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

Buies Creek Finals Open On Sabbath

Thirty-seventh annual commencement of Buies Creek Academy will open Saturday, May 10th, at 8:15 p. m. with exercises by the Washingtonian Society. Commencement proper will be ushered in with the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning at 11:30 by Rev. Q. C. Davis of Albemarle, N. C. Mr. Davis is known to a great many people in Harnett county and there will be no lack of interest in his engagement to deliver this sermon to Buies Creek's major gathering of the season. He will preach again at night.

The remainder of the program of the Academy's commencement exercises reads as follows:
Wednesday, May 14th
2:30 P. M., Contest for Declaimer's Medal.
4:00 P. M., Senior Class Exercises
8:30 P. M., Astro and Sappho Societies

Thursday, May 15th
10:00 A. M., Contest for Orator's Medal

12:00 A. M., Commencement Address—Hon. Huston Thompson, Chairman Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D. C.
1:30 P. M., Alumni Luncheon—F. Hunter Creech, Esq., President, Washington, D. C.

Alumni Address—W. Caswell Ellis, Esq., Greenville, S. C.
4:00 P. M., Baseball—Buies Creek vs. Fort Bragg
8:30 P. M., Delivery of Medals and Diplomas
9:00 P. M., Operetta—"Pocahontas"

The Washingtonian reciters are all from Harnett county. They are as follows: Edwin Humphrey, Mabel Stewart, Marie Matthews, Robert Mack Wallace.

There are forty-one graduates in the Literary Department, representing twenty-six counties and four States. There are six graduates who will receive the English-Mathematics Certificate. Twenty-eight students will graduate in the Commercial Department. There are two graduates in the Music Department.

With the completion of the new gymnasium building, which is being used temporarily for an auditorium, there will be a larger seating capacity for visitors to the commencement this year, and this added to the fact that the quarters will be decidedly more comfortable than the old harbor formerly used. Professor Campbell is not content, however, with the gymnasium auditorium, and it is quite likely that friends of the great institution will see to it that an auditorium of ample dimensions will be erected in the near future. Friends of Buies Creek are numbered by the thousands; their strength is not a matter that is so easily calculated—they have established a record for doing things that has brought about the trite saying that "Nothing of value is impossible of accomplishment at Buies Creek."

There is every likelihood that the 1924 commencement will register the largest attendance in the history of the institution.

B. Y. P. U. SOCIAL

An event of thorough enjoyment for everyone attending was the social affair given by the Lillington B. Y. P. U. at the Chapter House last Friday evening. The house had been decorated in pink and green crepe with Japanese lanterns to furnish the softened light. Native wild flowers placed by the young ladies had transformed the rustic architecture into a veritable Eden bower. The scene was most pleasing and presented a most suitable setting for the social pleasures of the young folks.

Games were played and refreshments of ice cream, cake, fruit and candy were served. A delightfully entertaining feature of the social was the staging of stunts by each of the four groups of the Society. These consisted of weddings, minstrels, etc., and in their originality to get-up the numbers proved of more than ordinary amusement. The entire affair was marked by the crowded moments of pleasure.

About thirty were present, composed of the Society and invited guests. Miss Mame Camp is leader of the B. Y. P. U. and she has a corps of assistants who are thoroughly impressed with the importance of the work.

LAND POSTERS at The News.

Indiana Governor Sentenced to Ten Years and Fined \$10,000



Wide World Photo
Warren T. McCray, former Governor of Indiana who was sentenced to ten years in the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., and fined \$10,000 by Judge A. B. Anderson in the Federal Court in Indianapolis, leaving the Marion County Jail in the custody of United States Marshal Linus Meredith. Ex-Governor McCray was found guilty of using the mails in furtherance of a scheme to defraud. In the photo Warren T. McCray left and the U. S. Marshal right.

National News Letter

Written by David Loth
Especially for The News.

New York, May 7.—The good work of killing the Mellon tax reduction bill is running smoothly. The House has already changed the whole spirit of the measure and the Senate is rapidly following in the same path.

This procedure is all the more remarkable because the present Congress is Republican and the Republican Administration has thrown its weight behind the Mellon plan with its greater benefits to the very wealthy than the small taxpayer who most needs relief. The break away from the huge surtax reductions in the Mellon scheme is more than an indication of the lack of leadership, strong leadership, at Washington. This plays some part, but the main thing that has defeated the original tax program, despite the immense propaganda for it and the acclaim with which it was hailed when it first saw the light, is the insistence on the part of the people who vote that they should get at least as great benefits and possibly more than the richest tax payers will receive.

Consequently the Mellon rates are doomed; the only question is how far the reaction will go. At present it seems certain the maximum surtax rate will be near the 37 1/2 per cent carried in the House bill and the normal income, under \$5,000, will see its taxes cut in half.

Congress' Only Work
But the tax bill and the bonus, now up to the President to veto or approve, represent the sole achievements of the present Congress. The immigration bill with its insulting exclusions of Japanese—they could have at least been kept out politely—is hardly an achievement.

Every other major piece of legislation has been neglected. Measures for the relief of agriculture have been talked about until it seems impossible that nothing should have come of all the conversation. But nothing has. The McNary-Haugen bill for extending credit to farmers is up for discussion soon, but hardly anyone thinks it will be considered at this session and essentially it is a makeshift measure anyway.

Meanwhile the financial situation has been eased in many sections of the country. A symptom of the improved situation is seen in lowering of the Federal Reserve rediscount rate from 4-1-4 to 4 per cent in the Eastern districts. This indicates money is not so tight and credit will be easier to get on more favorable terms. Not that this will do more than give bitter cheer to farmers already in debt up to their eyes.

A Labor Budget
Over in England capitalists have been trembling. A Socialist Government is in office and has been drawing up its budget for the coming year. What terms of outrageous taxation on unearned and colossal wealth did these laborites contemplate? What subsidies did they propose to grant workers? A lot of o'berwise sane reactionaries were sweating pounds sterling trying to answer.

Then the budget was brought in.

It changes nothing vital. Income taxes and inheritance taxes remain the same. The corporation excess profits tax is even abolished. The rest of the changes are all tax reductions on commodities, especially tea and sugar. From an American standpoint, one item is important. The duty of 33-1-3 per cent on foreign automobiles is abolished. This opens a new field for American cars and Tories are afraid it will ruin the British industry.

But on the whole the Labor Budget is just what the Liberals would have brought in if they had been in office and had striven honestly for economy. That fact insures Liberal support of the budget, which is what Labor needs. Indeed Labor admits that if it had a majority in Parliament and did not need Liberal aid, the capitalist fears would have been realized.

German moderates—those who believe in the Republic and that Germany lost the war—won their great victory last Sunday. In the general election they succeeded in capturing the majority of the new Reichstag, despite the bitter fight put up by the monarchists and extreme nationalists on the one side and the communists on the other.

The moderate victory means that Germany will accept the Reparations settlement proposed by the international committee of experts. It should also help France to a more moderate point of view in her general elections next Sunday, but it is doubtful if it will. Until after the French voting it will be impossible to proceed further with the working out of the experts' scheme. If Premier Poincare wins, as there is every indication he will, the problem will not be simple.

Already there are signs that France and England disagree about the attitude they should take toward Germany. Paris wants to maintain all the harshness that has characterized her stand since the war. England, while admitting the good grounds for that harshness, suggests that Germany should be trusted this time since all the world agrees the terms are reasonable and can be met.

To try and reconcile these views Premier Theunis of Belgium spent part of last week in Paris and the week-end in London, conferring with the statesmen of the capitals in an effort to reach a compromise. Nothing was told of his success, and all the hints were that he had only succeeded in making clear how far apart the views of the two chief Allies are.

South America, it seems, must always provide a revolution. As the Mexican revolt faded out, the Hondurans came on. And now the Honduran fighting has been stopped and Cuba has started a little ruckus of her own. Somner Welles, an American, succeeded in bringing the Honduran factions together, and all were able to agree on Gen. Tosta as provisional president. The other leaders take posts in the SCabinet.

The Cuban Revolt is directed at President Zayas by the Veterans and Patriots Association, headed by Gen.

Sheriff's Land Sale Scheduled 1st Mond. July

The Board of Commissioners at their meeting Monday passed an order directing Sheriff J. W. McArtan to advertise for sale all land upon which taxes are not paid, the sale to be scheduled for the first Monday in July. The list of property will be inserted in the newspapers beginning with the first week in June and continue for a month, the law requiring thirty days advertisement before the sale. Twenty days prior to the advertising a notice of intention to advertise and sell will be mailed to each delinquent taxpayer. These notices are being mailed out now from the Sheriff's office.

The Sheriff has been directed by the Commissioners to completely exhaust all resources to personal property from which to derive the taxes due the county before he proceeds to advertise real property. The levy on personal property does not require any advertising, and the Sheriff may seize such personal property if he may find any belonging to a taxpayer who has not settled.

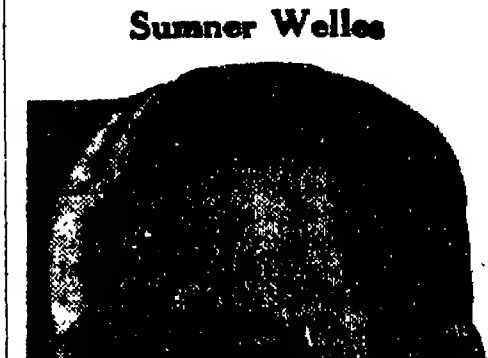
It is thought that this year may see a smaller list of land for sale by the Sheriff than has been the case in recent years. Taxes have come in just a little heavier this year than formerly, it is stated. This may be caused by the fact that the county is inclined to be a little more strict in the matter of sale of land for delinquencies. In former years it has been the case that the sale was withheld till late summer or fall. This has not proven to be of any value, however, insofar as the county's revenue is concerned, the taxpayers who held out seeming to be of the opinion that where a little leniency is shown there is plenty of time with-out being in a hurry to settle with the county, which in the minds of some people, has plenty of money anyway.

"THE GIPSY TRAIL," MODERN ROMANCE, AT BUIES CREEK

A play of modern romance, "The Gypsy Trail," will be presented in Buies Creek auditorium Friday night of this week. The hour is eight o'clock. The play is given under auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association. Admission will be 25, 35 and 50 cents.

This same play was presented in Lillington school auditorium a few weeks ago by the Duke theatrical organization and proved to be one of the most highly appreciated efforts on the local stage in many seasons. The play is entertaining indeed and anyone who witnesses its presentation will be well repaid for the time and small expense. The Buies Creek talent is far above the ordinary.

Sumner Welles



Sumner Welles, special commissioner of the United States, persuaded the warring factions in Honduras to agree to an armistice, thus paving the way for a peace conference to be participated in by representatives of the United States, the Honduran factions, and the governments of Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua.

Garca-Velaz, who was removed from his office of Minister to London because of his remarks about the Havana Government. Some little fighting has taken place, enough to cause this country to declare an embargo on arms. So far Washington seems to side with Zayas, which should be enough for him to win if he plays his cards at all well.

HONORABLE TAM C. BOWIE

of Jefferson, Ashe County



He will deliver the literary address to the graduating class in Lillington High School on Monday night. Mr. Bowie is a most interesting speaker and you will be fortunate in hearing him.

CONTRACT LET FOR THE BUILDING FOR KIPLING-CHALYBEATE SCHOOL

Contract for the big consolidated school of the Kipling-Chalybeate district was let Monday to the B. L. Lucas Construction Company of Raleigh, which concern was the successful bidder for contracts for two other consolidated schools a few weeks ago. Representatives of the districts interested in the building of the big consolidated school met with the Board of Education Monday and differences of opinion as to the place which was the bone of contention for several months while the Education Board was bending every nerve to get the contending factions together.

The building is to cost when com-

pleted about \$57,000, and will have heat, electricity, running water, and will be constructed of modern material in every particular. It is declared that this building will rank favorably with any school building in the county, although not as large, yet in its construction being most up-to-date. It will be built with a view to accommodating one or two small districts adjoining should they wish to come in with the Kipling-Chalybeate organization.

Contract for the fixtures for conveniences was not let because the contractors desired a little more time to consult the sub-bidders for these parts of the structure. However, this will not delay the construction work inasmuch as the building will have progressed considerably before the other work will be needed.

PLANS COMPLETED FOR A BIGGER, BETTER CO. FAIR

The Four County Fair association, which replaces the old Harnett County Fair association, was organized Tuesday. The new association has already been chartered with an authorized capital of \$25,000. It will take over the fair grounds and plant and the indebtedness of the old association. The following directors were elected: Marvin L. Wade, J. W. Draughton, Jno. W. Thornton, G. M. Tighman, Ellis Goldstein, J. L. Sorrell, H. A. Turlington, J. C. Byrd, Farley Wood, Z. V. Snipes, J. Lloyd Wade, M. G. Lee, E. F. Young, G. L. Cannady and Eugene Smith.

At a meeting of the directors held immediately after that of the stockholders the following officers were elected: President, H. A. Turlington; first vice president, G. M. Tighman; treasurer, Marvin L. Wade; secretary, Ellis Goldstein; executive committee, G. M. Tighman, J. W. Thornton, Marvin L. Wade, Ellis Goldstein, H. A. Turlington. This committee was authorized to draw up the by-laws of the new association.

Under the plan of organizing the new association stockholders in the old are allowed to subscribe one-fourth of the amount of stock which they held in the Harnett County Fair association. The final limit for transferring the old stock for new expires on June 1. The old stock is void and will be of no value in the new association. Marvin L. Wade will have charge of issuing the new stock and making the transfers. The majority of the stockholders in the old association have already taken the amount of stock allowed them in the new.

With the new organization it will be possible to wipe out the outstanding indebtedness against the fair plant and a "bigger and better" fair is assured. Plans are already being

worked out for the fair next fall. The dates are October 7 to 10, inclusive. Contract has already been signed with one of the biggest carnivals in the country—Bernardi's Greater Shows.

Mr. Turlington, who heads the new association, was president of the old during the five years of its life. Mr. Goldstein, the secretary, served as business manager of the old association and has been closely identified with the work staging all the fairs held here. Both are experienced and tireless workers and will put forth every effort to make the Four County Fair the best fair in Eastern North Carolina.—Dunn Dispatch.

OVER 200 NEW MEMBERS ADDED TO COTTON CO-OPS

Raleigh May 7.—Over 200 new members were added to the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association during the month of April, and the intensive work of canvassing is just now reaching its height. Field service workers report splendid prospects and every mail brings new contracts to the Raleigh office. Johnston county leads all counties in membership with Pitt county second and Robeson third.

TO VOTE MAY 9th.

Raleigh May 7.—May 9, is the date set for the district conventions of the members of the North Carolina Cotton Growers' Cooperative Association and at these conventions nominations will be made in each district for members of the Board of Directors of the Association. Two nominees will be chosen from each district and each member of the association will vote by ballot in choosing the members of the board.

Plan Larger Courthouse By Addition

An addition to Harnett county's courthouse is being planned by the Board of County Commissioners to provide more room for the filing of records and a meeting place for the Board. The proposed addition to the building has been under consideration for a month or more, the Board at last month's session appointing James A. Buchanan, M. J. McNeill and County Attorney E. F. Young a committee to investigate the advisability of the alteration and secure plans for same. The committee engaged Contractor J. M. Shaw to draw up tentative plans and these were submitted to the Board at their meeting Monday.

The plans drawn up by Mr. Shaw were approved and the Board requested him to make blueprints so that bids may be asked for. It is likely that the bids will be called for just as soon as Mr. Shaw can draft the plans in workable shape.

The proposed addition to the courthouse consists of an extension of twenty-one feet on the north side of the building, the addition to be of two stories to conform to the profile of the present structure. On the lower floor will be provided additional vault space for the filing of Register of Deeds' records, and also additional vault space for the Clerk of Court. A meeting room for the Commissioners will take up a good part of the extra space made available in the new part of the building on the lower floor.

On the upper floor in the additional space will be three more office rooms which will be available for the use of the county farm agent, home demonstration agent, etc., as well as for more suitable quarters for the toilets. At present the judge, jury and attorneys with their witnesses and clients have but small accommodations in the way of retiring rooms where they may consider matters beyond the gaze of the curious court crowds. This has long been noticed as a serious handicap in the trial of cases in the Superior court, and the providing of this extra room will be appreciated, no doubt, by all who have or may have any connection with the administration of justice before the bar.

The County Auditor will give up his little caddy-hole of an office, leaving it to be extended into a suitable vault for the records of the Register of Deeds. The auditor will move over to the room occupied at present by the Register's record books.

The estimated cost of the addition of twenty-one feet to the courthouse has been placed at \$7,000 to \$8,000 by Contractor Shaw, who simply places that figure upon rough estimates. Definite figures cannot be arrived at, of course, until the blueprints are made and bids secured upon them.

It has long been considered almost absolutely necessary for the county's executive quarters to be enlarged to take care of records and provide much needed space for the administration of the county's affairs. One other much needed addition, too, that has been brought to attention of many people is that of additional office space for the Sheriff. The present quarters will barely accommodate the law enforcement features of the Sheriff's duties. For the collection of taxes the room is entirely too small, and if the office is divided into two departments, as has been advocated for some time, the tax collector will necessarily be compelled to seek other space.

The Board of County Commissioners are scheduled to meet again on the 26th of this month to receive the estimated school budget. It is probable that they take up this construction matter at that time.

LAPAN-YAWGER

A marriage of unusual interest took place Saturday afternoon in the office of the Register of Deeds, when Miss Mary Alice Yawger of Chicago, Ill. became the wife of Francis J. Lapan of Easthampton, Mass. Rev. J. F. Menius officiated, using the ring ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Lapan will reside at Ft. Bragg for a short time.

The use of fruits in the diet is beneficial, say extension workers of the State College of Agriculture. Fruits like vegetables, contain those vitamins needed by the body.