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INSTITUTE COMMENCEMENT

The commencement exercises of Brevard Institute, always an event of interest in this community, began last Friday night, May 21, with a program carried out by the children of the primary department. The main part of this program was a play in six scenes, based on the popular children's story of the "Five Little Peppers." The play was exceedingly well rendered, the children acting their parts in a manner that showed previous good training. Naturalness in acting was the conspicuous strong point in the majority of the little players, and stiffness was just as conspicuous by its absence. The children taking part in the play were: Gertrude, Plato and Lloyd Allison, Miriam and Dorothy Silverstein, Clark and Ralph Kindell, Marion Young, Carey Racee, Theodore Clement, Doris Peck, Amelia Gallo-way, John McLean, Gay Dean, Louise Robbins and Travis La-Master.

Between scenes there were some well rendered songs by the children and recitations by Dorothy Silverstein, Elizabeth Zachary, and Ruby McLean. Dorothy Silverstein quite took the audience with "In Little Girl Land." Ruby McLean held it with as difficult a selection as "The Pied Piper of Hamelin," and Elizabeth Zachary astonished it by reciting a whole chapter from "Polly Anna," giving quality as well as quantity.

For the first time in any public affair since the opening of the administration building the gallery of the auditorium was put into use for seating the audience.

As a part of the commencement program the school assembled in the chapel for the last time of the session on Saturday morning. This yearly event, while not so publicly known as others, forms for the school an important part of commencement. It is then that Mr. Trowbridge has his heart to heart talks with the students on the eve of their going forth from the walls of the Institute to the pleasures of vacation or to the work of life.

On this occasion Mr. Trowbridge addressed the students and others assembled in the chapel, singing a text for his thoughts a part of Psalm 138: "Reproach as a storm wind to me." He reviewed the history of the Institute and dwelt forcibly upon that joy in endeavor which characterizes youth and which is the fountain of strength. What the school has accomplished, the establishment and growth of its vocational departments, and its joyful outlook to the future were brought to the attention of the students. Mr. Trowbridge gave to each of our ears containing a picture of the new administration building and Taylor Hall as a souvenir.

Saturday was taken up mainly in athletic contests between the two houses' teams. In the morning the boys had two tennis matches resulting in a score of 6 to 2 and 7 to 5 in favor of the Adelpheans. In the afternoon the Lander girls won in basket ball by 10 to 7, and the Lander boys in base ball by 8 to 6. The finishing touches were put to athletics on Tuesday morning, when at basket ball the Lander boys, allowing 8 to the Adelpheans, ran off with the score and stopped when they got to 7.

Saturday evening was given to a recital by the students in the music department. This recital sustained the enviable reputation won by the department under the direction of Miss Blair for thorough instruction and for the education of the students in the finer grades of music. The program showed the exclusion of all the cheaper and lighter kinds of music, and the piano selections were performed with a grace and skill which could not fail to please even the critical. The vocal numbers were limited to solos by Miss Mabel Wells and a trio by Miss Wells, Miss Gladys Martin and Mr. Clarence Douglas—all sung very effectively. Those taking part in the instrumental numbers were Miss Gladys Martin,

Mr. C. B. Douglas, Miss Myrtle Kilpatrick and Miss Venie Johnson, Miss Blair accompanying in some of these on a second piano. The last piece was played by Misses Myrtle Kilpatrick, Venie Johnson, Gladys Martin and Mr. Douglas on four pianos—First Peer Gynt Suite—and was executed in a manner deserving special commendation.

The annual commencement sermon was preached on Sunday morning at the Methodist church. The students in a body marched from the Institute to the church and took their places in the main auditorium where seats had been reserved. The congregation was made up of people of the different denominations. Only those coming early found seats in the main room, and by the arrival of the service hour the Sunday school annex was also filled. In order to give those in the annex a better opportunity of hearing the sermon the pulpit desk had been placed in the corner where the two rooms join and the choir was moved to the place usually occupied by the desk.

The order of services were as follows:

Opening song, a duet by Miss Mary Blair and Miss Mabel Wells.

Invocation, by Rev. A. W. McDaniel.

Hymn by the congregation, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

Solo, by Miss Blair.

Rev. W. M. Robbins introduced the visiting preacher, Rev. S. H. Hilliard, as a man known to many of the congregation, and as one who had done his first work as a minister in this place.

The sermon that followed was of a kind to impress, instruct, and inspire. It was not delivered with what usually passes for oratory, but the simplicity and earnestness of the words were accompanied by a corresponding simplicity and earnestness of manner. The real effect was attained by the admirable structure of the sermon, the succession of ideas, the happy choice of words, and the general importance of the message. The text was from Luke 21:33: "It shall turn to you for a testimony." The preacher spoke of the trials and persecutions of the Christian and the opportunity offered by them. The advantages of suffering hardships, meeting obstacles are twofold. In the first place, they develop character. It is the pruned hedge that grows greenest. The bird is enabled to fly only as its wings beat against the resistance of the air. As trials and hardships strengthen the muscles of manhood, so a life of ease leads to degeneration. This explains why the sons of men of strong character are often worldless. The parents made the mistake of shielding the children from the hard things, which, though unpleasant, would have been the making of the sons as the like disciplines had been the making of the fathers. The second advantage derivable from trials and persecutions is that they become the opportunity for witness-bearing. It was so with Paul, who made every trial, every experience a means to preaching the gospel. As with them so with us, all experiences and relations of life are but opportunities of bearing witness to Christ.

In closing his sermon the preacher spoke more directly to the graduating class of the Institute and said that he believed the words of his text were peculiarly appropriate to them. Referring to the religious instruction they had received and the religious advantages among which they had dwelt at Brevard Institute, he said it was incumbent on them to live these things in their life in the world, and to live them in such a way that those who came in contact with them should say, as Ruth to Naomi, "Thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God."

The closing prayer was made by Rev. E. B. Norwood, after which the congregation sang the doxology and was dismissed.

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COUNTY TEACHERS ELECTED

Superintendent Henderson this week finished the tour of the county, meeting with the various committees for the purpose of electing teachers for the coming session. Nearly all the positions have been filled, and nearly all who were elected are counted on as accepting.

The result of this election tour, according to townships, is as follows:

Gloucester: Robinson school, Noah C. Miller, Shoal Creek, Miss Agnes Woodfin, Pine Grove school, Clyde McCall, Owen school, George Reece.

Hogback: Montvale, no election. Union school Miss Ethel Miller, Oakland, Miss Sue Glazener, re-elected. Lake Toxaway, C. J. Ashworth, re-elected principal, Miss Sue Heath, assistant. Quebec, A. P. Bell, principal, Miss Gladys Whitmore, re-elected assistant.

Estatoe: Old Toxaway, Walter Reece. Pleasant Hill, Daniel Reid, Oak Forest, Miss Elsie Reid.

Dunn's Rock: Carson's Creek, Miss Annie Jordan. Dunn's Creek, Miss Bertha Woodfin. Island Ford, Miss Della Gillespie. Round Top, J. L. Osteen, re-elected.

Cathey's Creek: Selma, principal not elected, Misses Emma Bell and Blanche Tabor, assistants. Calvert, Miss Lillie A. Peterson, principal, Miss Jamie Gillespie, re-elected assistant. Rosman: G. L. Tabor, re-elected principal, Misses Jessie Jordan, Beulah Whitmore, Josephine Owen, Vaughly C. Murray, assistants.

Brevard: Brevard school, principal not elected, assistants, Misses Verna Goode, Georgia Bell, Frances McIntosh and Irene Montgomery, re-elected, Misses Ste Cannon and Natalie Forsythe, elected to vacancies. Two vacancies remain to be filled.

Davidson River: Lowry C. Blakey, re-elected principal, Miss Julia Deaver, re-elected assistant, Miss Allie Cantrell, primary teacher.

English Chapel: Miss Edna McCall.

Boyd: Peppers, A. F. Mitchell, re-elected principal, Miss Jeanette Talley and Mrs. Lem Reeves, assistants. Bartley Creek, Virgil Lyday. Blantyre, L. R. McCall, principal, Miss Ha Lee Lyday, assistant. Bollston, Lander Lyday.

Little River: Little River school, principal not elected, Miss Sallie Shipman, assistant. Laurel Creek, no election. Cedar Mountain, Miss Grace Gillespie. Mine Mountain, Miss Lora McKinnon.

PRISONERS ESCAPE

Last Sunday night Silas Burrell and Oscar Welckmans, two convicts of the road gang working at Cedar Mountain, escaped from custody and are still at large. Nothing seems to be known of the exact nature of the methods used in making the escape. Both men were shackled, and must have found some way of getting rid of their chains.

Burrell was convicted, along with his son Jim Burrell and John Reid, for the killing of Virgil Owen. He had six years to serve on the road. Welckmans was serving a sentence of three years for marrying a second wife while the first was living.

A reward of fifty dollars has been offered for the recapture of Burrell and twenty-five dollars for the recapture of Welckmans. These offers are open to any citizen.

Chamberlain's Linctament.

This preparation is intended especially for rheumatism, lame back, sprains and like ailments. It is a favorite with people who are well acquainted with its splendid qualities. Mrs. Charles Tanner, Wabash, Ind., says of it, "I have found Chamberlain's Linctament the best thing for lame back and sprains I have ever used. It works like a charm and relieves pain and soreness. It has been used by others of my family as well as myself for upwards of twenty years." 25 and 50 cent bottles. For sale by all dealers. adv

GENERAL NEWS

This week opened with the news, long expected, that Italy had finally made a formal declaration of war on Austria. Before this the ministers of war and marine had proclaimed all the provinces bordering on Austria and the islands and coast towns of the Adriatic in a state of war. The formal declaration was received by the Italian populace with acclamation. A new and alarming note was injected into the general excitement by the reports that the German and Austrian governments had taken steps to prevent 30,000 Italians from leaving those countries, and had arrested many of them.

If the death sentence against Leo Frank for the murder of Mary Phagan is carried out, it will be over the petitions of thousands of prominent men from all parts of the country. Sympathy for the condemned Jew is, moreover, not confined to individuals. The lower house of the Texas legislature on May 24 by a vote of 71 to 42 passed a resolution asking the governor of Georgia to commute the sentence.

The Norwegian steamer Minerva, which sailed from New York April 15 for Christiania, Norway, was sunk by a German submarine Saturday night, May 22. The crew was loaded at Newcastle, England, by the steamer Iris, which reported the disaster and also the narrow escape of the rescuing vessel.

The Baptist ministers of Norfolk and Portsmouth, Va., appointed a committee on May 24 to bring to the attention of Secretary of the Navy Daniels the charge that beer was being sold Sundays aboard the German cruiser Kronprinz Wilhelm. Naval officials made the statement that the department's jurisdiction over internal ships is confined to maintaining the neutrality of the United States.

Little time elapsed after the formal declaration of war before Austrian and Italian frontier guards had exchanged shots in the Tyrol. Austrian aeroplanes, destroyers and torpedo boats also made a descent on the Italian coast towns of the Adriatic, and bombarded Venice among other places. The Austro-German campaign seems to be to launch a quick and heavy blow in order to discourage the Italians.

Italy's step into the war is bitterly denounced in Austria and Germany, while in England and France the Italian intervention is hailed with delight. In Paris the Italian flag now waves on public buildings along with the other three flags of the allies and the minister of public instruction proclaimed a holiday in colleges and schools in honor of the event.

The general assembly of the Southern Presbyterian church, in session at Newport News, Va., on May 21, reaffirmed its attitude toward the liquor traffic. A protest had come up from the synod of Virginia against the action of the former assembly at Kansas City advocating national prohibition. The Newport News assembly held that it could support no political organization further than humbly to petition and advise. At the same time the assembly made no retraction of the attitude of the church against the evils of the liquor traffic or the sin of intemperance.

STRAWBERRIES.

Strawberries and cream! Strawberries and cream! If I had as much money as I could dream I would not cry strawberries and cream! Next Saturday afternoon, 4:30 to 5:00 o'clock on the court house green, Ladies of St. Phillips Church.

Infantile Mortality.

The greatest infantile mortality appears to occur during the third quarter of the year.

MUST OBEY THE LAW

To the citizens and automobile owners and drivers of the town of Brevard:

I want to thank you kindly for the manner in which you have been driving and standing cars, vehicles, etc., on the right. It seems now that everybody understands it and don't mind to do so, and I feel like it is a great protection to all.

But there is still another matter that is more dangerous than driving slowly on the left, and that is speeding. I do not believe there is a single owner or automobile driver in the city that does not violate both state law and city ordinances. Now I am going to be compelled to ask all who drive automobiles not to run faster than the state law provides, which is eight miles on corners and twelve miles on straight runs. This is fast enough for anyone and it must be observed, or I shall begin on Monday next to enforce the ordinances as well as the state law.

Everybody knows that there are now more cars in Brevard than ever before, and I have had several complaints this week about the speeding of cars, especially in the east end of town. Now let's stop speeding right now before some one is killed. To stop after a child is killed will not bring the child back to the bereaved parents.

This is my last request except to advise the policemen what to do. Let's not have any trouble over the matter, and keep our money in our pockets. Respectfully,

T. W. WHITMORE.

ROSMAN BAPTIST CONFERENCE

The Rosman Baptist conference, beginning at 2:00 p. m. Friday and lasting until noon Sunday, will be a most helpful gathering to all Christians who will go. A splendid program has been prepared and all the churches of the association have been invited. Every minister has been put on the program and some strong talent from the outside. Themes of practical importance will be discussed, as will be seen by consulting the program. Come if you can.

How to have more efficient Sunday schools, better methods of mission work, better financial methods, better organization of fields for more efficient pastoral service, and in general, how to bring our churches all to a high state of efficiency, will be the aim of the meeting.

Miss Johnson, music teacher from Birmingham, Ala., will be present Friday and Saturday to render some splendid instrumental music. We hope also to have the Blue Ridge quartette.

BREVARD BAPTIST CHURCH

A. W. McDaniel, pastor. Bible school at 9:45 a. m. This will be an interesting session. Some of our officers may be away at the Rosman convention, but we expect a large attendance.

The pastor will be at Rosman, hence no morning preaching. The pastor will return and preach in the evening on "The Unsearchable Riches of Christ." We hope to see a large congregation and the power of the spirit manifest at the service.

The Young People's Union will meet at 8:00 p. m. on Monday evening, and the meeting will be in charge of Miss Pearl Faulkner. This will be the regular monthly missionary meeting, and the subject will be "The New Africa." The regular mid-week service for all the church at 8:00 p. m. Wednesday. Everybody is welcome at all services.

Education is a developing of the mind, not a stuffing of the memory. Digest what you read.

Old men have visions, young men have dreams. Successful farmers plow deep while sluggards sleep.

The growing of legumes will retard soil depletion and greatly add to its power to produce.