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(By G. W. Bradshaw.)

The conditions under which all institutions have existed and operated during the past year have been abnormal in many respects. This is no less true of public school systems than of other organizations.

But in spite of the fact that the public mind has been diverted from the regular channels of thought, many of the good people of the land have realized the fact that now of all times is no time to allow the children, the future citizens of our country, to slow up in their efforts to get an education and to fit themselves for life.

And although there have been during the school year just closed a number of children in Hendersonville who ought to have attended school, but did not, yet, in many respects the results of the year's work is quite gratifying to the administration and to the faculty. Both in enrollment and attendance the records show a slight increase over former years, and owing to the fact that the school this year has run nine months, we believe the grade of work done has been above the standard of the past.

During the year just past the total enrollment for the graded school has been 625, there having been 480 in the grades and 145 in the high school. Based on this enrollment, the average daily attendance has been 445. This is a comparatively low attendance, but many things have operated to bring this about. We have had epidemics of measles, whooping cough, smallpox, which carried with it vaccination, and the coldest winter that has been for years. But with all these, we should have done better.

The pupils on the whole have studied well and made the desired progress.

As may be already well known, the graduating class for this year contained twelve members. The number graduating from the grammar school, thereby becoming eligible for entrance into the high school, was thirty. This is 25 per cent more than the seventh grade has sent out any year previous. We, therefore, look for next year's eighth grade to be the largest in the history of the school.

The pupils have had a great share, too, in outside activities. The school had basketball teams, both boys' team and girls' team, and played games with neighboring schools including Asheville High. In the Henderson county commencement, our pupils took part in almost all the contests and won a large share of the valuable prizes offered. Miss Alma Johnson won the \$50 prize in the high school recitation contests. Cecil Rhodes, of the seventh grade, won the grammar school declamation contest prize of \$25. Margaret Kershaw handed in the best mar. of North Carolina and won a prize of \$3, and Howard Patwon \$2 for the second best map of Henderson county. A prize of \$10 was won by the Hendersonville chorus class, and the first prize for the general exhibit was awarded to the city school. Miss Hazel Grant of the seventh grade, won second prize, \$6, for making second highest average in the county examination. She was awarded also a \$2.50 gold piece for making the highest average among the Hendersonville pupils on the seventh grade examination. Clark Kindal also won a \$2.50 gold piece for making the highest average among the boys on the seventh grade examination. Miss Steedman was awarded \$25 in war stamps for having successfully trained Miss John-

About \$4,500 has been invested by pupils and teachers in war stamps, and a number of Liberty bonds were bought. The high school purchased a \$50 Liberty bond for the school, an act much to be commended.

The honor roll for the month of May is as follows:

First Grade William Bangs, Wilbur Carter, Raymond Freeeman, James Holtzclaw, Harold Torrence, Henry King, Eunice Bennett, Pauline Lewis, Edna May Milward, Mary Valentine, Mildred Moores, Margaret Ashmore, Betty Curtis.

Second Grade B. Verna Holtzclaw, Charles Embler, Donald Guice, Charles Israel, Raymond Robinson

Second Grade A.
Reginal Hill, Stephen Stepp, Hamilton Stepp, Vernon McMurray, Maud Hyder, Nell Jones, Fannie Justus, Marion Morris, Vera Orr, Jane

Third Grade B. Mildred Walker, Louise Reese, Wil-

lie Forest. Third Grade A.
Paul Jones, Joe Byers, John
Brown, Jack Spence, Marguerite Ditmer, Margaret Johnson, Thelma Orr.
Fourth Grade

Pauline Brown, Feltz Collins, Kay Orr, Leona Hawkins, Ruth Hayes, Lillian Justice, Lula Justice, Dora Justice, Dorethy Jamison, Ethel Johnson, Ethel McMurray, Cecil-Shepherd, Violet Penland, Margaret

A good many people have an impression that certain studies—especially higher mathematics-are unworthy of attention in a "practical" age. Such studies, they say, may be of theoretical interest to cranks and enthusiasts but are of no practical

In this connection it is interesting to note that a very useful and practical achievement, namely, the destruction of the German long range guns, was recently accomplished by means of an abstruse calculation in higher mathematics. The story is told in a news dispatch from New York, which reads as follows:

"Careful measurement of two holes made by a single shell in passing through two awnings in a Paris factory enabled French artillery officers to locate the great German long range guns by a feat of mathematics. To Chester M. Wright, a member of the American labor mission, which has just returned from Europe, French officers explained how the direction and distance of the guns were figured.

"The two awnings were several feet apart and the relation of one to the other gave perfect data on the course which the shell had taken as it approached the earth. After the apertures had been measured to the one-thousandth part of an inch and the direction of the shell's fall exactly established, the earlier career of the shell became a problem on paper. By applying the laws governing the flight of projectiles, and allowing for the wind, the state of the atmosphere and other considerations, French artillery officers were able to follow back the course of the shell to the mouth of the cannon in the forest of St. Gobain, after which it was speedily demolished by French artillery."

Non-resident taxpawers, and others who were unable to be here last month to list their property for taxtion, will be given an opportunity to attend to this important matter within the next few days. This opthose who wish to escape the extra tax should respond promptly.

Sixth Grade B. Edward Garris, Edith Hopkins, Olier Carson, Charles F. Hunter.

Sixth Grade A. Nelle Morris, Helen Drafts, Boyce Whitmire, Alleine Wilkins, Ruby Bennett, Katharine Valentine, Sarah Valentine, Thomas Freeman, Edwin Jordan, Winnie Hoggsett, Frank Read, Virginia Walker, Hannah John-Winnie Hoggsett, Frank son, Glenn Patterson, Mallie Blackburn, Mildred Foster, Raymond Sta-

Seventh Grade.

Clark Kindel, Scott Coburn, James Williams, Cecil Rhodes, Owen Reid. Hazel Grant, Millicent Hayman, Myrtice Brooks, Eula Anderson, Lucile Holtzclaw.

Eighth Grade.

Helen Johnson, Hazel Shepherd, Sara Gregory, Ben Brown, Edward Patterson, Leon Staton. Ninth Grade.

Helen Bly, Roberta Brooks, Albert Bangs, Dessie Dixon, Robert Gilreath, Lula Kate Stepp, Mary Elizabeth Walker, Ellen Baldwin.

Tenth Grade.

Mary Brown, Helen Brooks, Myrtle Bennett, Annette Brooks, Irene Caldwell, Elizabeth Elsom, Bertha Jami-Aletta Plank ,Eleanor Plank, Garland Sherman.

Eleventh Grade. Katharine Bacon, Mary Brooks, Dorothy Guice, Vada Orr, Jefferson Donnahoe, James Duff.

Pupils Who Have Been on the Hono Roll Every Month. Second Grade.

Stephen Stepp. Third Grade

Mildred Walker. Fourth Grade.

Kay Orr, Feltz Collins, Pauline Sixth Grade. Nelle Morris, Thomas Freeman,

Edwin Jordan, Alleine Wilkins, Helen Drafts, Katharine Valentine. Eighth Grade.

Ben Brown.

Tenth Grade Mary Brown, Helen Brooks, An-tte Brooks, Irens Caldwell, Aletta ank, Berths Jamison, Eleanor

Last week we announced that the Paris. The western side of the triangle runs nearly north and south,

a deep, narrow salient exposes the forces which create it to considerable damage. Therefore our allies would naturally resist any attempt by the Germans to widen the wedge. At latest accounts the force of the offensive had been greatly reduced. On other sectors of the front the

Germans made no gain. News was received Monday of enemy submarines attacking vessels off the Atlantic Coast of the United States. The submarines had been in those waters for some time before the public knew it. Twelve or thirteen vessels have been sunk, but the loss of life has apparently not been great. The vessels were mostly schooners and small steamships. One large vessel, the coastwise steamer Carolina, was sunk but most of the passengers were saved. No transports or war vessels were hit.

Every death which occurred was a murder. The crews and passengers were non-combatants.

It is very desirable to guar surest way to do this is to face the known facts. The major strategy of 277; Fisher, 269; Newton, 268. this year's campaign was determined in advance by two facts, to which to state them again.

1. The year began with it. It may be that at some particu- his numbers decrease. superiority for the enemy whenever dence.

across the water.

this year.

gains the initiative; it can strike American ingenuity. where and when it chooses; and it The defending armies must scatter advance. their forces over the whole line; the attackers can concentrate. (As a sive the concentration against General Gough's army was in a

Germans had started another big of- held throughout this county under throughout the United States, will fensive, this time in the Aisne sec- the Australian ballot, passed off occur Saturday of this week. It will tor and had crossed the Aisne and very quietly. The only county of- be a total eclipse along a line run-the Vesle. During the past week fice ser which there was any contest ning from Washington State to this offensive has developed, and the was that of register of deeds, and Florida; and a large percentage of wedge driven into the allied line has A. D. Jones received the nomination the sun's disc will be obscured reached the Marne. This wedge is, by majority of nearly five to one throughout the United States. roughly speaking, an almost equi- over D. E. Stepp, the vote being 618 lateral triangle, the base running for Jones and 131 for Stepp. The we published two months ago, is of from Noyon to a point near Rheims, Democrats are not putting out any sufficient interest to warrant us in ivy-colored church. Mr. Farnum's and the apex reaching the Marne at county ticket this year. The Repub- publishing it again: Chateau Thierry, 45 miles from licans had held a convention to make recommendations and had recommended A. O. Jones for register of and it is along this side that much deeds. D. E. Stepp, who did not day the moon, in its travels around of the fiercest fighting has occurred. appear before the convention, decid- the earth, will cast between the earth There are two reasons for an espe-cially strong resistance here. One is voters of the Republican party evito keep the enemy from getting dendy were satisfied with the action nearer to Paris. The other is that very emphatically by their votes. Following is the vote by precincts: Precinct. Jones. Stepp.

Bat Cave \_\_\_\_\_ 14 Blue Ridge \_\_\_\_\_ 38 Bowman's Bluff \_\_\_\_\_ 29 Clear Creek \_\_\_\_\_ 28 Cras Creek \_\_\_\_ 54 Edneyville \_\_\_\_\_ 57 E. Hville \_\_\_\_\_ 42 Etowah \_\_\_\_\_ 26 Flat Rock \_\_\_\_\_ 27 Green River \_\_\_\_ 52 Hooper's Creek \_\_\_\_ 59 Horse Shoe \_\_\_\_\_ 12 Mills River \_\_\_\_ 48 ard ..... 52 W. H'ville ..... 79.

of the Superior Court and State Sen-

Our allies knew what they were tion. But the fact was as we stated which will steadily increase while cent.

lar moment during this year our al- The problem of our allies for this lies had a slight preponderance on year is, with such help as we can moon's shadow passes over part of the western front; but if so, this give them, to hold their line as well the earth. The greatest width of the were merely temporary. Our ene- as they can, and when they retreat, shadow is 167 miles. It passes over mies outnumber our allies slightly in to sell the evacuated territory as the observer at the equator at the population and outnumber them dearly as possible. It is a hard job, rate of 1.000 miles an hour, but for greatly in available population; and but apparently not beyond their higher latitudes the speed is much enough of the enemy's man-power power. As Frank H. Simonds puts greater, and when the shadow falls was within immediate reach of the it, there is every reason for confi- very obliquely this speed may amount duty that had been entrusted to her. western front to insure numerical dence, but none at all for over-confi- to 5,000 miles an hour. The length

Russian material set the odds against marines on this side of the Atlantic; est duration of a solar eclipse is 7 deportment and scholarship was our allies in material as well as men. There is, of course, danger from minutes and 58 seconds. In this lati-2. The second fact, clearly evi- this source, and the danger has been tude, however the duration of a todent throughout this year, was that fully realized and expected by our tal solar eclipse can barely exceed six by 1919 the numerical preponder- high command ever since we entered minutes. Shortly before a totality, ance would be on our side, owing to the war. Every precaution has been shadows of foliage assume a peculiar the movement of American troops taken to reduce and control this appearance. The light, coming from danger; and the success of these pre- the edge of the sun only, produces an In the light of these two facts, contions is shown by the fact that no effect more like that of oxy-hydrogen several things at once become clear. damage has occurred until recently light. Animals act strangely and in For our allies to launch a big offen- and then only to an extent which, a perplexed manner, and birds often sive iths year would be a rash and from a military standpoint, is negli- go to roost. reckless gamble; whereas next year gable in a war like this. Our navy they can launch a big offensive with is thoroughly onto its job. It has assurance of success. On the other had the advantage of Great Britain's hand, Germany, by taking the offen- experience; and the highly prized sive this year, might possibly win a secret methods of British warfare very great and almost decisive vic- against submarines have been freetory; whereas the prolonging of the ly communicated to our naval aufighting into next year would spell thorities. By these methods Great defeat for Germany. Thus the only Britain has in this war transported safe strategy for our allies was to many millions of soldiers on voyages stand on the defensive; but Ger- of varying lengths with a loss from many's only hope of victory in the submarines of less than one-fortieth field lay in an immense offensive of one per cent. In addition to what our navy has learned from The side that takes the offensive Great Britain, it has the benefit of has certain obvious advantages. It several new devices suggested by

There will, of course, be come can mass an immense weight of men losses from submarines, in spite of and lost only four. and material at any point it chooses our efforts. But these losses have and thus gain valuable territory, ben anticipated and discounted in

Another thing we're going to show

Last Saturday's primary, the first An eclipse of the sun, visible

The following description, which

On June 8 will occur one of the greatest of sky phenomena. On that and the sun a shadow of 167 miles wide, and this shadow, which will appear at a time of day when it will be visible to a large proportion of the world's population, will travel over the earth at the rate of between 1,000 and 5,000 miles an hour.

The shadow will first appear at 11 sunrise on June 9 (it will be June 8 in the United States) on the little is-3 land of Borodino, off the coast of Ja-5 pan. It will then sweep eastward 1 and, having by this time attained a 24 speed of 33 miles a minute, will aro rive two hours and 15 minutes later, 8 or at 2:55 p. m. Pacific time, at the 14 mouth of the Columbia river in Washington State. For the next 47 1 minutes people in every part of the 1 United States will be privileged to o witness an eclipse of the sun such as 0 has not been seen in this country in 42 a great many years.

The last great eclipse observed in America was that of May 28, 1900, Total \_\_\_\_618 131 but the one this year will surpass it designs the best \_\_\_\_ plate, this both in total path length and the year the work of Miss Jessie Henats for the position of Judge available territory which it covers.

Superior Court and State Sen-The vote in this county for of the total eclipse will sweep south-was: M. H. Justice, ;340 east, will pass the Mississippi river dersonville ladies and gentlemen. Galloway, 137; Bis Ray, 46. at 5:37 p. m., central time, and will the were saked to the state of the sake of the s against disappointment; and the The vote for State Senator (each leave the coast of Florida at 6:43, voter having two votes) was: Cloud, eastern time. Three minutes later it will be lost in the sunset 400 miles at

Those persons living on the track, frequent reference has been made doing when they allowed this great or those sufficiently interested who in our columns. It is worth while advantage to pass into the hands of travel to a point in the path, will be Annie Walker, of the intermediate the enemy; it was part of the price the only ones to see the eclipse in department for general excellence in they had to pay for insuring a vic- totality. Residents of other sections mathematics. These fell to Misses Mary Alice Wilson, Erma Morris and merical preponderance on the side tory later. The enemy may do us of the country will see it only partof the enemy. The Times has re- enormous damage this year, but he ly, according to their distance from portunity will not last long, and peatedly called attention to this will do it at enormous risk to him- the track, but it nevertheless will be fact, but some of our readers have self; and, having done it, he will an imposing sight. Cambridge, Mass., questioned it and have cited official have shot his bolt. He will find him- for instance, is many hundred miles or semi-official statements which self next year, with depleted men from the path, but the per cent of Evelyn Graham to the student in seemed to point in the other direc- power, facing superior numbers totality even there will be 63 per

Shadow Will be a Long One.

In an eclipse of the sun, the of the moon's shadow varies between he chose. Furthermore, the loot of Now, as to the danger from sub- 228,300 and 236,050 miles. The long-

## **AIRPLANES**

During the month of May 1,137 airplanes were brought down on the various fighting fronts, nearly fourfifths of the loss being sustained by the enemy.

On the western front 971 airplanes were brought down, 749 of them being German. Of the 749, the British brought down 497, the French 234, the Americans 13 and the Belgians 5. On the Italian front, the British and Italians brought down 116 enemy airplanes

It was desirable, of course, to inscribe the new Russian flag with something short ,simple, and easy to read at a distance. So after mature matter of fact, in the March offen Germany is that the Roumanian deliberation they settled upon this: peace treaty is a scrap of paper that "Rossiskaya oStzialyitscheskaya Federativnaya Sovietskaya Respublika."

(By Miss Evelyn Graham.)

The eleventh annual commencement of Fassifern school began Sunday afternoon at 6 o'clock in St. James' church, when Rev. A. W. Farnum preached the baccalaureate sermon. The students, wearing white dresses and hats, made a charming scene, marching from the eloquent appeal to the young held the attention of a large congregation. A beautiful silk flag was presented the parish by the Fassifern students, carried in by little Miss Mary Peace.

Fassifern closes its fourth school erm in Hendersonville; having moved here from Lincolnton in the fall of 1914, Fassifern has closed one of the most successful years in the history of the school.

Monday, June 3, at 5:30 the gradnation exercises were held in the auditorium, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. Owing to the weather, the exercises could not be held on the spacious veranda, as heretofore. Despite the inclement weather there was a large number of town people who enjoyed the exercises, which were characterized by beauty and simplicity.

The program for the afternoon

was as follows: Invocation-Rev. A. W. Farnum. Song-"America," students. Salutatory-Ella Tew Lindsay.

Address-Haywood Parker, of Asheville, who was introduced by

W. A. Smith.
Following the presentation of di-plomas and certificates by Mr. Park-er, Dr. W. R. Kirk presented the three medals which are offered each year by the following: Miss Kate derson Cary, of Savannah, Ga., was From the Columbia river the path voted the best. Miss Chambers' A gold medal offered by Dr. Kirk for general excellence in the art department was awarded to Miss Mary Ly-

> E. W. Ewbank presented three prizes, which were offered by Mrs. Marjorie Carson, all of Henderson-

brook Lasiter, of Winston-Salem,

Dr. E. E. Bomar presented the medals offered by the following: The Catherine Cameron medal, which will be given annually by Miss school who throughout the year has exerted the best influence for good over the other students, was awarded this year to Miss Ella Tew Lindsay, of Spartanburg, S. C. The vote of the student body and faculty by ballot was overwhelmingly for Miss Lindsay. Also a prize, a small gold cross, was given by Miss Graham this year to the young lady on Miss Graham's hall who had so faithfully performed her duty as monitor of the hall during the entire term, and who had never shirked from any This prize was given to Miss Caro-

line Yancey, of Marion, N. C. The medal given annually by W. H. Hawkins for general excellence in awarded to Miss Alma Seagle, of Le-

Miss Mary Alice Wilson received the music medal, which is given by Rev. Ellyson Simpson, for the most improvement in music during the

Honorable mention was made of the following art pupils: Josephine Dixon, Sallie Lou Packard, Mildred Lindsay, Cornelia McDowell. Valedictory-Miss Jean Robert-

Song-"The Star Spangled Ban-

ner." students. Following these exercises there was an exhibition of the work done by Miss Cornelia McDowell, certificate pupil, and by the other members

There were ten graduates this year, namely: Jean Robertson, of New York, first honor; Ella Tew Lindsay of Spartanburg, second honor; Misses Josephine Bird, of Maion, N. C.; Nell Carson, and Lucile Morris, of Hendersonville; Margaret Doty, of Vermont; Sue Hardin, of Wilmington, N. C.; Blanche King, of Albemarle, N. C.; Emily McRae, of Asheville, and Caroline Stamey, of Fallston, N. C.

Music certificates: Josephine Bird, Ella Lindsay and Mary Brooks. Art: Cornelia McDowell, of Morganton, N. C.

Domestic Science: Mary Lybrook Lasater, of Winston-Salem; Cornelia McDowell, May Latta Moore, Bettie Skelding, Lola Taylor, Frances Park-

Miss Virginia' Whitfield, of Hendersonville, received a music certificate. The marshals for the afternoon

were chosen from the junior el