

THE COURIER

ISSUED WEEKLY

PRINCIPLES, NOT MEN

\$2.00 A YEAR IN ADVANCE

VOLUME XLVII

Asheboro, North Carolina, Thursday, June 1, 1922

NUMBER 24

COMMENCEMENT OF THE ASHEBORO SCHOOLS CLOSED MONDAY NIGHT

The commencement of the Asheboro graded and high school began Friday evening May 26 with a play "All a Mistake." This was one of the best plays ever given by the school children of the town and bore evidence of splendid training. It was a jolly play, rendered in a most pleasing manner and appreciated by the large audience in attendance. The second exercise was held Sunday morning, May 28 and was the annual commencement sermon. Rarely have the people of the town spoken so enthusiastically of a sermon as did they of that delivered by Rev. John Jordan Douglas, of Wadesboro. The burden of the sermon was addressed to the graduating class, instructing them to consecrate their lives to the betterment of humanity. He spoke further of the many opportunities for good they would find in their different walks of life imploring them to choose the path of righteousness and service. The entire sermon, while in the most beautiful language was an exceedingly practical sermon. The service was opened by prayer by Rev. A. C. Gibbs, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. L. W. Gerringer.

Monday afternoon the class day exercises were held. The program opened with a song by the class. This was followed by the salutatory which was given by Miss Mabel Cox in a most pleasing manner. Miss Ethel Cox read the class history, and William Hammond gave the statistician's report. The last will and testament of the class was read by Miss Mae Presnell. Much merriment was afforded by the presentation of the trophies by Mr. June Phillips and the class prophesy by Miss Etta Reid Wood. This was followed by a poem composed and rendered by Miss Mary Bulla which showed great talent. The valedictory was given by Mr. William Underwood in a very efficient and pleasing manner. The exercises closed with a farewell song to the tune of "Perfect Day."

The graduating exercises held Monday evening closed the commencement. Dr. W. L. Potat, of Wake Forest, the speaker of the occasion, was introduced by Mr. I. C. Moser. The address was an unusually fine one and Dr. Potat gave the members of the graduating class some timely advice, as well as practical ideas for their future life's work. He stressed the fact that education is the principal business of all businesses, saying that their education had just begun. He urged them all to go further in their education and make the best possible use of their lives. He told also of the vast possibilities here in our own state, mentioning the education, agriculture and manufactures as comparing favorably with other states of the union. Following the address the diplomas were awarded to the twenty-one graduates. They are Hortense Register, Etta Reid Wood, Mae Presnell, Marguerite York, Ethel Cox, Alberta Ingram, Mary Bulla, Golda Hayworth, Mabel Cox, Nan Lewis, Blanche Gating, Ruth Vancannon, Vivian Cranford, Mabel Wright, Curtis Garner, William Johnson, Bennie Coble, William Underwood, William Hammond, June Phillips, Harold Moore.

The diplomas were awarded by Mr. J. O. Redding. The scholarship medal which went to William Underwood was presented by Mr. H. M. Robins. The junior scholarship medal presented by Mr. Clifford Cox was awarded to Miss Nannie Adkins. Rev. L. W. Gerringer presented the essay medal to Miss Linnie Birkhead. Mr. J. A. Spence presented the J. O. Walker medal to Miss Mae Presnell. Mr. D. W. Maddox presented the seventh grade certificate and several other awards. This was followed by his annual report as superintendent of the school which closed the exercises.

ROUGH ROAD CAUSES DEATH OF CHILD SUNDAY

As Mr. and Mrs. Charles Holden, of near Greensboro, were on their way to Greensboro Sunday afternoon with their family a heart-breaking accident occurred. The car which Mr. Holden was driving hit a rough spot in the road, throwing Nellie, the two-year-old daughter out of the car. The child's head hit the ground and her skull crushed, causing instant death. The parents were surprised and grieved to find upon picking the child up that she was dead. The funeral services were conducted Monday from the home of the parents, and burial took place at the cemetery near James town.

MONUMENT TO BE UNVEILED AT LEXINGTON JULY THE 4

Davidson county is planning extensively for a big gathering at Lexington on the fourth of July. At this time a monument and bronze tablets honoring the memory of the thirty-six dead World war veterans from Davidson county will be unveiled with appropriate ceremonies. The program for the day is in charge of the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion. They will be assisted by the Lexington Hills Club of American Legion. The monument will be unveiled at 10:00 o'clock and the bronze tablets at 11:00 o'clock. The program will be in charge of the Women's Auxiliary of American Legion.

SENATOR CARRAWAY RISKS IN SENATE TO DENY MORSE'S DAUGHTERY

(By Wallace Bussford.)
(Special Correspondent.)

Washington, May 29.—When Senator Caraway rose in his place in the senate on May 2 and charged that Attorney General Daugherty received a bribe for helping C. W. Morse to make his getaway from the Atlanta penitentiary during Taft's administration, Senator Jim Watson, of Indiana, made haste to defend Daugherty and to deny the whole story. He did this on the word and authority of Daugherty, he said.

On May 20 Senator Caraway had printed in the Congressional Record a letter which Daugherty had written Morse demanding a balance of \$25,000 due on contract. The Washington News on that day printed a photographic copy of the letter bearing Daugherty's signature, as well as a copy of the contract which Morse made with Thomas B. Felder, of Atlanta, who brought Daugherty into the case because of his close relations with the President of that time—Taft. While the contract is made by Felder, it provided for a retainer for \$5,000 for Daugherty, and expenses, with an additional \$25,000 in case of Morse's release being obtained.

Senator Caraway, who has done the people the service of exposing Daugherty's action in contracting with this man, who was a convicted felon, agreeing to relieve him from his very proper punishment through his influence with the President, stated that the only decent course left open to Daugherty was to resign. Of course the man who put this job over on a President is not the sort who will resign, and the present incumbent at the White House hasn't enough of the Roosevelt spirit to fire him, as he so richly deserves. Of course Morse did not pay the \$25,000, but proceeded to organize new companies which sought and obtained government contracts; and is again in the toils for alleged frauds on the government.

In the Ladies Home Journal of April, 1914, is found an article by President Taft in which he said: "One never knows until he has been in the presidency the amount of pressure that is brought in one way and another to stay prosecutions and to pardon criminals. I had two cases before me in which it was represented that both the convicts were near death. Examinations were made by the army medical corps, watches were established and it was reported that both were in the last stages of a fatal disease. One of them died soon after he was released. Another of them is apparently in excellent health and seeking to re-establish himself in the field in which he committed a penitentiary offense. This shakes one's faith in 'expert examination.'" It would look like President Taft thought some one had put up a job on him. It would be interesting to have his opinion of Daugherty, but he declines to be quoted—the refuge of the fan who has nothing good to say.

Mr. Woodruff, of Michigan, Republican congressman, printed in the Congressional Record of May 15 a letter from Captain H. L. Scaife. Mr. Woodruff explained that Captain Scaife was engaged by the department of justice to investigate the aircraft frauds but resigned when he found himself constantly blocked by men in the department. Scaife's letter to Woodruff explains at length how, just after an interview with Daugherty he met Felder, and Felder told him he had just seen Daugherty and that Daugherty wanted him to see Scaife. Felder then offered Scaife employment to defend the Bosch Company and went from that meeting to spend the night with Daugherty at the Wardman Park Inn. The next day Scaife received a letter from Felder retaining him as counsel in the case. It is well to bear in mind that the attorney general, whose duty it is to represent the people in prosecuting the Bosch people, advised the Bosch attorney to bite away from the government its chief witness against the Bosch company! The question naturally arises, what chance have the people to stop or prevent frauds against their treasury so long as a weak president puts such men as Daugherty at the head of the department of justice, whose chief function it is to prosecute the looters of the public funds?

Chairman Arthur B. Ross, of the Democratic congressional committee, says: "The great millionaire Republican ways and means committee of the House last Wednesday presented a bill providing for ten extra collection districts in the United States. This bill met with the unanimous opposition of the Democrats and so many Republican members opposed the legislation that the leadership saw if a vote was taken it would be badly defeated. That bill is now resting in the morgue. The great millionaire Republican ways and means committee yesterday presented a bill providing for a loan of \$5,000,000 to Liberia, a republic of Africa, which has 80,000 civilized and 2,000,000 uncivilized people. Every one of the Democratic minority members of the House voted against this bill."

How long would Abe Lincoln have been a better lawyer in the cabinet than Taft? This bill will be a

EXPLOSION OF SHRAPNEL SHELL AT CAMP BRAGG KILLS THREE

A shrapnel projectile fell short in range at Camp Bragg on May 24, killing four enlisted men and wounding two men and an officer. A sharp projectile, which officers believe was defective, was fired from a 75-mm. gun and fell short in range, struck a tree and exploded.

Those killed were Privates Thos. L. Wood, of Salisbury, N. C.; W. C. Ammons, Florida; and George L. McClelland, Illinois. The wounded were Capt. M. A. Dawson, Sergeant Donald Smith, and Private William Owl. It is believed they will recover, though seriously injured.

A large number of officers and men were near the explosion and had a narrow escape.

A board of inquiry has been appointed by the camp commander to investigate and report upon the cause of the disaster.

NEAR EAST BUNDLES SHORT

The bundles for the Near East are coming, but slowly, in fact more slowly than ever before. It was the intention of the committee in charge to send the box of clothing away June first, but the box is not filled. Randolph county has never failed when it came to charitable work, and this must not be the exception. Farmers are busy and are not coming to town often, it is true, but there will be some way to send your bundle in. The people of the town as well as the country people, have been careless. Unless we rouse ourselves and do our part, men, women and children will die in Armenia and Syria this winter. In the last three months the papers were full of "The Invasion of the Turks." Some of our Near East workers were forced to flee. People cannot farm and produce clothing under these conditions. We must help them until their government is reorganized. Imagine a country without the protection of any form of government, without food, money or clothing, and without places to work and earn a livelihood, no matter how ambitious the people. The cause for this? They would not renounce Christianity for Mohammedism. Let us as a county do our part to help them on their feet. Send your bundle of clothing to The Courier office at Asheboro this week.

RICHMOND PREPARE FOR CONFEDERATE VETERANS

The city of Richmond is making extensive preparations for the coming of at least 5,000 of the surviving 45,000 Confederate veterans who have signified their intentions of attending the reunion which will be held there June 19-22. A committee in charge of arrangements has already made many reservations for room and breakfast at private homes at prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$2.00. Dinner and supper will be provided for the delegates by the city of Richmond at no cost to the veterans.

All members of the United Confederate Veterans, Sons of Confederate Veterans, United Daughters of the Confederacy, the Confederate Southern Memorial association, sponsors and maids and matrons of honor who come to Richmond for the Confederate reunion June 19-22, will have the privilege of traveling at reduced rates of fare. General J. Lane Stern, chairman of the reunion, committee, has completed negotiations with southern transportation systems whereby the veterans and accompanying members of their families may travel at the rate of 1 cent per mile. Members of affiliated organizations will be given the benefit of the round trip to Richmond and return at the rate of a one-way fare.

LEXINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT VOTES BOND ISSUE

Voters of the Lexington high school district made up of Lexington, Erianer and several other suburbs, Tuesday gave a majority of over 500 for \$225,000 bond issue. This will be spent to take over a partially completed building costing about \$90,000, complete it and erect an auditorium and gymnasium. Practically all the votes cast were favorable to the issue and no open opposition was manifested before the election.

The house then the Democrats have votes, the millionaire Republican committee managed to pass the bill by a small majority of nine votes. This bill would have been defeated but for the party hack which was directed from the White House.

The Republicans are fighting among themselves. Some of the cabinet of these are under fire and we now have one of the able and respectable Republican congressmen threatening to file impeachment charges against the cabinet officer who is the strong arm and close personal adviser of the president because he refuses to prosecute certain war contractors.

How long would Abe Lincoln have been a better lawyer in the cabinet than Taft? This bill will be a

TWO RAMSEUR YOUNG MEN DROWNED FISHING IN RIVER YESTERDAY

Just as we go to press we learn that Rufus Stokes and Bud Whitehead, two Ramsey boys, who were fishing in the river about 3:00 o'clock Wednesday afternoon were drowned. Stokes became tangled in the net and Whitehead went to his rescue, both were drowned. Young Whitehead was the son of Joe Whitehead. A full account of the tragedy will appear in next week's issue.

BANK AT SUMMERFIELD ROBBED OF FIFTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS

Excitement ran high at Summerfield, Guilford county, May 29, when the rumor was confirmed that a young man, about 25 years of age, had walked into the local bank, and with drawn gun forced the two men employed there to throw up their hands. Keeping them covered, he walked over to the money drawer and pocketed \$1,500.00, after which he made good his escape.

Sheriff Stafford was immediately notified, and he reached the place with a number of policemen within a few minutes, and a cordon of men was thrown around the woods in which the thief disappeared. However, no trace of him was discovered.

The loss to the bank is fully covered by insurance.

BIG CELEBRATION IN WASHINGTON MEMORIAL DAY

Honoring the dead of the nation vast throngs of people gathered on the shores of the Potomac river at Washington Tuesday, May 30th, to unveil the memorial erected to Abraham Lincoln. The memorial was erected at a cost of \$3,000,000, the movement having begun in 1902.

This monument to Lincoln is a large rectangular building of white marble, designed by Henry Bacon, a New York architect. It has a beautiful setting on a direct east and west line with the Washington monument and the nation's capitol and rises 144 feet above the level of the park. It is composed of four principal features—a statue of the man, a memorial of his Gettysburg address, a memorial of his second inaugural address and a symbol of the union of the states.

The most important object in the memorial is the statue of Lincoln in marble, by Daniel Chester French, New York sculptor, placed in the central hall where, by virtue of its imposing position in the place of honor, it predominates all else. The statue is colossal in size and yet distinctively personal. It represents Lincoln, seated in a thoughtful mood, and is the first thing that meets the eye as one passes through the immense colonnade entrance. Lincoln's Gettysburg address is on the left wall and the address made by him at his second inauguration on the right wall.

Surrounding the exterior of the walls enclosing these memorials is a magnificent colonnade forming a symbol of the union, each column representing one of the 36 states existing at the time of Lincoln's death.

President Harding formally accepted the memorial for the people, drawing attention to the soldiers of the blue and gray who were present and occupied seats of honor.

CALL MEETING SINGERS' UNION FOURTH SUNDAY

All members of the Singers' Union are asked to meet in special session at Pleasant Garden M. E. church on the fourth Sunday in June at 11 a. m. Bring your "Cross and Resurrection Song" as that will be the principal book used. We want to begin to get touched up for the annual convention in September. We expect to have quite a lot of special music, quartettes, etc. We expect this to be the best call meeting if nothing happens that we have ever held, and we urge every one of our singers who possibly can to make an effort to be present.

We ask all singers who can to bring their baskets along and join in a union dinner, so that singers from different places can meet each other. Services begin at 11 a. m. sharp, and also at 2 o'clock promptly.

A. M. FENTRESS,
President Singers' Union,
Pleasant Garden, N. C.

HAL RICH RUN OVER BY CAR DRIVEN BY YOUNG COOPER

Last Friday evening when returning from the high school play at the court house Hal Rich was run over and very painfully injured by a Ford car driven by Clyde Cooper, who lives near Elgah. As the young man and a class mate heard the car coming they walked as near the curb as was possible, but those who saw the accident, and lived near said a large car going at a very rapid speed passed the Ford and it was thought blinded the driver. Mr. Rich suffered a broken shoulder and jaw bone as well as other minor injuries. He is at Memorial hospital and is improving. His condition was unshar.

DR HUNTER URGES PARENTS OF COUNTY TO USE TOXIN-ANTITOXIN

Because there has been an increase in the number of deaths due to diphtheria within the last three years from 242 in 1919 to 286 in 1920 and 365 in 1921, an appeal is being sent out by the North Carolina State Board of Health to every physician in the state and to the mothers in many sections, by letter and through the press, to begin immediately to take steps to lower the death rate from diphtheria and croup.

There has been a gradual increase in the number of deaths from diphtheria and croup in the registration area the last few years, but that should be no consolation to the physicians and public who have placed their state from one that had about the highest death rate from typhoid in the south to almost the lowest.

The number of children that will die from this disease in 1922 depends upon the promptness of parents in calling doctors in suspected cases of sore throat, the immediate administration of sufficient doses of antitoxin, the early reporting of cases and strict observance of quarantine.

However, the best measure to control the disease is to give very child between six months and six years three doses of toxin-antitoxin. As it takes several months for the effects of this treatment to be established, now is the time for the mothers and doctors to act.

DR. J. V. HUNTER,
County Health Officer.

NEW ROAD FROM TROY TO PEKIN CONTRACTED

Last week bids were received for the building of the Troy-Pekin road. Five bids were received. Those bidding were J. T. Platt, of Greensboro; W. G. Mulligan Company, of North Wilkesboro; Hagedorn Construction Co., of Thomasville; J. T. Pigg, of Aberdeen, and C. V. Hester, of Greensboro. The contract was awarded to W. G. Mulligan Co., of North Wilkesboro, for \$29,500. The bridge that is to be built for a double track roadway sixteen feet wide and 280 feet long across Little river was awarded to Austin Brothers Bridge Company, of Atlanta, Ga., for \$13,300. This company was awarded the contract for the steel structure on the new Jefferson Standard building in Greensboro, which will cost two million dollars.

The road will be a top soil road built to a maximum grade of about six per cent and will be twenty-four feet wide and twelve miles in length.

The citizens of the Pekin district will hail the day when this fine road will be built. The roads in this direction during the winter months have been impassable. The people have been shut off from the county seat. The new road will make the distance much shorter between Troy and Pekin.

TOM TUCKER UNDER BOND FOR APPEARANCE AT COURT

A magistrates trial of unusual interest occurred at the court house Wednesday morning when the case of Tom Tucker was tried. The day before as the Greensboro-Asheboro jitney was nearing Asheboro Mr. Tucker was driving his team of two mules when the jitney driver blew for him to give the road. It is alleged that he refused and an argument followed, Tucker then drew his gun. The case was bound over to court and Tucker put under a \$100 bond. Tom Tucker, is a former resident of the town and lived here for many years. For the past six or eight years he has travelled and been in the moving picture business.

LITTLE SON OF ERNEST KEARNS RUN OVER HERE

The little son of Mr. Ernest Kearns, of Asheboro route 2, was hurt by a car while in Asheboro Saturday with his father. The child was crossing Depot street bound for the store to buy candy when two cars passed. He stepped out of the way of one directly in front of the other. It seemed that the accident was unavoidable, as stated by those who saw it. The child suffered a cut on his head which was dressed and he was able to return to his home later in the afternoon.

NEW BRIDGE PLANNED FOR THE YADKIN RIVER

The State Highway Commission has announced the building of a double-width concrete bridge over the Yadkin river, near Spencer, and that the structure will be completed as soon as possible.

The contract would have been let long ago but for the request of the Tallapoosa Power Company to build another huge dam below Spencer on the Yadkin, which, it is said, will back water over the level of the original bridge. The new bridge, and this company has now agreed to pay the difference necessary to raise the bridge five feet higher, at a cost of \$40,000. Spencer citizens are very much interested in urging the early completion of the new structure, which is sorely needed.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BECOMES A GRAVE LIABILITY TO PRESIDENT

(By David F. St. Clair)
Washington, May 30.—There were two notorious crooks and another, one of the crooks was in the Atlanta penitentiary. His name was Charles W. Morse and he had landed there for a fraudulent transaction in a ship deal. Morse considered himself too great a figure in big finance to have the penitentiary deprive the world of his valuable services for a decade.

In Atlanta there dwelt at the time Thos. B. Felder, by profession a lawyer, who fully appreciated Morse's great value to the country and who made it a special feature of his practice to liberate men like Morse from prison. That was more than ten years ago.

Accordingly Felder and Morse conceived a plot to liberate the latter. The plot was to have Morse fake a condition of the last stages of Bright's disease and to get an eminent Ohio lawyer-politician who could with sufficient evidence of Morse's broken health in prison persuade President Taft to pardon him.

For their purpose the plotters chose the Hon. Harry M. Daugherty, now Mr. Harding's attorney general as one best fitted by nature and practice to put the plot across. Mr. Daugherty, then an eminent lawyer of Columbus, was reported able to exercise an almost magical influence over the president and the heads at the department of justice. Felder engaged Daugherty on the statement that Morse had money and would pay well to be freed.

Daugherty went to see Morse who assured him and Felder that he would make them rich if they could have him pardoned. Then Daugherty said to Morse:

"Felder tells me that you have Bright's disease and will die within thirty days."

"That is true," affirmed Morse. "But you don't look like one in the last stages of Bright's disease, your skin is not yellow nor is your flesh flabby," said Daugherty.

"That makes it necessary," counselled Felder, "that we put the right sort of doctor in charge of the penitentiary."

The right sort of physician was then put in charge who sent an alleged specimen to the surgeon general of the army at Washington. Whether that specimen came from some patient in the last stages of Bright's disease in an Atlanta hospital or whether Morse had eaten a bar of castile soap to produce it does not appear, but the specimen convinced the surgeon general of the army and his report with the persuasive eloquence of Daugherty in turn convinced the attorney general and the president that Morse had only thirty days to live and should be permitted to die in the bosom of his family. That is how Morse escaped nearly seven years of his ten years' sentence in the penitentiary.

But Morse is still with us and has continued the practice of his trade in criminal finance for which he must again under indictment face another jury. And by the strange whirligig of time the man who got Morse out of the penitentiary may put him back there if he goes back.

It is the connection of fHon. Harry M. Daugherty, attorney general of the United States, with the Morse scandal and the attitude of Mr. Daugherty towards that connection that now threatens to bring scandal upon the Harding administration.

Senator Caraway, of Arkansas, charged upon the senate floor that Mr. Daugherty had accepted a fee of \$6,000 from Morse to get him out of the penitentiary on the faked evidence that he was dying of Bright's disease. Mr. Daugherty promptly denied through his friend, Senator Watson, of Indiana, that he had ever received a cent from Morse for any such purpose. Senator Caraway in turn read into the Record a photostatic copy of a letter from Mr. Daugherty acknowledging that he had received a fee of \$6,000 from Morse.

Now after more than three weeks of fierce controversy over this subject when the attorney general is threatened with an investigation, he comes out repudiating the statement of Senator Watson, with the confession that he did receive a fee of \$4,000 from Morse and he thought everybody knew about it.

By this confession it is now made clear that the attorney general must resign from the Harding cabinet or bring scandal upon the administration. The president is personally more indebted to his attorney general than to any other living and yet Mr. Daugherty has become one of the greatest liabilities that any president ever had to carry. If he does not get out he will become the chief issue in the campaign.

Left On Road By Death Car. After having been found Saturday night at about 9:30 lying in a pool of blood on the road a short distance from his home, Everett Hatch, 24 years old, died May 29 in a Raleigh hospital from a fractured skull. Hatch was also broken. It is thought that the young man slipped off the road and was struck by a speeding automobile which did not stop to ascertain the extent of his injuries.

County officers are investigating the case. There seems to be no evidence of foul play.