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Dr. Jay Delivers Literary Address

My World and My Place in This World' Subject of Inspiring Speech.

27 Are Graduated While Three Students Are Presented Certificates.

The commencement exercises of Asheville High School came to a close last Friday evening with the graduating exercises.

On Thursday evening the class exercises were held in the auditorium. On this occasion the program was as follows: President's address, 'The Value of a High School Education,' Lawrence Hammond; Class History, Irene Kearns; Class Statistics, Margaret Shelton; Class Poem, Kate Whatley; Class Will, Virginia Hendricks; Prophecy, Beatrice Lowdermilk; and song, 'Our Old High,' class.

The exercises Thursday evening were opened with the singing of 'America' by the audience, followed by the invocation by Rev. B. E. Morris, pastor of the local Baptist church, after which Miss Pauline Steed delivered the Salutatory. Dr. E. L. Moffitt then introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. W. M. Jay, of Elon College, who, in a pleasing manner, delivered an interesting and instructive address on the subject, 'My World and My Place in This World.'

Dr. Jay said that the worlds of different people vary in size to an amazing degree. He told a joke of a young fellow who had never been more than a few miles from home until the World War came and he boarded the train for an army camp.

Following Dr. Jay's address, Superintendent R. J. Hilker presented diplomas to twenty-seven young people and certificates to three. The diplomas of Asheville High School are given for the completion of sixteen units of work and entitles the student to enter any college in the state without examination. The certificate is given for the completion of fifteen units of the required subjects.

Three Freak Eggs Several Randolph Folks Send In Large And Small Eggs To Compete.

The three cash prizes which were offered by G. P. Pritchard, A. O. Ferree and Covington and Prevost grocers for eggs and cabbage last week brought a good list from which the judges made their decisions.

Bonding Company Makes A Full Settlement Cranford's Shortage

Representatives of the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York, surety for J. Free Cranford, defaulting sheriff of Randolph county, came before the board of commissioners in regular session in Asheville Monday morning, made settlement of Mr. Cranford's shortage. The check which the bonding company presented the board of commissioners was for \$20,857, and included the following items: Shortage of 1924 tax settlement, \$3,554.26; shortage of 1925 tax settlement, \$15,907.44; interest on both items from the date on which these should have been settled according to law to the present; \$250 to compensate the county for the collection of the taxes uncollected by Mr. Cranford and which are now outstanding.

Settlement was made on the basis of the audit made last January by Mr. Fred J. Phillips, representing A. T. Allen & Company, which audit was officially accepted by both the county commissioners and by the bonding company. There is no truth in the rumor that settlement was made by the bonding company on basis of their own figures. Representatives of the bonding company have stated from time to time that the audit made of the defaulting sheriff's accounts was one of the best prepared of any audit they had been privileged to see anywhere at any time.

The settlement made Monday brought to an end the series of negotiations which have been in process some time between the county commissioners and the Fidelity and Casualty Company of New York. Offers of settlement had been made at previous times, but these offers carried with them some terms of compromise to which the board of commissioners refused to agree. This settlement includes a full and complete satisfaction of any and all liability of any nature or kind whatsoever of J. Free Cranford arising out of or connected with duties imposed on him by law as sheriff of Randolph county for his term of office beginning December 1, 1924, and in full for all moneys coming into his hands in his official duties.

Uncollected taxes, amounting to some twelve or fifteen thousand dollars, will be collected by Sheriff J. A. Brady, the bonding company having provided for the expense of the collection. The uncollected receipts will be placed in the hands of Sheriff Brady within the next few days and he will proceed to make collection of taxes due the county.

It will be recalled that Sheriff J. Free Cranford resigned his office at a meeting of the commissioners on January 12, 1927, an office for which he had not qualified after his election in November, 1926. The commissioners made several attempts prior to his resignation and afterwards to effect settlement of the money due the county, money which the audit showed had been collected and not accounted for. The commissioners were unsuccessful in their efforts, and then called on Mr. Cranford's surety to make good on their bond.

Mrs. Pearl Yow Is Dead At Seagrove Passed Away Tuesday Following Short Illness With Double Pneumonia. Funeral Yesterday

Mrs. Pearl Russell Yow, aged 38, wife of John C. Yow, died at her home in Seagrove Tuesday from double pneumonia following measles. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Russell, both of whom survive. Mrs. Yow was a most estimable christian woman. She was the second wife of her husband, her sister having been his first wife.

She was the aunt and stepmother of the following: Frank, Robert, Worth, Henry and Billy Yow. She had one son, Ray, who, with his father and the above named stepsons, survive. She is survived also by the following sisters and brothers: Misses Mattie, Bertha and Lena Russell, all of Seagrove; Mrs. Della Auman, Seagrove; Mrs. Ina Ingold, Henderson, Va.; and Messrs. Charles, Cecil, Clyde and Lane Russell, Seagrove; and Carl and Romie Russell, of Indiana.

The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Davis, of High Point, at the family burial plot in Seagrove yesterday morning. A large crowd of sorrowing relatives and friends assembled to pay the last tributes of respect to this beloved and consecrated woman.

Report Is That 4 Miles On Route 75 Will Be Paved Soon

Authentic information in the possession of this newspaper is that in the June lettings of the State Highway Commission contract will be awarded for at least four miles of paving on Highway 75 beginning at the end of the hard surface on Salisbury street and extending westward. Rumor has had it for several days past that a portion of this highway would be concreted, but there has been little on which to base these rumors. Work continued on the grading of the road and lately very little attention has been given to the report that a part of the road would be paved.

However, this new information has every earmark of fact and there are many in Asheville interested in this highway who will not be surprised when announcement is made of the letting of the contract some time this month.

Route 75 Soon To Be Highway No. 90 Re-Numbering To Be Carried Out Soon—Will Stretch From Manteo To Lenoir.

Authentic information reaching Asheville is that Highway 75 from Apex to Lenoir will be re-numbered in the next few weeks, beginning by July 1st, at any rate. The new number will be Route 90, which means that the original 75 will be an east and west connection from Manteo, in Dare county, on the coast, to Lenoir. The only part of the present 75 route that will retain its original designation will be that part of the highway from the Virginia State line in Orange county to Pittsboro. Whether 53 which runs south from Pittsboro to Fayetteville will be renumbered remains to be seen.

Route 90 as now designated on the State Highway map begins at Columbia, in Tyrrell county, and comes as far west as Apex. The road is being built from Columbia to Manteo, giving a coastal connection. The re-designation of the route will mean that No. 90 will be the second longest State highway in North Carolina, only No. 10 being longer. The third longest will be No. 20.

County Boards In Joint Session Decide To Employ A Health Officer

State Will Contribute Half Of Salary And Expense Of This Service. Welfare Officer Resigns Position Health Officer To Be Selected At Meeting June 16th.

Randolph county is soon to have a whole time health officer instead of a full time welfare officer. This was the decision reached at a joint meeting of the board of education and the board of county commissioners in the court house Monday afternoon. To defray the expenses of the health officer's office and to pay his salary the State will contribute \$2,100 and the county a like amount, making a total expense of \$4,200 a year. The county's part, \$2,100, is the same which is being paid now for the maintenance of the welfare department in the county, and therefore the county health officer will cost the county no more than the welfare department has been costing.

Mr. E. M. Garner, who has been welfare officer in the county for the past year, tendered his resignation at the meeting of the boards, the resignation effective July 1st. This was accepted by the boards.

Much Interest Is Manifested In Simultaneous Revival Services

Probably no church services held in Asheville in recent years have been so favorably received and so largely attended as the simultaneous revival services which are being conducted in the churches of the town this week. Services are being held in the individual churches each evening at 8 o'clock, and each morning at 8:30 a union service is being held in the Methodist Episcopal church.

Assisting at the Baptist church during the services, which started in all churches Sunday, is Rev. J. Lewis Price, of Pendleton, pastor of the church at that place. Singing is being directed by W. Furman Betts, of Raleigh.

At the friends church, Mrs. Angel Cox, formerly of Ulah, but for several years resident of Marston, is assisting the pastor, Rev. C. L. Gregory, in the services.

Rev. T. M. Johnson, pastor at Gibsonville, and for five years pastor of the Asheville M. P. church, is assisting Rev. J. E. Pritchard at the Methodist Protestant church. Singing is being directed at this church by Rev. E. P. Ballard, pastor of the First M. P. church, High Point.

At the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. B. C. Reavis, the pastor, is doing the preaching, while Prof. T. E. Stough, principal of the high school at Gibsonville, is directing the singing.

In charge of arranging the programs and schedules for the meetings are Rev. B. C. Reavis, Rev. B. E. Morris and Mr. W. F. Betts.

Special Services Will Be Held As Part Of Revival

The committee in charge of the programs for the simultaneous revival services in progress in the churches of the town announce that on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock there will be held on the vacant lot between the two railway stations in Asheville an outdoor service, the sermon to be delivered by Rev. J. E. Pritchard, pastor of the local M. P. church. Mr. W. F. Betts will direct the music and singing for the service. The public in general is invited to attend this service.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be a special service for men in the M. P. church. Rev. J. E. Price, one of the visiting pastors, will be in charge of this service, and Mr. T. E. Stough will direct the music.

Attempts Suicide By Shooting Self

Len Hancock, Randleman, In Despondent Mood, Fires Shot Through Head. Attempt May Be Fatal

In a despondent mood, probably brought on by excessive use of intoxicants for the past several days, Len Hancock, aged about 45 years, foreman in dye room of Deep River Mills, No. 2, attempted suicide at his home in Randleman Tuesday evening about 6 o'clock by firing a 32-caliber pistol ball into his right temple. The bullet, fired from an old pistol of the old rim fire type, and long unused, did not have sufficient force to crash its way through his head, but lodged somewhere inside. He bled profusely before being taken to the hospital at High Point. Little hope is entertained for his recovery.

Hancock was alone in the hall of his home at the time of the rash act, his wife and children being outside in the garden. He had been in despondent mood for several days, away from his work, and feeling that he had forfeited his job at the mill. He had threatened a day or so before to kill himself, but his threat was not taken seriously.

Plan Celebration Of 4th In Asheville

A movement is on foot in Asheville to stage a Fourth of July celebration for the town on Monday, July 4th. A committee has the matter in charge and it is understood, has made arrangements for several parts of the program for the day. Various contests will be staged during the exercises and prizes will be awarded the winners. Events already announced are a big parade, headed by a band from Fort Bragg, baseball game, and airplane stunts. Prizes are to be awarded the winners of the athletic events. Those in charge of the program for the day state that a full program for the day will be announced next week.

Everett Kendall In County On A Visit

Everett Kendall, of Havana, Cuba, was in Randolph the first of the week visiting his cousin, Allen McDaniel, who lives west of Asheville on the Farmer highway. Mr. Kendall stopped over in the county on his return from the reunion of the class of 1917 at the University of North Carolina Saturday. Mr. Kendall is with a bank in Havana. He was born and reared in Randolph county, graduated from the Asheville high school and later attended the University of North Carolina in 1917. He has been engaged in the banking business since that time. His wife, a native of Switzerland, whom he married five and a half years ago, was with him on his visit to his native county.

Tax Listers Are Busy Transcribing Abstracts

The work of listing the property in the county for taxation is almost completed, and list takers are busy transcribing the individual abstracts. It is too soon to know whether there have been any gains made in property valuations in the county. Some of the purely rural townships probably have done well to hold their own while in some others it is likely small gains have been made. It is anticipated that gains have been made in those townships in which there are incorporated towns.

Dedicate Orphans Home In Davidson

Several thousand Juniors from All Parts Of The United States There. J. W. Stout, Builder Native Of Guilford

Rev. D. A. Highfill, 79, Oldest Minister In N. C. Conference, Passes.

Veteran Minister Claimed By Death

Rev. D. A. Highfill, aged 79 years, oldest minister in the North Carolina Methodist Protestant Conference, died at his home in Liberty yesterday after an illness of only a few hours from paralysis. Mr. Highfill was a native of Guilford county but had made his home in Liberty for several years. He was active in the ministry until six years ago. He was well and favorably known throughout the State and numbered his friends by the hundreds.

Surviving, in addition to his widow, Mrs. Emma Horne Highfill, are two sons, D. E. Highfill, of Ramseur, and C. S. Highfill, of Liberty; three daughters, Mrs. J. E. Welborn, High Point, Mrs. D. H. Coltrane, Norwood, and Mrs. J. Allen Marshall, of Winston-Salem.

The funeral will be conducted from Liberty M. P. church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. W. F. Ashburn will be in charge of the services and will be assisted by several other ministers.

Hudson Car Crashes Into Hasty's Filling Station

Mistaking the concrete driveway at George Hasty's Filling Station just north of Asheville on the High Point highway for the intersection of 62, Harvey Horne, of Burlington, late Sunday night drove his Hudson coach into the pump house near the filling station inflicting heavy damages to the building and the pump and slightly damaging his car. Horne escaped without injury. So loud was the crash that persons down town in Asheville heard it. Mr. Horne's presence of mind in putting on brakes when he found he was mistaken in the route taken probably saved himself from serious injury. He was driving north from Asheville on his way home when the accident occurred.

Ramsaur Wins 6th Straight

Ramsaur baseball team won its sixth straight game Saturday afternoon when it defeated Burlington by the score of 11 to 4. Hamlet, pitching for the Ramsaur team, allowed Burlington but four hits during the nine innings. He secured three of his team's hits, one of which was a home run. The Ramsaur team made 14 hits off of three Burlington pitchers, neither of whom could hold the Ramsaur boys in check.

Randolph Commissioners Agree To Change In Routing Highway In Fuller's Section

Another step was taken in the interest of Highway 75 Monday when Fifth District Commissioner J. E. Wood Cox, of High Point, came before the Randolph county board of commissioners in regular meeting and asked the county to take over, topsoil and maintain one and one-fourth mile graded on Route 75 from near Mrs. Fuller's place at Fuller's Mill to the Davidson county line in the general direction of Hannersville. This the commissioners agreed to do, the Davidson board the day before having agreed to build the link of road from Hannersville to connect with this Randolph county highway and to improve the highway from Lexington to Hannersville.