

FORTY STUDENTS ARE MEMBERS OF THE SENIOR CLASS

Dr. R. H. Wright Brings Inspiring Message to Graduating Class. Dr. H. N. Snyder Delivers Sermon

(By Mrs. Maude Minish Sutton)
Commencement week in Forest City has been featured by beautiful weather and an abundance of Spring flowers. The exercises began on Friday evening with a recital by the pupils of Miss Goggans at the high school auditorium. The stage was a bower of loveliness and the program was all nature music. The lovely dresses of the girls and the floral arrangement of the stage fitted the elaborate program and created an atmosphere of "early morning spring-time freshness" that was truly delightful. The pupils on the program all performed their parts well and showed a great deal of progress.

The stage decoration were in charge of Mesdames R. E. Biggerstaff, Spurgeon Moss, and Flay Weathers and Miss Mayme Martin.

Dr. Snyder Delivers Sermon
Sunday evening at 8 o'clock the commencement sermon was preached by Dr. H. N. Snyder, president of Wofford College. The big auditorium of the Cool Springs High School was filled with a capacity audience and the sermon was one of the best that a Forest City audience has ever heard. The music by the combined choirs of the Forest City churches was typical of the splendid music that these choirs always give. It consisted of a violin solo by Mr. A. M. Glickman. This was an unusually beautiful number. Mr. Glickman, with perfect command of his instrument is an artist that always delights a Forest City audience. The entire congregation sang, "Come Thou Almighty King," then Dr. M. F. Moores pronounced the invocation, the choir sang Kipling's Recessional, Dr. W. A. Ayers read a selection from the Bible, Mrs. A. M. Glickman sang a beautiful solo, "O Divine Redeemer." After the sermon the congregation sang "How Firm a Foundation," and Dr. Geo. R. Gillespie led the closing prayer.

Dr. Snyder's sermon, addressed to the graduating class who filled the front seats, was a most inspiring message. He talked especially to the young folks and told them first, that he believed that times were growing steadily better all the time. He based this belief on the fact that young folks today are better than they have ever been. He said man was like a beautiful house which he once saw, in which the entire attic was made into a beautiful living room full of

FOREST CITY GIRL IS PRIZE WINNER

Miss Ruth Reid Wins Third Prize in Nation-Wide Essay Contest

The following announcement was made in Tuesday's Charlotte Observer, under an Atlanta, Ga., date line: "The commission on inter-racial cooperation announced today that George M. Clarke, of Cleburne, Texas, won first prize in the commission's nation-wide contest among high school students for the best essay on the subject "Negro Progress Since the Civil War." First prize was \$50, while second prize of \$30 went to Robert A. Armistead, also of Cleburne, and third prize of \$20 to Ruth Elliott Reid, of Forest City, N. C."

Miss Reid is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Reid, of this city. She will graduate from the Cool Springs high school this year. She is one of the outstanding members of the senior class. She won the Carpenter Essay medal in the county-wide essay-oration contest held here in March. She is the senior class prophet, and a model all-round student.

Commencement Exercises Cool Springs High School Held This Week



big windows each of which framed a lovely view. In this room the owner of the house kept his best loved books, his most beautiful pictures and entertained his closest friends. There, he said, these friends could be with the persons they loved and with God, away from the crowd, the bustle and speed of life. He told the seniors that life in the top story was the best life. He stressed the joy to be found in intellectual development and in spiritual growth.

He said that if you looked at a picture of pre-historic man his body was like that of a man's today, but his head was shaped very differently. The change in the structure of the head is from the eyebrows to the hair, the top story. He showed how the growth of man's brain had made this difference. Like the house he saw, the brain of man is in three stories and only the top story counts. To fill that top story with the best that the world can give is the only ambition worth while. To do this, you must do the best you know, do the best people expect and do the best God expects. Mold your life along the lines of the only perfect life, that of Christ.

Class Day
Monday evening at 8 o'clock the Senior class presented a clever and interesting class day program. This program was in the form of a possible class reunion in May, 1957. The place was supposed to be the home of U. S. Senator Agnes Davis, and the boys had presumed that the militant spirit of the girls would have succeeded, by that time, in placing them all in position of great importance while the boys would "revert to their natural state" and care for the homes. The girls appeared as judges, generals, ranchers, aviators and all kinds of professionals. The boys as "pretty little butterflies," maids, cooks, Misses and other feminine occupations. Very clever acting was done by Wm. Biggerstaff and Pierce Hyder, as "maids" in the home of Senator Davis, by Reece Harrill as the Senator's "pretty frivolous husband," by Evelyn Blanton, Agnes Davis and Alice Holmes. The history was read by Ena May Lyda, the will, by Frank Griffin and two pretty musical numbers on the program were a duet by Mary Meares and Ruby Moore and a solo by Alba Padgett, both of these were accompanied by Eunice Hollifield. Between acts a very pretty gypsy dance was put on by eight of the senior girls.

The stage decorations for this event was extremely beautiful. The senior boys, under the direction of Mr. Crowder, had built a fence for the front of the stage and three panels of lattice for the back. All of this was entwined with Dorothy Perkins roses and two tall white pedestals held bowls of daisies at the center opening in the fence. At either end of the stage was a large basket of lilies. The effect was exquisite. In fact, the decorations for all the exercises have been unusually appropriate and beautiful.

Reading and Declamation Contest
Tuesday morning at 10:30 a. m. the reading and declamation contest was held. Three boys and four girls contested for these medals. Mr. Erwin presided and the program follows. 1—The Gypsy Flower Girl by May Hill. 2—Americanism by Forest Hunt. 3—The Littlest Rebel by Ersell Horn. 4—The Return of Regulus by Wm. Ayers. 5—Aunt Jerushy Visits the City, by Lilah Gordon King. 6—Character, by Wyman Wood. 7—The Soul of the Violin by Aileen Padgett. The winners were Wyman Wood and Aileen Padgett. All the



FACULTY—First row—Miss Juanita Minish, Miss Sara Bailey, Miss Katherine Brown, Mr. S. M. Crowder. Second row—Mr. C. C. Erwin, principal; Mr. D. H. Sutton, Miss Princa Gaines. Third row—Miss Mary Wilder, Mr. J. W. Eaks, superintendent; Miss Katherine Goggans. Fourth row—Mrs. O. C. Turner, Miss Lillie Maude Bell, Miss Gladys Harrison, Miss Pauline Huggins.

contestants did extremely well and showed splendid training. Both winners are from the Junior class.

Graduation Exercises
Tuesday night at 8 o'clock the graduation exercises were held in the high school auditorium. The stage was beautifully decorated and the people made a very striking picture. Dr. Geo. R. Gillespie made the opening invocation which was followed by two musical numbers, "Sweetheart" by the boys quartette and "Welcome Pretty Primrose Flower" by the glee club. Then Superintendent Eaks presented County Superintendent Clyde Erwin who was to introduce the speaker of the evening. Mr. Erwin spoke briefly in his usual graceful manner. He congratulated Cool Springs Township on its school achievements, described the graduating class as the flower of the township and said there was no way to estimate the value of the training these young people had received.

In introducing Dr. R. H. Wright, president of East Carolina Teachers' College, Mr. Erwin paid a high tribute to Dr. Wright as one of the State's foremost educators. He said there was no man in the state now, rendering greater service.

Dr. Wright's address was interesting, instructive and very forceful. He held the complete attention of the large audience every second of his time. He first gave the origin of the term commencement, then congratulated the seniors upon graduating and announced his subject. Taxation. He discussed the universal nature of taxation, how it concerns every citizen, gave its origin in tribute money, told Christ's attitude toward taxation, "Render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's" and said that this saying of Christ's established for man a standard for all time.

Then he took up the uses of tax money. Most taxes are used for community development. We levy taxes

for schools. There are two kinds of taxes every community must pay: School tax or crime tax. The last legislature appropriated in the same bill \$400,000 for the state penitentiary and the same sum for one of the state's A-grade teachers' college. He said that he had rather spend his money to send teachers to children than to support criminals. What is the reason North Carolina's crime bill is so large? The average age of our criminals is 26 years. Twenty years ago they were six years old. What was the state doing for her children twenty years ago? In many places there was no school. She is now educating her citizens. One of our great judges said that of all the criminals he sentenced they were either entirely illiterate or did not attend Sunday school. Education would have saved 95 per cent of the criminals now in prison.

He congratulated the township on its magnificent progress and its buildings. Then paid a tribute to modern youth, showed how styles are more sensible than they used to be, how modern youth shows great courage and daring, and said that back in the heart of modern youth burned the age old desire to make the most out of their lives. He said American boys in the world war and Lindburgh in his flight last week showed the quality of modern youth. He said that each year's crop of graduates was better than the preceding one.

Youth is clamoring for a chance to get an education. We cannot educate unless we put in each class room a good teacher. A child is a little savage, but oh, the possibilities in every child! Upon our progress in education the future of the state depends. Build good school houses, transport the children and give them teachers who know how to teach, then this will be a great state.

Dr. Wright closed his address with

a most inspiring message to the seniors. He described some gardens in the Organ mountains at Rio De Janeiro. At the bottom people plant shrubs in gardens, 1000 feet higher are still more beautiful garden, 1000 feet higher up is a narrow gorge 2000 feet deep and a hard climb to the top. When you make that climb the view is the most beautiful in the world. He begged the graduates not to stop in the pleasure gardens, but to climb on to the life work each could do best.

The medals were then presented by Mr. Charles C. Erwin. The reading medal given by the Farmers Bank & Trust Co., went to Aileen Padgett. A ten dollar gold piece for the best declamation, given by Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Duncan, was presented to Wyman Wood. The medals for the best all round student, given by Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Biggerstaff in memory of their son, was presented to Agnes Davis. The scholarship prize of fifty dollars, given by Mrs. J. F. Alexander in memory of Mr. Alexander was won by Sara Ruth Doggett. Three gold medals given by the County Board of Education to students who have had a 5-year record of perfect attendance went to Wallace Long, Gladys Long and Ruth Reid. The typists prizes were as follows: Gold medal for best 2-year's record, Mary Meares; a gold medal for speed went to Sara Ruth Doggett, silver medals were won by Nell Searcy, Evelyn Blanton and Gladys Dalton. The Dr. Young memorial medal for the best debater was won by Evelyn Blanton.

Mr. Eaks then presented the diplomas. His message to the seniors was brief but very forceful. He told them they had gone through school in order to do more efficient work, and they must continue to let the sunlight of truth penetrate every corner of their lives.

CHAUTAUQUA TO OPEN HERE TODAY—THURSDAY

Everything in Readiness for Five Days of High-Class Entertainment—Splendid Program

Redpath's chautauqua, always eagerly looked for and thoroughly enjoyed, is with us again, the opening number to be given this afternoon (Thursday), and to continue for five days. The tent has been pitched on the lot back of the Forest City Motor Co., and a good first-day attendance is anticipated, with increasing interest throughout the five big days of wholesome entertainment.

The best first-day program ever presented by the Redpath Chautauqua Novelty Company this afternoon. This organization is one of the best woman's musical companies on the chautauqua platform. The members of the company are Miss Dyer, pianist, reader and directress; Miss Landre, trombonist; Miss Andrus, violinist, and Miss Sperry, xylophonist. These young ladies are artists and offer a program of classical, semi-classical and popular numbers. This company is always welcomed everywhere, not only for their musical ability, but for their graciousness, as well. Be sure and see this splendid first-day program, which pleases not only the ear but also the eye.

Mr. Charles H. Plattenburg, noted lecturer, humorist and editor, will give a lecture on the opening night, which is a message to every individual in Rutherford county. His subject is "The Old Town in a New World." He presents his subject in a forceful, but humorous and very interesting way.

Mr. A. H. McClain, Jr., advance representative, and Miss Nelle Pollard Dahkne, field representative for the Redpath Bureau, have been in Forest City for the past week paving the way for the chautauqua program. Miss Dahkne has been working with the ladies of the Woman's Club, organizing sales forces which are covering every section of the town and county in a thorough canvass. Both these young people are Tennesseans and are alumni of the University of Tennessee. They have made many friends in Forest City and have done great work in promoting the chautauqua.

Also in passing, we want to congratulate the ladies of the Woman's Club for their great work in placing the pledge cards and other duties in connection with bringing to Forest City this high class entertainment.

PROCEEDINGS OF CIVIL COURT

Several Cases Disposed of Since Convening of Court Monday Morning

Rutherfordton, May 25.—Civil court convened here Monday morning with Judge John M. Oglesby presiding. The following cases were disposed of Monday and Tuesday:

Hyder Whitesides vs. Clement-Dunavant Co., judgment for plaintiff in sum of \$75.00.

McConnon Co. vs. Charles Marsh, (deceased), W. S. Moss, J. B. Long, W. C. Blanton, for consent judgment. Defendants agree to pay \$250.00 and costs.

C. L. Harrill vs. Howard Hollifield. Compromise judgment, defendant to pay costs.

Wright-Bachman Lumber Co., vs. Citizens Bank and Trust Co., administrator of Solomon Gallert. Compromise. Plaintiff recovers by agreement \$1125.00 and costs.

M. C. Flack vs. Mary Flack, divorce granted.

V. L. Cox vs. H. M. Cox, divorce granted.

Bob Richardson vs. Mattie Richardson, divorce granted.