

MR. LANG ADDRESSES PUPILS

AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES—MILLS SCHOOL

Dr. L. F. Kent, Rector St. Paul's Episcopal Church Preached Commencement Sermon; Dr. Patten Spoke Seventh Grade Graduates; Supt. Mills, Rev. J. G. Phillip's, Rev. A. Paul Bagby, Principal Strowd Among the Others Who Spoke at Closing Exercises of Very Successful School Year

Commencement Sermon
Rev. L. F. Kent, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Louisburg, delivered the commencement sermon to the graduates of Mills High School, Sunday, May 19, at 11 o'clock in the school auditorium, bringing to the graduates and the large congregation a sincere discussion of conditions as they are, and what we can do about them.

After having read a statement of Paul's from the third chapter of Second Timothy, "This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholily . . . and referring to Matthew 23rd chapter in which Christ warned people to beware of the ways of the Scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. Mr. Kent remarked that he had honestly tried to find some words of comfort to bring to these graduates in these troublesome times and found it an almost impossible task save the message that evening comes, that morning might break, as it did in the Roman Empire ages ago, and that our hope is in taking upon ourselves the whole armor of God and throwing ourselves into the fight for right, standing always for right, and having done all to keep on standing.

In developing his topic, Mr. Kent reminded his congregation that conditions as they are today go back to moral motives. There are people in our time, said he, who have the same qualities of which St. Paul spoke. There are those who only make a semblance of religion.

Seeds of disintegration are sown in the hearts of people who turn away from Christ. When we close the door of the church we close the door to civilization, said the speaker. In America today Christ is being persecuted by indifference to religion.

Are you, said the speaker to the graduates, going to become a part of the world and become submerged in it? You can not plan your life as one could at one time for you do not know what is coming but you can remember the light that brought forth democracy and look into it for guidance.

What can we do? asked the speaker pointedly. Then—twelve apostles went out into the cruel, totalitarian world known up to their time, a world of ignorance and persecution. Each one is said to have suffered a tragic death. Yet their work brought forth our democracy years later.

Louis R. Southall, 55, Ends Life With Shot

Louis R. Southall, 57, one of Franklin County's well known planters, ended his life at his home five miles southeast of Louisburg Monday afternoon by shooting himself in the chest with a shotgun.

Coroner R. A. Bobbitt said it was a clear case of suicide and that no inquest would be held. Mr. Southall left a note asking his children to take care of their mother, the coroner said.

Despondency was believed to be the cause. The shooting occurred about 5 p. m.

Funeral services were held at 3 p. m. Wednesday at the Louisburg Methodist Church, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Madren and the Rev. J. G. Phillips, and interment was made in Oakwood cemetery. The pallbearers were: W. D. Egerton, P. W. Elam, R. C. Beck, J. P. Moore, Sanders Roe, J. W. Strange.

Survivors are his wife; five daughters, Mrs. Harold McDuff, of Atlanta, Ga., Mrs. James E. Burns and Miss Grace Southall, of Baltimore, Md., and Misses Elizabeth and Nellie Southall of the home; four sons, William, Clellon, and Perry Ricks, and Wilson Southall of the home; and a brother, James Southall, of Raleigh.

The bereaved family and relatives have the sympathy of their large number of friends.

GIRL SHOTS SELF

Miss Irene Bailey, 16, Ends Life During Spell of Despondency

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock for Irene Bailey, 16, who shot herself to death Saturday at her home, four miles northeast of here.

The services were conducted at the home by the Rev. John Edwards and burial was in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church cemetery.

The girl shot herself with her father's shotgun in the yard at her home on Saturday afternoon. Coroner R. A. Bobbitt gave a suicide verdict and held an inquest but no necessary. Contents of a note to her parents were not revealed.

She is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney E. Bailey and several brothers and sisters.

FURGURSON - JONES

The FRANKLIN TIMES acknowledges receipt of the following invitation:

"Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lee Jones request the honour of your presence at the marriage of their daughter, Clara Louise, to Doctor Ernest Whitman Furgurson, Friday, the seventh of June, at twelve o'clock, Methodist Church, Red Springs, North Carolina.

MRS. W. B. MURPHY SPEAKS

Raleigh, N. C. May 22, 1940.

Dear Mr. Thomas:
I deeply regret my inability to be with you and my friends at the speaking in Louisburg last evening. Due to an acute attack of laryngitis, I was compelled to send Mrs. Murphy; and I am sure that her appearance was satisfactory.

Please express my sincere appreciations and thanks to my loyal supporters and friends. Most sincerely yours,
A. J. MAXWELL.

On account of an attack of laryngitis, Hon. A. J. Maxwell, gubernatorial aspirant, was unable to fill his speaking engagement in the local courthouse on Tuesday night of this week; and Mrs. W. B. Murphy, of Snow Hill, State manager for women in Mr. Maxwell's campaign, did a fine piece of pinch-hitting.

Jimmy Byerly's Louisburg College Music-Makers were present to entertain the listeners prior to and between speeches. The orchestra did a nice bit of "tooting" and added additional pep to the already-enthused Maxwell supporters.

Mrs. Murphy was most graciously introduced and presented by Mrs. Ben T. Holden, who pointed out the accomplishments of the speaker, praising her work in the Woman's Auxiliary of the American Legion, D. A. R., U. D. C., and her work among the women Democrats of the state.

Mrs. Murphy prefaced her speech with a beautiful tribute to Governor Bickett, and stated she felt she was walking on hallowed ground whenever she crossed the boundaries of Franklin County.

In relating Mr. Maxwell's qualifications for the high office he is seeking, Mrs. Murphy mentioned many of the forward strides of the state in the past forty years, and pointed out that Mr. Maxwell was not only affiliated with the progressive movements, but in many instances, he had taken the initiative to have them brought about. His identification with the good roads system of the state is a matter that is indelibly written in the state's progress, for North Carolina was the first State in the Union to include in its road system every mile of public road in the state. Mr. Maxwell conducted a state campaign in favor of state rental, at cost, of school text books, which is indeed a mighty step toward free text books in all public schools.

Pointing to Mr. Maxwell's long experience and splendid record as a State official, Mrs. Murphy said, "There never has been a time when trained leadership was more important than it is right now." The very fact that he is familiar with the operation of the state government makes him a preferable choice, said Mrs. Murphy.

European Summary

Paris—New 200-mile Allied front checks German twin drive on channel and Paris; rain slows German motorized forces; Arras, Abbeville recaptured; Weygand "really satisfied."

London—Churchill becomes virtual dictator by act conscripting labor, property; Allied position shows improvement for first time in five days; R. A. F. blasts Nazi communication; concentrations.

Official Democratic Primary Ballot For County Officers

INSTRUCTIONS
1. To vote for a candidate on the ballot make a cross (X) mark in the square at the left of his name.
2. If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot, return it to the registrar and get another.

For Member of State House of Representatives (Vote for One)
 H. CRAWFORD KEARNEY
 ASHER F. JOHNSON

For Judge Recorder's Court (Vote for One)
 E. C. BULLUCK
 HAMILTON HOBGOOD

For Register of Deeds (Vote for One)
 W. H. (Bill) ALLEN, JR.
 GROVER C. PARRISH
 A. ROYAL STRANGE
 WILLIAM S. BOONE
 MRS. SIDNEY C. HOLDEN
 ALEX T. WOOD
 ROBERT H. JOHNSON
 A. H. (Bully) SPENCER

For Board of Education First District (Vote for One)
 J. D. MORRIS

Third District (Vote for One)
 MRS. D. T. FULLER

For County Commissioner First District (Vote for One)
 JOHN M. STALLINGS
 J. FRED PERRY

Second District (Vote for One)
 STEPHEN E. WINSTON
 JOHN T. SAWYER

Third District (Vote for One)
 JOEL Z. TERRELL
 J. IRA WELDON

Fifth District (Vote for One)
 H. T. BARTHOLOMEW
 EDWARD C. PERRY
 THOMAS C. WILSON

Primary Election, May 25, 1940.

Phil. R. Innes
Chairman of Franklin County Board of Elections.

MEMORIAL COMMITTEES AND GRAVES

The following is a list of the township committees of the Franklin County Memorial Association and the graves assigned to each committee. It is requested if there are changes desired to be made in any committees that the Chairman make said changes and report them to Mrs. Hugh W. Perry, Chairman of the Arrangements Committee—also if there are additional graves in any township, that same be reported at once.

DUNN: C. T. Moody, Chairman, Miss Lucy Wiggs, Mrs. Mary White Beddingfield, Fred Perry, Mrs. B. C. Johnson, W. A. Mullen and Mrs. Labbe Perry.
Graves to be decorated: Clifton Powell, Upchurch burying ground near Pilot and Thomas Wiggs, Bunn cemetery.
HARRIS: Mrs. M. C. Wilder, Chairman, Mrs. A. T. Lancaster, F. W. Justice, Miss Mattie Wilder, Mrs. Robert Wheeler, Oscar Hagwood, Mrs. A. T. Harris, Mr. Dollie Pearce and Rufus Place.
Graves to be decorated: Tommie Frazier at Frazier's Home Place; Zollie Richards, near county line at Ernest Richards; Joe Lafater Baker's Home Place; Zollie Rogers at A. J. P. Harris burying ground, Robert Wheeler at family cemetery at John W. Wheeler; Johnson Baker at New Hope Church and A. T. Lancaster at Harris Chapel.
YOUNGVILLE: Major S. E. Winston, Chairman; S. E. Tharrington, Mrs. B. H. Patterson, Mrs. F. A. Crenshaw, C. E. Jeffreys, Miss Gertrude Winston, W. C. Perry, W. O. Roberts, Mrs. S. E. Tharrington, Mrs. E. M. Carter.
Graves to be decorated: Louis W. Nowell, Flat Rock Church; Hubert C. Layton, Flat Rock Church; W. Herbert Cates, Flat

EUROPEAN WAR NEWS

London, May 22.—Great Britain placed its entire resources of men, industries and treasure under dictatorial powers tonight to meet the nation's "grave peril" of an imminent German blitzkrieg attack.

With the Germans driving through Belgium and France toward the channel ports for a "knock-out" blow at the British Isles, a far-reaching emergency powers bill was rushed through both houses of Parliament in record time.

The bill became law at 6:09 p. m., when royal assent was signified by the Royal Commission sitting in the House of Lords. It affects Northern Ireland as well as Britain.

Paris, May 22.—A new 200-mile Allied front along the Somme and Aisne rivers tonight had checked, at least for the time being, the twin German drive on the English Channel and Paris.

Berlin, May 22.—Groping for the narrow straits of Dover, shorted to England, the German armies of Flanders tonight poured men and guns into the battle zone they have cut into France, wary of counter-attack and aiming for the "kill."

From several sources came evidence that Germany, in hardening its hold on Belgium and Northern France and the "sack" in which it is trying to hold up to 1,000,000 Allied troops, also is being bolstered against the hard counter-attack from the armies now under General Maxime Weygand.

The German command looks for heavy counter-attack from the south, and it appeared to be starting tonight when a French tank thrust was made in the vicinity of Laon. The Germans said it was beaten off, that ten French tanks were set afire and that 24 surrendered.

CAR MOLASSES DELAYED
There has been some delay in the arrival of the second car of molasses but it is expected to arrive not later than Friday, May 24th, and all who want molasses and calcium arsenate to poison the soil weevil are asked to come and get their orders filled on Saturday and Monday, the 25th and 27th. By filling orders direct out of the tank car on the track a steam pressure can be used, causing the molasses to flow so much faster and orders can be filled with no delay.

RAMSEY MAKES BIG SPEECH

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION A RECORD BREAKER

Roosevelt Endorsed; Administrations Approved, And Officials Lauded; Big Attendance; Party Harmony the Keynote

North Carolina's achievements for 40 years under Democratic rule and the brilliant record of the national party under Franklin Roosevelt were warmly praised Friday by H. Hiram Ramsey of Asheville in his keynote speech at the State Democratic Convention in Memorial Auditorium in Raleigh.

More than 3,000 Democrats, applauding every mention of Hoey and Roosevelt, made plans for the November election with a campaign based on the record of state and national party leaders.

A platform was adopted by the committee in less than 45 minutes after the group was handed a draft prepared by Governor Hoey. Platform "Planks"

The platform pledges the 1941 Legislature to re-apportion legislative representation on the basis of the 1940 census; states that "we endorse the principles of collective bargaining and equal justice to capital and labor; endorses the principle of teacher retirement with recommendations for the Legislature to work out a plan on the general idea; pledges the party to the continuation of the policy of non-diversion of highway funds; and heartily endorses the present system of improving and building more highways and secondary roads in the State.

Chairman Gregg Cherry opened the convention after music by three bands, and Executive Committee Secretary D. L. Ward called the roll as the first business.

Veterans Recognized
During the convention four veterans of the party in North Carolina were recognized for their record of never having missed a state convention in 50 years. They are Ambassador Josephus Daniels of Raleigh, R. H. King of Greensboro, W. T. Lee of Waynesville and R. A. Doughton of Sparta.

Must Not Split
Referring to the present conflict one knows what the morrow will bring to this nation in shock and peril. Ramsey cautioned Democrats that "this is no time for division within the Democratic party."