

REV. I. W. HUGHES SPEAKS At Closing of Mills High School

Large Crowds Attend Finals; Diplomas and Certificates Presented; Class Day Exercises Held Friday Afternoon; Mrs. Berkeley's Music Recital Held Monday Night

With the largest graduating class in the history of the Mills High School a most successful year came to a close on Friday night at eight-fifteen when the commencement exercises were held in the auditorium. The opening number was a song "O, Worship the King," sung by the audience. After the song, Rev. E. C. Crawford offered prayer, then Rev. I. W. Hughes, rector of Holy Innocents Church, Henderson, N. C., delivered a splendid address to those boys and girls who were finishing high school. His speech was of great value to those who heard it, especially to those who are leaving the doors of their school, some perhaps, to enter into their life's work and some to continue their work in a higher school. The theme to which all of the various ideas led was that the game of life is to play fair. Life moves rapidly, as he said, so we must move not in the sense that we should accept all things which are placed before us, but that we should choose those things which are necessary steps to the goal that we are striving to obtain. We should take step by step and not wish to see the future at the present time for it is the constant unveiling future that is the incentive that makes us want to keep on journeying. Our life in the present and the future lies in three personalities, these are God, yourself and others. God is the first personality in the universe. He gives to you the gift which is the most essential thing to you—that is, the body, the environment and the life yourself—every one is different and you individually have something which no one else has. The game of life depends upon its players, it is as strong as its weakest player so we all should strive to do our part that we might not be the weaker one.

Others have equal rights with you in all things. We must recognize Him who has the authority to fashion the present and the future, and have faith in God, fellowman, and ourselves have courage, and have loyalty which is standing by all in order to prove ourselves. As he closed his speech he reminded the graduates that the hardest thing to do which is the most important is to repeat day by day something which will bring us nearer to the desired goal. After this wonderful talk and advice given by Rev. Hughes, two medals were awarded, one was offered by the Illinois Watch Company to the person writing the best essay on Abraham Lincoln, Kemp Yarborough was the winner of the essay medal and it was presented by Mr. Mohn. The second prize awarded was \$100 offered to the best student in the senior class of 1927, by the Kiwanis Club. Sam Jones, who was chosen as the best student by the teachers was presented with the \$100 by Mr. Best. Mr. Best stressed strongly that it would be given to him just before he left for college, but no strings were tied to it as for what he should spend it except for something needful during his stay in college.

Mr. Woodward, principal of Mills High School, awarded the certificates to those leaving the seventh grade and entering high school. Those receiving the certificates were: Felix Allen, Neal Allen, Ruth Gordon, Ben T. Holden, Graham Holmes, Louis Hatton, Sarah Hicks, Maurice Joyner, Lucy Plummer Jones, Edith Kemp, Flavius Liles, Evelyn Matthews, Edwin Mumford, Sam Pearce, Lydia Person, Robert G. Person, Francis Pleasant, Virginia Pleasant, Mildred Sledge, Andrew Spencer, Virginia Spencer, Edward Stovall, Doris Strange, Jack Taylor, Callie Wilburne, Willard Wilburne, Winston Whitaker, Temple Yarborough.

There were quite a number of boys and girls who for the past year have been on time and have not missed a day. These were given attendance certificates and were as follows:

- James Collier, William Bass, Bill Ragland, Joe M. Beasley, Eugene Williams, Miriam Downey, Edith Toone, Elmo Williams, Ernest Hale, Thomas Whiles, Athies Boone, James Person, Mamie Beam, Harold Williams, Edna Perry, Rosalyn Harris, Dorothy Foster, Cleo Wheeler, Gertrude Holden, Allen Cobb, Dorothy Dennis, Christine Collier, Louise Williams, Marie Parker, Neal Allen, Jack Taylor, Doris Strange, George Bagland, Patricia Holden, James Shearin, Catherine Woodriddle, R. C. Beck, Jr., Virginia Beck.

Last of all Mr. Mills gave the diplomas to those who were graduating from high school. There were twenty-five in this group: Sam R. Allen, Iola Bailey, Zenobia Baker, Ethel Bartholomew, Perry Beasley, Buck Beck, Margaret Bogus, Mariah Harris, Elsie Herman, Sam Jones, William Joyner, J. Fuller Malone, Jr., Eliza Newell, Sallie T. Perry, William

METHODIST CHURCH

We have our communion service next Sunday 11 a. m. We expect to consecrate several infants and small children by baptism at this morning service. All parents who are interested will please have their children present at the first of the service.

We shall have our evening service at 8 p. m. The pastor will preach on "The Joy of Youth." I hope the children and young people will attend this service. O. W. DOWD, Pastor.

WINNER THEATRE NOT TO CLOSE ON TUESDAYS

According to announcement in their ad on another page, the Winner Theatre will not close on Tuesdays as advertised on their weekly program. They will only be closed on Wednesday of each week.

C. Perry, Willie Mae Place, Valon Liles, William R. Mills, Jr., Louise Sledge, Jonah Taylor, Kenneth White, Hilda Whelless, Elsie Woodriddle and Edward Yarborough.

After awarding many diplomas, medals and certificates, the audience arose and sang America, ending a most interesting program. The seniors of Mills High School opened their program Friday May 27th, at 4:30 p. m. with the class day exercises. The stage was decorated with pine trees and pine straw so as to resemble a woods. At the left of the stage stood a cauldron over which Ethel Bartholomew dressed as a Gypsy was standing stirring up the fortunes of many people. As she stirred these fortunes, the senior class not yet in view sang the Gypsy Trail, after which they came on the stage and Sam Allen, the president of the class, handed the Gypsy twenty-five handkerchiefs as an index to their character, that she might tell them the fortune of each member of the graduating class. She told their fortunes well and then some members proved their fortunes. Sam Jones as he was to be a poet in his later life was asked to give a poem. As Kenneth White was to be a great historian, he presented the history of that class from the entrance into high school until their finish.

Elsie Woodriddle, gitorian, gave to each a gift which portrayed some trait of character. Robert Beck, Jr. in his Last Will and Testament bequeathed their invaluable property to those whom he saw fit. Lastly the class, which consisted of twenty-five members, gathered together on the stage and sang their class song which was written to the tune of the Gypsy Love Song.

Mrs. S. B. Berkeley's part of the commencement program of Mills High School was divided into two parts. The first division given Thursday night of last week at eight o'clock, was a play called "Day Before Yesterday." This play was very interesting and instructive. It was historical, looking into past life. There were two girls, Doris Strange and Marie Parker; who wanted to go to the movies but were persuaded by their mother to get their history lesson. As they sat at the table studying their history lesson, a large history book was placed at the back of the stage out of which came children dressed so as to represent different stages of history. There were wild men who at the sound of the telephone jumped behind chairs in fright and could not speak plain; Indians who seeing the girls did not wish to smoke the peace pipe with them bound the two girls back to back, then formed a circle and marching around them gave the Indian war whoop. Just then the epiglimes entered; the Indians fled, and the pilgrims unloaded the girls. The Jester and his servants came out and the Jester sang a song. The colorful people appeared and danced the minuet. Then the civil war, girls with their spinning wheels illustrated to the students the times of their grandparents. The play ended with all of the different dressed people gathered together on the stage and singing a song about the people yesterday and tomorrow.

The second division of her program was a students recital Monday night at eight o'clock. The program, which was well arranged, showed talent both of the students and of the teacher, was as follows:

- The Rocking Horse; The Little Soldier Boy, Mollie; Peg Ford. My Brave Ships, Simmons; Miriam Downey. Minuet Antiguo, Williams; Christine Collier. Wing Foo, Burleigh; Dorothy Roth. Indian Dance, Henriques; Lydia Person and Edward Stovall. To Slumberland, Kopylow; Sadie Johnson. Dancing in the Moonlight, Williams; Mae Helen Cottrill. Valse Pierrette, Edward St. Pierre; Edward Stovall. Costra Dance, Beethoven; Lydia Person. Polonaise Militaire in A Major Op. 68, No. 3, Chopin; Kate Allen and Anna Gray Watson. Polonaise Militaire in A Major Op. 40, No. 3, Chopin; Kate Allen and Anna Gray Watson. Each of the selections was played so that it showed marked progress. For this the teacher has reasons to feel proud of the pupils with whom she has worked.

MEMORIAL SERVICES OBSERVED Sunday Afternoon Mills High School

Hon. George K. Freeman, of Goldsboro, Delivers Excellent Address; T. K. Stockard Delivers Loving Cup and Medal; C. K. Cooke, Jr., Reads Roll Deceased Soldiers

Stating that "the inspiration that causes you to observe this occasion is the same that inspires the men and boys to rally to the call of their country and go off to battle," Hon. George K. Freeman, National Committeeman of the American Legion of North Carolina, prefaced a wonderful speech at the Memorial Services held at Mills High School on Sunday afternoon when the Franklin County Memorial Association observed Decoration Day for 1927. Mr. Freeman told of how the boys in France in the battles of 1918 were only carrying on the precepts and examples of our forefathers. It was the belief that all men were entitled to life liberty and the pursuit of happiness that caused the boys to leave their homes and loved ones. In reviewing the history of wars he told of how our forefathers fought to build up a country where all would be free and equal and said it was these principles that governed the United States in all its conflicts. He paid a pretty tribute to those who wore the blue and gray in the civil war, and to the gallantry of the boys in the Spanish-American war and declared the boys in the great world war were true to the history of the soldiers in the past. He pointed out the responsibility that rests upon us to make our country a success. "Contempt of laws," said the speaker, "will break down our country." And from this he spoke of the importance of law enforcement. He said the greatest of life is character, that if our children have character our country is safe. Speaking of the service men he said the deeds you have wrought are not in vain. He spoke very pretty of the memorial association and its work paying a pretty tribute to those who are keeping the torch burning. The speaker was very ably introduced by Col. L. McGhee, of Franklinton, who in his remarks took occasion to tell of a scene witnessed in France where arrangements for a memorial service was being made. His remarks concerning the speaker were well selected and presented, telling of his excellent service with and among the boys on the battle field in France.

The services were opened with the singing of America, and an invocation by Rev. J. A. McIver. Mr. C. K. Cooke, Jr., a Legionnaire, read the roll of deceased soldiers, and the Louisville Orchestra rendered special music. Commander T. K. Stockard, of the Jambes Post American Legion presented the Jambes Post Loving Cup to the William R. Mills High School for having contributed the best essay on Franklin County's part in the World War the past season. During this presentation he took occasion to tell the objects and purposes of this contest and the interest the post wanted to see manifested. He also presented a nice gold medal to Miss Mary Malone Best, as the prize for having written the essay that won the cup.

Supt. E. L. Best accepted the loving cup for the school in behalf of Superintendent W. R. Mills and the Board of Trustees in a very pretty and happy speech. The music committee sang "Our America," and the announcements concerning the decoration of the graves by the several committees was made, and the services concluded by singing the Star Spangled Banner. Immediately afterwards each committee took the flowers, flags and several crosses for the graves in their section and proceeded to carry out the work of love and gratitude to those who had made a good fight.

Quite a large number were present and the services were a great success in every way.

R. W. HUDSON'S RESIDENCE BURNS

As a result of a fire at the residence of Mr. R. W. Hudson on Kenmore avenue on Thursday night of last week a damage to the house and furnishings was estimated at \$3,175 with only \$1500 insurance. The fire caught from the stove in some way, possibly from a defective flue and spread rapidly. The fire department answered promptly and worked faithfully but for a while it looked as if the entire building would be destroyed. Besides the damage to the building which was large, quite a lot of furnishings and clothing were destroyed. Most of the household articles on the first floor were saved. Mr. and Mrs. Hudson express the deepest gratitude to the firemen and their friends and neighbors who assisted in the rescuing of that which was saved. It is dangerous to drive in a fog especially if it is mental.

RECORDERS COURT

Quite a number of cases were continued in Franklin Recorders Court Monday on account of the inability of the lawyer interested to attend. The remaining cases of the heavy docket were disposed of by Judge H. W. Perry as follows: State vs Jim Wilson, distilling, capias and continued. State vs J. W. Davis, unlawful possession of whiskey, guilty fined \$25 and costs. State vs W. E. Dennis, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, driving license revoked for one year, and judgment suspended during good behavior upon payment of costs. State vs Roger Macon, failing to comply with order of court, capias. State vs Morris Brown, failing to comply with order of court, order complied with. State vs Joe Dent, Jr., larceny, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon good behavior and payment of costs. State vs John Joyner, unlawful possession of whiskey, pleads guilty, judgment continued for two weeks upon payment of costs. State vs J. L. Rosser, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, license revoked for one year and required to pay costs. State vs S. W. Tart, unlawful possession of whiskey, pleads guilty, judgment suspended upon payment of costs. State vs M. B. Hagwood, selling whiskey, jury demanded, continued for two weeks. State vs J. L. Rosser, unlawful possession of whiskey, pleads guilty, required to pay costs. State vs James Tart, unlawful possession of whiskey, guilty, required to pay costs. State vs Dorsey Wrenn, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, license revoked for 12 months and required to pay costs. State vs Jonas Hayes, operating automobile intoxicated, guilty, license revoked for 12 months and pay costs. The following cases were continued to next Monday on account of the attorneys involved being unable to attend court: State vs Will Hollingsworth, unlawful possession of whiskey. State vs Eddie Williams, violating prohibition law. State vs Isiah Williams, violating prohibition law. State vs Johnnie Fuller, operating automobile intoxicated. State vs Ira McGhee, assault on a female. State vs Edward Ellis, disturbing public entertainment. State vs Edward Ellis, carrying concealed weapon. State vs Walter Perry, assault. State vs Percy Bibby, assault. State vs Claude Wrenn, resisting an officer. State vs Claude Wrenn and Dorsey Wrenn, assault with deadly weapon. State vs Dorsey and Claude Wrenn, injury to property.

EX-SERVICE BOY IS KILLED IN MOTOR ACCIDENT

Returning from an American Legion meeting in Wake Forest, L. M. Parrish, ex-service man living in Johnston county about three miles from Wendell, was instantly killed Saturday night when two automobiles collided on the highway between Youngville and Franklin. Ben T. Holden, well known lawyer of Louisville, was seriously injured. Others injured were Claude Collins, Louisville; Vernon Hottcutt and Herbert Alford, both of Johnston county. Parrish, Alford and Hottcutt were in one car going toward home, while Holden and Collins were in another machine. The two automobiles met head on, although the exact cause of the accident was not learned here. Both machines were badly wrecked. The injured men were reported Monday as improving in hospitals where they were carried after the accident—Raleigh Times. In the car with Messrs. Holden and Collins was Mr. Davis Holmes, who also received injuries. Messrs. Holden, Collins and Holmes were brought to their homes in Louisville and are getting along nicely, although they were pretty badly cut, bruised and broken up.

U. D. C.

The Joseph J. Davis Chapter U. D. C. will meet with Mrs. Frank Rose on Tuesday afternoon June 7th, at 4 o'clock. All members who expect to attend will please notify the hostess.

MRS. H. W. PERRY, Sec.

THE POWER OF HABIT Preaching on the Louisville Circuit by the pastor Sunday June 5th at the following points: Leah's Chapel 11 a. m., "How to make Life Worth Living." Prospect 3 p. m., "Carrying your corner." Bunn 8 p. m., "The Power of Habit."

BOY SCOUTS All Scouts interested in reviving the Louisville organization will please meet me at W. R. Mills High School Tuesday evening, June 7th, at 7:30 o'clock. R. G. BAILEY.

JOHN PEARCE HAS SERIOUS ACCIDENT

Dives At White Lake and Head Strikes Bottom Affecting Spinal Cord

Mr. R. A. Pearce and daughter are at the bedside of his son, Mr. John Pearce, in a hospital at Fayetteville where they were called Sunday as a result of a serious accident suffered by Mr. Pearce while in bathing at White Lake near Fayetteville Sunday afternoon. The best information we get states that he made a dive and the water was not as deep as he expected, his head striking the bottom, the shock affecting his spinal cord causing paralysis of the body. His friends will be glad to learn that the last reports received before this article was printed gave his condition as favorable. John is the oldest son of Mr. R. A. Pearce, is 22 years of age and was attending school at the State University. He had gone to Fayetteville to spend the week end with a college chum. A speedy recovery is hoped for by the many friends of the family in Franklin county.

DELICIOUS BARBECUE SUPPER

Served To Members Henderson To Clinton Highway Association At Zebulon Thursday Night of Last Week

Zebulon, May 27.—The Henderson-Clinton Highway Association held a very enthusiastic meeting here last night, representatives being present from cities all along the proposed route. Zebulon entertained in its inimitable style with over a hundred pounds of barbecue and chicken and the good things necessary to embellish such a dish. Sixty or seventy representatives present did ample justice to this repast. Dr. A. H. Fleming, president of the association, and a resident of Louisville, presided and opened the business meeting with a statement of the object of the association—to have the road, soon to be located in Johnston county, come through Zebulon as a link of the desired Clinton to Henderson highway. Senator L. A. Bethune, chairman of the road board of Sampson county assured the association that Sampson was with them in insisting that in locating any section of this road it be so located as to keep in mind the eventual building of the whole road as originally laid out. A tribute was paid to Dr. Fleming by Attorney J. A. Wellons of Smithfield, for his public-spiritedness when he stated he never saw Dr. Fleming but what he thought of good roads. Mr. Wellons said the guiding motive in locating a state road should be to serve the most people and not just to bring trade into any city. He cited instances wherein the State Highway Commission had adhered to this policy in the face of strong pressure to divert a road to serve some particular town. The Clinton-Henderson road goes "from somewhere to somewhere" he stated, and added "we want no trade roads." Other speakers were C. C. Wright of Bunn; C. M. Kavanaugh, Zebulon; John B. Williams, Clinton; Attorney Leroy L. Massey, Zebulon; L. F. Whitfield, Clinton; Larry Wood, Smithfield. Mr. Williams called attention to the immense truck territory around Clinton and its need of a direct highway to Northern markets, because they had found they could truck their products through 24 hours quicker than by express. His idea is that eventually this highway would be extended down to Southport, opening up a vast section of trucking country. Committeemen were appointed for the counties along this route, with Dr. Fleming, ex-officio chairman of the committee as a whole. They are: Senator Bethune, Sampson; J. A. Wellons, Johnston; Ed Malone, Franklin; C. H. Chambliss, Wake; Vance committee man to be named later.

MISS JOYNER WINS MEDAL AT ST. MARY'S

Her many friends in Louisville rejoice with Miss Louise Joyner in the winning of the Niles Medal at St. Mary's School, Raleigh, for having been the best or most proficient student. This is quite a high honor to Miss Joyner, whose scholarship in all her school work has been a source of pride to her parents and friends alike. We congratulate her and rejoice with her in her new honors. Fair Enough "Why are you scratching yourself Tommy?" "Because I'm the only one who knows where I itch." One's Enough for Anybody "That son of yours certainly has got a will of his own." "Yes, that's why I'm cutting him out of mine."

SIXTY-EIGHT GENERAL FARMERS AND DAIRYMEN FROM WAYNE COUNTY VISITED THE COASTAL PLAIN EXPERIMENT STATION ON MAY 13.

Mr. Marshall Hudson, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson the past week. Mrs. Claiborne Griffin of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. A. H. Perry of Wood were visitors to Louisville the past week. Misses Olivia McKinnis and Louise Joyner returned home the past week from Raleigh where they attended St. Mary's School. Mr. and Mrs. Macon Smithwick and little son of Philadelphia, were week end guests of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick. Mr. B. D. Bunn, Superintendent of schools at Lillington, and Rev. J. H. Bunn of Mt. Giload, were in town Saturday on business. Mrs. John Uzzie, Mrs. H. M. Sledge and Mrs. J. W. Perry and daughter Edna Earle, left Saturday for Norfolk, Va., where they will visit relatives. Chief Radioman Thomas G. Boddie, of the United States Naval Radio Department with headquarters at Charleston, S. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Georgia T. Boddie who is quite ill. Miss Sally Faulkner, of Goldsboro, and Miss Helen Andrews of Germantown, Pa., students at St. Mary's visited Miss Olivia McKinnis the past week before returning to their homes.

AMONG THE VISITORS

SOME YOU KNOW AND SOME YOU DO NOT KNOW.

Personal Items About Folks And Their Friends Who Travel Here And There. Mrs. S. A. Newell visited the State Sanatorium Monday. Mr. Clarence Sledge of Norfolk, was a visitor in Louisville the past week. Messrs. William Joyner and William Mills visited Washington N. C., Tuesday. Miss Lucy L. Miller of Goldsboro, visited her brother, Rev. J. D. Miller the past week. Mr. I. T. Valentine, of Spring Hope, was in attendance upon Recorders Court Monday. Mr. Bill Smithwick, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick. Lieut. W. W. Boddie, of Georgetown, S. C., is a visitor to his mother Mrs. Georgia T. Boddie. Mrs. J. C. Hrkans, of Sumpter, S. C., is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson. Mesdames R. A. Pearce and D. C. Pearce visited Mr. John Pearce at Fayetteville Monday. Messrs. J. O. Renfrow and J. H. Clark, of Wendell, were visitors to Louisville Wednesday. Mr. Marshall Hudson, of Philadelphia, Pa., visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Hudson the past week. Mrs. Claiborne Griffin of Rocky Mount, and Mrs. A. H. Perry of Wood were visitors to Louisville the past week. Misses Olivia McKinnis and Louise Joyner returned home the past week from Raleigh where they attended St. Mary's School. Mr. and Mrs. Macon Smithwick and little son of Philadelphia, were week end guests of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. D. T. Smithwick. Mr. B. D. Bunn, Superintendent of schools at Lillington, and Rev. J. H. Bunn of Mt. Giload, were in town Saturday on business. Mrs. John Uzzie, Mrs. H. M. Sledge and Mrs. J. W. Perry and daughter Edna Earle, left Saturday for Norfolk, Va., where they will visit relatives. Chief Radioman Thomas G. Boddie, of the United States Naval Radio Department with headquarters at Charleston, S. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Georgia T. Boddie who is quite ill. Miss Sally Faulkner, of Goldsboro, and Miss Helen Andrews of Germantown, Pa., students at St. Mary's visited Miss Olivia McKinnis the past week before returning to their homes.

LOUISBURG RECTOR TEMPORARY PILOT KINSTON CHURCH Kinston, May 30.—Rev. Harrell L. Lewis, of Louisville, N. C., will serve as rector of St. Mary's Episcopal church here the remainder of the summer. Mr. Lewis was sent here by the Bishop of East Carolina to take the place of the Rev. John Hartley, resigned. His appointment is temporary. The vestry expects to secure a permanent rector by fall. Dr. Hartley a former Church of England clergyman, will continue to reside here. It is understood, he has occupied the rectory of St. Mary's since his resignation in February. Rev. Mr. Lewis is a son-in-law of our townsman Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Joyner.