

Largest Class In History Of School Receive Diplomas On Monday Night

Commencement Address Delivered By Judge Felix E. Alley SCHOOL HAS GOOD YEAR Retained Membership in Association; Elementary Standardized

As a lawyer would plead his case before a jury, Judge Felix E. Alley, of Waynesville, on Monday night argued the cause of Christianity before a large graduating class and audience in the final program of the North Wilkesboro high school commencement.

Using as a subject, "Jesus Christ, Son of God and Man," Judge Alley outlined two major issues which he discussed: "Was there a man named Jesus?" and "Was this man Jesus the divine son of God and savior of the world?"

He explained why he chose the religious theme for the commencement address, saying that if the students went on to college or out to make a way in the world they would come face to face with atheist doctrine and false teachings.

Raleigh, he said, was founded on fact and in his argument he first offered the testimony of the four gospel writers as eye witnesses and corroborative evidence of Roman historians of that age who frequently mentioned Christ in their writings, doubting his divinity but not contradictory to the actual happenings and miracles performed by the divine Son of God.

The commencement program opened with singing of "America, the Beautiful," led by Miss Elizabeth Zurburg, followed by invocation by Rev. W. M. Cooper, assistant pastor of the Presbyterian church.

The American Legion medals awarded to the outstanding boys and girls students in the school were presented by Frank E. Johnson, Legion post commander, to Mary Frances Pardue and Robert Wood Finley.

J. B. Williams, a member of the city school board, presented medals for seven years perfect attendance. Supt. W. D. Halfacre presented the Balfour key to Leonard Brooks and J. B. McCoy, member of the school board, awarded the school board's medal to Helen Kelly for the highest scholastic record during the term.

A selected group of girls delightfully rendered an English folk song and the speaker of the evening was introduced by J. R. Hix, chairman of the city school board.

Supt. Halfacre announced the beginning of summer school on Monday, May 31, and diplomas of seventh grade graduation were presented to a large class by W. E. Jones, member of the school board.

D. J. Carter, vice chairman of the city school board, presented the high school diplomas to the class of 50 graduates, largest in the history of the school. The commencement program closed with benediction by Dr. R. B. Templeton, pastor of the Methodist church.

Thus the school ended perhaps the most successful year in its history. During the term there was a record enrollment with a corresponding high average of daily attendance. The school system has functioned very smoothly and it is felt that much progress was made in educational channels.

The high school retained its membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Secondary Schools and Colleges and the elementary school remained a standard institution, ranking as high as any elementary school its size in the state.

List of Graduates John Frederick Allen, John Caswell Andrews, Rudd Bare, Donald T. Beish, Jr., Leonard Brooks, John William Cranor, J. D. Deal, Charles Stuart Duncan, Robert Wood Finley, Charles Clinton Grayson, Wilson Glen Hulet, Gwyn Jones Kilby, Robert Boyd Jones, Archie Franklin McNeil, Major B. Minton, John V. Parker, Charles Shelton Sink, Jr., Steve M. Taylor, Thomas Franklin Templeton, Forrest Edgar Tugman, Samuel Stevenson Vickery, George Clay Welborn, Gilbert Harold Wendland, Ruth Absher, Elizabeth Anderson, Virginia Carolina Alexander, Janice Virginia

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Highway Commissioners Set Days to Hear Road Matters In the Districts

Second Monday in Each Month Set Aside for Hearings by Commissioner Hackett In The Eighth District; Appoint Engineer

At the meeting of the state highway commission in Raleigh Tuesday and Wednesday the commissioners set aside days to discuss highway matters in each division and the commissioners of the 100 counties, whose recommendations will bear much weight with the members of the commission, have been notified of the state days.

The monthly meeting for discussing road matters in the eighth division, of which J. Gordon Hackett, of this city, is the commissioner, will be held here on the second Monday of each month.

This set-up was arranged in order that people interested in road matters would not find it necessary to go to Raleigh and

could discuss road matters with the representative commissioner. The hours will be from ten a. m. until three p. m.

Each of the ten divisions will be divided into three districts with an office in each. The eighth division office will be in North Wilkesboro. Each division of ten counties will have a division engineer, one prison supervisor and one road oil supervisor. Other personnel will include an assistant division engineer, an engineer for each of the three districts within the division, an office engineer, and a senior stenographer.

Z. V. Stuart will be engineer for the eighth division.

The next meeting of the commission will be in Raleigh on June 2.

Field Man For Unemployment Set-Up In City

R. Grady Baber In Office Of Employment Service In This City

R. Baber, formerly of Winston-Salem, field representative of the North Carolina Unemployment Compensation Commission, has established headquarters in the district office of the state employment service office here.

Elect Officers Of Junior Order

E. A. Shook Councillor For Ensuing Period; Other Officers Named

North Wilkesboro council of Jr. O. U. A. M. in meeting Tuesday night elected officers for the ensuing six-months' period.

E. A. Shook was elected councillor and the other officers are as follows: Paul Hutchens, vice councillor; C. A. Canter, recording secretary; J. D. Moore, Jr., assistant recording secretary; C. G. Day, financial secretary; Bank of North Wilkesboro, treasurer; J. R. Beamon, conductor; A. G. Anderson, warden; J. S. Minton, inside sentinel; A. A. Cashlon, outside sentinel; H. L. Mechem, chaplain; Paul Greene, Junior past councillor; C. O. McNeil, C. B. Eller and Clay Pardue, trustees; C. G. Horton and C. A. Canter, representatives to state convention with W. K. Sturdivant and S. L. Pardue, alternates.

The North Wilkesboro council continues very active and has a large membership.

New Drug Store Enters Business

Red Cross Pharmacy To Have Formal Opening Friday and Saturday

Red Cross Pharmacy, latest addition to the business life of the city, will observe its formal opening Friday and Saturday of this week.

The store is located in the P. E. Brown building on the corner of Tenth and C streets. The building was completely renovated with a new interior and attractive front. New floor, walls and ceiling were attractively finished and present a most pleasing appearance.

The new firm handles standard lines of drugs, cosmetics, patent medicines, popular and reliable remedies. New equipment was used throughout. Other news concerning the new store will be found on pages two, three and four of this newspaper.

Mayor Proclaims Saturday Poppy Day In The City

People Asked To Wear Memorial Flowers May 29 In Honor War Dead

Saturday, May 29, was designated as Poppy Day in Wilkesboro and North Wilkesboro by a proclamation issued today by Mayor R. T. McNeil. In the proclamation he urged that upon all citizens to observe the day by wearing memorial poppies in honor of the World War dead.

The proclamation stated: "The city of North Wilkesboro responded with highest patriotism to our nation's call for defenders in 1917 and 1918, sending many of its young men into the fighting forces. Of these men, a large number sacrificed their lives in the nation's service, dying with more than 100,000 other Americans to bring victorious peace.

"It is fitting that the service and sacrifice of these gallant young men should be commemorated annually by appropriate public observance. As the poppy, which grew on the battlefields where so many of them fell, has become their memorial flower, there could be no more appropriate observance than a general wearing of the poppy in their honor.

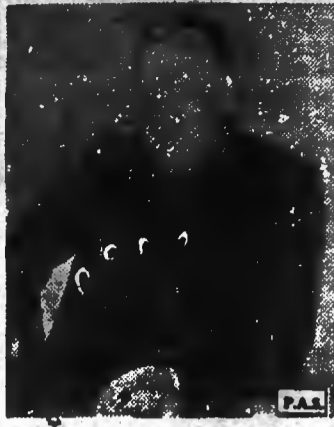
"Therefore, I do hereby proclaim Saturday, May 29th, as Poppy Day in the City of North Wilkesboro, and urge all citizens to show remembrance of the honor for the men of the city and of the nation who gave their lives in World War service by wearing poppies on that day."

Women of Wilkes county Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary will be on the streets early Saturday morning with baskets of the memorial flowers, offering them in exchange for contributions to aid the war's living victims, the disabled veterans, their families and the families of the dead. They will continue working throughout the day, giving everyone an opportunity to "honor the dead and aid the living" by wearing a poppy.

Preparations for the observance of Poppy Day here have been completed by the Auxiliary under the leadership of Mrs. Andrew Kilby, general chairman. Poppies will be distributed by large number women and girls, all working as unpaid volunteers. Money received for the flowers will be used to help maintain the welfare work of the Legion and Auxiliary among disabled veterans and fatherless families during the coming year.

"The little red poppy worn above our hearts Saturday is the truest symbol of our remembrance for those who gave their lives in the nation's service during the World War," said Mrs. Kilby. "It is their flower. It grew on the fields where they died and it was the only floral tribute on the bare battle graves where they were buried.

Eckener at Inquiry



Lakehurst, N. J. . . . Dr. Hugo Eckener, builder of the ill-fated Zepplin Hindenburg, heads the German inquiry board seeking to learn cause of the disaster which took a toll of 36 lives.

Lee Staley, 29, Killed At Lenoir

Funeral service was held at Staley cemetery near Reddies River at two o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Lee Staley, age 29, who died Monday in a Lenoir hospital.

Staley, a native of the Reddies River community of this county who had been employed at a furniture plant in Lenoir, is said to have received a fractured skull in a fall Friday afternoon from a lumber hack, which injury caused his death.

He is survived by two brothers, A. B. C. Staley and Bob Staley, and three sisters, Mrs. Phillip Eller, Mrs. Hamp Ashley and Mrs. J. R. Holloway.

Memorial Service Here On Sunday

Memorial service will be held on Sunday this year, a program in commemoration of the departed comrades has been arranged by the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary to be held in the First Baptist church Sunday evening at eight o'clock. Evening services in all the churches of the Wilkesborsos have been called off and the members have been invited to participate with the sponsors in paying tribute to those who gave their all. It is also the desire of the sponsors that all Ex-Service men in Wilkes County and their friends come in and help honor those who "have paid the last full measure of devotion."

The exercises of the day as planned by the sponsors is given herewith: 4:00 p. m. Forty and Eight ceremonies at the Marker, corner of Ninth and "C" streets. 7:30 p. m. Assembly of ex-service men, Legionnaires, American Legion Auxiliary, Spanish American War Veterans, Spanish American War Veterans Auxiliary, members of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and Daughters of the American Revolution. These people are to assemble promptly at 7:30 at the North Wilkesboro Methodist church and go in a body to the First Baptist church where a section will be reserved for them. Fathers of deceased veterans, Gold Star mothers and veterans of the War, Between the States will be guests of honor.

8:00 p. m. Memorial service at First Baptist church. Song, "America"; Invocation, Rev. C. W. Robinson; Roll call of those from Wilkes county who made the supreme sacrifice; solo—"There is no Death"—O'Hara, Miss Ellen Robinson; Preamble to the Constitution of American Legion, led by Mrs. W. R. Absher; song, "Onward Christian Soldiers"; introduction of speaker, Andrew H. Casey; address, the Honorable Ira T. Johnston; song, "The Star Spangled Banner"; benediction, Rev. A. W. Lynch.

Rev. A. E. Watts To Preach Sunday Morning At Moravian Falls Church

Rev. A. E. Watts, a former pastor, will preach Sunday morning, May 30, 11 o'clock at Moravian Falls Baptist church. A cordial invitation is extended everybody to attend the service.

There will be a celebration of the Holy Communion at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Sunday morning, May 30th, at nine o'clock. Rev. B. M. Lackey, Rector, in charge.

Bake Sale Saturday

The Gardner Circle of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church will sponsor a "Bake Sale" at Bell's Store Saturday morning, May 29, beginning at nine o'clock. All kinds of cakes will be on sale and any patronage given the circle will be greatly appreciated.

Paul Holder Killed In This City Wednesday

Youth of Hays Community Dies In Short Time After Being Shot By Gun in Hands Of Bruce Felts Late Wednesday

Paul J. Holder, 19, was shot and killed here about 5:30 yesterday by Bruce C. Felts, 20, who confessed to firing the shot but claimed that he did not know the gun was loaded.

The wounded youth, a son of Will Holder, of Hays, was carried immediately to the Wilkes hospital, where he died in a few minutes. The bullet from the .32 calibre pistol entered the lower part of his neck.

The shooting, Felts said, occurred at a car belonging to his (Continued on page eight)

Dry Victory In Alleghany Hailed As Doom of Chance of Liquor Store

Advocates to Call Other Elections

POSTOFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY Sunday, May 30, is memorial day and the holiday will be observed by the North Wilkesboro postoffice on Monday, May 31. The announcement is made in order that no inconvenience may be experienced.

Billings Youth Victim Of Wreck

Golden Billings Killed When Car With 7 Occupants Leaves Highway

Funeral service was held Monday at the family cemetery near Laurel Springs for Golden Billings, age 16, who died Saturday from injuries sustained when his

car was wrecked on highway near his home at Laurel Springs. Six other occupants of the car included his mother, Mrs. Mandy Billings, and other members of the family. They received minor injuries.

Singing May 30 Boomer Church

Southside Singing Association Anticipating Inspiring Session Sunday

Next session of the Southside Singing Association will be held at Boomer church on Sunday, May 30, according to an announcement by Attorney F. J. McDuffie, chairman of the organization.

All singing classes, quartets and others who render gospel music are invited to attend and take part. There will be a basket dinner at noon and all attending are asked to carry baskets well filled with good eats to add to this feature of the day's program. The singing will begin at 11 a. m.

Asks That Dogs Get Vaccination

In a statement made public today Dr. A. J. Eller earnestly urged people of the county to observe the law requiring that dogs be vaccinated against rabies. His statement follows: "It is the law in North Carolina that all dogs four months old and over be immunized against hydrophobia.

"Please cooperate with and assist the men appointed to do this work. This is done to protect your children and all persons from that terrible disease—hydrophobia. Just think of the suffering and death from this disease—also the suffering and uneasiness from taking the 21 doses of serum necessary to prevent the disease in case one is bitten by a rabid dog or other animal."

Interested People Air Views On Liquor Question In Northwestern Section

WANT NO ELECTION No Demand Evident For Election In Wilkes Or Adjoining Counties

Alleghany county voting dry Tuesday for the first time in its history has all but killed any remaining hopes of advocates of liquor stores to call an election in Wilkes, or other counties in northwestern North Carolina.

By a vote of 1,225 to 1,050 people of Alleghany county turned down the liquor store proposal and the victory of the dries in a county which had been practically conceded to be wet has been the inspiration for dries

in other counties. With the lone exception of Alleghany, it has been generally conceded that advocates of legalized liquor had little chance of carrying an election in northwestern counties. It was considered, however, that Alleghany county, which has always voted against prohibition, would favor liquor stores, being an adjoining county to wet Virginia.

In Wilkes county, which generally has a wet reputation but which voted overwhelmingly dry in 1933, there has been no demand or agitation for a liquor election. The board of commissioners, it is understood, are letting the matter rest and have no desire to force the issue, there being no efforts made to form or circulate a petition asking for an election. It is also the generally expressed opinion that advocates would be unable to secure the necessary number of signers to a petition to force the board to call an election as provided by law.

Local dry leaders are ever ready to refute the theory that Wilkes votes dry because the people like the present situation too well and that liquor interests fear legal competition. In so doing they cite election returns in the vote of 1933 when the townships which long have held the reputation as moonshine manufacturing centers and which have been the scene of so many successful liquor raids by officers voted for repeal of the 18th amendment.

They also contend that liquor drinking in Wilkes is no more prevalent than in other counties and it is a generally conceded fact that the illicit liquor manufactured in Wilkes goes by way of the rum runner to the thirsty throats of larger cities in piedmont North Carolina and that great quantities are carried into Virginia to compete with legal liquor. Less than one per cent of liquor made in Wilkes county, many claim, is consumed within its borders. Their contention is indirectly corroborated by records of arrests for drunkenness by county and city officers and the records of the highway patrol of arrests for drunken driving, which are under records of many other counties in proportion to population.

But the dry victory in Alleghany county today was the topic of conversation among the elected dries and reports came in from Watauga, Ashe and other nearby counties that the vote in Alleghany had definitely killed for the time being any serious thoughts of calling an election or causing one to be called by petition of voters.

Longest Sentence Given For Stealing Auto; Many Cases In Federal Court

Several Criminal Cases Yet To Be Tried On Court's Longest Docket

SECOND WEEK OF TERM Number Sentenced To Atlanta and Chillicothe For Breaking Liquor Laws

The longest sentence meted out in the May term of federal court in Wilkesboro to date was for John King, of Durham, who was convicted of violation of the motor theft act and sentenced by Judge Johnson J. Hayes to three years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta.

King, it was shown, had quite a criminal reputation as was known in widely separated sections by at least three aliases. The court is in the midst of the second week of the term and several criminal cases yet remain to be tried, as well as some civil actions pending.

Following are prison terms which have been handed down to liquor law violators this week: Dallas Billings, six months in jail.

John Davis, of Watauga county, six months in jail. Curley Pruitt, fine of \$100 in each of two cases and Atlanta prison sentence running concurrently 18 months.

George Anderson, year and a day in Atlanta prison. William Burchette, year and a day in Atlanta prison.

John R. Johnson, year and a day in Chillicothe reformatory.

Hubert Call, year and a day in Chillicothe reformatory.

Check Forger In City On Tuesday

Gets \$45 From One Firm and Makes Getaway; Clever Scheme

On Tuesday afternoon a check forger visited this city, fleeced a department store out of \$45 and almost got by with another check of \$30 at another firm.

Both checks were forged on Attorney Kyle Hayes and were made payable to "Lee Children." In one instance he presented the check for \$30 at L. A. Harris and Son store in payment for some articles of clothing. Being short of change, Mr. Harris carried the check to the Goodwill store where Mrs. Kyle Hayes is employed in the office. Mrs. Hayes cashed the check but noticed the forged signature of her husband immediately after Mr. Harris left and she notified Mr. Harris. A member of his firm located the man on the street near the store and he returned the change and the clothing for the check. After an attempted explanation the man left.

Attorney Hayes notified the banks of the attempted forgery and this morning another was discovered, that being for \$45 and cashed by J. C. Penney company.

The incidents recalled the fact that some insurance inquiry papers had been stolen from Attorney Hayes' office Tuesday noon. The papers bore the name used as payee on the forged checks and the forger had used them in identification of himself as "Lee Children." In case the forger makes a return visit merchants are warned to scrutinize checks and immediately report any discrepancies to the police department.

Abernethy Will Preach Sunday

Rev. L. B. Abernethy, of Elkin, will be guest speaker at the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning at the Methodist church in North Wilkesboro. Rev. Mr. Abernethy, conference mission secretary, has been invited to speak by the Woman's Missionary Society of the church and it is hoped that a large congregation will be present to hear him.