

FIRST ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT COOL SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL



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The first annual commencement of the Cool Springs Township high school was held in the beautiful new building in Forest City, May 28, 30, and 31.

The following students were graduated: Mae Aldridge, Katherine Barber, Annie Lee Biggerstaff, Boyce B. Blair, Sue Collins, Chas. Dalton, Bush Doggett, Vonnie Doggett, John Lester Duncan, Thos. Griffin, Cortez Hamrick, Hugh Hardin, Reid Harrill, Janet Holland, Edna Hollifield, Lolan Kanipe, Grace Lewis, Nedie Lewis, Ala May Matheny, Velma Mayce, C. L. Moore, Edward Moody, Hubert Moore, Margaret Moore, Craig McClure, Mabel Rollins, Dan Smith, Louise Womack, Glen Toms.

Hi-Y Club State Champions.

The feature of commencement was the presentation of the State Bible Study Trophy to the Hi-Y Club on Friday evening. This prize, a beautiful silver loving cup, was presented by Mr. J. F. Feserman, of Charlotte, who is state director of boys work for the Y. M. C. A. The cup was won by a Bible study class which was conducted through the Hi-Y Club, in which they competed with clubs all over the state in schools with an enrollment of more than one hundred boys. These classes met weekly and studied a pre-

scribed course and the examination questions were sent out from the state Y. M. C. A. office and returned there for correction. Mr. Sutton, the faculty advisor of the Club, was assisted in teaching these classes by Messrs. Eaks and Lee and by Dr. McCall and Attorney C. O. Ridings. The Hi-Y Club was organized this year and has been one of the most active organizations in the school. It has twenty-five members, has met weekly and its slogan of, "Clean Speech, Clean Athletics, and Honest Class Work," has been a very potent force among the boys. The cup was accepted by Tom Griffin, vice president of the Bible class. One very interesting feature of the prize given by Mr. George Ivey, of Hickory, president of the Southern Desk Company. Mr. Ivey was once a resident of Forest City. He was the first superintendent of the Florence to Forest City people is that it is Mills and is most pleasantly remembered here.

Class Day Stunt.

The class day exercises were very clever and unusual. They took the form of a play in two acts, "The Last Class Meeting." Act one was a meeting of the senior class in their school room for the purpose of practicing the class day. The "meeting" (Continued on Page Four)

WORK HAS BEGUN ON THE ALEXANDER MEMORIAL BLDG.

Handsome Sunday School Edifice to Cost Approximately \$65,000 and Be Modernly Equipped.

Work has begun on the Alexander Memorial Sunday School building, the handsome new structure to adjoin the First Baptist church in this city, and made possible by the generosity of the late J. F. Alexander and his family and business associate. Ground was broken following a 6:30 prayer service at the First Baptist church on Monday morning, May 24, the pick being wielded by Dr. W. A. Ayers and the first shovel of dirt by Chas. Z. Flack.

The Alexander Memorial building is to cost approximately \$65,000. The actual work of construction has begun and the building is to be finished within five months. The architects are Casey and Fant, of Anderson, S. C., who have been very successful in church and Sunday school buildings. The contractors are W. H. Hand and Son, of Belmont, who have a reputation of doing fine work and doing it right and on time.

The new building is to be three stories and of brick construction, and when completed will be one of the handsomest in the state—a credit to Forest City and a monument of enduring remembrance to the real founder in whose loving memory it is named—Hon. J. F. Alexander.

The first floor will contain a large social room and class rooms to be used by the Men's Bible class and other adult classes. It will also be equipped with modern kitchen equipment.

The second floor will carry the main entrance, on the west side of the church and facing the north. The two buildings will be connected with a corridor. On this floor will be the ladies' departments.

The third floor will be occupied by the intermediate and young peoples departments.

Each department will have a separate assembly room.

The building will be modernly equipped and the equal of any in the state of its size. Dr. Burroughs, of Nashville, an authority, passed on the plans with 100 per cent approval, which is a great recommendation.

The movement for the erection of a needed Sunday school building was started some time ago under the direction of Dr. W. A. Ayers, and the consummation of the dream was

made possible by the generosity of the Hon. J. F. Alexander, who made it be known before his death that he would donate one-fourth of the cost of the structure. There was no price limit, he agreeing to pay his one-fourth of whatever amount the Baptists might raise for the building. Following his lamented demise, Mrs. Alexander and his relatives and business associates came forward with the donations that made the building of a structure of magnificent proportions possible. In gratitude and loving remembrance of a staunch friend and supporter of the church, the Baptists unanimously agreed to name the building in his honor.

The First Baptist church of Forest City, was organized as Cool Springs Baptist church in about the year 1825, and was served by the following pastors in the order named.

Rev. William Harrill, Rev. Wade Hill, Rev. Bailus Justice, Rev. J. H. Yarborough, Rev. G. W. Rollins, Rev. J. Bright, Rev. Z. D. Harrill, Rev. H. C. Dickson, Dr. M. M. Landrum, Rev. J. E. Hedgepath, Rev. E. W. Wilson, Rev. J. Q. Adams, Rev. J. M. Hamrick, Rev. S. N. Watson, Dr. W. A. Ayers

The church was removed from its former location, which is now Cool Springs cemetery, which property still belongs to the church. A brick building had been erected more nearly in the center of the city. Here the work prospered until, under the pastorate of Rev. J. Q. Adams, the building became inadequate for the growing work of the church and a new and modern church house was erected. The beloved and popular Dr. Adams served the church until his death.

The next pastor was Rev. S. N. Watson, now of Bladenboro, N. C., who served the church for a term of four years before removing to his present charge.

In November, 1922, the church extended a call to Dr. W. A. Ayers, of New Bern, N. C., but he did not come to the pastorate, on account of the great fire at that place, until June 1923. The long period in which the church was without a pastor found the work at a rather low (Continued on Page Four)

HENRIETTA-CAROLEEN SCHOOL CLOSES

Caroleen, June 2.—The Henrietta-Caroleen High School came to a close last week after one of the most successful years in its history. Under the able supervision of Prof. J. B. Jones and his splendid corps of teachers at both the elementary schools and the Central High has progressed wonderfully throughout the entire term. There has been a larger attendance this year than in any previous year, and the students have enjoyed all the splendid equipment and advantages this year that has come with the modern and beautiful school buildings that have been built. Little or no dissatisfaction or complaints have come about among the pupils, teachers or parents and the years work has been a pleasant task indeed. The splendid cooperation of the parent-teachers association has helped wonderfully in making the years work a grand success.

The Commencement exercises which began Thursday evening, May 27, was largely attended and enjoyed. A most inspiring message was delivered by Prof. Newton of Shelby, General Supervisor of Cleveland county schools, filling the appointment of Dr. Zeno Wall, who had been invited to be the speaker of the evening, but who was unable to attend. Prof. Newton, however filled his place most ably and proved himself a speaker of particular mention. His address of which subject was, "Be A Man," was well delivered and immensely enjoyed by all.

The elementary school exercises were given Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the central school building, when a large number of boys and girls received their certificates which will enter them into the high school work.

The class day exercises were given Friday evening, May 28, at 8 o'clock and was an occasion of special mention, owing to the beauty and unusual arrangement of it. An original class day playlet, written by members of the faculty and seniors was titled "A Vision of the Depths." The synopsis is as follows:

Two high school seniors wonder about the future of the class of '26 of the Henrietta-Caroleen high school. One, much burdened with work, falls asleep and dreams of a spirit from the land of the depths who comes into his harbor land and

with her attendants makes known to him many things about his classmates. The senior awakes; his classmates come in. The gifforian awards characteristic gifts, the valedictorian makes her speech and the seniors sing their farewell song.

Saturday evening harked the closing of the exercises and although with a sadness of the parting and the seriousness of the occasion, Dr. J. H. Highsmith, of Raleigh, brought such an inspiring and instructive message, filled with so much humor and wit the evening was filled with joy and pleasure. His subject for the evening was: "Educational Advantages Equalized," and much valuable information concerning the educational growth and amazing wealth of our state and nation was given.

The class roll and officers of the senior class are as follows:

- President—Leigh Harrill—also valedictorian.
- Vice President—Mary Frances Smith.
- Secretary and treasurer—Paul Head.
- Prophet—Pearl Jolley.
- Testator—Mary Whitehead.
- Salutatorian—Ethel Scruggs.
- Historian—Christeen Roper.
- Poet—Murdock Lockman.
- Gifforian—Ethel Scruggs.
- Grumbler—Ethylene Wilkins, Arthur Smith.
- Class motto—Out of the Harbor Into the Depths.
- Class Colors—Old Rose and Silver.
- Class Flower—Rose.

Henrietta - Caroleen High Closes Ball Season

Henrietta-Caroleen high school lays aside a season in athletics of the best. Being "out of sight" in the county for about two years, shades of the old form of athletic prevailed and two of the strongest basketball and baseball teams in the country, wrestled with Forest City for championship in basketball to be defeated, and also in baseball, although we take refuge in the fact that at first of the season we gave Forest City theirs. The championship game was the only full high school team (Continued on Page Eight)

LITTLE HOPE HELD OUT FOR RECOVERY OF GIRL IN CRASH

Little hope is held out for the recovery of Genevieve Hamilton, six year old daughter of Dr. and Mrs. S. J. Hamilton, of Burnsville, who suffered a fracture of the skull and a broken leg Sunday when she was struck by an automobile driven by O. T. Huntley, of Hendersonville, near her home. The child had not regained consciousness Monday afternoon.

Witnesses said the girl was playing in front of her home. Mr. Huntley drove by with his family. Genevieve darted out from the side of the road and Mr. Huntley's car struck her, although he made an effort to turn aside. The accident was unavoidable, it was said.

Dr. J. B. Gibbs, of Burnsville, was summoned and with Dr. Hamilton, he brought the girl to the Mission Hospital where it was found she had sustained a fractured skull, broken leg and other injuries.—Asheville Times.

Mr. Huntley is Oscar Huntley, of Forest City, and his many friends sympathize with him in the deplorable accident. The child, we are informed, succumbed to her injuries on Monday evening.

Prof. E. G. Lee will leave Greensboro Friday as a delegate to the Kiwanis convention at Montreal. A stop-over will be made at Philadelphia, thence to Clayton, N. Y., where a boat will be taken for Montreal. Four days will be spent at Montreal, from there to Quebec and returning via Portland, Me., Boston and New York city.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Hill, May 21, a fine boy—O. G., Jr.



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