

SCHOOL CLOSING.

Commencement Season Opens Sunday Morning at Auditorium.

ANNUAL SERMON AT UNION SERVICE.

Commencement of the Term of 1908-9 Next Week—Graduating Exercises Tuesday—Play Tuesday Night for Benefit of Library.

Next week is Commencement Week with the Asheboro Graded Schools.

The annual sermon will be preached by Rev. C. A. Wood at a union service to be held in the School Auditorium at 11 o'clock. The pupils are requested to gather in their rooms at 10:30, after Sunday school, before assembling in a body in the auditorium. The school choir will furnish the special music.

Monday night the members of the Fifth, Sixth and Seventh grades will give a cantata entitled "Snow White."

Tuesday will be commencement day proper, and the exercises will begin at 11. Five girls and two boys have been selected from the graduating class to read their essays and deliver orations. Following this the literary address will be delivered by Prof. S. C. Noble, who has written that he will not deliver a long, dry educational address. He will interest all.

The presentation of diplomas and a brief reference of the school year by the superintendent will also be features of the program.

Many of the mills have decided to close, enabling the patro is of the school to attend.

Tuesday night the "annual concert" will be given. The play entitled "The Heir to Mt. Vernon," will be given at 8 o'clock. An admission of 25 cents for reserved seats will be charged. General admission 15 cents. The proceeds from this entertainment will be used in purchasing new books for the library. An effort is being made to raise the standard of the library and increase the number of volume, and the entertainment should be liberally patronized by our people.

The commencement officers are: Marshals—Idyl Free, Chief; Gus Hayworth, Collis Spencer and James Swain.

Managers—Miss Maggie Davis, Chief; Misses Grace Wood, Lena Johnson and Bera Scarborough.

Drop Through Bridge.

On last Friday Mr. Griffin, an R. R. D. carrier on a route leading out from Pittsboro in Chatham County, fell through an approach to one of the bridges on his route. Mr. Griffin only remembers his sudden drop, and for half hour was unconscious.

When he revived his buggy was suspended in the air, and his horse evenly balanced in mid-air on a sleeper. Mr. Griffin says he cut his horse loose and he dropped several feet into the water. The horse has since died of his injuries. Not a scratch can be found on Mr. Griffin.

Mr. Beasley Surrenders.

Deputy Sheriff, D. L. Beasley, of Spencer, Rowan county, who shot and seriously wounded James Kessler, an employe of the Southern Spencer shops, has surrendered and given a five hundred dollar bond for his appearance at the May term of Rowan court.

The shooting occurred over domestic troubles. Mr. Beasley was found at Kessler's home on the husband's return, when the shooting began. Beasley is a widower, his wife having died about a year ago.

Bargains in Furnishings.

Sachs & Sopher, proprietors of the Jew Store, announce a Gigantic Bargain Sale in this issue. Their large advertisement can be found on page seven. Sachs & Sopher opened here in January, with a new stock of furnishings for ladies and gentlemen. The arrival of a large spring stock has crowded their store and they must sell to secure more room. They quote some great bargains in this issue and have many offers to offer. Read the advertisement and attend this sale, beginning April 28th.

Mrs. Flora Walker, wife of Albert Walker, died in Thomsville on Tuesday of this week.

WILL ISSUE NEW SERIES.

Directors of Building & Loan Association Took Action Tuesday Night.

A meeting of the directors of the Asheboro Building & Loan Association was held Tuesday night at which time the matter of opening a new series stock was discussed. The board decided to open the books at an early date to meet the demand.

Working Dirt Roads.

There are a great many people who are opposed to the present method of working the public roads in our county. The last legislature passed two bills either of which if adopted would get rid of the present method and the convicts could be hired out to the respective townships, and general work of the kind that is now being done would be stopped. One of the most intelligent magistrates in the county was in our office the other day and said that the present system of working the roads had improved the roads wonderfully in the county, and if it had not been for the present system of working the roads it would have been impossible for a man to have gone across the county in any kind of a vehicle.

There are sections of the county where the work that is done on the roads under the present system lasts for a long time. In other sections, owing to the character and condition of the soil, the work does not last long and the roads have to be repaired and worked often in order to be kept up.

N. C. Colored Masons.

According to an exchange an important decision was handed down by the supreme court of the District of Columbia recently which recently forbids negroes from becoming Free Masons. The decree enjoins the action which has heretofore called itself the "Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free Ancient and Accepted Masons," of the District of Columbia a corporation, from using the name under which it has been acting, and further forbidding to use any signs, symbols, emblems, regalia, banners, or insignia, the same as or similar to those now used by the regular grand lodge, from in any way holding itself or themselves out to be or operating as an organization of Free Masons under said name and from collecting any dues or contributions, or doing anything else in the capacity of an organized body of Free Masons under that name.

Deserve Good Trade.

The Business Men's League of Asheboro call upon every citizen to pull together in bringing trade to our town.

Merchants of Asheboro never had such complete stocks as they have now.

Buyers can find anything and everything and the largest stocks from which to select.

The Board of Trade or Business Men's League as it is some times called declare that the business men of Asheboro deserve a large and wide patronage.

They propose to show the many advantages by the people to be derived by coming to Asheboro to make their purchases.

Virginia Won Over North Carolina.

It took 12 innings to decide the contest in the base ball game at Greensboro last Monday between the University of North Carolina, and University of Virginia.

Nearly five thousand people witnessed the game. There was a Gaiwan in honor of the ball teams Monday night at the auditorium.

Why Not Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute will be held on Thursday, May 20th. An interesting program is now in preparation. A large crowd is expected as usual. Further announcement will appear later.

The school is better than usual for this time of year.

Mrs. T. F. Klutz Dead.

Mrs. Klutz, wife of Hon. Theo. F. Klutz, of Salisbury, died on Tuesday of this week. Mrs. Klutz was a sister of J. P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer, and was a most estimable lady.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Frazier of Troy are guests of relatives in town.

MECKLENBURG DECLARATION.

The 20th or May Celebration at Charlotte.

Mr. W. T. Corwith writes The Courier that all the committees of the 20th of May celebration at Charlotte are completing the programs for the big event. Preparations are being made for the most spectacular affair in the history of the State.

The Daughters of the American Revolution, the Colonial Dames and other historical organizations will participate in the procession. There will be an immense reviewing stand on the court house grounds, from which President Taft and his party will review the parade.

State Normal and Industrial College Commencement.

Rev. Wilbur W. White will preach the annual sermon to the graduating class of the State Normal College this year. Talcott Williams, LL. D., editor of the Philadelphia Press, will deliver the annual commencement address.

The two literary societies recently elected their marshals for the next year. They are as follows:

Chief, Elizabeth Hicks Robinson, Cumberland county; Nellie Cotchett, New Hanover; Ruby Gray, Lenoir; Eleanor Huake, Cumberland; Mrs. Jordan, Durham; Nannie Lacy, Wake; Clara Lamb, Chatham; Annie Moring, Randolph; Clyde Stancill, Pitt; Hallie Viole, Rowan; Laura Weill, New Hanover.

Hurley-Smitherman.

Mr. Frank Hurley, of Winston-Salem, and Miss Jessie Smitherman, of Troy, were married Monday night, the service being pronounced by Rev. T. J. Daily. The event was witnessed by only a few friends and relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Hurley have received the congratulations of many friends since the event, as the marriage was a most happy one. Mr. Hurley is a prosperous business man. Mrs. Hurley is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Smitherman and is a most lovable young lady numbering warm friends by the score.

List Takers for Chatham County.

Albright—John W. Johnson. Baldwin—J. E. Sturdevant. Bear Creek—R. R. Vann. Cape Fear—J. Avery Mims. Centre—W. E. Brooks. Gulf—J. M. Stinson. Hadley—W. M. Lindsay. Hickory Mt.—W. A. Headon. Math—W. O. Haaner. New Hope—R. B. Clark. Oakland—C. C. Poe. Williams—E. J. Riggsbee.

Good Roads in Moore.

The election held in Neills township, Moore county, recently on the question of issuing bonds for good roads, was carried by a good majority.

Southern Pines township has also voted bonds for good roads. This is under a new law enacted by the recent legislature.

To Build Trunk Line.

The Rockingham Post says it is an assured fact that the Winston-Southbound Railroad, connecting Winston-Salem with the Atlantic Coast Line, will be built in the near future. Richmond county is to vote bonds and take stock in the road.

Mecklenburg Hotel Burned.

The Mecklenburg Hotel, one of the handsomest hotels in the South, was destroyed by fire on April 16, at Chase City, Va.

Keelworth Inn Burned.

The burning of Keelworth Inn, in Asheville early on Wednesday morning of last week entailed a loss of \$250,000 to the owners, with \$75,000 insurance.

Married.

Lady Rankin, of Greensboro and Miss Mary Barneon, of Columbia, S. C., were married on Tuesday of last week.

A new registration was ordered for the school bond election two years ago. Those who did not register then cannot vote in the coming town election. The bond election was held after the town election two years ago. The fact that a person voted at that election is no reason that he can vote now. See that your name is on the registration books.

Contributions to Monument Fund Received to Date.

The Daughters of the Confederacy are gratified at the progress made in raising the monument fund. A neat sum is added to the amount received this week. Persons will confer a favor by sending names of persons who may contribute to Mrs. J. D. Ross, Asheboro, N. C., in order that a personal appeal from the Daughters can be sent to them by the Chapter.

Table listing names and amounts contributed to the monument fund, including W. C. Hammer (\$50.00), R. R. Ross (\$25.00), and others.

Burglar Scared Away.

On the night of April 14 a bold attempt was made to burglarize the home of Mrs. Effie Jeffreys in Durham.

Mrs. Jeffreys, who is now in her 72d year, was restless and just before the midnight hour she arose and sat on the edge of the bed. When her feet went to the floor they came in contact with some object and looking down she saw that there was a negro partially out from under the bed. She screamed and this awoke the daughter, who was sleeping in the same bed. The daughter also sat up screaming and the negro crawled into the partially lighted room and made his way, in a crawling position, to an adjoining room, where he made his escape by jumping through a window. The daughter hastened his exit by calling to him that if he did not get out quickly that she would shoot.

Lad Burned in Hay Loft.

James, the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. J. Carriger, was burned to death at their home on their farm near Salisbury on Monday afternoon. The barn was discovered on fire and the family rushed to the scene, when to their horror the charred body of the child fell from the loft burned beyond recognition. It is believed that the lad carried matches into the hay loft and set it fire, making his own death trap.

Four Millionaires Lynched.

A mob of a hundred men on the night of April 19 in Oklahoma lynched J. B. Miller, of Fort Worth, Texas, G. E. Brown, R. B. Barwell, Jesse West and Joe Allen, of Canadian, Texas, reputed millionaire cattlemen, held for the murder of U. S. Marshal A. A. Bolt, on February last.

General Butler Dead.

Ex-Senator M. C. Butler, of South Carolina, died at his home in Columbia on April 14th.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

Black's Livery stables were burned in Charlotte on last Saturday night, entailing a loss of \$25,000.

The next annual Fireman's Tournament will be held in Asheville on the 6, 7, 8 and 9th of July.

Judge Long denied the motion on habeas corpus of ex-policeman Sorrell, of Durham, who is charged with destroying a home.

A knitting mill has been organized at Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus county. The capacity is 125 dozen pairs of hose per day.

An aged negro's body was found floating in a creek near Wilmington, N. C., on April 14th. The identity of the old man is a mystery.

Jno. E. McLean, an employe of the Southern Railway yards at Asheville was horribly mangled by a train tender one day last week.

Sheriff A. C. Kelly, of Moore county, has put in 15 acres in dewberries this spring on a farm near Carthage.

During last week it is said that there were 2500 christians slain in Mohammedan towns in Turkey. Up to the present 5,000 have been slain—all because of Moslem fanaticism.

J. L. Fox, of Wadesboro, was convicted and sentenced to 12 years in the penitentiary last week for killing another man last spring in a fuss over a negro woman.

The Siler City Grit says that O. A. Hanner, living near Siler City, recently fell through the loft of a barn on a cutting machine and sustained serious injurious and bruises.

The inmates of the Old Soldiers' Home at Raleigh are to be provided with uniforms of gray. This is in accordance with the act of the legislature.

The fruit growers of Moore county met in Carthage on last Thursday for the purpose of considering matters pertaining to the growing of the dewberry crop.

The commencement at Jamestown High School will be on Friday night April 30, and Saturday May 1st. Dr. W. L. Poteet, of Wake Forest, will deliver the annual address.

Dr. Edwin Mims, of the Chair of English of Trinity College, has been elected professor of the State University to succeed Dr. G. A. Smith who goes to the faculty of the University of Virginia.

The appointment of Booker T. Washington's private secretary as a member of the Liberia Commission caused a kick, and the Chairman of the Commission has resigned.

Leonard B. Clore, known as the Indiana Corn King, who has received \$9000 in prizes for corn and was recently offered \$4000 by the Russian government to go to that country to instruct the farmers in raising corn, was born in Guilford county. He and his mother visited Greensboro at the last reunion.

The Greensboro Patriot says: Oscar McNairy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. McNairy, who has been residing in Spartanburg, S. C., has taken a position with the Seaboard Air Line in Florida.

Mr. Lonnie Blue and Miss Jennie McNeill were injured in a runaway recently in going from Lakeview to Carthage. Mr. Blue was not seriously hurt, and Miss McNeill was injured so that she has been confined to her room since the accident.

Rev. E. G. Kilgore, a Methodist minister, well known to many of our readers, has published a book "Trials and Triumphs of a Young Preacher," containing 421 pages. It contains a story of the author's life during a period of 35 years. It is said to be most interesting.

On Monday night of last week Aaron Fox, a worthy colored man living about five miles northeast of here, lost his barn containing all of his feed, a lot of corn, two wagons and a cart. His mule was also badly burned. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it is thought that about ten bushels of corn was stolen and the barn was fired to hide the theft.—Siler City Grit.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Meeting of the County Medical Society.

CIVIC LEAGUE, IS ORGANIZED.

Meeting Held Last Thursday Night—Officers Elected—League Will Meet Again Tonight at the Graded School.

The Randolph County Medical Society will meet in the Opera House in Asheboro on the First Tuesday in May, at 11 o'clock, a. m. Dr. F. E. Asbury is president of the Society and Dr. W. J. Moore is secretary and treasurer.

The following is the program.

PROGRAM.

Society to be called to order at 11 o'clock A. M. by Chairman of Committee on arrangements.

Invocation—Rev. C. A. Wood, Asheboro, N. C.

Address of Welcome—W. M. Robins, Mayor of Asheboro.

Response—Dr. P. R. McFayden, Kandleman, N. C.

President's Annual Address—Dr. F. E. Asbury, Asbury, N. C.

After a recess of one hour, the meeting will be again called to order by the president, and Dr. C. C. Hubbard of Farmer, N. C. will present some patients to the Society that will be of interest to all present. A paper by the state secretary Dr. D. A. Stanton on the Benefit of organizing.

A paper will then be read by Dr. U. E. Wilkerson, of Worthville, N. C. Subject: Cholera Infantum.

Some Specimens of importance exhibited before the Society by Dr. W. I. Sumner of Kandleman, N. C.

A paper by Dr. T. I. Fox of Franklinsville, N. C., Subject: The Importance and Benefit of a Medical Society.

All Physicians in the County are earnestly requested to be present.

CIVIC LEAGUE FORMED.

Organization Started at a Meeting Held Last Week.

A number of ladies and gentlemen met at the Graded School Auditorium Thursday night and took preliminary action in the organization of the Civic League of Asheboro. Mrs. Wm. C. Hammer was elected president; Mrs. H. M. Worth, vice president; Miss Julia Thomas, secretary and Mrs. W. D. Stedman, treasurer.

Another meeting will be held tonight in the Auditorium to perfect the organization by appointing committees, deciding upon a plan to work, etc.

Two Prisoners Escape.

Two prisoners escaped from the county jail at Asheboro on Wednesday night of last week. Allen Chambers, a Cumberland county negro, who was bound over to the next term of the superior court for stealing, and Is Luther, a white man, who was serving a term on the roads for five years for larceny and housebreaking. He was in jail for medical treatment for rheumatism. The prisoners were not in the cells and broke off a bar of iron from a cell door and used it to tear off the ceiling and weatherboarding at a place where an escape was made once before. Neither of the parties have as yet been apprehended.

Luther, who had been unable to walk for nearly a year except with crutches, left his crutches, and it is supposed that he suddenly recovered from his inability to walk, owing to his rheumatism.

Gilmer-Stinson.

Miss Lillian Gilmer, the popular and pretty daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Gilmer, of Statesville, was married on April 15th at the Hotel Iredell, the home of the bride, to Clarence Raybon Stinson, of Turnersburg.

Drowned in Neuse River.

W. G. Justice, a young Newbern man, lost his life on Sunday afternoon while out for a pleasure sail, by the capsizing of a boat, caused by the entanglement in a shad net.

Married.

Miss Kate Blue and John W. Graham, of Aberdeen, on Wednesday of last week.