Loses 35,000,000.

The Polish professor, A. A. Ossendoffsky, chief of the intelligence department of the all-Russian government, estimates that the world war, bolshevism, Civil war, starvation and disease has cost Russia a total of 35,000,000 lives. He places the cost of bolshevism at 12,350,000 lives. Professor Ossendoffsky says that formerly the Russian population increased at the rate of four persons a minute. Today it is decreasing at the rate of twelve to thirteen a minute.

FROM BUIES CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Stewart of Lillington passed through town last Thursday, stopping for a few hours.

Mr. B. F. McLeod, cashier of Buies Creek Bank, has been confined to his room for several days with influenza.

Rev. J. A. Campbell filled his regular appointments at the Baptist church here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. O. C. Graviett left last Wednesday for Roxboro to be with her brother, Mr. Gentry, who is seriously ill and not expected to live.

Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Johnson of Kipling spent part of the day Sunday with Mrs. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Collier.

Messrs. P. A. Canady, E. L. Canady and S. C. West of Manchester were in town Sunday and spent part of the day with Mr. W. T. Campbell.

Messrs. D. D. Johnson, J. H. Morgan, Wm. Upchurch and D. M. McKinney were in town Saturday on business.

Mr. D. A. Honeycutt went to Dunn Monday on business.

Mr. T. T. Eaton has been appointed postmaster for this place.

Mr. D. L. Lewis of Cedar Falls spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Strickland of this place.

CARD FROM MR. RAY.

Editor News:

As a good number of my friends in different parts of the county have asked in regard to my position as to the coming primary, I hope you will publish the following statement, which is final. Owing to the condition of my health and the complicated condition of my private affairs, I will not be a candidate before the primary this year for county commissioner. But at the same time my hearty support will be freely given the party as far as I am able. But knowing my own shortcomings better than anyone else, I know that I cannot do as much for the party and the people as I ought to do. Therefore I think it best to give place to a younger and stronger man. There are many good strong men in Western Harnett but I will suggest only two—Mr. J. Ambrose Buchanan of Upper Little River and Mr. H. C. Cameron of Johnsonville. Both are good progressive business men and each would add strength and vim to the ticket, and in my poor judgment it would be a wise thing to put them both on the ticket, provided any one other of the old board should drop out. I only suggest this as I know the men are all right, and I think Western Harnett needs more representation.

Respectfully,

D. P. RAY.

SPRING HILL NOTES.

We are glad to know that Mrs. J. W. Mason is improving after a few days' illness.

Mr. J. W. Mason was a visitor at Mr. B. F. Mason's Saturday.

We are glad to see Miss Pearl Mason out again after a few days' illness.

We are sorry to hear of Mrs. W. H. Strickland's illness.

Mr. R. L. Bullard and son of Lee county were visitors in our section Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Mason visited Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Mason Sunday.

We are very sorry to learn of Mrs. O. P. Thomas' illness, but hope her a speedy recovery.

Miss Bessie Naul, Miss Hattie Butler and Miss Maude Holder visited Misses Pearl and Ida Mason Monday night.

Don't forget that Tomlinson & Co. are buyers as well as sellers. They want farm produce.

O. BRADLEY DIES SUDDENLY

Mr. O. Bradley, member of the county board of education and one of the most prominent citizens of the county, died suddenly Monday while driving his automobile near his home in Kipling.

Mr. Bradley was driving his car up a grade in the road and it seems that while turning a curve the car struck a tree, doing the car slight damage. However, it is not probable that his death was caused by this slight accident, as only a couple of scratches were found on his face. He had been suffering with a weak heart and other ailments following a stroke of paralysis some months ago.

Mr. Bradley was found lying near the running board of his machine in an unconscious state. He died a few minutes afterward.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at Chalybeate Springs church, interment being in the churchyard. Throngs of people attended the funeral. Mr. Bradley was one of the most widely known and highly esteemed men in this section.

Revs. J. A. Campbell and Pastor Farmer conducted the services.

MISS OMA MATTHEWS.

Miss Oma Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem W. Matthews of Kipling, died in Rex Hospital Monday. She had been taken to Raleigh for treatment some ten days ago by Dr. Arnold. The remains were brought home and funeral services held at Chalybeate Springs Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with burial in the churchyard.

Miss Matthews was about 14 years of age and had been in ill health for some time, but she bore her cross with that fortitude characteristic of a true Christian.

The bereaved have the heartfelt sympathy of the entire community.

PISGAH CLOSES.

The school at Mt. Pisgah will close Friday, April 30. There will be an address at eleven o'clock, picnic dinner, exercise in the afternoon and again in the evening, beginning at eight o'clock. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

AT CHRISTIAN LIGHT.

Commencement exercises at Christ Light school will be held Monday, April 26, beginning at 4 p. m. A most interesting program has been arranged and the public is cordially invited.

Land Posters for sale at The News office.

FOR SALE

AT AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH ON APRIL 24, 1920

One mule, one Jersey cow, two buggies and harness, farm implements of all kinds, corn, fodder, shucks, hay, one wheat thresher and horsepower, all of household and kitchen furniture, one Pratt's 80-saw cotton gin and fixtures and press, also platform scales.

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