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TRINITY COMMENCEMENT.

Sermon by Rev. Mr. Stacy--Address by Judge Pritchard--Play by Literary Society.

The commencement of the Trinity High School began on Sunday the 17th of April but because of the rain on that date the sermon was deferred until Tuesday. On Monday night the young gentlemen of the Lycurgan Literary Society gave a dramatic presentation of a play called "Stub" where the heroine is in danger of losing her fortune by the wiles and schemes of two unprincipled cousins. But, as in the story books, here the right was allowed to triumph and her enemies were defeated. The cast of the principal characters was as follows: Stub, by Miss Berte White; Stanley, the villain of the play, Spurgeon White; Jack Curtis, the foil to Stanley, Charles Parkin; Squire North, the shyster lawyer who plays into the hands of Stanley, by W. P. M. Weeks; Logan Marsh, the foster father of Stub, by Frank Ellis; Simon Lord by Emory Gray; Harry Nash, by Jesse Hill; Fred Winfred by Wesley Ridge; George Harris, by David White; Laura Winfred, by Miss Lina Gray; and Helen Vokes, the cousin and accomplice of Stanley, by Miss J. well Parkin. The acting was well done and was much appreciated by the audience.

Tuesday morning was devoted to the address by Hon. Jeter C. Pritchard, U. S. Circuit judge for the fourth circuit. Judge Pritchard spoke on "Good Citizenship" as his main theme and showed how this was closely bound up with education. He made use of Madison county as a shining example in the past of lawlessness and showed how, chiefly through education and the abolition of liquor, it had changed from one of the worst to one of the most law abiding communities in the state. He spoke with enthusiasm of the fortunes of Mars Hill College and showed how a poor community,--poor in point of dollars but rich in enthusiasm and faith,--had risen equal to their opportunities, had been able to erect new buildings and secure a creditable endowment. Such was the enthusiasm for the school in that community, he said, that farmers actually placed mortgages on their farms for the purpose of increasing its endowment. He pointed out also how closely akin to this forward movement in good citizenship is that other movement looking toward more and better industrial education and showed how a great industrial school at this place would serve not only this community and this county but the state and the nation as well.

Taken as a whole, the address was full of sound common sense, of earnest enthusiasm for a higher and better educated citizenship and of hope and encouragement for this community. Socially Judge Pritchard created an abiding impression on those he met, for he is a man of great earnestness of purpose, broad culture and of deep and sincere piety.

The Commencement Sermon was delivered Tuesday afternoon by Rev. L. E. Stacy, of the Western North Carolina Conference and this year in charge of the Randolph circuit, from John 18:37; To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth.

1. That we have a great mission to fill and a high destiny to attain should be a matter of profound conviction.

2. In order to do this there must be moral earnestness.

3. God has much witness from nature, but the most important is that which is borne by His people. Our great mission in the world is to bear witness unto the truth.

What is truth?

1. What we are in ourselves and what we are in God. We should know ourselves and our destiny and witness this to the world. We have the materialistic and commercial views of man's nature, but he should be valued in the light of the fact that he is a child of God and can commune with his maker.

2. As to God's being and character, many deny God, as the atheist and agnostic. Others forget Him. To forget God is characteristic of this age. We should witness not only that God is but that he is good.

3. As to Jesus and His Gospel. Jesus is the interpreter of all mystery and the philosophy of all history. God is recreating man through the atonement. In the light of all the facts man is coming to his final destiny.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS SOUTH.

Millions of Acres of Cotton Destroyed--Snow in Several States.

The cold wave which swept over a large part of the South last Sunday and Monday was the most severe for the time of year and most disastrous to crops known of in years. The thermometer registered 31 degrees above zero in Atlanta, Georgia; and below 40 in many cities. Snow fell as far south as Selma, Alabama; Columbus, Mississippi; and Columbus, Georgia; In many parts of north Alabama and Mississippi, the fall ranged in depth from one to four inches. There was also, a heavy sleet in many parts.

Millions of acres of cotton were destroyed. State officials in Georgia and Alabama have implored the oil mills to crush no more cotton seed, but sell to the farmers for replanting. The mills are offering the seed for sale, sometimes charging as much as one dollar a bushel for them; and even at the high prices, it is doubtful whether more than half enough for replanting the land can be secured. Fruit is thought to be damaged in every southern state except Florida. Young vegetation of all kinds has suffered. The crop loss is estimated at \$650,000,000.

It is remarkable that while the south was having December weather, the thermometer in Newfoundland registered 85 degrees in the shade.

Mr. L. M. H. Reynolds, of High Point, died April 20th, and was buried April 21st, Revs. Enos Harvey and J. E. Thompson conducting the funeral service.

The eternity to which he is going has its bright and dark sides, and it is bright or dark according to the eyes through which it is seen.

There were no graduates this year. Two young men, Mr. Frank A. Ellis and Mr. W. P. M. Weeks, have completed three years of the prescribed four year high school course and were awarded certificates to that effect. Mr. Ellis will enter college in the fall. He read as his contribution to the commencement and as a graduating essay an Exposition of Tennyson, a beautiful poem, "Gareth and Lynette" which was presented in the form of reading by the young ladies of the high school. Mr. Weeks read, also as an introduction to the reading, a paper on the Rise of the Drama in England. The pupils of the public school which has been conducted concurrently with the high school presented a beautiful and successful cantata called "The Moon Queen".

The weather was rather cold and unpleasant and this somewhat reduced the attendance, but thanks to the careful training of the lady teachers of the school the whole was carried to a successful conclusion. The attendance for the whole school reached about 150 of whom just fifty were enrolled in the High School division. The State of North Carolina has done nothing else as much real value in an educational way for the advancement of education in North Carolina as by the establishment of these county high schools. This is the second year of work at Trinity. The people of the community realize its value. They have already voted a local tax for its support. With the introduction of industrial features, with the introduction of practical teaching in the school which will give the pupils who may so elect a practical training in the duties of every day life, the value of the school will increase many fold. What is needed in North Carolina is fewer schools whose sole purpose is "to prepare for college" and more schools that give an introduction to the science of agriculture and the domestic science and to related subjects for which that very large number of pupils who will never see the inside of a college will have immediate and constant use. Let the good work of industrial education go on,--give us an education that educates,--that fits for life,--no other sort does. Give the children that which fits them to earn their living. Why should the favored few, those to whom culture is an enjoyment and who can afford it, dominate the character of the education of the state? We talk about the progress of North Carolina in manufacturing and along other lines of industry. If she would save herself from the dry rot of impracticability let her throw away much of her teaching of the past and learn anew at the feet of the new commonism.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE COMMITTEE.

Called To Meet in Asheboro Monday, May 2nd.

The State Director of Farmers' Institutes has requested that the Chairman of the Institute Committee for Randolph county call a meeting at once to determine what dates and places will be selected for institutes this year. Pursuant to this request I have selected next Monday, May 2nd, as a suitable day, and I shall ask the committee to meet in the office of the County Board of Education, next Monday at twelve o'clock. This is a very important meeting. The State Director has promised me that he will arrange for Randolph county to have three institutes this year at three different places in the county, whereas before we have only had one institute. It is in the power of this committee to fix the dates and places of these meetings. Below I give a list of the members of the County Committee, and I also request that each member make an effort to be present next Monday.

J. F. Bowen, Troy Redding, J. M. Hinchaw, Randolph; Thomas Finch, Trinity; Wm. C. Winslow, Asheboro, No. 3; Ason Kearns, Hill's Store; Anderson Barker; Kemp's Mill; B. J. Stout, Ramez; Rankin Burgess, Ramez; L. C. Phillips, Fallers; Roddy Swann, Liberty; Jeremiah Johnson, Bombay; Jonas Luther, Pisgah; J. C. Lowdermilk, Seagrave; L. C. Sogg, Erect; J. P. Phillips, Arch.

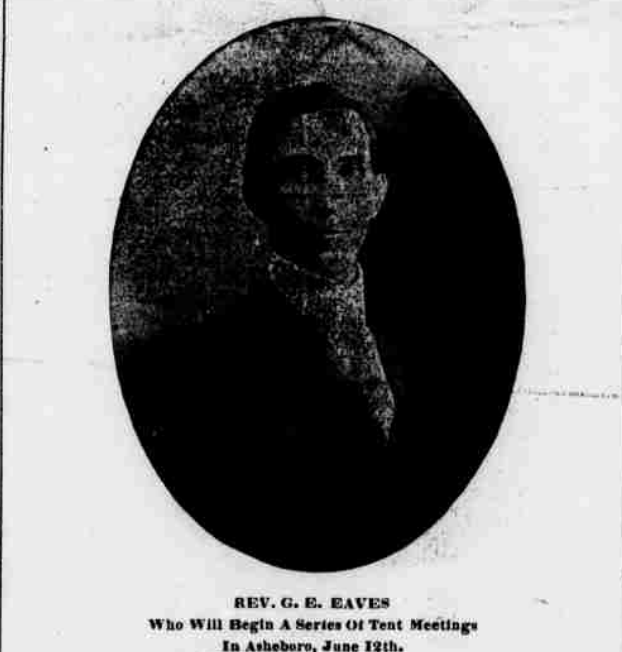
Very truly yours, E. J. COLTRANE, Chairman.

THE LAST MONTH

Next month will close the popularity contest which The Courier has been running, and in addition to the grand prizes which will be given at the close and the club raiser's prizes which are given all along, we will give special prizes to any one who sends in the largest number of paid annual subscriptions. These special prizes will be announced in our next issue and any one, whether in the contest or not, can enter the race, get up clubs and secure valuable and useful prizes during May. Write The Courier for full particulars and list of prizes.

LIST OF CONTESTANTS.

Table listing names and amounts of contributions for the contest.



REV. G. E. EAVES Who Will Begin A Series Of Tent Meetings In Asheboro, June 12th.

Col. Paul B. Means Dead.

After several weeks of intense suffering, Col. Paul B. Means died at the Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon of last week. Col. Means lived in Concord. He was born in 1845 and was a son of Gen. Wm. C. Means. Col. Means was, all of his life, an active democrat, a lawyer of fine ability and a man of high integrity. He has been a member of the state Democratic Executive Committee as long as the editor of The Courier can remember, and never missed a meeting until his declining years.

Death of Mrs. Freeman.

Mrs. Myria Freeman, wife of John L. Freeman, died on Friday of last week after a lingering illness at her home in Archdale in Randolph county. The deceased is survived by a husband and seven children. She was a cousin of Sheriff Hayworth and a highly esteemed and most estimable lady.

Miners Entombed.

In an explosion last week at the Mulga Mine, near Birmingham, Alabama, forty-five miners were hopelessly entombed, and recovery of the bodies has been difficult. Up to Friday night, twenty-six bodies had been recovered, but they were so badly burned that identification was almost impossible.

For the first time in twenty years the Democrats have elected a congressman to represent the thirty-second district in New York.

TO FARMER BOYS OF RANDOLPH.

A Letter From the County Superintendent that Should Interest Every Earnest, Active Farmer Boy in the County.

After May 10th we shall not admit any boys at all to the Corn Growing contest. Therefore it becomes necessary for all farmers and their sons who are interested in these corn contests to "get busy" at once. Any application mailed after May 10th will not be considered. There are about 160 boys in the county now who have entered the contest. We earnestly hope to have 200 in all. The State Department of Agriculture is making an effort to enroll 10,000 boys in the state, and Randolph will not do her duty unless she enrolls 200 boys.

The various prizes offered should create an interest in corn growing such as has never been known in our county. The \$1000 worth of prizes offered by The Progressive Farmer and Gazette; the silver trophy offered by the Norfolk and Western Railway; the free trip to Washington offered by Dr. Knapp, representing the U. S. Department of Agriculture; the \$500 offered by the State Department of Agriculture; and the numerous valuable prizes amounting to more than \$300 offered by progressive citizens in Randolph and also in particular townships should bring at least 200 boys in the contest, and there is no reason why we should not expect even 400 boys. Such an array of premiums and such interest in practical agriculture as a part of school work have never been dreamed of.

Mr. T. B. Parker writes that he has designed a button and will have several thousand made as to give one to each member of the corn clubs. These buttons are one inch in diameter, with blue back ground, around the edge of the button in white letters: "N. C. Department of Agriculture." In the upper center in red letters the word, "Boys", under this in yellow the picture of an ear of corn, and below that in red the word, "Clay", meaning, North Carolina Department of Agriculture Boys' Corn Club. Every boy will be glad to have one of these buttons and you may secure and wear one if you agree to enter the club in this county. I note that the Progressive Farmer will also have buttons of a somewhat different design which will be distributed from that office.

Please bear in mind that a boy may compete for all the prizes offered. A boy in a township where a prize is offered competes for the township, county, state, and even National prize. Also please remember that a boy who expects to win a prize must fill out an application blank which I will furnish upon application to this office. Just sending the name to me or even if you give it to your teacher will not suffice. The application blank must be filled out and sent to me.

There is no time to be lost. See your father today. Ask him to let you have an acre of land and begin work at once. It is not too late. Last year the boy who won the state prize planted his corn on the eighth day of May. Let us "get busy" at once. If you wait on some other boy, that other boy, will win the prize and most likely make a better man. I shall be glad to furnish the application blanks and regulation leaflets. Please let me have 100 more boys to enter at an early date.

E. J. COLTRANE, Co. Supt. of Schools.

Killed by Lightning.

Mr. W. R. Trogdon, of Anadarko, Oklahoma, formerly of Moore county, N. C., a brother-in-law of Mrs. S. L. Hayworth, and Mr. S. E. Lowdermilk, of Asheboro, was struck by lightning Wednesday of last week and instantly killed. Mr. Trogdon leaves many relatives and friends in this and adjoining counties, who will sympathize with the bereaved family in their western home.

Laymen's Convention.

It has been pointed out that the last week in May will likely be a very busy time on the farm when it will be unlikely that many farmers can attend a missionary meeting; therefore the date for holding the Laymen's Missionary Convention has been changed from the last of May to July, the exact date will be

HON. B. AYCOCK DIES SUD- DENLY.

Heart Failure the Cause of Death--A Prominent North Carolinian.

Hon. Benjamin Franklin Aycock, State Corporation Commissioner, died suddenly at his home in Fremont, N. C., April 26.

Mr. Aycock had been in poor health for several months, but seemed so much improved Tuesday that he went up town and out to his farm near town. After returning home in the evening and eating supper, while sitting by the fire, he suddenly fell from his chair dead. He



HON. BENJAMIN F. AYCOCK.

had suffered from heart trouble for some time.

Mr. Aycock served as State Senator four times, was at one time a director for the Deaf and Dumb School at Merignton, and also a trustee of the State Normal College, Greensboro. He took an active part as a State Senator in establishing the State Normal and Industrial College. He was elected Corporation Commissioner in 1908.

Mr. Aycock is survived by a wife and seven children, beside two brothers, Mr. William Aycock, of Florida, and ex-Governor Charles B. Aycock, of Raleigh. The seven children are: William T., Flora, Clarence, Wiley, Ivor, B-a King, and Herman Aycock.

Man Missing.

Mr. R. L. Jackson, of Petersburg, Virginia, a brother of Miss Lena Jackson, of the High Point Business College left his home on the evening of April 16th, taking with him money to pay some bills. He stopped at the store where his daughter worked telling her that he would be at home by ten o'clock, but did not return that night nor since. His brothers and friends with the chief of police and detectives have been carrying on a vigorous search, but in vain. It is feared here that there has been foul play.

Mr. Jackson was about 43 years of age, and leaves a wife and several children.

Death of Mrs. Hall.

Mrs. John W. Hall died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall, in south Asheboro, where she had lived for some time, on April 26, and was buried in the M. E. cemetery here yesterday afternoon. Mrs. Hall was seventy or more years of age. She was esteemed by many friends, whose sympathy goes out to the bereaved relatives.

Mrs. Hall was the wife of Mr. John Hall, a confederate veteran, and the daughter of the late Emaley Stefford. She was raised in the southwestern part of Randolph county, was a consistent member of the Methodist church for years. She is survived by her husband, J. W. Hall, at the Soldier's Home, one son, Mr. Hall, of Trinity, and one daughter, Mrs. W. C. Hall of this place.

Proposed Trolley Line.

Messrs. J. B. and B. N. Duke, the Southern Power promoters and multi-millionaires propose to build a trolley line from Anderson, South Carolina, to Greensboro, North Carolina, going by Charlotte and Salisbury, to carry freight as well as passengers. It is said the cost of the line will be five million dollars, which, of course, the Messrs. Duke can raise, though the people along the route will probably help them.

Mr. J. S. Lewis went to Alabama