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## THE COLORED SCHOOLS CLOSE

### Two Graduated From This Institution Last Evening

## INTERESTING PROGRAM

Prof. J. H. Branch of Raleigh and Mayor C. H. Harding and Superintendent N. C. Newbold Make Addresses—Colored School has a Bright and Promising Future.

For the first time in the history of Washington two persons were graduated from the colored graded school last night and the occasion was a most auspicious one. The graduating exercises took place in the colored Masonic Temple situated at the corner of Fifth and Hesperus streets.

Only two persons received their diplomas at the hands of Mayor Collins H. Harding secretary of the Washington school board last night, viz: M. Maud Peyton and A. Rebecca Harvey. Besides their diplomas they were presented with prizes for efficiency in scholarship. A Rebecca Harvey received a handsome book of poems for attaining the highest average during her four years course and M. Peyton for good scholarship.

Rev. A. G. Davis has been principal of the colored school for the past three years succeeding the late Prof. L. H. Randolph. His work since has been at the head has been more than satisfactory not only to the school board but to the entire population. He is competent, efficient and ever watchful of the interest of the institution.

He is ably assisted by a well trained corps of assistants. The exercises opened last night with music rendered by the smaller members of the school after which followed an invocation by Rev. A. A. Thompson. After the music the salutatory was delivered by M. Maud Peyton. She welcomed the visitors in the name not only of her class but every member of the school. This paper was well written and well received by the large audience.

The speaker of the evening was Prof. J. H. Branch, A. M., L. L. B., principal of the largest colored graded school in the city of Raleigh. He was happily introduced by the principal Dr. A. G. Davis.

Professing his remarks as paid his respects to the white and greeted them in words appropriate. His address was timely, well written, well expressed and presented in a way to attract and instruct. Of course his theme was education especially as in regard to colored people. That part of his address directed mainly to the members of the graduating class was particularly interesting. He was happy in his remarks and what he had to say fell on attentive ears. It was a great speech and much enjoyed by all. After the address Dr. W. T. Beebe favored those present with a solo on the organ.

Superintendent N. C. Newbold then addressed the school in words of wisdom and wholesome advice. Spoke of the great interest he had in the welfare of the colored schools and intimated that if they desired larger and more up to date quarters for their children they must send them to school and then the board would be compelled to make proper provision. In a nut shell it was up to the parents of the colored population whether or not their school was more equipped. Stated that he was pained to know that on visiting the school some weeks back to find all girls and no boys in the principal's room. What is the matter with the boys? said he. Said opportunity was theirs

## UNION PRAYER MEETING

Will be held in Baptist Church Wednesday Evening at 8 O'clock.

On tomorrow evening at eight o'clock there will be a union prayer meeting held in the First Baptist church. Rev. Robert V. Hope, pastor of the Christian church, will lead the meeting. The public cordially invited to be present.

## WILL MEET TONIGHT

There will be a union prayer meeting held this evening at the residence of Mr. J. H. Allgood on Seventh street, Nicholsonville. Rev. J. A. Sullivan will conduct the meeting. All invited.

## A WISER MAN

Joe Harden Well Skinned For Using Horse Too Freely.

On yesterday afternoon Mr. Boas Gammon, the proprietor of the Imperial Pool Room and his colored servant became involved in a difficulty due to the driving of Mr. Gammon's horse too freely by the negro.

The sentence was that a billiard cue played home sweet home with variations upon the head of the said Harden. While his wound is not serious they are nevertheless painful. The horse of Mr. Gammon was driven without his knowledge or consent. The result of the hearing will be found in the Recorder's court proceedings in today's paper.

## IS OUT AGAIN

The friends of Mr. J. Cohn, a tailor of the city, are glad to see him out again, after several weeks indisposition.

## OUR TOWNSMEN ARE HONORED

### Mr. W. S. Frizzle Selected Grand Guardian by Odd Fellows

### G. G. MORRIS HONORED

First Time in History of Phalanx Lodge One of Its Members Has Been Honored with a State Office. Delegates Much Impressed With Winston-Salem.

Meers W. Scott Frizzle and C. G. Morris have returned from Winston-Salem where they attended the annual state session of the Odd Fellows last week. They represented Phalanx lodge No. 10, of this city. They report the session one of the most enthusiastic and beneficial in the history of this large and progressive order.

Mr. W. Scott Frizzle was appointed Grand Guardian for the state, he being the only member of Phalanx to ever hold a grand office. This honor is worthily bestowed and will be filled by the incumbent with ability and credit to the order throughout the state. For years he has been one of the most enthusiastic members of the order here.

Mr. C. G. Morris entered the contest in competition of the unwritten work for a trophy. Mr. Morris entered against a comrade who had participated a year previous and to the credit of Mr. Morris he only lost in the contest by one point. Phalanx lodge was well and able represented and received many honors.

All the delegates from Washington speak in the highest terms of their entertainment. Mr. C. G. Morris was placed on the committee for mileage and per diem. Mr. Morris is one of the most active and best informed Odd Fellows in the state and will no doubt be heard from in the Grand Lodge at their future meetings.

Captain J. M. Silverthorn of Middleton, N. C., was a Washington visitor on yesterday.

If they would only take advantage of it. The diplomas were delivered to the members of the graduating class by Mayor Collins H. Harding. In presenting them he congratulated not only the school but the members of the first graduating class on their achievement. His talk was timely and to the point.

Principal Davis then presented to the graduates a book of poems for proficiency in scholarship, etc. After the benediction the exercises came to a close. They were much enjoyed and will be long remembered by all present.

## STUDENT BODY IN THE THROES

### Of Their Final Examinations at University of North Carolina

## LARGE NUMBER SENIORS

St. Rev. Corita Henry D. D., L.L.D., of Nashville, Tenn., to Deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon and Governor Wilson, the Literary Address at the Forthcoming Commencement.

Chapel Hill, May 15.—The variety insignia, the N. C. monogram has been awarded to the men who served on the athletic teams for the past spring. It is a safe statement that never in the athletic history of the University has the standard of attainment of the wearers of the monogram been higher. The men who are given the sweater privilege for the first time are: Calmes, Hasty, Lindsay, Edwards, Witherington, Duns, Page and Lee; Captain Hackney gets his third star; track, Spence, Patterson, Cobb and M. K. Blalock awatears, and Winston, Tillett and Long; tennis, Bailey; gymnasium, Hughes.

Chief Ball Manager W. L. Small has appointed the following men as honorary managers of the commencement dances. Robert R. Reynolds, Asheville, Carter Dalton, Greensboro; H. P. Masten, Winston-Salem; W. P. Hill, Jr., Winston-Salem; James N. Joyner, Raleigh; Hamilton C. Jones, Charlotte; J. C. B. Ehringhaus, Elizabeth City; R. D. Barnes, Salisbury; John Hall Manning, Durham.

Professor M. C. S. Noble delivered the commencement addresses the past week at Arden and Pykeville and Prof. E. K. Graham at the Pikeville Graded Schools. Dr. Edwin Mims and other members of the faculty have been in much demand as commencement speakers all over the state, during the past two weeks.

The entire student body is in the throes of their final examinations now. The exams will continue until Saturday May 27, when commencement begins with the class day exercises of the graduating class. Commencement this year with the main address to be delivered by Governor Woodrow Wilson of New Jersey and the reunions and conferring of degrees on all war alumni who failed to get their diplomas because they left for service, promises to be the most important in many years. The number of seniors this year is larger than at any time since the Civil War.

## ONE RETAILER FOR THE ROADS

Several Cases Were Tried on Yesterday Before Recorder.

The following cases were imposed of before Recorder Grimes at the City hall yesterday: Ernest Cherry, Drunk. Continued until today. J. P. Hoffer, A. D. W. Fined \$5.00 and cost. Notice of appeal given. Albert Midyette, Charged with Indecent exposure of person within the city limits. Fined \$1.00 and cost. Mathew Lewis, Fined \$2.00 and cost. Dick Latham was charged with retailing whisky. Guilty. The judgment of the court was that he be sentenced to the roads of Beaufort county for a period of 90 days. Notice of appeal was given in open court. Boaz Gammon, A. D. W. Fined \$10 and costs. (This was a result of a difficulty happening in the pool room yesterday afternoon.) Dallas Cutler and John McCoy were indicted for mutual assault. Each fined \$2.00 and cost.

Misses Anne Payne and Ethel Fowle are visiting Miss Elizabeth Payne in Norfolk Va.

## THE WEATHER

Fair tonight and Wednesday. Variable winds.

## ROUND TO PROSPER

Mr. Paul Wright of the Small Graded School, Pungo, N. C., May 12, 1911. To the Editor.

Allow me to say through the columns of your paper that while I appreciate the courtesy of the reporter who gave an account of our school closing at Small—a copy of which came to me recently—I feel that one or two expressions need changing a little. I felt that our entertainment was a success but I don't by any means claim the entire credit for myself with the other teachers—Miss Winfield and Mrs. Tuten.

The success of the Small Graded School, in all its work, is due largely to the cheerful co-operation of the patrons. In order for any school, of its kind, to prosper, it must have those friends who work conscientiously for its welfare, not for the money they get out of it, but for the love they have for the boys and girls of their community. The small school can boast of such friends. The district is composed of people generally who respond readily to every need of the people. As long as this condition of affairs exists the school which is the pride of the community is bound to prosper.

Yours truly, J. D. PAUL.

## THE FIRST BEETS

Shipped From This Market on Yesterday by Local Farmers

Messrs. George Phillips and Bro. shipped on yesterday for Mr. J. V. Harper several boxes of beets to Philadelphia and Mr. R. R. Warren also shipped.

These are the first of the season, so far as we have learned.

## STREET REPAIRED

Street Commissioner W. H. McDewitt is engaged today in repairing the streets at the corner of Water and Market streets.

## W. B. BURGESS KILLS HIMSELF

### Former Citizen Takes His Life at His Home in Kinston

## PUTS BULLET IN BRAIN

No Reason Ascribed, But It is Generally Credited to His Financial Trouble, and Ill Health—Was a Citizen Highly Esteemed in the Town of Kinston.

News reaches this city of the suicide of Mr. W. B. Burgess at Kinston N. C., on last Sunday afternoon. He took his life at his home in that town by shooting himself. He was a man of about 46 years of age and leaves a widow and five children to mourn their loss. At the time of his untimely end he was in the employ of the Hines Planing Mill Company and held the confidence and esteem of his employers.

Mr. Burgess was a brother of Mrs. George W. Lewis and Mrs. J. B. Latham of this city. No reason is given for his rash act. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Latham and Mrs. George W. Lewis are now in Kinston attending the funeral. Mr. Burgess was well known in Washington.

No reason is ascribed by the family for the suicide, but it is generally credited to despondency over financial troubles and poor health. Mr. Burgess was a member of the Royal Arcanum, Odd Fellows and Junior Order, and carried insurance with them and old line insurance as well. His remains were interred in Maplewood cemetery, conducted by Rev. Bernard P. Smith, pastor of the Christian church.

Mr. Burgess was quiet in disposition, with a mind running a little to the morbid, which probably accounts for his self destruction. He had previously attempted it by drinking carbolic acid about ten years ago, but medical assistance resuscitated him and prevented that attempt. That he had well planned his suicide Saturday afternoon, those who saw him just prior to the act are convinced, by certain little action on his part at that time.

## FREE WATERWAY SIMMONS TALK

### The Norfolk-North Carolina Free Waterway Project Discussed

## IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

The Tar Heel Senators Expect Something Definite at Regular Session of Congress—States the Probable Depth of the Canal and What he Expects.

Washington, May 15.—News that the next annual meeting of the Atlantic Deep Waterways Association will be held in Richmond September 12, 1911 (and for several days thereafter) and that one of the features of the meeting will be a "rest trip" down the James River for the benefit of the many hundreds of delegates in attendance.

Senator F. M. Simmons of North Carolina was looked up yesterday and asked some questions about the present status of the Norfolk-to-North Carolina free waterway project, in which the senator, like his colleague in the house (Mr. Small) has taken so great and so practical an interest. Mr. Small's position on the Rivers and Harbors committee of the house will give him more power than he has ever had to press his pet measure, while the promotion of Mr. Burton to the senate has taken from the house a fighter of ability who as chairman of the Rivers and Harbors Committee was always a stumbling block to the members pressing the waterways undertakings. Since going to the sen Mr. Burton has become less strenuous in his opposition, and it is believed that the next regular session of Congress the Atlantic Waterways will have better hopes than they have enjoyed for a long time.

As to the Norfolk-Carolina waterway in particular, Senator Simmons expresses confidence that something definite will be done towards the accomplishment of the free-canal consideration at this next session. At the extra session of course, such legislation is not contemplated. The present status of the Norfolk-Carolina link is that at the last regular session of Congress Senator Simmons got through an amendment to the river and harbor bill authorizing the secretary of war to make a contract to purchase subject to the ratification of congress, which every one of existing canals might be approved by the Engineer Board of Review. The lower board of engineers reported some time ago in favor of purchasing the Albemarle and Chesapeake canal if it could be gotten for \$500,000.

The Dismal Swamp canal people complained that they had got received a fair show and asked another hearing, which was given them, but it is understood that the lower board of engineers will not change its opinion.

Before this report can be acted upon by congress, however the Engineer Board of Review must pass upon the whole waterway project, as it would be cheaper to dig the Norfolk waterway to the general depth at first than to dig at a less depth now and increase the depth later.

The original project involving the Norfolk canal was to dig it from Norfolk to Beaufort N. C., at a uniform depth of ten feet. In the report of the survey the line was divided into four sections. The two lower sections, from Beaufort north, have been completed, and the third section, connecting the lower section with deep water in the sounds, may be regarded as negligible, as its completion involves an outlay of only about \$6,000. Senator Simmons says that the whole route is now practically completed except the Norfolk end.

"Why is it," the senator was asked, that the Norfolk end, unquestionably the most important to navigation and the one which the people of both states desire most to see opened to free traffic, has been left to the last?"

"Our controlling desire," replied Senator Simmons, "was to get the government committed to the project. The cost of the Norfolk section was several times greater than that of any other, and the matter was complicated by the delay in final decision as to the route to be chosen. It was possible to dig the south end, and thus get the government committed, by an amendment calling for the expenditure of only \$350,000; and the practical wisdom of the situation, in both my opinion and Mr.

## LIST OF DELEGATES

Remaining Uncalled for in office at Washington, N. C., for Week Ending May 13th, 1911.

Gentlemen: Clark, Mr. J. A. Dumas, Mr. M. O. Duns, Mr. Richard Dryden, Capt. Wm. Farmer, Mr. Miles. Roster, Mr. Frances. Justice, Mr. F. W. Jarvis, Mr. W. H. Keyes, Mr. J. B. Morgan, Mr. W. D. Moss Mr. R. W.

Ladies: Dickones, Miss Sarcy. Hough, Mrs. Mabelle M. Lansing, Mrs. J. P. Parmer, Sarah. Roehle, Mrs. Carl. Smith, Miss Nellie (3).

These letters will be sent to the dead letter office May 29th, 1911, if not delivered before. In calling for the above, please say, "advertised," giving date of list.

HUGH PAUL, Postmaster.

## TO DELIVER ADDRESS

Mr. Edward L. Stewart of this city is to deliver the closing address before the school at Vandemere N. C., on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock. His subject will be the Value of an Education.

Mr. Stewart is one of the country's most attractive speakers and all who hear him will be highly pleased.

## BASEBALL YESTERDAY

American League. At St. Louis— Washington 0; St. Louis 8. At Cleveland— New York, 6; Cleveland 3. At Detroit— Boston 4; Detroit 5. At Chicago— Philadelphia 2; Chicago.

National League. At New York— St. Louis 6; New York 10. At Brooklyn— Chicago 6; Brooklyn 2. At Boston— Pittsburg 12; Boston 10. At Philadelphia— Cincinnati 5; Philadelphia 21.

Carolina League. At Charlotte— Charlotte 7; Greensboro 16. At Anderson— Anderson 3; Spartanburg 6. At Winston-Salem— Greenville 4; Winston-Salem 0.

Tidewater League. At Elizabeth City— Elizabeth City 6; Portsmouth 3. At Norfolk— Norfolk 5; Newport News 1. At Old Point— Old Point 2; Suffolk 6.

List Your City Taxes. This is to give notice that I will be in the City Clerk's office from 9 to 1 and from 2 to 5 each day until June 30th, 1911 for the purpose of listing taxes for the City of Washington.

W. C. AYERS, City Clerk and List taker. 5-16 to 6-30

Small's, was to seize that chance when we had it." The senator observed that when the canal was started at the south end the general Boston-to-Florida project had not superseded in tangible shape to complicate matters. He regarded it as unfortunate that this should have come along just at a time to postpone the beginning of the special project from Norfolk to Carolina, but says there was no way in which the contretemps could have been prevented by him or by Mr. Small.

The first survey of the Norfolk-Beaufort route, said the senator, is reviewing the history of the matter was on a basis of 16 feet depth. The report on that survey was unfavorable, the board holding that the benefit to commerce would not justify the outlay, and suggesting a reduction of the contemplated depth to 10 or 12 feet. A second survey was then secured on a basis of 12 feet, the report in this case being favorable. Right here was where Senator Simmons got the lower end through. To do so, however, he had to knock out two feet, and then then succeeded only after threatening to hold up the entire river and harbor bill in the senate.

Father Gallagher of New Bern was in the city yesterday on route to Greenville where he will hold low mass. He will perform the same service here Wednesday morning.

## SOU'N BAPTISTS IN JACKSONVILLE

### The Delegates Will Attend From Every State in the South

## NOTEWORTHY GATHERING

One of the Great Religious Gatherings to Meet on May 17—A Resume of the Baptist Church in the Southern States—History of the Denomination Given Below.

Jacksonville, Fla., May 15.—Great in number than the British Parliament or the Congress of the United States the Southern Baptist Convention will meet here on May 17th with delegates present from every state in the South.

The convention is made up of messengers, or delegates from churches, associations, state conventions, missionary societies and Sunday schools. All Baptist churches are independent. Therefore the convention has no authority to bind the churches in its territory. Its action is advisory, not compulsory. Ministers and laymen are admitted into the convention on the same basis without any official distinction between clergy and men.

The Baptist cry through the ages has been "A church without a Pope, and a state without a king." They always held as a fundamental principle that the individual soul is competent to deal with God. The Bible is their only creed and sole guide in matters of faith and doctrine. From its teachings they hold that all men are born in sin, and can find salvation only through faith in Jesus Christ. They accept vicarious atonement of Christ, believing in his death on the cross; his resurrection from the grave, and his ascension to the right hand of the Father as the foundation and security of salvation. Baptists insist upon what is called believers' baptism—as a prerequisite to church membership, in the independence of local church, and hold that each church is a spiritual, democratic body, separate from the state, owing to its allegiance to God. In a Baptist church there are no priestly orders. Ministers are solemnly set apart to the work of the ministry without official distinction, or authority, one over another, the terms "pastor," "bishop," and "elder" being different names for the same office.

The convention has three boards: The foreign mission board, with headquarters at Richmond; the home mission board with headquarters at Atlanta and the Sunday school board, with headquarters at Nashville. The work of the foreign board is to preach the gospel in foreign lands. The home mission board looks after mission work in the home field, which includes the southern states Cuba and the Panama section. The Sunday school board is the head of the Sunday school work, and publishes Sunday school helps, periodicals and books for use in the Sunday schools and Young People's societies. The Southern Baptist Theological seminary, the School of the Prophets, located at Louisville, Ky., is also under the control of the Southern Baptist convention.

## WILL LECTURE AT M. E. CHURCH

### Returned Missionary at the Methodist Church this Evening.

Miss Mattie Ivey of Texas a returned missionary from Korea will speak at the First Methodist church this evening at eight o'clock. It is to be hoped she will be heard by a large congregation. Miss Ivey has spent years in that far off country and no doubt her address will be interesting, instructive and entertaining.

## PERMISSION GRANTED

### By the War Department for Club Building in This City

Permission has been granted by the secretary of war to erect a club house on the south side of Pamlico river, near the Washington bridge, for the Tar Heel Motor Boat Club. The building will cost approximately about one thousand dollars and work is expected to begin within the next few weeks.