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## RED SPRINGS REVIEWS.

### Commencement Week, and Many Good Things Provided—Scotch Day.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Red Springs, May 20—This being commencement week, our town has been thronged with visitors.

The baccalaureate sermon was preached by Rev. D. J. McMillan, D. D., of New York City. This was a most excellent discourse, setting forth Christ as the guiding star, "in whose light we shall see light," and appealing to all, especially the young, to walk in His light, devoting their lives and shaping their work according to this teaching. Dr. McMillan preached in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening to a large audience from the text, "I find no fault in Him." This, too, was a forceful discourse, presented, however, in a quiet, fluent manner which gave great pleasure to his hearers. The exercises of the senior class were given Monday evening, and were very enjoyable, the young ladies acting and talking most naturally, as if unmindful they were confronting an audience. The class song, poem, history and prophecy were all most excellent, while the last will and testament of the class was highly amusing. The toasts also were appropriate and entertaining. Rev. R. W. Jopling, Messrs Hector Cusrie and Hiram Grantham were named as executors to this will.

On Tuesday afternoon the art room was the centre of attraction and the art display by the pupils was of a high order, reflecting much credit on the young ladies and their skilled and tasteful instructor, Miss Ewing.

The annual concert was next in order. To say the music was unparalleled in sweetness and beauty would but poorly describe it. The large audience seemed entranced as it listened spell-bound to number after number.

Wednesday was commencement day, also the day appointed for the meeting of the "Scottish Association of America." In spite of very inclement weather, an immense crowd assembled, and the occasion was one of unusual interest. Rev. A. H. McArn, of Cheraw, S. C., was the orator of the day. His address on Scotland was a masterly production and was listened to with undivided attention. A picnic dinner, abundant and sumptuous, was served and at 3 p. m. the Scotch, a goodly number, held their annual meeting, marching into the meeting auditorium to the music of the bagpipe, the piper being a native Scotch highlander.

### A Debate at St. Paul—Personal Mention.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

St. Paul, May 21—Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Humphrey, of Savannah Ga., after spending a few days with relatives near here, left for their home Tuesday. Messrs. G. F. Humphrey and S. E. Humphrey were in town Tuesday. Mr. L. McInnis went to Fayetteville Tuesday. Mr. L. L. McGoogan was a Lumberton visitor Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Jim Evans, of Fayetteville, are visiting at the home of Miss Kate Sinclair, sister of Mrs. Evans. Messrs D. B. McCormick and Shaw McEachern went to Lumberton Thursday to attend the play at the opera house at night and report a very good time.

Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Todd have moved to our town and are making their home at present with Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Carter.

There will be a public debate between Philotechnian Literary Society of St. Paul and Platonic Literary Society of Hope Mills on Friday night, May 27th, at St. Paul academy. The question, "Resolved, That Congress should enact a national prohibition law," will be discussed by Messrs. Pritchard Fisher, Kenneth and Graham McDonald on the affirmative and Messrs. J. M. Hester, E. A. Howard and D. M. Johnson on the negative. Let everybody come out and enjoy the occasion.

Mr. C. P. Grantham, of McDonald, is a Lumberton visitor today.

## SCOTCH DAY.

### Great Gathering of the Clans at Red Springs—Meeting of the Scottish Society of America and Scotch Commencement at Southern Presbyterian College.

The Scotch gathered at Red Springs last Wednesday in great force from all parts of Robeson, and there were also many there from adjoining counties. That was the last and great day of commencement at the Southern Presbyterian College and Conservatory of Music and it had been heralded far and wide that this would be Scotch commencement day. Rain Wednesday morning delayed the arrival of many, but if any stayed at home on that account it was hardly noticeable, for it seemed that all the Scotch, with one accord, had gathered at that place. It was a goodly company, and no better place for a gathering of that kind could be found than the halls and walks and groves of the Southern Presbyterian College.

At 11 o'clock a. m. the commencement address was delivered by Rev. A. H. McArn, of Cheraw, S. C. This reporter regrets very much that he was among the unfortunate ones delayed by threatening clouds and rain and hence missed this address, which was pronounced a most excellent one by all who heard it. Dr. McArn told his Scotch audience more things about the Scotch than they ever knew before, and not a Scotch soul of them but was prouder than ever, after it was over, of his or her Scotch ancestry and blood.

After the graduating exercises and the crowd was dismissed it was the purpose to have a picnic dinner on the campus, but the clouds had not quite rolled away and as it was feared rain would make an out-door dinner uncomfortable Dr. C. G. Vardell, president of the college, by whose invitation the clans had gathered and who was ex-officio master of ceremonies, announced that dinner would be spread in the college dining room. And the people marching in with baskets, boxes, etc., filled with good things, were a sight to behold. The dining room is a large one and it was filled to its capacity with standing people, dinner being served in picnic fashion. There must have been more than 2,000 people who partook of the excellent dinner, and then the crowd wandered about the halls and grounds until three o'clock, when the Scottish Society of America, organized some time ago at Red Springs, met in the college auditorium, which was beautifully decorated for the commencement occasion with potted plants, pine boughs and hand-painted Scotch thistles, the last the work of pupils of the art department.

Mr. A. D. McGill, of Cumberland county, president of the Society, presided, and a spicy address of welcome was delivered by Mr. R. W. Livermore, of Red Springs. A committee of three, composed of Jno. H. Currie, of Fayetteville, Hamilton McMillan, of Red Springs, and A. W. McLean, of Lumberton, was appointed to draw up constitution and by-laws and incorporate the society. After the transaction of routine business many members were added.

A piper had been secured for the occasion in the person of Mr. Harry M. Whytock, of Canada, a member of the famous Black-Watch Highland regiment. He was dressed for the part and was a center of attraction throughout the day. Mr. Whytock can blow a bag-pipe to a standstill and he hesitated not to show his skill, and along in the shank of the afternoon Mr. M. D. Bethune, who lives near Raeford and who in his day has been a dancer of note, added to the fun by following the piper and dancing the Highland fling.

Dr. Vardell invited the Scottish Society to meet at the college again next commencement, and Major A. J. McKinnon extended an invitation from the Maxton branch society, which displayed a beautiful banner on the stage,

## THE FINAL SUMMONS.

### Mr. B. A. Ivey, a Well-Known Confederate Veteran and Good Citizen.

Correspondence of The Robesonian.

Maxton, May 19—News reached town early yesterday morning of the death of Mr. B. A. Ivey, who for many years lived about one mile north of Maxton. Although 78 years old, he was, up to last November, active in his farm work and was most successful. Having been confined to his home most of the winter, he had only recently gotten out, and even on Tuesday was able to read his county paper, which he had taken ever since it was started, some 40 years ago. At ten o'clock his wife had given him some medicine and both had gone to sleep, when, two she awoke and found him cold in death. His condition had been very critical since Sunday, and as his heart was the organ affected this sudden death was not a surprise.

Mr. Ivey was a most consistent member of the Baptist church and was always to be seen at its services. He was a Confederate veteran, and never tired of relating his experiences while on the field of battle. He leaves, besides a wife, five sons and three daughters, all living in this section, which was their father's native soil, having been born in the lower part of Robeson county, near Orrum.

Mr. Ivey stood six feet and seven inches in his stocking feet when enlisting in the army, and was one of the tallest men of this section of the State.

The funeral was conducted today by Rev. H. G. Hill, D. D., in the absence of his own pastor, Rev. A. A. McClelland, who is attending the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore. The interment was at East Side cemetery, in the presence of a large concourse of friends, some of whom had come from quite a distance to pay their last tribute to the deceased. Mr. Ivey was a citizen who will be missed in this section, having had many strong friends and no enemies.

### Robeson Rural Letter Carriers' Association Meets Next Monday.

The Robeson County Rural Letter Carriers' Association will meet at the court house in Lumberton at 10:30 o'clock a. m. Monday, May 30th. This is an important meeting, and every carrier in the association is earnestly requested to attend. Comrades, business of importance claims our attention.

I also wish to state that Hon. H. L. Godwin, M. C., will address the association on the subject of good roads at that time. C. H. Howard, Pres.

### Excellent Railroad Connections.

By reason of the recent change in schedule on the Virginia & Carolina Southern railroad, one can eat supper in Lumberton, catch a sleeper at Hope Mills, and after a full night's rest have breakfast at the usual hour in Washington, D. C., or breakfast one hour later in Baltimore, Md., and get early afternoon luncheon in New York. Close connection is made at Hope Mills with the Coast Line, eliminating the long wait that was formerly so objectionable.

### Notices of New Advertisements.

View of interior of Caldwell & Carlyle's great department store.

Second-hand engine and boiler and other machinery wanted.

Mr. D. W. Crump went Saturday to Tatum, S. C., where he will spend a few days at the home of his wife's parents. Mrs. Crump and two children have been there for a week or ten days. They will all return this evening or tomorrow.

to meet at Maxton next year, but the matter of a meeting place was left open to be decided later.

It was a great day for the Scotch and for all others who were fortunate enough to be present.

## FAIRMONT COMMENCEMENT.

### Graded School Closes Most Successful Year in History—First Graduating Class—High Requirements—Agricultural Address—Baseball and Racing Meet.

The last day of commencement of the Fairmont graded school, baseball and horse races were attractions which caused a great crowd of people to gather at the good town of Fairmont Friday.

Commencement exercises of the Fairmont graded school, Prof. J. M. McNaull, principal, began Wednesday evening with a musicale. Thursday evening there were two contests in the school auditorium—one a declaiming contest by boys from the Eric Literary Society, another a recitation contest by girls from the McIver Literary Society. Medals were offered by the two societies for the best declamation and recitation. Miss Eva Thompson and Mr. Gary Mitchell were the winners. The declamations and recitations would have been a credit to any school, all acquitting themselves exceedingly well. The medals were presented by Rev. C. W. Smith, pastor of the Methodist church of Fairmont. The exercises were opened by an instrumental solo by Miss Alice Gallo-way.

The first attraction Friday morning was a game of ball between Boardman and Fairmont, Fairmont winning by the score of 6 to 2. Rain delayed the ball game and on that account the agricultural address, on the programme to begin at 11 o'clock, was delayed for more than an hour. Dr. H. Q. Alexander, president of the State Farmers' Union, was expected to deliver this address, but he found it impossible to be present and his place was filled by Dr. Templeton, of Cary, vice president of the State Farmers' Union. Dr. Templeton's address was highly commended by all who heard him and this reporter regrets that, as in the case of the exercises at Red Springs Wednesday, rain delayed his arrival and he missed it. Dr. Templeton spoke of the work attempted by the Farmers' Alliance and the failure of that organization and told of some things started by that organization that have been carried to successful conclusion by the Farmers' Union. The speaker was introduced by President W. S. Cobb, of the County Farmers' Union, Mr. Cobb being introduced by Prof. McNaull. After Dr. Templeton's address Prof. J. R. Poole, county superintendent of public instruction, spoke briefly of his recent trip to Little Rock, Ark., where he was sent by the county board of education to attend a conference on agricultural education.

Commencement closed Friday evening with the graduating exercises, presenting of diplomas, etc. This was the first class ever graduated in the history of the school, the graduates being Misses Rennie Floyd and Lucy Stephens and Mr. Forbis Thompson. Mr. Thompson will enter Trinity College, Durham, next fall, and Miss Floyd will enter the Presbyterian College in Charlotte. Miss Stephens has not yet decided what college she will attend. The work required by Prof. McNaull for graduation meets the requirements for entrance at Trinity College, which are as high as any college in the South; so these graduates will have no difficulty in entering any college they may select.

The Fairmont graded school has had a most successful year. The enrollment reached 232, breaking all previous records, and the average attendance was also much better than ever before. The pupils held out more faithfully than usual to the close of the school, and more interest was taken in getting promotion cards.

Mr. C. M. Barker, of the Eagle Furniture Co. of Lumberton, placed Prof. McNaull and the school under great obligations to him by lending for the commencement occasion a fine Everett piano. The piano was of great service, added greatly to the success of the exercises, and Mr.

## CROATAN NORMAL COMMENCEMENT.

### Excellent Exercises, Reflecting Great Credit on Teachers and Students—Evidences of Progress.

Reported for The Robesonian by M. G. McKenzie.

Friday was a great day with the Croatan or Cherokee Indians of Robeson county. It was the occasion of the commencement of the Croatan Normal school at Pembroke.

I think there are few outside of the county, and many inside of the county, that have the faintest conception of the educational progress these citizens of our county are making, even keeping pace with, if not exceeding, the progressive race of this section and this age.

We did not arrive on the grounds until 11 a. m. and were surprised to see such a vast audience already gathered. As we wended our way up the stairs of the magnificent new school building, sweet strains of music fell upon our ears and we were not surprised after finding Miss Bonnie Barker presiding at the piano and Mr. C. B. Skipper accompanying with his flute. Miss Barker and Mr. Skipper are among the musical lights of the county, and the music was especially attractive.

Those receiving diplomas or marks of distinction in their studies were then called upon the stage and presented with certificates or diplomas, Mr. W. H. Humphrey, with much grace, ease and eloquence, making the presentation speech. This class consisted of some twenty-five bright boys and girls.

The speech of welcome was delivered by young Mr. Lowrie, which we did not hear, but hear it highly spoken of. As we did not see the programme, and were not present at all of the exercises, our report of the proceedings is necessarily lame in its completeness. We wish we were able to give a detailed account of all the exercises of the day, for many were worthy of personal mention.

The marching and drilling exercises at the noon hour were fine and spoke in loud terms of the work and efficiency of Prof. Edens and his assistants in charge of this excellent school.

The evening and night was taken up with delightful exercises, consisting of recitations, dialogues, declamations and music, which we hear from those present reflected much credit upon both pupils and principals.

Mr. Thomas L. Johnson, of Lumberton, the orator of the day, was introduced by Prof. Edens, and made one of the best educational addresses we have heard in many years. He spoke about an hour, taking as his subject "The Undeveloped Resources of North Carolina."

The day, though inclement in the early part, was a grand success. Good order prevailed and the patrons of the school, as well as principal and students, may well feel proud of the Croatan Normal.

Mrs. O. C. Spaulding, who had been spending a few days in town at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Townsend, left Friday afternoon for her home in Maxton.

Barker's kindness was very much appreciated.

Friday afternoon races were pulled off by the Fairmont Driving Association, which has an excellent track just on the edge of town, and though there were not as many entries as were expected the races were all right. There were the following entries: Harry M., owned by Mr. Jack McLaurin, of Dillon, S. C.; Dan P., owned by Mr. A. L. Jones, of Fairmont; Rex Hal., owned by Mr. J. E. Anderson, of Fairmont; Sadie King, owned by Mr. Jas. Bryant, of Rowland. The first two heats were won by Harry M., time, 2:30 and 2:33, Rex Hal. winning the last three, time 2:34, 2:36 and 2:37. Sadie King was third, and Dan P. fourth.

Several people from Lumberton enjoyed a part of Friday's attractions.

## LOCAL BRIEFS.

—License has been issued for the marriage of Maud Herring and J. J. Ammons.

—Messrs. H. L. Cook, W. S. Cook, Jno. O. Ellington, S. W. Cooper, W. J. McDiarmid, Terry Lyon and C. G. Rose, of Fayetteville, are in town today. They came over in automobiles and will return this afternoon.

—The Laurinburg baseball team will play the local team tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock on the diamond across the river. The managers of the local team are expecting the Western Bloomer Girls here one day next week for a game.

—Mr. H. G. Meares, who lives on rural route No. 5 from Lumberton, is very sick with rheumatism. Mr. Henry Mercer, son of Mr. W. J. Mercer, of the same neighborhood, has been very sick with pneumonia for some time and his condition does not seem to be improving.

—Mr. L. B. Byrd, of Jacksonville, Fla., where he is auditor of a bank, a brother of Mr. McKay Byrd, of Singletary's Cross Roads, on rural route No. 5 from Lumberton, will be united in marriage on Wednesday of this week, at 6 o'clock p. m., to Miss Helon Brown at the home of the bride's parents in Winston-Salem. Mr. and Mrs. Byrd will be at home in Jacksonville after June 1.

—Mr. J. Elmer Kinlaw, who has just completed a course in law at Wake Forest College and stood a successful examination for license before the Supreme Court at Raleigh last week, passed through town Saturday on his way to his home in Howellsville township. Mr. Thomas Kinlaw, his father, was with him, having attended commencement exercises at Wake Forest.

—Mr. C. F. Lawler, superintendent of the Pembroke Planing Mill, suffered the misfortune Friday of getting his right arm broken in two places by being caught in a belt. He was brought Friday afternoon to the Thompson hospital, where his injuries were dressed, and returned to Pembroke Saturday with his daughter, Mrs. Todd, of St. Paul, who came to see her father Saturday morning. Yesterday Mr. Lawler made another visit to the hospital to have his arm dressed.

—Mr. Prentice Barker, who had been sick with typhoid fever at the Thompson hospital for some time, was taken Friday to the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Barker, just on the edge of town. Mrs. Jack Sessoms, of Howellsville township, left the hospital, where she had been sick for some time, Saturday. The condition of Mr. O. C. Norment, who has been confined for the past week at his home on the corner of Walnut and Sixth streets, is improving.

—Wake Forest special, 20th, to Charlotte Observer: "The A. D. Ward medal, the prize sought after each year, was awarded to F. T. Collins, of Robeson county, one of the brightest members of the graduating class. Mr. Collins enjoys the unique record of having represented Wake Forest College three times in intercollegiate debate. He is a natural orator and poet." Mr. Collins is a son of Mrs. Cynthia Britt, of Britt's township. He returned home Saturday and after a rest of a month or so will begin preparing to enter the Baptist ministry.

—Messrs. Lee Caldwell and Ed Pope, students at Oak Ridge, came home last week to spend their vacation. Mr. Pope arrived Friday and Mr. Caldwell Saturday afternoon. Misses Dovie Prevatt and Maude Britt, students at Meredith College, Raleigh, came home last week; and Misses Lina Gough, Lillie Barker and Maggie Pitman, of the same school, are expected home tomorrow for the summer vacation. Misses Commie McNeill and Agnes McLean, students at Peace, Raleigh, are expected home Wednesday. Misses Dovie and Edna Prevatt left this morning for Blue's Creek, where they will attend a summer school.

Mrs. J. H. Floyd and two children spent Friday in Barnesville visiting relatives.