

FERGUSON HIGH SCHOOL

Ferguson High School will close Friday, May 6, with a commencement splashed with a variety of entertaining features, including a play, "The Interrupted Wedding," "The Maypole Dance" and a minstrel, presented by the large children. The school considers itself exceedingly fortunate in being able to secure as the principal speaker for commencement, R. Don Laws, famed editor and publisher of Wilkes county's well known tabloid, "The Yellow Jacket." Mr. Laws will deliver his well known address, "The High Spots of History." We are expecting a distinct treat in his remarks as he always succeeds in entertaining his audience, and also gives them substance for future thought. The other features of commencement are equally interesting and entertaining. The play, "The Interrupted Wedding," is being presented by the primary grades, and the little folks have been inexhaustive in their efforts to make their play a success. The second feature, "A Maypole Dance," is being given by the fourth grade. This feature of the entertainment has required quite a bit of very tedious work of both children and instructors, as it includes several different types of aesthetic dancing. The negro minstrel is exceedingly humorous as it is packed full of original anecdotes, and real old time negro spiritual. We advise all persons who have any symptoms of appendicitis to carefully avoid seeing this minstrel in order that their physical welfare may not be impaired. There will be a small admittance of 5c and 15c. The public is cordially invited and urged to attend this program, which brings to a close one of the most successful and progressive years Ferguson school has enjoyed since its erection.

The funds made available by the Federal Government for the construction of new state and county projects, also for the rehabilitation of state property by the unemployed has enabled us not only to place our building in a much better condition by the installation of several new windows, but also the construction of a new room. In this room we are placing our library, and arranging the room for the students to use during vacant periods as a reading room. We have hoped to secure for their instruction and entertainment several magazines and newspapers.

This relief labor has enabled us to completely change the road, which was used for a road, and which was located directly in front of the school house, into an exceedingly attractive yard planted with flowers and shrubbery. In front of the building we have constructed a circular stone plot in which we plan to plant tulips. This plot is partially surrounded by a very unique stone wall. We are planning, at a future day to plant a clinging vine which will climb the stone wall and present a very pretty view from the road.

Our new means of approach to the school house has been arranged with the idea of making the front of our building more attractive and better, safeguarding the lives of the children who ride the school buses. Under the new arrangement we now have two roads leading to the school ground from the highway, neither of which is very steep or hazardous. It is our earnest and sincere hope that within the next few weeks we may be able to secure teams from the citizens residing near the school to gravel these two roads.

The attendance of the school has been greatly depleted this year due to the fact that the Darby bus is forced to ford Elk Creek five times before reaching the school. The slightest shower causes this creek to rise making the road impassable, thus costing the entire truck load of children a day in school. The school has this year made a tireless and very conscientious effort to amend this situation, by attempting to have low water bridges constructed over all these fords. Due to the great generosity of the citizens living near Darby in giving unsparingly of both their timber and time, the school succeeded in getting one low water bridge built by using relief labor. The people in the Darby section should certainly be congratulated on the splendid spirit of good citizenship they have shown in their efforts toward making a more passable and permanent road for their children to attend school. Mr. Noel, the state highway engineer, has promised us that the remaining four bridges will certainly be built during the summer.

We were very fortunate while using the relief labor to secure the services of Mr. Gordon Battle, N. C. State Health Officer, to supervise the erection of two new sanitary privies for our school. Mr. Battle spent some time and effort in the construction of the privies, and inspecting the general sanitary conditions

of our school. Through his efforts we feel that from the standpoint of sanitation both in sewerage disposal and water supply that our school ranks among the best rural schools in North Carolina.

We hope that during the succeeding years the fine citizenship of this community may be blessed with a nine or ten room brick school building. The present building is badly in need of repairs, and has a great many fire hazards, but it is located at an ideal spot for the erection of a fine brick building.

Sheets Man Had Bee Swarm 14th

Earliest Date This Has Been Known To Happen In That Section

SHEETS, April 18.—Quite a number attended Easter services at Cane Creek church Sunday.

Misses Carrie Belle and Allie Abscher, of Halls Mills, visited friends around Sheets Sunday.

Little Jean Watkins, who was sick last week, is improving.

Mr. Major Higgins made a trip to North Wilkesboro Monday.

Mr. Ambrose Handy, of Radical, visited relatives around Sheets last week.

Mrs. Alice Handy visited Mrs. M. R. Billings, Sunday.

Mrs. Cora Billings, Mrs. Stella Key and little nephew, Blake Chappell, spent Monday with Mrs. Edith Higgins, of Radical.

Mr. Rowan Handy, of Hays, attended services at Cane Creek, Sunday.

Mr. J. T. Abscher moved to his new home near Sheets last week.

Misses Estelle and Emma Wagner were among those present at Cane Creek church Sunday.

Mr. A. E. Shumate made a trip to North Wilkesboro last week.

Mr. Noah Watkins visited friends around Radical, Sunday.

Mrs. Noah Long, of Radical, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Jesse Billings, of this community.

Mr. Bob Higgins, of Winston-Salem, visited his brother, W. C. Higgins, Saturday night.

Mr. L. E. Felts had a swarm of bees to come out of their hive April 14. The bee keepers in this section say they have never known this to happen so early in the season before.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Dancy and little daughter, Bobby Lee, of Hays, visited Mr. W. H. Key, Monday.

Mr. James Wagoner, who resides on Halls Creek near Sheets, is very ill at the present writing.

Lincoln Heights Holds Its Annual Junior-Senior Prom

The beautifully decorated auditorium of Lincoln Heights High School was the scene of a very colorful affair on Easter Monday night, when the Junior class, under the supervision of Principal W. Burt Harper, most delightfully entertained the senior class. The banquet phase of the affair began at 8 o'clock, and was both refreshing and picturesque. Members of the junior class, dressed as sailors, served chicken salad, olives, hot rolls and butter, hot chocolate, ice cream and cake.

The tables, as well as the auditorium, were decorated in white and light green, the senior colors. The place cards for both faculty and seniors were also green and white, depicting beautiful Easter lilies. After the courses were served many delightful and humorous toasts were offered. All enjoyed a paper on "Seven Candles To Keep in One's Home," by Mr. Clarence A. Howard, advisor of the senior class. The banquet was closed by all rising and singing our Alma Mater, "Deer Old Lincoln Heights."

After the banquet, faculty members and seniors passed into the auditorium, where numerous guests were already arriving. The guests were received by Prin. and Mrs. W. Burt Harper, Miss Mozelle Cundiff, and Ruth Anderson, president of the junior class. The men, dressed in white trousers and dark coats, and the ladies, dressed in various colored evening gowns made a very striking appearance, as they danced to beautiful orchestra music furnished by a brand new radio, loaned the school through the courtesy of Mr. Ralph Duncan.

The occasion ended at 1 o'clock amidst many thanks and compliments to the Junior Class and their advisor for this unique affair. About 125 guests were entertained, many coming from nearby towns, and some from even out of state. We feel that the prom this year will leave an everlasting memory of joy in the hearts of all who attended.

Any man may make a mistake, but only a fool will stick to it.—Cicero.

This Week In Washington

Washington. — Beer is back and the first day's sales are said to have netted the Federal government and the various state and local taxing units about ten million dollars, which is a lot of money. Some brewers sent President Roosevelt a few cases of beer which arrived at the White House just after midnight on the day when its sale was legal. The President gave the beer to various friends and that was that.

What is worrying the wets is that Mr. Roosevelt has not said anything about the repeal of the 18th amendment. The President's friends reply that there isn't anything for him to say. The repeal amendment is now up to the states, and most of them have arranged or are arranging for conventions at which either to ratify it or turn it down. It is hardly likely that Mr. Roosevelt will use his influence one way or the other.

Invitation to Nations

The really important development in Washington is the invitation by the President to the heads of eleven other nations to come to Washington to see him, or to send somebody, in order to talk over the world economic situation and get ready for the World Economic Conference, which is to be held in London in July. Ramsay MacDonald, Prime Minister of Great Britain, was the first to accept. All of the other nations are sending their best men. The President plans to talk to each of them separately, get them to agree to something to which they will stick when the conference is called, in the hope that some line of action can be arrived at which will start commodity prices moving upward, stabilize the world's currencies and move the wheels of international trade again.

This is not an altruistic project to save the world. The President is undertaking something for the sake of the United States first and the world at large in consequence. Whatever we put in the pot he expects us to get back with something besides. The old foreign trade policy of the United States has been definitely scrapped.

No longer will the effort be to open foreign markets to our goods while barring foreign goods by means of high tariffs. That is certain. So when the President starts to persuade other countries to lower their tariff barriers he must have in mind that such a program can succeed only if we rearrange our tariffs to permit the sale of foreign goods in this country.

Time for Reciprocity

The need for this reciprocity on our part is inescapable. For even if we could trade our war debt claims for a lowering of foreign tariffs on our exports, without reciprocal action on our part we would get nowhere. For, as the President's advisers point out, there is no earthly way for other nations to pay for our goods unless they can sell us their goods.

Wise observers here say that the policy of "economic nationalism" has been definitely scrapped by the invitations to Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, China, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico and Canada to talk over international economics at Washington. Some go so far as to suggest that the League of Nations will be functioning here more strongly than at Geneva. It seems likely that more immediate and tangible results may follow these conferences than have followed the League's action, for in this case the United States has the whip hand and can apply economic pressure to make the other nations come to reasonable terms.

That there will be some new forms of Federal taxes to make up the vast sums which are to be spent in the various projects for relieving the domestic situation seems as certain as tomorrow's sunrise. Nobody knows yet what form these new taxes will take.

The original idea of the Administration of lending money based on Federal credit only to self-liquidating public works seems to have been abandoned. There is not enough of that sort of work to be done to go very far in putting all the unemployed back to work.

With the plans for farm relief, home-mortgage relief, unemployment relief, bank deposit insurance and all of the other enterprises which must be financed against the credit of the United States it is estimated that from five to ten thousand million dollars of credit will be required.

The balancing of the budget is the first step toward making the Government's credit good, so that it can go to the public and borrow the necessary funds for these other projects on bond issues.

In Congress there is a power-

ful group which believes that budget-balancing, international agreements, public works bond issues, railroad, banking and utility reorganization, farm relief and everything else will accomplish nothing unless there is inflation of the currency. The project to reduce the amount of gold in the dollar is the latest scheme to this end. It is not regarded here as meeting the President's approval. It seems more likely that some sort of a silver purchase program by international agreement may be decided upon.

Many members of both houses see salvation only in broadening the bases of employment by means of the five-day six-hour week, at higher pay. Some others hold that there must be an actual redistribution of capital, through a capital levy, income tax changes or a simple confiscation of capital and income above certain figures.

And when it comes to international agreements, there are more different ideas than there are members of Congress. The insistence that Europe must pay her war debts in full is not so vociferous as a few months ago. The President hears a bedlam of advice daily. So far it does not seem to worry him. There are all sorts of people urging him to "go on the air" and urge all debtors and creditors to sit down together and agree on a general reduction of debts. There are others by the hundreds urging him to adopt some wild scheme or other. But the President keeps working away at the blue-prints of what, his intimates say, is a definite, integrated plan, to be adopted step by step.

Miss Johnson Wed To Edmond Hayes

Max Hendren Suffers Injury To Foot; Other News Of Pores Knob, Route 1

PORES KNOB, Route 1, April 18.—A wedding of much interest to this community took place near Fairplains at the home of Rev. Noah Hayes, last Friday, April 14, when Miss Lillie Belle Johnson became the bride of Mr. Edmond Hayes, Rev. Noah Hayes, uncle of the bridegroom, officiating. Only a few friends attended the wedding.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Johnson and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Hayes; both of this community.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayes will make their home with Mr. Hayes' grandfather, Mr. Caloway Campbell.

Easter has again passed with us and Easter Sunday truly can be said to mark a happy epoch, religiously and seasonally. It is a time of rejoicing at the fulfillment of the divine blessing of Jesus Christ and also one of gladness that the months of warmth and beauty and of nature's greatest glory have come again. In all time and among all people there have been festivals corresponding to Easter, but none has had such widespread observance of the holy season commemorating the rising of Christ from the dead. Easter is a joyous occasion and in our churches it is one of the most beautiful of religious festival days.

Miss Lula Lowe spent a few hours with Miss Julia Hubbard last Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Rhule Frazier was the welcome guest of Mrs. Dola Hawn, Sunday evening.

Mr. Ray Parlier attended church service at Bethel Baptist church, in Alexander county, Sunday.

Max Hendren, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hendren, had the misfortune of getting his left arm broken last week when he fell from a window in the home. The little boy was carried to the Wilkes Hospital where he was given treatment. He seems to be getting along nicely, we are glad to say.

Mrs. Dewey Lowe spent one evening last week with her mother, Mrs. John Jenkins.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Davis, Mrs. W. G. Johnson and four small children were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Parlier, last Sunday.

Hubert Hawn spent sometime with Charlie Kerley late Sunday evening.

This spring weather is bringing snakes from their winter dens in this section. A large black one was killed last week by Mr. Edd Frazier's dog. Several others have been seen. We must be very careful this summer and try to not get bitten with one of the poison reptiles.

Miss Nita Parlier spent a short time with Mrs. Ina Davis last Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Gwaltney were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Odell Moore, last Sunday.

Mr. Lee Childers lost a valuable dog Saturday night when she hanged herself with the chain with which she was tied. We feel sorry for Lee's loss.

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