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Commencement Time

High school commencement time has rolled around again and before this week ends a number of Wilkes boys and girls will have been awarded diplomas of high school graduation.

They will have heard commencement speakers give them a lot of advice which they will not remember. After ten years pass not one high school graduate in ten can tell you anything that the commencement speaker said.

And editorial advice is heeded just about as much as that orally given.

Rather than try to set ourselves up as any kind of advisor let us just consider some facts relative to graduation.

Completion of high school is a happy occasion for any boy or girl and it should be.

But despite any hokum to the contrary, the diploma does not have a material value worth the paper it is printed on.

The diploma is no pass to success and has little value in securing a job.

It can best be used as credentials to enter college and secure more scholastic training.

There are no short cuts to success.

A high school diploma or a string of college degrees as long as your arm will not give you a job with plenty of pay and the work extracted. No one has ever devised an effective substitute for hard work, whether it be mental or physical.

And there can be no great measure of success without character and a deep sense of obligation to duty and responsibility.

A balanced life should have the benefits of education, training, hard work and character. Omit one and you weaken the entire structure.

We have heard educators stand before groups of young boys and girls and tell them figures which painted a rosy picture of the life of the educated man or woman. They would tell the average of earnings of people classed according to their education.

This propaganda served well to keep children in school but perhaps resulted in much disillusionment to graduates who have been going out into the world on their own to find that all was not so rosy as had been pictured.

We should offer children every encouragement to attend school regularly, to reach high school graduation and secure college training, but there is something akin to criminal about leading them to believe that all they have to do in order to obtain economic security is to become educated.

All along through the process we call education should be taught the fundamental truth that work is absolutely essential.

Drinking Drivers

Calling attention to the fact that 117 persons were killed last year in this state as a result of drinking and driving, Ronald Hocutt, Director of the Highway Safety Division, recently termed the drinking driver as the most dangerous if not the most numerous type of offender on our highways today.

"Drinking and driving do not mix," Hocutt said. "Even one drink can so effect a driver's reaction time as to make him a potential dangerous driver. The Highway Safety Division advises anyone who does any drinking to let someone else do their driving for them."

Borrowed Comment

WEATHER AND FRUIT CROPS

There had been much hope among those farmers and horticulturists who subscribed to the notion that the early unusually cold weather of March 24 and thereabouts would be the last for the season.

Upon this hope rested the belief that this would be a good fruit year. Apple growers in Wilkes and peach growers in the Sandhills alike have been looking forward to a good fruit season.

Last year the peach crop in the Sandhills was materially reduced by reason of unfavorable spring weather and other factors, and the farmers hoped that a good season this year would help to even things. The cold snap of the past few days may have obliterated that hope in large degree. However, the damage may not be

as great as at first believed. North Carolina fruit growers are hedged about with difficulties. Good seasons often mean overproduction and under prevailing conditions, glutted markets and low prices. And when nature exercises her "control plan" the crop volume is frequently cut too low for higher prices to offset decreased volume. Probably the only satisfactory remedy for this is to balance other farm crops against fruit growing, not allowing the latter to become a main dependence.—Winston-Salem Journal.

ELECTRICITY IN YOUR BRAIN

Science is always developing theories and telling us new things. The other day the Federated Societies heard that there is a kind of electrical brain activity, produced by cells which build up an electrical charge and then flash miniature lightning bolts to adjoining cells.

We won't pursue the discovery much further at this time but the idea is worth watching. Maybe, in the years to come, a student, failing in his class, will be able to go to a service station and get a supply of electricity that will set his brain to thinking.

Without reference to any person in this neighborhood we can imagine that there are many individuals who need some sort of miniature lightning in their heads. The only way they can be made to think is for somebody to make it as easy to do as it is to sit down and rest.—Hamlet News-Messenger.

EARLY MARRIAGE SHOW COURAGE OF YOUTH

(Renfro Herald)

We recently received a report of the increasing number of young marriages which shows that our youths giving serious thought to matrimony at an early age than of a few years ago. There is no certain reason given for this. Perhaps girls of today think in terms of the "early bird." Someone in our town is sure to say, "They may marry earlier but don't stay married as long." These divorces include many among the older couples if you investigate carefully. Another someone will remark that many husbands and wives are employed today and this makes marriage less of a financial gamble. But this is not true in all early marriages. Perhaps it is wise to suggest that these young alliances prove that the morals are not as loose as a few would have us believe, and that our youth are more courageous, which our present economic situation demands.

TYPICAL N. C. FAMILY

(Oxford Ledger)

There are perhaps as many ideas on the typical North Carolina family as there are North Carolinians with ideas.

Regardless of your idea on the typical North Carolina family, it is interesting to note Governor Hoy's opinion. The state's typical family, he believes, lives in the country or in a small town, is interested in public affairs and has a "reasonable number" of children.

How accurately the Governor has described the typical North Carolina family is purely a guess. We are rather certain, however, that he has described the family that many of us would like to regard as typical—the family enjoying a fair prosperity, a large amount as happiness and ample contentment.

It is our hope that more of the families of North Carolina may attain the level of the family described by the Governor as typical.

HOME BUILDING INCREASES IN STATE

Home ownership in North Carolina is steadily increasing, if the amount of loans made by building and loan associations is an indication. The year 1939 was the best year in a decade when loans approximated \$25,600,000 and enabled over 15,000 individuals to construct, refinance or repair their homes. This record-breaking total was an increase of more than \$3,000,000 over 1938, and the largest increase in type of loans was in the construction of new homes.

We are not beginning a new decade. The forties can bring prosperity in proportion to further increase in the building industry. Every dollar spent in building means an hour of work for someone who depends upon the building industry for his living. But besides any boost to business, the building of homes brings to those making such an investment, a sense of security, a kind of happiness that nothing else coes.—Smithfield Herald.

THERE WILL BE NO ECONOMY

As the third session of the 76th Congress starts on its fourth month it becomes very apparent that all the boasts of what it would do in the way of economy will never materialize. Some small savings in appropriations have been made but those savings have been wiped out by tremendous expenditures in other directions.—Roanoke News.

A prominent man of letters was asked why he was not at the front "trying to save civilization." "I am part of the civilization they are trying to save," he replied.—London New Statesman and Nation.

No theme song has yet been selected for the 1940 session of "The World of Tomorrow." A new one might be written and entitled, "Fair and Cheaper."—Washington Star.

Mountain View Home Club Meets

Mrs. W. B. Pendry was hostess to the members of the Mountain View Home Demonstration Club Wednesday, April 19, with Mrs. Glen Daney, president, in charge of the business session. The roll was called and each member responded with the name of her favorite flower. Mrs. F. C. Johnson conducted the devotionals.

Mrs. Oland R. Johnson, educational leader, gave an interesting talk on the beautiful picture "Spring" painted by Corot, the noted French painter.

Miss Harriet McGoogan, Home Demonstration Agent, then demonstrated "Refinishing Furniture", assisted by Mrs. Paul Church and working on an old Walnut Chest of drawers, the old finish was removed by two methods. The first was with home made remover, then with commercial remover. The pieces were then cleaned and sanded, ready for the new finish. The results were shown on a drawer which had previously been sanded and oiled. Leaflets were distributed to the members showing step-by-step methods of refinishing different woods.

During the social hour a flower contest was conducted. Miss Valley Pendry was the most successful and was awarded the prize. Mrs. Pendry, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. T. C. Felts, served delicious refreshments.

The May meeting of the club will be held with Mrs. Udy Wood.

Pores Knob Home Club In Meeting

The Pores Knob Home Demonstration club, met April 12th at the home of Mrs. J. M. Bentley, with the club president, Mrs. Bertie Broyles, in charge.

The devotionals were by Mrs. C. M. Ashley. In the roll call, each member answered with her favorite flower and the secretary's report was by Mrs. P. M. Lowe.

Poem "Do Not Judge Too Hard," was given by Mrs. J. M. Bentley. Picture study of "Spring" by Corot, a French painter, was given by the Home Agent, Miss Harriet McGoogan. Report of Home Beautification was given by Miss Margaret Parlier. Plans were made to gather galax for the district meeting which is to be May 30th. Mrs. J. M. Bentley was appointed as committee to supervise and care for the galax.

A very helpful demonstration on refinishing furniture was given by Miss McGoogan. She gave each step in the process which was very instructive.

For recreation the members enjoyed a flower contest. Mrs. J. M. Bentley was winner of the prize offered by Miss McGoogan. Songs were sung for amusement at the close of the meeting, books were exchanged from the last meeting for new ones. Mrs. J. G. Bentley invited the May club meeting to be held at her home.

Where he applied Bordeaux and cuprocide sprays on his strawberry plants, an outstanding difference for the better can be observed, says M. L. Lanier, of Chincapin, a Duplin county grower.

FARMERS, be sure to see us for your seeds. We have a complete stock—seed potatoes, oats, beans, lespedeza, etc. PEARSON BROTHERS. 2-26-40

NOTICE OF SALE OF LAND

Under and by virtue of an order of the Superior Court of Wilkes County, entitled "Wilkes County versus R. F. Day and wife Mrs. R. F. Day," the undersigned Commissioner will on the 29th day of April, 1940, at 12:00 noon, at the Court House door in Wilkesboro, N. C., offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, that certain tract of land, lying and being in Edwards Township, Wilkes County, N. C., being 15 acres of land, more or less, listed in Edwards Township in the name of R. F. Day in 1936. Being all the land owned and or listed in 1936 by R. F. Day.

For further description, reference is made to description found in Book—, Page—, in the Register of Deeds Office of Wilkes County.

This the 29th day of March, 1940.

F. J. McDUFFIE, Commissioner.

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"Hallelujah" At Liberty Theatre

One of the best known negro stage actors in American drama, a former chorus girl of the negro revue, "Blackbirds"; a former minister and negro editor; one of the few remaining slaves; a vaudeville singing comedian; a cotton field worker—these are some of the players in the diverse cast of "Hallelujah," great drama of negro life, which opens Tuesday only on the Liberty screen.

From the New York stage, from the streets of Memphis, from the clubs of Chicago, and the plantations along the Mississippi, King Vidor, the director, assembled the unique group of colored players who appear in "Hallelujah."

The first to be chosen was Daniel Haynes, who at the time was singing "Old Man River" in the Broadway stage hit, "Showboat." Haynes, a bronze Adonis with a gorgeous bass voice, was an established actor of note. Formerly understudy of Charles Gilpin, star of many negro stage successes, he was cast for the role of Zeke, hero of the picture.

The director found Nina Mae McKinney, a sprightly chorus girl and one of the prettiest women of her race, dancing in the "Blackbirds." Though never before in a dramatic role, she proved to be one of the most talented of emotional actresses in her role of Chick, the charmer.

For the role of Missy Rose, Vidor needed an actress who could sing in the religious sequences, and on a phonograph record he heard Victoria Spivey, the famous "blues" singer. He looked her up and she won the role.

Harry Gray, who plays the parson, had never acted. Born in slavery, he became an itinerant preacher, then editor of a Harlem newspaper. The 36-year-old actor literally relieved his role as a preacher. Fannie Belle de Knight was with Belasco in "Lulu Belle" and other productions, and was promptly chosen for the role of Mammy. William Fontaine, the

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This the 19th day of March, 1940.

F. J. McDUFFIE, Commissioner.

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