

Graduating Exercises of Graded School—Address by Mr. E. K. Graham

The graduating exercises of the senior class of the Asheboro graded school took place on Tuesday night at which time the graded school auditorium was crowded. The class is the largest in the history of the school and has been held up as the best as well. The president, Byron Richardson, delivered the welcome address. He was followed by Miss Maude Hall, who gave a history of the class since its beginning, telling of the courage and timidity along the march of the addition annually of various studies and new members. Only five of the present class started at the beginning together; some dropped, others added. Miss Eula Glasgow gave the statistician's report outlining likes and dislikes, dispositions, also giving gross the weight of the class, size of shoes and collar it would wear as a whole. The Essayist, Miss E. J. Presnell, handled her subject "Conquering the Air", well, bringing in as example of what had been done by Wright Bros. Curtis and others in bi-planes and monop-planes. Miss Lillie Parrish prophesied for the various members of the class in rhyme, in a very happy manner, particularly pleasing to her companions. The last will and testament prepared by Miss Eugenia McCain, took care of all the talents, accomplishments, evils, odds and ends, of the class distributing each to persons most needy. Mr. Thad Lewallen, in behalf of the class, presented some chairs to the School Board. Col. A. C. McAlister, chrm. of the Board, accepted the gift.

Annual Literary Address

Mr. E. K. Graham, Dean of the University of North Carolina, made the literary address, choosing for his subject efficiency and happiness, saying that the keynote of these were interest, fidelity and faith in the life we are now living, and elements that go into that life. He compared the ages of progress, saying none was greater than the one in which we are now living, outlining the various improvements in the last one hundred years and of the wonderful progress of our beloved states in 300 years since the word Croatan was cut in a tree in Eastern Carolina. Mr. Graham referred to the Titanic as one of the greatest dramas in history, picturing its going down in the early morning hours with all kinds and classes and paying highest tribute to the men who heroically stood back and obeyed orders, "Women First." Mr. Graham in closing, urged the graduating class to be efficient in any line of work chosen, and happy. A most excellent address, good advice to the young people.

A play, "A Scene in a Village Postoffice", was given last night for the benefit of the library.

Activity for the School Boys and Girls This Summer

Now that school has closed The Courier would like to advocate for the boys and girls of Asheboro "something to do". Idleness is a breeder of trouble. Every boy and girl can find some work to do. Cultivating the garden is said to be one of the finest kinds of exercise. Raising chickens is not only a pleasant pastime but a profitable industry. Cooking is now considered an art, as is music, etc. Raising potatoes, artichokes in fact everything even sun flower seed for chicken feed will bring in several dollars, which will help to buy clothes and school books in the fall. There is a fourteen year-old girl in Asheboro who worked in the knitting mill last summer, earned enough money to pay for all of her summer clothes and had more than thirty dollars left last fall when school began. With this she has clothed herself during the winter. There are doubtless others who worked and accomplished this much, but this one case is a good example of what can be done. From the time of the choosing the disciples, who were busy people, until now the world respects and honors the people who are willing to work. Honest work is honorable for man and woman, boy and girl—all.

Rev. J. Bockwell Smith, a missionary to Brazil will lecture at the Presbyterian church to-night. Admission free to all. Dr. Smith has crossed the Atlantic since then.

Preparing For Next Year's Work Summer Schools.

Now is the time to prepare for next year's teaching. With one or two exceptions the school work for the year is over. It is the successful teacher who does not forget her school work from the beginning of one school year to that of another. Not only is the trained teacher coming into her own in the way of salary and length of school term, but she is in demand, more now than ever before. Committeemen are now looking for teachers for another year, especially those committeemen who have the best interest of the school at heart; and now and then a teacher is being employed for next year's work. In most cases a living salary is offered. In nearly every instance the teacher who is being employed now to teach next year is a trained teacher or one who has proved herself by her work and teaching ability.

I know of several instances where, during the present year, the people of the school district made up from fifteen to forty dollars to increase, not the length of term, but the salary per month. This will be done in many instances the coming year. In fact I am authorized to offer a good teacher forty dollars per month for six months in a district that has no local tax and to which the County Board of Education can not appropriate more than thirty five dollars per month for a four and one-fourth month's term; but the teacher must not only know the subject matter but must be able to impart it to others.

The schools of the county are gradually being lengthened and a little more money is apportioned the districts from year to year. This means that a position as teacher in our schools is becoming more desirable; it means also better teaching service. In order to render this better service the teacher must be better trained for her work. In most cases the teacher knows the subject matter well enough, but does not know sufficiently well how to impart this knowledge to others.

We have many good teachers, but many inexperienced teachers are being added to the force every year. In order to be an honor to the profession and of real service to the children, it is necessary that these teachers be trained for their work. It is just as important for the teacher of the public school to understand her work in all its phases as it is for the teachers of the public high school and no set of trustees would think of employing a public high school teacher without his first having passed a rigid examination, not only on the subject matter, but upon school management and methods and practice of teaching.

Wherever possible, the teacher who is not thoroughly prepared for her work should take a course of study of at least six weeks at some good summer school, even if the money must be borrowed. There are many good summer schools. I make mention of four because the teachers of the county can go to either of them with very little expense aside from board.

The East Carolina Teachers Training School, Greenville, N. C., offers a special course for teachers, beginning June 11th and ending Aug. 3rd. Tuition is free. Registration for term, \$2.50. Board including laundry and lights may be had for \$12.50 per month. The course of instruction will cover the first seven grades of the State Adopted Course of Study and the Reading Course. The above will include Primary Methods, Reading, Phonics, Language, Nature Work, (Stories, Number Work and Seat Work.

The University of N. C. Summer School will open on June 11th and close July 20th. The announcement sent out by the University makes the cost as follows: Tuition is free. Board \$18.00; Room rent \$3.00; Registration fee \$3.00. Total \$24.00. The student has the free use of the University Library and Laboratories.

The Summer School at Elon College began April 9th and will close June 6th. Tuition is free and the expense for the entire term need not exceed \$32.50. It offers a fine course for teachers in all the subjects taught in the public schools.

The State Normal and Industrial College, Greensboro, offers a special course for lady teachers only. The course is an excellent one for the public school teacher. I am unable to give further information concerning this school.

State Sunday School Convention at Asheville—"The Land of The Sky"

The 29th annual convention of the North Carolina Sunday School Association just held in Asheville was, in many ways, the most helpful one ever held in the State. As Asheville is far away from the most of the organized counties, the delegation was not large, but the representation was from among the very best Sunday School workers, and they were so anxious to learn about the work that while they were in the "Land of The Skies," and could have spent all the time sight-seeing, yet all the sessions were well attended. The convention was a practical one in every way. The addresses and round tables were of a nature to help every one, no matter whether they were from the city or country Sunday School. Among the speakers from other States were: Dr. Franklin McElfresh, International Teacher Training Superintendent; Judge Jos. Carthel, General Secretary of the Tennessee Sunday School Association; Mr. J. M. Way, Field Secretary Sunday School Board of the M. E. Church, South, of South Carolina; Mr. W. G. Landes, General Secretary of the Pennsylvania Sunday School Association, and Miss Grace Vandiver, Elementary Superintendent of South Carolina. These were all excellent speakers, and some of the best workers in our own State were on the program.

Randolph had seventeen interested delegates in the convention, and for the eighth successive year brought home one of the banners given by the State Association. Nine other counties reached the banner standard.

The reports from the officers and from all departments show the work to be in splendid shape. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Judge J. O. Pritchard; Vice Presidents, Hon. R. B. Glenn, C. W. Tillett and Alex Sprunt. The Executive Committee consists of thirty members, which were elected by the convention. The election of General Secretary, Office Secretary, Treasurer and Department Superintendents is left in the hands of the Executive Committee.

Mr. N. B. Broughton, who has so acceptably served the Association as Chairman of the Executive Committee for seventeen years, retired from service with this convention, and Miss Maud Reid who has so skillfully managed the affairs of the office for nine years, also retires. However they are both left in charge of the respective places until there can be a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The convention for 1903 will be held in Greensboro. (Dora Redding.)

Dr. E. V. Hoenshel Lectures on The Cruise of The Neptune, May 7th

On the evening of May 7th Rev. E. V. Hoenshel, D. D., will lecture in the school Auditorium. Dr. Hoenshel is a high toned Christian gentleman, whose reputation as a college professor stands very high. He brings the picture of the place about which he speaks so clearly before the hearer that it seems startlingly real. His descriptions are graphic. Just where some would go on "darkening cormel with a multitude of words," he stops short and suddenly throws the whole picture before the eye of the mind. The coming of Dr. Hoenshel is a rare opportunity for the people of our community. It is hoped that the people will avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to learn something of the social, domestic and religious life of the people of Iceland and the far north.

Instructions are being issued by the War Department for regular swimming lessons to be given all recruits, beginning May 1st. This is partly as a result of lessons gained from the Titanic disaster. A branch of the military services have decided to go in more strongly for swimming.

All necessary information may be obtained by writing the school of your choice. Those who attend any one of these schools and present me a certificate of attendance will be excused from attending the institute to be held in this county this year. H. T. Laster, Co. S.

Spencer-Worthy.

A marriage of interest to a large number of friends in this part of the State was celebrated at Carthage April 24, in the Methodist church with a Miss Mary Worthy, daughter of Mrs. Emma S. McNeil and the late James A. Worthy, who was a member of the Moore county bar, became the bride of U. L. Spence of this place.

Joseph A. Spence of Asheboro, a brother of the groom, was best man. The ushers were M. G. Dalrymple, Claude P. Tyson, George C. Graves, Jr., and George H. Humber. Miss Myrtle Muse rendered Mendelssohn's on the organ, assisted by W. A. Stuart with the violin, as the bride party entered the church and played Nevin's "Love Song" during the ceremony which was performed by the bride's pastor, Rev. E. E. Rose.

During the past week parties have been given every day by friends of the bride in her honor and several dinners in honor of the groom.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence received many handsome presents, among them a beautiful chest of silver, the gift of the Bank of Moore, in which institution Mr. Spence is president. Mrs. Spence is a young woman of charming personality, possessing in an extraordinary degree those qualities of mind and heart which win and hold the friendship and esteem of all who know her.

Mr. Spence is a leading member of the bar in this section of the State. He has represented this district in the State Senate and is a popular force in political circles throughout the State.

Negro Boy's Horrible Death

John Whitfield, a negro boy of Goldsboro, 16 years old, who was assisting in pulling logs into a veneering vat at the Empire Mfg. Co. plant, was struck by a lever and thrown into the boiling water and scalded to death last Saturday.

Randleman Going Forward.

It is gratifying to learn that the cotton mills at Randleman have placed contracts for new machinery to the amount of many thousand dollars. The entire town is taking on new life. The past year has not been hard on cotton mills and conditions are not as gloomy as they were for the two or three years preceding.

Why Not Commencement.

The commencement exercises of Why Not Academy and Business Institute will be held on the 23rd of May. An interesting program is being prepared. The speaker for the occasion has not yet been secured, but every effort is being made to secure a good speaker. A brass band will render music for the occasion.

There will be gold medals given for declamations and recitations rendered by the students. Everybody invited to attend these exercises and enjoy the occasion. A fuller announcement will appear later.

G. F. Garner, Principal.

It is estimated by insurance men that the total losses to be paid by the various life, accident and marine companies as the result of the sinking of the Titanic, will reach approximately \$15,000,000. Two-thirds of this will fall upon the marine insurance companies.

On Tuesday of last week when the White Star liner Olympic, sister ship of the Titanic, was ready to sail from Southampton for New York, 300 firemen and engineer room workers quit the vessel, declaring that the collapsible boats on the Olympic were unseaworthy.

Two torpedo boat destroyers, the largest vessels of the flotilla, slipped out of the harbor at San Diego, Cal., last Sunday and went to sea with sealed orders. It is generally believed that they are bound for the West coast of Mexico. The transport Buford sailed the same day from San Francisco.

The body of Mr. Oscar Woody, the mail clerk who perished on the Titanic, was recovered last week and was brought to New York Monday on the steamer Mackay-Bennett. The body will be sent to Roxboro for interment.

A High Tribute to Mr. Graves

The friends and relatives of Mr. John C. Graves will appreciate the high esteem in which he was held in his home.

We clip the following from the Kaufman Herald, one of the newspapers published in Kaufman Texas:

The people of Kaufman are grieving over the death of John Calvin Graves, which sad event occurred about 4:30 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon. He was born in North Carolina 54 years ago and came to Texas in 1882. He worked the first year in the drug store for Dr. Marshall at \$10 a month and the next year formed a partnership in the drug business with Henry Erwin. In four or five years Mr. Erwin became tired of the drug business and sold his interest to Mr. Graves.

Last Wednesday 23 years ago he was happily married to Miss Anna French. His wife, one child and five brothers survive him.

He was an orthodox Old School Presbyterian, a Mason, Woodman and a Praetorian.

The above is a brief sketch of the life of as good a man as ever lived or died in Texas.

He was a true man and Christian in every sense of the word and under all conditions. He was true to his family, true to his friends, to his country, and above all he was true to himself. He was a staunch advocate of everything he believed to be right and just, and never for a moment compromised with his convictions or his conscience.

The funeral services were held at his residence at 3 o'clock today, Thursday, and was conducted by Rev. T. J. Pison of Dallas.

May the clouds of his adopted state rest lightly over his remains."

Allred-Bonkemeyer.

On Sunday morning, April 28, 1912, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Bonkemeyer of Central Falls, Miss Boniar Bonkemeyer, their daughter, became the bride of Mr. T. P. Allred of Spencer. The ceremony was performed by Rev. T. H. Matthews of Randleman. After the ceremony the bridal party with their host of friends were invited by Miss Clara Connor to the dining room where dinner was served.

The bride wore a beautiful gown of white messaline silk and carried a bouquet of white flowers tied with white ribbon. The decorations were pink and white. Miss Rosa Belle Bonkemeyer, the sister of the bride was the bridesmaid and Mr. John Brown of Central Falls was groomsmen.

The day was enjoyed by all who were present. The bride and groom will leave tomorrow for Spencer where they will make their future home.

Mrs. A. Lamonds.

Program For 10th of May Celebration—Old Soldier's Reunion

Meet at School Auditorium. Song—America. Devotional Exercises. Announcements. Song—Caroline. Short Talks by Veterans. Double Quartette—Tenting Tonight. Recitation—Furl That Banner. Short Memorial Address. Song—Dixie. Dinner. Decoration of Graves.

Mr. W. W. Boyce of Charlotte who is in charge of the Foreign Mission councils of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church of the South, last week wired the 12 missionaries laboring in Mexico under this denomination to return at once to America on account of the extreme danger to their lives as reported to him in connection with the Mexican trouble. Some of the missionaries recall have been working in this field for a period of twenty-five years.

Capt. W. M. Smith Dead

Capt. William McRae Smith, for three years commander of Mecklenburg Camp, United Confederate Veterans, died at his home in Charlotte Saturday April 27, at the age of 67.

At the outbreak of the war Capt. Smith was too young to enter the conflict. But when the second call came in '62, he enlisted and served the remainder of the war.

Rev. T. J. Ogburn, of Greensboro Preached Baccalaureate Sermon at Asheboro Graded School Commencement Sunday

A large audience greeted the Rev. T. J. Ogburn, of Greensboro, who preached the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning in the school auditorium to the graduates of the Asheboro High School.

The class sang two beautiful anthems in a charming manner, after which the Rev. S. T. Barber conducted the devotional exercises.

Prof. Woosley in his happy, uneffected way, introduced the speaker.

Rev. Ogburn drew the subject of his discourse, "Walled In," from the 22nd verse of the 49th chapter of Genesis: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall."

This sermon was especially helpful to a class of young men and women just leaving high school and entering upon the career of life. It was calculated to help those who might not be so much blessed as others; those who were walled in by the handicaps of life so common to many of us. The speaker said that a good man cannot be walled in—cannot be bid, that merit will out, so to speak. That man who grows will either burst the walls about him or run over the top. The only way to fill a larger and better place than what we are in is to become too great for it. To make ourselves content and worthy right where we are, is the secret of life.

If we were all allowed to go just now where our fancies might lead us, there would be a hurly-burly in the world. Some would be coming to fill the very places which we now fill. Nothing is to be gained by rushing away to some other place to better our condition when our lot has been cast. The thing which should rivet our attention most is the determination to make ourselves worth of the place which we now occupy. In that way only, can we fill a higher place.

And if our environment be a thick, unbreakable wall about us which cannot be burst, then we can grow upward like Joseph and send our branches over the top. This was illustrated by the story of an invalid lady in the speaker's church who had not left her bed for twelve years, and yet who had blessed the church and her pastor by the branches of helpfulness and strength which she had sent over the wall which walled her in from the world of endeavor and activity.

At night Rev. Mr. Ogburn preached a most helpful sermon at the M. P. Church on prayer, drawing illustrations from the Titanic disaster, showing how people turn to God as the only aid when human power is at an end.

Rev. C. H. Whitaker, Pastor of Richland Circuit, Founded.

Some days ago Bro. I. F. Pritchard remarked that he and Mrs. Pritchard would be in Asheboro Saturday afternoon, and would run down to see the pastor and family. And they came, in spite of the rainy afternoon, and gifts with them, each one bearing gifts—flour, sugar, coffee, shorts, oatmeal rice, soda, cash, eggs, lard, canned fruit, cash. After they had gone we found the names of Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Pritchard, Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Burrow, Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Trogdon, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ferrer, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hamlin, Mr. and Mrs. Crowson, Mr. and Mrs. McCain, Mrs. Otis Rich, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Williams, Mr. W. F. Redding, Mr. Moffitt, Mr. Burrow and Mr. B. F. Bulla.

Mr. W. C. York "got into the game" later and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Cox earlier. There were several packages not labeled, and if I have failed to give proper credit, their names and known to the great Giver of all good, who will reward them openly. C. H. Whitaker, Pastor.

Dr. Clark

The Courier is just advised by Mr. P. H. Henley of Randleman of the death of Dr. Jonathan B. Clark, which occurred at his home in Economy, Ind., on March 21, 1912. Dr. Clark was a son of Mrs. Louisa Worth Clark, sister of Dr. J. M. Worth, and was born and reared near New Salem, moving from there about the year 1860. He lived to a ripe age, being about 73 years old at the time of his death.