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INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

The following is the program for commencement week at Brevard Institute:

FRIDAY, MAY 21.

8:00 p. m.—Play, "Five Little Peppers," by primary department, in the Institute auditorium.

9:30 p. m.—Exhibit of work of vocational department in laboratories.

SATURDAY, MAY 22.

9:00 a. m.—Last chapel exercises with address by the principal.

2:00 p. m.—Field day on the campus. Admission 25 cents.

8:00 p. m.—Recital by members of the senior class in music.

SUNDAY, MAY 23.

10:15 a. m.—Scholastic procession into church.

11:00 a. m.—Commencement service in the Methodist church. Sermon by Rev. S. H. Hilliard of Biltmore.

6:30 p. m.—Last Christian Association meeting, led by the senior class.

MONDAY, MAY 24.

8:00 p. m.—Inter-society recitation contest and debate in Institute auditorium. Admission 25 cents.

TUESDAY, MAY 25.

7:00 p. m.—Annual alumni meeting at the Institute.

8:30 p. m.—Commencement exercises in the Institute auditorium. Address by President W. P. Fox of Trinity College, Durham.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 26.

10:00 a. m.—Dedication of new administration building. Conducted by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell, Nashville, Tennessee, and Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, Nashville, Tennessee, officers of Woman's Missionary Council.

11:00 a. m.—Students will be at work in the vocational classes, cooking, sewing, trying experiments, printing, and doing shop-work.

AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. R. C. Reed, D. D., a teacher in the theological seminary of Columbia, S. C., arrived here last Saturday and preached Sunday morning at the Presbyterian church. The subject of his sermon was the "Fatherhood of God," which was explained to mean the special relation of God to believers—a relation involving His care and protection, the resemblance of the children to the Father, their trust and obedience to Him, and their love to one another. The thoughts of the speaker were logical and convincing, the style clear and simple, the illustrations striking and original. Dr. Reed will make his home in this community for the summer and preach in the Brevard and Davidson River churches. Next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock he will hold services at the Davidson River church.

MR. HENRY BALL

In the year 1896, in a meeting held at Emon, assisted by Rev. J. B. Marsh, Brother Henry Ball, his wife and two daughters were converted and were baptized into the fellowship of the church. I was their pastor for a number of years. Brother Ball was a very active member, taking an active part in the prayer meetings. He was a faithful superintendent of the Sunday school for five years. For the years he lived with us at Emon his life was consecrated to the service of the Lord. He was much loved and respected by his neighbors and the church. As his pastor I always found him a true and faithful member of the church. His wife lived only a few years, and died rejoicing in the Lord. Mrs. T. P. McCull and Mrs. Oscar Knight have been very faithful in rendering service unto God until this day. He died April 29, 1915, leaving a wife and five children to mourn his loss. He was eighty-six years and eight days old. E. ALLISON

The Episcopians have something VERY GOOD to offer. Ask WHEN, WHERE and WHAT.

GENERAL NEWS

After due deliberation a note was sent to the German government from the United States embodying the attitude of the latter government in regard to the series of recent events, which have made international complications critical. The note contained a demand—couched in diplomatic language—that Germany cease from those methods of submarine warfare which have resulted in the loss of so many lives, some of them American lives. The note was transmitted late last week to Ambassador Gerard and by him communicated to Herr von Jagow, minister of foreign affairs of the German government.

Dr. Bernard Dernburg, former German colonial secretary, who had made himself offensive to this government by public speeches in this country in which he justified the sinking of the Lusitania, has decided to leave America. This decision has relieved the president from taking any action in regard to asking him to leave.

It was announced in New York on May 17 that the Transylvania, a Cunard liner, which sailed from that port immediately after the sinking of the Lusitania, had passed safely through the war zone around the British Isles and arrived at Greenock, Scotland.

An account of a recent battle between a German Zeppelin and a squadron of British aeroplanes reached England from Rotterdam. The Zeppelin had been observed maneuvering in the neighborhood of Brussels. It was attacked by twenty-seven aeroplanes and a spirited battle took place in the air. The Zeppelin disabled two of its antagonists but was itself brought down.

The cruiser Colorado, flagship of the Pacific fleet, sailed for Mexican waters on May 16 to aid American colonists in Sonora, who had been fighting Yaqui Indians. The Americans had access to the railroad but refused to leave. Dispatches were received by the Colorado from Superintendent Smith of the Richardson Construction Company, a corporation in the Yaqui valley, that the fighting had ceased and that all the Indians had left the valley but left word that they intended to return.

The refusal of the king of Italy to accept the resignation of Premier Salandra and the consequent continuation of the cabinet led to a remarkable demonstration in Rome. A crowd estimated to number 300,000 gathered in the city, wearing the tricolor of Italy and waving the Italian flag. Beside the obelisks in the square where the people congregated were many representations of the Roman flag, the flag of Austria, and the crowd waved these emblems with all kinds of emblems. British, French and Belgian flags were held aloft with the Italian flag.

According to a dispatch to London, dated May 15, six thousand persons have been massacred in Armenia by Turks and Kurds. The message was sent by the Russian consul at Urznuh, Persia.

On May 17 President Wilson reviewed the largest collection of warships ever seen in American waters. It was the Atlantic fleet in the Hudson River. At a luncheon tendered the President on shore he said among other things: "We want no nation's property; we wish to stand selfishly in the way of the development of no nation. It is pretension on our part to say that we are privileged to stand for what every nation would wish to stand for and speaking for the things which all humanity must desire."

The Georgia Prison Commission has set May 31 for a hearing on Leo Frank's petition asking that the death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan be commuted to life

imprisonment. Many thousands of letters supporting this petition have been received by Governor Slaton from various parts of the United States. Among prominent men writing in behalf of Frank are Myron T. Herrick, Philander C. Knox, Senators Borah, Thomas, Newlands, and many others. In the meantime, Thos. E. Watson of Georgia, in his Jeffersonian, continues to proclaim Frank's guilt and urges the Georgia officials to sustain the verdict of the jury.

Reports from Europe of very recent date indicate that the affairs of the allies are not in a prosperous condition. The counter movement of the Germans against the Russians in the Carpathians, which has been going on for some time, has been so far successful that even Petrograd admits a serious setback. A dispatch from the Russian capital to England says that all that has been accomplished by the Russians in the Carpathians has been undone and months have been added to the war. England itself is distracted by a political upheaval, the results of which remain to be seen. The situation in regard to Austria and Italy continually draws nearer to a crisis. Italy's entrance into the war seems unavoidable.

ROSMAN NOTES

The board of aldermen met Tuesday, May 18, for general clean up day. This day was observed by many citizens of the town, some of our good ladies taking the lead, of course. The work done has greatly helped the appearance of the town.

Last week a party of Rosmanites went on East Fork fishing. They were: Mr. W. E. Shipman and wife, Mr. R. F. Glazener and wife, Misses Ruth Cannon and Inez Glazener, and Messrs. Pick Whitmore, Tilman Meese and Carson Galloway. They report a fine time and a nice bunch of speckled beauties, but it rained on them and they had to come home through the rain, as did the crowd that went to the timbreake the week before.

A bunch of carpenters are at work on the addition to the extract plant. It is said that when this work is complete the capacity of the plant will be about doubled.

Mr. J. B. Neal of Lake Toxaway was in town this week on business.

Mr. Mack Owen, who was scared in this county but has for some time been working for Uncle Sam in the boat shops at Charleston, S. C., is visiting friends and relatives in Rosman this week. We were glad to see Mack.

R. L. Gash, Esq., of Brevard, was in our city Tuesday of this week.

The Junior class of the Zion Sunday school, in company with their teacher, Miss Della Gillespie, and Miss Clara Wilcox, went on a picnic to Shaffer falls last Saturday and all reported a jolly time.

Mrs. J. N. Lee's class had a social at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. R. Clarke last Thursday evening. They also had with them the pastor and superintendent, and all seemed to enjoy themselves very much. They played a number of games and refreshments were served which were enjoyed equally as well as the games.

We have heard it reported that Mr. A. M. Paxton and family were going to move in the Eastgate farm or the Neal house. We of course don't give this as a fact.

Mrs. J. M. Williams has returned home after a visit to her old home on Little River.

Rev. F. M. Jordan preached an excellent sermon at Zion last Sunday. His text was, "Christ is all and in all."

HONEY BEE.

For a Torpid Liver.

"I have used Chamberlain's Tablets off and on for the past six years whenever my liver shows signs of being in a disordered condition. They have always acted quickly and given me the desired relief." writes Mrs. E. H. Trabus, Springville, N. Y. For sale by all dealers.—Adv.

INSTITUTE NOTES

The music recital by pupils of the Music Department, last Saturday night, was both comprehensive and enjoyable. It was participated in by all music pupils, excepting those of the senior grade, and included beginners as well as those in the higher grades.

There were thirty-two members on the program. Quite the largest audience that has ever assembled in the new auditorium was present and much interest and enthusiasm was shown. We have not space to speak individually of any performance, but the general excellence of the recital shows that the department is growing in quality as well as quantity.

We are expecting quite a number of old students and friends to be present at the Commencement exercises, which will begin with the play by the Primary department on Friday night May 21. Of course, the dedication services, which will follow the regular commencement program, will attract an unusual number of visitors. The Commencement program and the program of the dedication exercises, with the names of those who will conduct the various events, will be found in another column.

There will only be a short vacation for most of us, as the summer school opens June 8th, but it will serve as a breathing spell to some who will take a run home and return for the summer session.

AUTOMOBILE GOSSIP

The attention of all our readers is directed to the advertisement of Whitmore, Smathers & Mull in this issue, in which the merits of the Maxwell automobile are set before the people. This firm has secured the agency for this popular car for thirteen counties in Western North Carolina, and although they have not as yet made any sort of canvass of their territory about one dozen cars have been sold, five of these being bought by citizens of Brevard and Transylvania county and five going to the city of Asheville. The Maxwell is a beautiful car and people who are in a position to know say their chief beauty lies in their strength and practicability.

In these days when automobiles are becoming as common almost as horse-drawn vehicles it would seem that a new car would not excite much curiosity. But such was not the case last week when Harry Patton came to town in his new Dodge car, bought through Miller Supply Co., agents, for a large crowd gathered around to see the latest thing in automobile construction, and after a thorough investigation by the experts they expressed surprise that a car equipped as the Dodge could be sold at so low a price.

When such a large percentage of our population is happy in the possession of an automobile, while the rest of us are happy when invited to take a ride in some friend's car, it is small wonder that one of the chief topics of conversation is the merits of the various cars now running on our streets. The merits and demerits of the various kinds of tires, oil, gasoline, etc., also come up for consideration.

One of our recently developed expert drivers while out the other day in a brand new car had some serious trouble. According to this driver "the carburetor and differential became entangled with the housing, thereby causing a short circuit in the muffler." Owing to his superior knowledge of mechanics this driver finally reached town, however.

Percussion Caps.

Percussion caps (taking the place of the flint lock) came into use about 1820. Snider's system of breech-loading was invented in 1859, although there had been attempts made at Snider's achievement several years earlier than that date. The muzzle-loaders held on until the seventies, when they were practically discarded by all armies.

GEORGE WASHINGTON ALEXANDER

(In Memoriam)

George Washington Alexander was born in Buncombe county N. C. about the year 1856, and died near Bourbon, Missouri, April 2, 1915. His body was laid to rest in the grave yard at Cross Roads Baptist church in Crawford county, Mo.

The following facts and dates are copied from a blank sent him two years ago which he returned as a "Sketch of a Confederate Veteran," having the desired information inserted: "I married Miss Jane Barton, August 20, 1863. I am the father of seven children; four boys and three girls and have fifteen (1913) grand children. I became a member of the Baptist church at Cathey Creek in 1866." "I enlisted as a private in Company E, twenty-fifth regiment infantry, N. C. T., June 15, 1861. I was in the Blow-up of Petersburg and was wounded at Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862. I surrendered with Lee at Appomattox, April 9th, 1865."

"I moved from North Carolina to Missouri Aug. 20, 1881. I own the homestead upon which I reside, a farm of 177 1/2 acres containing a comfortable dwelling and convenient outbuildings. My health is poor. My present address is, Bourbon, R. F. D. No. 1, Mo."

A very few obituary notices of comrades will contain the autobiographical feature as this, because they have neglected to take advantage to fill and file the blank "Sketch of Confederate Veteran" gotten up by the Transylvania Camp, U. C. V. This notice, no doubt, will afford no little comfort to surviving comrades and friends of the deceased because it is as it were a last letter to those who would inquire. To what he says himself in this notice may be added:

George Alexander was an all-around gentleman. He braved the dangers of war as a hero. He took hold of the issues of life with the same spirit. With this spirit he reared his family of seven children and placed them on a financial, social and moral footing far superior to his own, for he had nothing in 1864 that he called his own save his untarnished honor and a latent hope of future success. Then he began the struggle for a foothold in the world, which he finally obtained and that without loss to his moral and Christian character. Indeed, Jehovah was a partner in his business. It is said, his paper at the bank was as current as the best and his endorsements were eagerly sought by the less fortunate. He never, in health, neglected his church and appointments. Considering his early disadvantages in connection with his achievements it can be truly said, he made his life sublime. J. M. H.

BEAUTIFUL TREE DESTROYED

"They murdered the work of my hands."

To cut down a tree planted by the hands of a mother seems akin to manslaughter. It has stood for many years, and cherished almost as a personage revered like some venerable friend who has a kindly salutation for everyone who enjoys its protecting arms.

Its every aspect was beneficent and benevolent. Why could it not be spared till the feeble frame and hungry eyes had seen the last of its shadow which even condescended her of the manly boy who gloried so much in the beauty of the "little pine."

Alas! no sympathy comes to those worn out in the service of humanity. M. E. Bell.

RECORDER'S COURT

State vs. A. H. Valentine, carrying concealed weapon, \$5.00 and costs.

State vs. James Grayley, affray, \$5.00 and costs.

State vs. Horace Morrison, cruelty to animals, \$10 and costs. Notice of appeal waived, appeal bond fixed at \$100.