

WASHINGTON DAILY NEWS

WEATHER—Fair Tonight and Tuesday. Light Moderate Winds.

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COMPETITION KEEN FOR PRIZES

Many Strive for Honors in High School Departments.

WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT COMMENCEMENT

Girls of High School Capture More of the Prizes Than do the Boys.



SCHOOL WILL NEED TO BE ENLARGED

Present Accommodations Not Sufficient for Increased Attendance.

MORE FUNDS ARE ALSO NEEDED

Interesting Information Contained in Mr. Campbell's Report.

A total enrollment of 840 with a daily average attendance of over 636 and the number of tardies reduced from 292 to 95, is the record set by the Washington public school during the past year. This was one of the details of Superintendent Campbell's interesting report, which was read at the commencement exercises of the school last Friday. Another feature of Mr. Campbell's report was a suggestion as to improvements that were necessary in order to carry on the school work to greater advantage. It read as follows:

"There are two problems that confront us and that call for serious consideration not only of the school board but also every patron of the school. Every room in this building is occupied and has been occupied during the last two years. Some of the rooms are too small to hold the large classes we are compelled to have. Within a year or two it will be absolutely necessary for the board of school trustees to provide more room. Just how this will be done rests largely with the patrons of the school. I do not think that this building could be enlarged, and it would be impractical to have a grade or two in a building in some other part of town. It may be imperative that another building be erected, and I trust that the people of Washington will do the right thing by their children when it does become necessary to take some action.

"For the last four or five years there has been a deficit in the school fund. Two years ago this deficit amounted to \$1,200 last year \$1,000 and this year it will amount to about the same. This deficit is due to the fact that the school fund has not increased any appreciable amount during the past five or six years, while the number of pupils has increased by several hundred and the number of teachers five or six. No business can run without sufficient capital and your schools cannot be kept up without sufficient funds. This also should receive careful consideration of all good people of Washington."

ROSE ORLEANS

Valedictorian of Class of 1915.

The competition for the various prizes offered to the scholars of the high school during the last year was exceedingly keen and the rivalry great. In many of the contests for medal or other prize, the winner defeated the nearest opponent by only a fraction of a point. The list, made known at the commencement exercises Friday night is as follows: John H. Small medal, William Daniel Johnston.

The Howell English prize, Eta Lee Campbell.

Brown scholarship prize, I. S. C. Evans.

Morris Debater's medal, Elbert Weston.

D. A. R. prize, Margaret Hoyt Handy.

U. D. C. prize medal, Rose Orleans.

Geo. T. Leach attendance record prize, Gladys Morgan.

Newbold science medal, William Daniel Johnston.

W. O. T. U. prize, (Junior high school), Lawrence Womble.

Honorable mention, Angus MacLean, Jr.

Junior high school science medal, A. D. MacLean, Jr.

Valedictorian, class 1915, Rose Orleans.

The following made a record of perfect attendance in the graduating class: Margaret Handy, Gladys Ellsworth, Marie Hodges, Brown Hodges, Gladys Morgan and Walter Morgan.

The three highest averages made in the graduating class: Margaret Handy, 95.1, Eleanor Swanner, 93.49, Rose Orleans, 92.55.

Guilford Wins Land Suit Case

Jury Brought in Verdict in Favor of Defendants Saturday Night

The land suit of Margaret A. Tuten vs. M. E. Guilford et al. which occupied the last two days of Superior Court, was ended Saturday night the jury deciding in favor of the defendants. The case aroused considerable interest and each day's proceedings attracted a large crowd to the court house. It was the last case tried by the court.

BAKER SAYS

I was asked the other day why it was that I could make good pictures of some folks and couldn't make them of others. The question hasn't been answered yet.

BAKER'S STUDIO

Mrs. C. R. Mitchell and little son, Francis R., left this morning via the A. O. L. for Washington, D. C., where they will make their future home.

WANTED: YOUR TINNING and plumbing work. Estimates furnished on request. E. P. Martin, corner Second and Market streets. 5-17-15.

RAID "STILL" AND MAKE ARRESTS

Pitched Battle is Fought Near Robersonville.

GOVERNMENT MEN HAVE HARD JOB

Raid Occurred Yesterday. Parties Were Arrested This Morning.

An illicit "still" was discovered and raided by Deputy Collector Edward James near Robersonville yesterday. James, who was assisted by his brother, the sheriff of Martin county, and several others, came upon the still and found several parties at work. The command was "hands up," but the law breakers couldn't see things that way and they dispersed in all directions. Shooting by both sides followed and the deputies started in pursuit of the whiskey makers. They were unsuccessful in making a capture however. As far as could be learned, no one was hurt by the bullets.

Mr. James arrived in Washington yesterday and while here secured the necessary papers from U. S. Commissioner W. H. Russ. He picked up U. S. Marshal W. R. Pedrick and the two returned to Robersonville.

This morning it was learned that the two government men had again run across the still men and that they had been successful in arresting the latter. Among those who were taken in were John Farmer and J. H. M. 578. The men were taken to Tarboro where the nearest U. S. commission office is located. They will be tried there.

Held Service At County Home

Interesting Program Rendered. Many Visitors Were Present

An interesting and impressive service was conducted at the county home yesterday afternoon by the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The meeting was led by Miss Bettie Farrow. Miss Ophie Morris presided at the organ. Miss Gladys Allgood added greatly to the beauty of the service with her violin. Miss Morris and Miss Ernest from the Collegiate Institute also furnished much pleasure by assisting in the service. Miss Morris sang "How Sweet is His Love," in a most pleasing manner, accompanied by Miss Ernest. There were thirty visitors and eight members of the Union present. The following program was carried out:



MARGARET HANDY, Winner of the D. A. R. Prize.

WILL PAY FOR DAMAGE TO CHURCH

Congress Allows Claim of Local Churches.

CHURCH DESTROYED DURING CIVIL WAR

Nearly \$2,000,000 Appropriated to Satisfy Various Claims.

In repairing some of the losses of the Civil war, the Congress, which recently adjourned, appropriated nearly \$2,000,000 to be used for this purpose. This is the first bill of its kind to be passed since 1905.

Of local interest is the fact that payment has been allowed for the damage done to the Washington Catholic church during the period of strife. The story of this incident was as follows:

At the end of April, 1864, it became necessary for the Federal army under General Sherman of the First North Carolina Union troops, to evacuate Washington N. C. In the stream on which the town is situated lay the United States gunboat Louisiana, with transports accompanying. There were no Confederate troops in the town or in its vicinity. The findings of fact by the court of claims thus relates what occurred.

"On the morning of the evacuation some of the men patrolled the town of Washington, N. C., breaking into houses and wantonly destroying such goods as they could not carry away, and the occupants and owners of the houses were insulted and defiled in their feeble endeavors to protect their property.

"The town was sacked and its pillage ceased only with the final abandonment of the place. People from the gunboat, including sailors and laborers, joined in the work of plunder and devastation. In the morning of said day fire broke out at various places in the town, and bombs were exploded from these fires in the midst of the conflagration. Some of the troops belonging to Colonel McCaskey's command in the town at the time, without orders from any commanding officer to that effect, caused the conflagration, which extended to the adjacent buildings. The military forces then in possession of the town made no effort to extinguish any of these fires. During the conflagration the Catholic church at Washington, N. C., was destroyed. The reasonable value thereof at the time and place was the sum of \$4,000, no part of which appears to have been paid.

"The Presbyterian and Methodist churches were also destroyed at that time. Claims of \$4,500 each were granted by Congress.

Oratorio Artists



The Oratorio Artists, who are to appear on our Chautauqua program, are among the highest salaried oratorio singers to be found in all New England. They will give some of the world's best known short oratorios by master composers, but their program will not consist of oratorios altogether.

On the contrary, the program will be one of many features, and it is probable that one of the most enjoyable of these features will be "Songs Our Grandmothers Sang." For these numbers the singers will appear in costumes of the American period of 1850.

VonEberstein Was Misquoted

Interview in Saturday's News Misleading. Gives His Views on Matter.

The following statement, with reference to his interview which appeared in Saturday's issue of the Daily News, was received this morning from F. H. VonEberstein:

Editor Daily News, Washington, N. C.

I see in your Saturday paper an article which is somewhat misleading.

Your reporter stated that I favored the abolishment of the townships, which is an error. I am sure he misunderstood me, so if you will let me, I will state my position. I was alluding entirely to the road districts in the county. When I spoke, and may have said "township road district," therefore the mistake, I presume. What I do thing, though I had not intended to publish it at the present time, is that we should have a "county road law under one head and supervisor," and in my humble opinion that head should be our county commissioners, thereby saving to the county cost of two organizations.

Your truly,
F. H. VONEBERSTEIN.

Entertainment At Auditorium

Large Audience Looked for at Recital by Singing Class.

The singing class of the Oxford Orphan Asylum will entertain at the high school auditorium tomorrow night.

It is hoped that as many as can possibly do so will attend the recital. The purpose for which the Oxford Orphanage was founded, and still exists, is to provide a home for destitute, orphan children and train them for highest citizenship and greatest usefulness in the world both to God and humanity.

Do Your Best.

To do anything in this world worth doing, we must not stand back shivering and thinking of the cold and danger, but jump in and scramble through as well as we can.—Sydney Smith.

Trapped.

They were quarrelling. "Well, can't say I ran after you," said wife. "Neither does a mousetrap after the mice, but it catches 'em in the same," replied hubby.

Sheriff's Call Compulsory.

Any English male above sixteen who refuses to obey the high sheriff's call to withstand the king's foes is legally held guilty of felony.

TOBACCO FLUES: LET ME make yours. E. P. Martin, corner Second and Market streets. 5-17-15.

IN FAVOR OF CLOSING STORES

Practically All Stores to Close At Noon Thursday.

PETITION SIGNED BY MERCHANTS

Sunday School Superintendents Secure Endorsements of the Proposition.

The business men of the city were practically unanimous in signing the petition which was presented them this morning, asking that their stores close Thursday at 12 o'clock.

A committee, composed of Sunday school superintendents, E. R. Mixon, C. M. Brown, Jr., W. G. Privette, E. K. Willis, Jr., and W. O. Ellis, visited nearly all of the stores this morning with the petition and secured the signatures of those merchants who favored closing at noon on the day of the big picnic at Washington Park. By this afternoon they will have seen all of the business men. It is believed that but one or two of the merchants will refuse to grant the request that is being made.

A big crowd is thus assured for the picnic, which promises to be one of the biggest events of its kind ever held in Washington.



ELEANOR SWANNER, Who Made an Average of 93.49 in Studies During Her Last Year of School.

Superior Court In Hyde County

Begins Today With Criminal Docket. Washington Lawyers in Attendance.

Superior Court in Hyde county opens today with the criminal docket, which is expected to take up most of this week. A number of interesting cases are said to be on the docket. Judge W. H. Whedbee will preside. Among the Washington lawyers who are attending the court and who left here yesterday, are N. L. Simons, H. C. Carter, Jr., and H. S. Ward.

Visit Merchants Tomorrow

Committee to Start Soliciting Subscriptions for Support of Ball Club.

On account of one of the committees being out of town during the last several days, no work has been done towards securing subscriptions for the support of a local ball club. It was announced this morning, however, that the committee would start on their rounds tomorrow and hoped to secure a sufficient amount to guarantee the organization of a first class ball team for Washington.

Several more players had been heard from, who were desirous of playing on the local club, and that there would be no difficulty in securing plenty of good material for the local team.

HAIL STORM TODAY.

A severe rain and hail storm hit town shortly after two o'clock this afternoon. It lasted for about twenty minutes and came without warning. The sun came out strong immediately after the storm and soon dried up the streets again.

GIVES VIEWS ON LOCAL BUSINESS

J. B. Ross Looks for Prosperous Year For Beaufort County.

BUSINESS RUN ON BETTER BASIS

Merchants More Conservative. Farmers Finding Their Labor Profitable.

That business conditions in Washington and Beaufort county are better than now than they have been at any time during the two years, was the opinion today by J. B. Ross, cashier of the Bank of Washington. Mr. Ross, in an interview with a Daily News reporter, stated that everything pointed to a most prosperous year for both merchants and farmers.

"There seems to be a general desire to get out of the rut and to progress instead of standing still," said Mr. Ross. "This spirit, I believe, had its birth about two years ago and it has been growing all the time. The merchants have adopted more up-to-date methods in their business and the farmers have become better educated as to modern ways of agriculture and systematic operations.

"The result has been that the deposits of both classes have steadily increased, that they patronize the banks more than ever before, that they are not afraid to ask favors and realize their own strength.

"As for the war, instead of hurting us, it is my opinion that it has been of untold benefit. The merchant who formerly extended credit with a free hand and without any particular investigation has learned to be more careful and more conservative in his methods. He buys more shrewdly than ever before and he is careful to see that a minimum of waste and loss occurs. Business is run on a sounder plan which is bound to be of general benefit.

"Things as a whole look mighty good to me and I'd a good deal rather be doing business this year than last."



GLADYS MORGAN, Who Won the Geo. T. Leach Attendance Record Medal.

Colored School Commencement

Will be Held Tonight at C. M. E. Church. Mr. Small Will Speak.

The commencement of the colored school of the city will be held tonight at the C. M. E. Zion church, corner of Fifth and Respass streets.

An interesting feature of the program will be the address which is to be made by Congressman John H. Small. The public is cordially invited to be present.

The school has done exceptionally good work during the last year and they have prepared a most enjoyable and entertaining program as a conclusion of the year's work.

New Theater

Sixth Episode of the "EXPLORERS OF BRAINS." Also 3 Reels Associated Films. Prices 5c and 10c.

"Panama Tones" "PRIZE OF JENNICO."