

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE SUCCESSFUL YEAR

### Graduating Class Excels Previous Records—Number of Medals Awarded.

The Forest City Public Schools closed a most successful year with appropriate commencement exercises. The graduating class excels previous records. Attendance and punctuality show high standard and are rewarded by the Parent-Teacher's Association with certificates and prizes. A number of medals are awarded for excellency in work along various lines. A powerful sermon and an address were features.

#### Debate.

A very high class High School debate was that which was held for the purpose of deciding on the winner of the Dr. Young Memorial Medal in 1922. The subject was, "Resolved, That the United States should join the League of Nations." The affirmative speakers were Louise Harrill and Mary Alice Smith; the negative speakers were Hiram Watkins and Ralph Biggerstaff. The judges were Miss Pearl Harrelson, Prof. Ernest Justice, and Dr. Chas. S. McCall. Louise Harrill was declared the best debater.

#### Grammar School Exercises

A splendid program was given by the Grammar School. The children showed excellent training in drill, song, and expression. The Operetta "Bonny Bell" formed the center of the program.

#### Sermon By Dr. Little.

Dr. Luther Little, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Charlotte, delivered a soul stirring sermon to the graduating Class. His subject was "God's Gardens" and his sermon was divided into four parts; first the Garden of Eden, which he likened to youth in that it was a place of happiness, joy, and freedom from cares. Second, the Garden of Gethsemane, which he described as a place of service and suffering and he told his hearers that they could not always dwell among the flowers, but that they would find cares and disappointments. Here too they should find their opportunity to make their contribution to the world.

Third, the Garden of Joseph's Tomb, which he characterized as the Garden of Triumph, for in it Christ broke the bonds of death and lives again. "If your Garden of Gethsemane has been one of worth-while service, your Garden of Triumph awaits you."

Fourth, The Garden of the New Jerusalem. There joy and peace will be restored, and service rewarded. His sermon might be summarized in these words "Enjoy your Garden of Eden, serve well your Garden of Gethsemane, and be assured of your Garden of Triumph and Garden of the New Jerusalem."

#### Splendid Address.

The address by Dr. J. E. Abernethy, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Charlotte, N. C., was a masterpiece in oratory. The subject was "Be strong and show thyself a man." He gave as the essentials of manhood integrity, self appreciation, fidelity and industry. A fine contrast was made of the boy who says sometime he will do thus and so, and the boy who says NOW. He quoted many successful men who have admonished to greatness. Some of the most striking quotations were, "Nothing is too good for a French soldier." "Nothing but the best is good enough here." "To thine own self be true and it must follow as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man." "Be all there." The speech rose to great force when Dr. Abernethy said "Young man or

young lady, whatever you do in life be all there." No one could hear the address without feeling that obstacles are but stepping stones and that man has serious responsibility in life.

Supt. Benj. L. Smith gives credit for the success of the school to the splendid co-operation of patrons, pupils and teachers. He expressed special appreciation for the excellent work of the Parent-Teachers' Association. Those who were associated with him in the conduct of the school with their home addresses are as follows: Miss Annie Hamrick, Shelby. Miss Bertha Jones, Forest City. Mrs. R. C. Cochran, Marion. Miss Mattie Hyder, Forest City. Miss Florine Herman, Hickory. Mrs. J. V. Ware, Forest City. Miss Mae Nanney, Union Mills. Miss Nelle Young, Forest City. Miss Frances Hoyle, Shelby. Miss Mary Sue Hill, Rutherford-

to. Miss Virginia Holmes, Forest City.

Miss Lucy Padgett, Forest City, R. 2.

Miss Ruby Stanton, Bennettsville, S. C.

Miss Minnie Cassidey, Laurinburg.

Miss Mary Simpson, Marshville.

Miss Amelia Stephenson, Bolar, Va.

Miss Pearl Cornwell, Shelby.

Mr. Raymond Peele, Gibson.

Miss Zola Parler, Elloree, S. C.

#### School Board

The School Board is composed of the following: Mr. J. F. Alexander, Chairman; Mr. R. L. Reinhardt, Secretary; Mr. R. E. Biggerstaff, Treasurer; Dr. G. P. Reid, Mr. C. S. Hemphill.

#### Officers P. T. A.

(old)

Mrs. F. I. Barber, President.

Mrs. Parker Holmes, Secretary.

(new)

Mrs. G. P. Reid, President.

Supt. B. L. Smith, Vice-Pres.

Mrs. W. C. Blanton, Secretary.

#### Medal Winners

The Dr. Young Memorial medals, given by the daughters of the late, beloved physician, was won by Louise Harrill for the best debate.

The declaimer's medal was established by Dr. J. H. Gettys as an incentive to high attainment. It will be perpetuated in honor of this esteemed gentleman by his widow. It was won this year by Charles B. Trammel.

The reading medal was won by Laura Mae Watson for delivering the best reading. It is given this year by the school.

The most highly prized medal offered in the school is the "Scholarship Medal." It is awarded on the bases of excellent work in class room and active participation in outside school activities. The medal is a memorial to John Newton Biggerstaff, the happy school boy who was accidentally killed in 1919. It was impossible to determine upon the students who stood highest; therefore, an exact duplicate of the original is being added by the High School faculty and they are awarded to Ralph Biggerstaff and Laura Mae Watson.

#### County Medals Won.

Chas. B. Trammel, for oratory; Margaret Moore, for spelling; Argyle Edwards, for story telling; Robert Blanton, for high jumping.

#### High School Play, "The Average Man."

Cast of Characters: William Norwood, a Chicago Broker—Chas. Trammel.

Helen Norwood, His Wife—Helen Covington.

Florence Norwood, Marjory Norwood, His Daughters—Dorothy Bostic, Ruth Mears.

Jimmie Norwood, His only Son—Ralph Biggerstaff.

Miss Rand, Jimmie's Secretary—Ruth Dorsey.

Dr. Bruce, The Family Physician—Paul Moss.

James Slayton, Jimmie's Grandfather—George Holmes.

Bob Mondell, Slayton's Manager—Delbert Morgan.

Mary Mondel, their only Daugh-



ter—Laura Mae Watson. Molly Mondell, Bob's Wife—Della Collins. Mrs. Gunn, a Neighborhood Gossip—Louise Harrill. Uncle Dan, Himself a Slayton—R. Peele. The play was well received. Many pronounced it the best play ever given by local talent. Miss Stephenson and Prof. Peele coached the ones who took part. \$60.85 was made.

#### Awards and Prizes

In order to encourage regularity and punctuality the Parent-Teachers' Association gives a certificate and a book to those who are present every day and to those who were neither absent nor tardy throughout the year. The following named pupils qualified under the requirements:

#### Not Being Absent

- 1 C—Eva Griffin.
- 2 A—Jay Downey.
- 3 B—Miller Ware, Lawrence Coffey.
- 4 A—Annie Belle Ware, Rebecca Hutchins.
- 4 B—Clark Coffey, Kenneth Shytle.
- 5—W. B. Marks, Hissie Mae Vess.
- 6 A—Wm. Biggerstaff, Eugene Keeter, Ruby Moore.
- 6 B—Sarah Ruth Doggett, Ruth Agnus Doggett, Fred Blanton.
- 7—Annie Lee Biggerstaff, Craig McClure, Joe Watson, Sue Collins.
- 8—Louise Huckins, Willie Moss, Lolan Kanipe.
- 9—Jas. Padgett, Romulus Long, Virginia Link.

#### Neither Absent nor Tardy

- 1 A—John Champion.
- 2 A—George Avant, Guy Vess, Woodrow Jones.
- 2 B—Billie Avant, John Blanton.
- 3 B—Gladys Long, Albert Harrill, Russell Bailey.
- 4 A—V. G. Whitlock, Blandena Doggett.
- 5—Myrtle Gudger Harrill, Grace Jones, Chas. Ford, Jr., Minnie Lee Hill.
- 6 A—Wallace Long, Rosa Lytle, Agnes Davis.
- 6 B—Elizabeth Davis, Mary Davis, Thos. Dorsey, Philip Padgett, Bertha Metcalf, Ruth Reid.
- 7—Kathryn Barber, Mary Helen Gamble, Ocie McClure, Myrtle Tate.
- 8—Robt. Lee Harrill.
- 11—Ralph Biggerstaff, Louise Harrill, Herbert Justus.

#### Graduating Exercises

Class History—Louise Harrill. Class Prophecy—George Holmes. Last Will and Testament—Helen Covington. Class Poem—Delbert Morgan. Valedictory—Ralph Biggerstaff.

#### Declamation and Reading Contest.

DECLAMATIONS  
The Lie—Robert Lee Harrill. Pres. Harding's Speech to the Delegates of the Armament Conference—George W. Holmes. Abraham Lincoln—Charles B. Trammel. Southern Chivalry—Clyde Whitlock.

#### READINGS

Alameda—Jennie Davis. Pro Patria—Dorothy McDaniel. The Blacksmith's Story—Eula

Maie Price. As the Moon Rose—Laura Mae Watson. Judges—Capt. and Mrs. J. O. Wood and Miss Gertrude Taylor.

#### Class of 1922

Diploma Graduates—Ralph L. Biggerstaff, Pres.; Janie Louise Harrill, Vice-Pres.; Helen Covington, Secretary; Charles Earl Carswell, Della Julia Collins, George W. Holmes, Flora Elizabeth Marks, Debert D. Morgan.

#### Certificate Graduates

Foye E. Biggerstaff, Burge K. Harrill, Herbert Welton Justus, Anemo Kanipe, Florence Oeland Moore, Paul Elliott Moss, Kitty Gail Thomas, Charles B. Trammel, Grace W. Watkins, Hiram W. Watkins.

#### 7th Grade Graduates

Those completing the Elementary School and being promoted to the High School were as follows: Kathryn Barber, Annie Lee Biggerstaff, Inez Bostic, Geo. Carpenter, Bill Collins, Sue Collins, Mary Helen Gamble, Bernard Griffin, Johnnie Mae Hemphill, Paul Huntley, William Jones, Euzelia Keeter, Gold Ledbetter, Clarence Lewis Nellie Lewis, Craig McClure, Ocie McClure, Elizabeth McMurry, Margaret Moore, Lilah Padgett, Leo Padgett, Howard Petty, Eula Mae Price, Leona Rollins, Mable Rollins, Forest Royster, Ruth Royster, Myrtle Tate, Joe Watson, Chas. Whitlock, Lee Young.

#### HONOR ROLL FOR YEAR 1921-22

- 90 Per Cent Attendance
- 90 Per Cent on all Work
- Grade 1-A—Claude Haynes.
- 1-B—Jack Cooper, James Watkins, Winnie Belle Bradley.
- 1-C—Farmer Thomas, Mary Francis Harrill, Annie Moore, Evelyn Morehead, Eva Griffin, Lewis Doggett, Myra Morris.
- 3-B—Ernest Morrow, Evelyn Jones, Kathrine Moore, Sarah Bridges, Lawrence Coffey, Julius Hardin.
- 3-C—Mary Moss, Ruth Kiser.
- 4-A—Blandena Doggett, Ruby Early, Mary Moss.
- 4-B—Callie Dean, Blanche Doggett, Katie Hardin.
- 5—Myrtle Gudger Harrill, Horace Yelton, Chas. Ford, Jr., Grace Jones, Hessie Mae Vess.
- 6-A—Earl Huntley, Marie Huntley, Mary Mears, Eva Owens.
- 6-B—Alice Holmes, Sara Ruth Doggett.
- 7—Kathryn Barber, Leo Padgett, Annie Biggerstaff.
- 8—Alice Barber, Robt. Lee Harrill, Hilda McDonald.
- 9—Jewel Gamble, Ruby Holland, Merle Hollifield, Flora Matheny, Wade Matheny, Roland Morgan.
- 10—Laura Mae Watson, Frank Biggerstaff, Frances Holmes, Ralph Biggerstaff, Helen Covington, Louise Harrill.

#### STORES TO CLOSE EARLIER

A number of Forest City merchants have entered into an agreement to close their stores at 8 o'clock p. m., except on Friday and Saturday, beginning Monday, May 15.

#### RUTHERFORDTON ROUTE 1

May 8.—There will be memorial services at Shiloh the 3rd Sunday in this month. All those who have relatives and friends buried there please meet early Saturday morning, May 13th, can clean off ones who are sleeping there, that the graves. We owe to our loved we keep our cemetery nice and clean. Let every one come out and aid in this work.

Mrs. B. H. Allen is right sick now. Hope she will soon be well again. Velma, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Morrow, is on the sick list also.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Winnie B. Hamrick, May 6th, a fine ten pound daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. McBrayer and children, of Caroleen, visited relatives on Route 1 Sunday.

Miss Ida Abrams is spending some time with her sister, Mrs. J. A. McCraw, on Gaffney route 9.

The Shiloh people were glad to have Rev. Guy Walker, of Boiling Springs, with them Sunday. He preached an excellent sermon. Hope he will visit us again.

#### ELEVENTH DISTRICT, O. E. S., MEETS WITH BOILING SPRINGS

The Eleventh District, O. E. S., met with Boiling Springs Chapter on Saturday night, May 6th, with Mrs. Mary E. McCrary, district deputy, in charge, assisted by Mrs. La Una Barber, past district deputy. Three Chapters of the district were represented—Areme, Rutherfordton and Boiling Springs. Nine members of Chesnee Chapter were present. The meeting was opened by Boiling Springs Chapter, assisted by Areme Chapter officers.

Areme Chapter, assisted by Boiling Springs, exemplified the degree work in the initiation of Miss Lillian Rudisill, with officers as follows: Mrs. Mary Marks, worthy matron; J. A. Wilkie, worthy patron; Miss Annie Hamrick, associate matron; Mrs. Eula Biggerstaff, conductress; Mrs. La Una Barber, associate conductress; Mrs. Ruth Mintz, Adah; Mrs. D. P. Lipscomb, Ruth; Mrs. Mary Harrill, Esther; Mrs. E. Reid, Martha; Mrs. Nannie Wilkie, Electra; Miss Rinda Goode, Chaplain; Mr. P. L. Marks, warden; Mr. F. I. Barber, sentinel.

The next district meeting will be held at Forest City April 20, 1923. Following a splendid address by the district deputy, the meeting was closed and a social hour enjoyed.

#### NARROW ESCAPE

Two young men of Caroleen, George Revis and John Redford, had a most miraculous escape from death, when a truck in which they were riding dashed through the bridge railing and into the river at that place last Saturday afternoon. The truck fell into about ten feet of water, the young men going down with it. Both dived to the top and with the exception of a few bruises were none the worse for the harrowing experience. The truck belongs to Mr. O. B. Ward and was only slightly damaged.

#### BIG SHOE SALE AT HENRIETTA

One of the biggest and best shoe sales ever put on in the county will be inaugurated at the Henrietta Store, No. 1, beginning Wednesday, May 17, and continuing through to the following Monday. Such values as Florsheim, Walk-Over and Nunn-Bush shoes will go in this great sale. There will be bargains all through the large department which should bring people from every section of the county. Watch for bills and newspaper ads. next week.

Floorlac offer extended to Friday and Saturday of this week. One 15c brush and a 30c can of Floorlac, 10c. Flack Hardware Co.

#### BIG SPECIAL SALE AT SANDY MUSH

Mr. A. V. Hamrick, the Sandy Mush merchant, has advertised another big sale, to start Saturday, May 13, and continue through to May 20. On both Saturdays he will give away a dress pattern and has many big bargains advertised. He is a splendid business man and a thorough believer in printers' ink. His sales are always a success.

#### K. P. MEETING

Forest City Lodge, K. P., met Monday night with a large attendance. Degrees were conferred upon J. E. McFarland and Thomas Bird. The district meeting will be held May 29. You are invited to join now and have a good time.

#### "SWAMPED"

The Courier begs the indulgence of its friends who furnish news copy, for this week we have been "swamped" and have had to leave out some items and cut others short. Kind friends, please get your news in earlier.

#### SAVE FLAPPERS' SOULS



Mrs. Mattie Crawford, woman evangelist, sometimes called the Female Billy Sunday, has launched a campaign designed to bring salvation to the flapper. "The little flappers are flapping their souls away," she says. "They must send them to the laundry of the Lord, and let their hair grow. The tiny modern Delilahs are having the tables turned. The flapper has lost her moral strength with the loss of her locks."