

THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

A PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER DEVOTED TO THE UPBUILDING OF AMERICAN HOMES AND AMERICAN INDUSTRIES.

BURLINGTON, ALAMANCE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 1915.

THE FOURTH ANNUAL COUNTY COMMENCEMENT A CROWNING SUCCESS.

People Came In Crowds From Every Corner of The County.

Many Flowering Floats, Miles of Children, An Inspiring Sight.

EIGHTY-FIVE GRADUATES.

A Handsome Exhibition, Pretty Weather, Every Feature A Success, A Great And Good Day.

The Heavens shown above with bright skies and the earth made a mild melody of music with an unfolding of the spring tide as the good people from all over the county gathered in Graham on last Saturday for holding their 4th Annual county Commencement. Plans had been made early in the school year for special lines of endeavors; some definite things were to be done; and the people came together to consummate a work in which all engaged with interest and pride. Early in the morning the people began to come. First to appear was the automobile with its speed and load. Then the fleetest horses with buggies and carriages. Soon all kinds of conveyance were coming together, and continued to come till the town was filled with folks.

The program was taken up and carried out almost exactly as scheduled. The first on program was the parade. It formed at the Graded School building and moved down Main street to and around the Court House and back to the Baptist Church. It was large and very beautiful.

The parade was headed by the Oneida Band in uniform, which was followed by Uncle Sam and Aunt Columbia on the town's white match horses. Then came a long line of elegantly planned and beautifully finished floats. Each one unique and pretty carrying out some special design and color scheme. A procession of twenty and more of these large floats drawn by pretty horses and filled with sweet children presented a scene of beauty linked on to beauty as they lined up on the new asphalt streets that were viewed and admired by solid phalanks of people that stood on the side as the great procession moved by. And then the scene did not cease. Hundreds and hundreds of children followed the floats in the line of march. They wore their colors, carried their banners, and marched with the beautiful bearing of the trained soldier. A beautiful sight, a most magnificent demonstration was the parade.

The large grove at the Baptist church formed a shady retreat and out door auditorium for the crowd while it listened to the literary address. Just before the address all joined in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," and Rev. Rose of the Baptist church made the invocation. The address was made by Prof. E. C. Brooks of Trinity College. Prof. Brooks began by saying that he did not know that

he was expected to speak to all the people of Alamance county, and that if he pitched his voice somewhat high he only meant to be heard in Burlington and in Mebane. In his discourse he dealt with binding the soul of man to God by bringing the child in contact with those things that would cause the best impulses to be developed in the child. He showed how that might be language or letters, the manipulation of metal or other material, or mother nature herself. It was a masterful address, and worthy of deep consideration by all who are concerned in developing the best manhood and womanhood.

Immediately after the address, certificates were presented to eighty-five graduates that composed the class of 1915. This is the largest class that has yet graduated from the Public schools of the county. They did not represent every school in the county, but they represented every section of the county. Their names are as follows:

Dacy Spurgeon Isley, David Pleasant Teague, Ruth Elmer Williams, Effie Susan Braxton, Alta Newlin, Ollie Victoria McBane, Lacy W. D. Guthrie, William Ressie Guthrie, Iola Emma Braxton, Luther Jeffreys, Vallie Spoon, Virgie Alexander, Oppie Spoon, Claude Simpson, Lois Sharp, Nellie Tapscott, Nannie Alderidge, Francis Hurdle, Paul Thompson, Berty Stuart, Emma Gibson, Watson Garrison, Ottis H. Ross, Wallace Barnett, Sadie Ross, Jessie Barker, Sherman Ross, Julia McCulloch, Mary McCulloch, Mez Foster, Eurie Ellen Teague, Anna Pauline Griffin, Lee Roy Thompson, Nannie Irene Teague, Margaret Frances Engle, Bonnie Fogleman, Irish Parrish, Sylvia Andrew, Josephine McVey, Grace Somers, Florence Beckom, Lewis Faucette, Litha Jane Stockard, Florence Helen Durham, Fred Desmond Fowler, Jacob R. Slaughter, Jesse R. Hilliard, Ralph F. Younger, Leona Scott, C. A. Trollingier, John Barnwell, Kate Roney, Felcie Fern Patterson, Elia Isley, Garland Isley, Lillian Graves, Callie E. Isley, Marvin Elizabeth Walker, Lorena Wellons, Hubert Nelson, Graham, John Mitchell, Claude Levi Walker, Ethel Patterson, Zolabel McPherson, Lora Foust, Ella Roberson, Beatrice Huffines, Annie Belle Tickle, Mamie Tickle, Laura Ellen Marlett, W. J. Pace, Margie Tate, Bessie M. Sample, Lillian Sample, Myra B. Anderson, Wm. A. Tate, Phoebe Small, Lula Tate, Lillian Tate, Addie Cates, Gunley Dodson, Lula Stallings, Jim Simpson, John Handy Kenny and Vergie Ormond Strickler.

Prizes were awarded and announced as follows: Under the auspices of the Country Life Club, for donated improvement work, 1st prize of \$50.00 was given to Ossipee; 2nd prize of \$30.00 to Spring School; 3rd prize of \$20.00 to Sylvan; 4th prize of \$15.00 to Friendship; 5th prize of \$10.00 to Mahan and 6th prize of \$10.00 to Concord.

The gold pin for the best grade in English Grammar was won by Bonnie Fogleman of Sylvan and the silver pin for second best grade in English Grammar was won by Iola Emma Braxton of the Green school.

The committee for judging floats had a difficult task owing

to the large number of beautiful ones. This committee awarded 1st prize of \$10.00 to Shallowford; 2nd prize of \$7.50 to Woodlawn; 3rd prize of \$5.00 to McCray and 4th prize of \$2.50 to Glenwood, with honorable mention for Sylvan, Friendship, Glenhope, Spring, Center, Hawfields, Sidney, Mahan, Eldermont, Sunny Side Music School, and the Tomato Club.

After a brief busy dinner period, the contests in public speaking by fourteen of the graduates took place in the court house and opera house—7 in each group. Miss Annie Belle Tickle of Shallowford was awarded the prize in the court house and Miss Nannie Teague of Sylvan was awarded the prize in the opera house.

While the recitals were on, the spelling contest was given. Those that report for the final race and who had perfect records for the year and on the examination were Lois Sharp, Evelyn J. Graham, Iener Burch, Florence Garrison, William Mitchell, Edith Moore and Zolabel McPherson. William Mitchell won first prize of \$10.00 and Edith Moore second prize of \$5.00.

There was no better test of the year's work manifested during the day and no better instruction given than the exhibition. This exhibition was put on in the Oneida store. It was an excellent display and spoke in no uncertain tones of some of the work in the schools represented. There were displayed compositions, histories, drawings of all kinds, pictures, cooking, sewing, baskets, picture frames, etc. Each specimen of the work seemed as you looked at it to deserve special mention. But the list is too long for that. Several school houses were well sketched, so much so that they could be easily recognized. Other drawings of local interest were displayed—the Alamance battle field monument, the birth home of Governor Holt, the Superintendent and his machine. Five schools had a good display of cooking. Six a good display of sewing. Ossipee had cooking, sewing, caping, wood work, drawing and literary work. Spring had an excellent community history written by the students under the following heads as chapters: 1.—Early settlements; 2.—Schools and Churches; 3.—Agriculture; 4.—Mills and Manufacturing; 5.—Part taken in War; 6.—Most Noted Men; 7.—Social Life and Anecdotes. Many schools had excellent exhibits and many other things deserve special mention. The McCray school was awarded the banner on the best general exhibit.

The day was thus filled full of entertainment and instruction. The people were interested in the entertainment of their commencement. No more orderly crowd was ever seen. There was scarcely a sign of drinking and no disorder. All the people, patrons, and pupils had planned and worked and had come together to listen and learn. They went away pleased and were planning from what they had learned what they would make and bring next year.

When it comes to drawing conclusions, all women are natural born artists.

Death of Mr. Joseph Newlin from Motor Accident.

Will Be Brought Here For Burial.

Relatives Will Accompany The Body Here.

The death of Mr. Joseph Newlin, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Newlin, which occurred at Springfield, Mo., Tuesday morning after two days intense suffering, caused by an accident while riding a motorcycle, has cast a gloom over his home here in which place he was the general favorite and over the entire section of the county.

The accident occurred late Sunday afternoon and he was immediately rushed to the hospital where every thing that skilled physicians could do for him, was done, but from the beginning no hope was entertained for his recovery, his jaw bone being broken and the base of his skull fractured, leaving him unconscious till his death. His wife remained with him in the hospital until his death.

Mr. James Newlin left on the early morning train Monday to accompany Mrs. Joseph Newlin and the remains of the body here which will reach here Friday night if good connections are made.

Joseph was a young man, just in the bloom of youth, being only about 24 years of age, with a host of relatives and friends in this section of the State, who are deeply sorrowed by his death. Although unassuming he was a prince among his friends. Every one knew that he would not wound with harsh words and summed his own personality which has surrounded him with many broad friends.

He leaves a mother and father, four sisters, Mrs. Arthur Pierce of Greensboro, Mrs. E. Y. Ferrell of Mebane and Mrs. Carson Durham and Mrs. J. W. Ford of this city. Also two brothers, Messrs. James Newlin and Mike Newlin.

No definite plans have been arranged as to the time of his burial, but in all probabilities he will be buried at Pine Hill Cemetery, Saturday afternoon. The funeral services will be held at the home.

FORMAL OPENING OF THE SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE.

We are in receipt of an invitation announcing the formal opening of the new exchange, Friday the 30th. The building has just been completed and will be open to the public on that day from 2 to 5 P. M. and from 6 to 9 P. M.

The manager is extremely anxious to have every subscriber present and will take great pleasure in showing them over the new plant and explaining the new equipments.

Refreshments will be served during the day by several ladies of the city, who will endeavor to make every one enjoy the day.

BARACA-PHILATHEA CITY UNION.

The Baraca-Philathea City Union will meet in regular monthly meeting next Sunday afternoon at three o'clock in the First Baptist church. A program consisting of special instrumental music by the Wilson Orchestra, an address by Mr. W. S. Coulter, and reports from delegates to the State Convention will be rendered.

All classes belonging to the Union are especially urged to attend and the public is invited also. The banners for the best percentage of attendance will be awarded as usual.

REVIVAL AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The revival meeting which began at the First Baptist church last Sunday morning is being largely attended and there is much interest manifested in the services.

Rev. W. A. Claxton, D. D., of High Point is delivering splendid and forceful sermons, which are being felt by the congregations. The results of the meeting will doubtless be very satisfactory. The services begin at 7:45 P. M. each evening. The public is cordially invited to attend the meetings.

PROGRESSIVE REPUBLICAN MASS MEETING.

There will be a mass meeting of the Progressive Republicans of Burlington township tonight, at eight o'clock, in the Mayor's Hall, for the purpose of reorganizing the party and discussing measures for the good of the party. Every person who believes that the policies of the Republican party are the best for good government in the county, state and nation, and who intends to act and vote with us in the future is invited to be present. Tell your friends and neighbors about it, and then come yourself, and bring them with you.

GREECE IS READY TO UNITE WITH THE ALLIES.

Paris, April 24.—Christakis Zographos, foreign minister of Greece, is quoted today by the information as declaring Greece is ready to unite with the allies in the Dardanelles operations, it invited to do so.

The information says M. Zographos made this statement to Hubert Jacques, its correspondent. Up to the present time, he said, Greece had not been asked to co-operate with the allies.

The foreign minister is quoted as saying the war policy of his cabinet is identical with that of M. Venizelos, the former premier, whose retirement generally has been understood to have been due to his desire for Greece's participation in the war on the side of the allies.

"It simply is a question of propitious moment," the foreign minister is quoted as saying.

Probably the worst thing about rich relations is the way they look down on you because you are not rich enough to look down on them.

—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

BASE BALL

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Greenwood 6; Glenhope 4.

Saturday afternoon at Greenwood, Glenhope team met Greenwood team in a very interesting game. In this game good work was done by the players of both teams, especial by the pitcher, George Nicholson for Glenhope. The game resulted in a score of 6 to 4 in favor of Greenwood.

Batteries: for Glenhope, Gossett, Nicholson and Johnson; for Greenwood: Jones, Shepherd and Pool.

Sweptonville 17; Keystone 3.

Sweptonville base ball team took the first game of the series from Keystone last Saturday by a score of 17 to 3.

E. C. BARR DROWNED AT MOREHEAD CITY.

Accident At The Inlet.

Morehead City, April 25.—Mr. E. C. Barr of Lancaster county, Va., was drowned here this afternoon and Mr. D. B. Wade, Jr., of this city was rescued after having gone down the third time.

Mr. Wade left here early this morning with a party, composed of Messrs. E. C. Barr, of Lancaster, Pa., and T. G. Phillips, of Atlanta, Ga., both of whom are foremen on the sewer construction work now in progress here, and Mr. Ned Willis, of this city. They had been to Shackleford banks and it was while they were crossing the inlet that Mr. Barr accidentally slipped off the cabin striking Mr. Wade, who was sitting on the deck, both men falling overboard.

Members of the Coast Guard who were watching immediately put out in one of their fastest life boats for the scene of the accident. In the meantime Willis and Phillips had stopped the engine in the boat and were making frantic efforts to save their companions by throwing several life preservers to the men in the water. Mr. Willis made an effort to swim to Mr. Barr, who couldn't swim, but after having seen him sink, Mr. Willis returned to the boat. At this point the life boat had reached the scene and after Mr. Wade had sunk the third time, Captain Leslie Moore, of the Coast Guards, dived to save him, reaching him about fifteen feet below the surface of the water. When brought to the top and placed in the life boat, Mr. Wade was apparently dead, but efforts of resuscitation finally revived him.

Doctors Royall and Headen of this city, were summoned, reaching the station about an hour after the accident and gave medical assistance. They brought Mr. Wade home, who is now resting well.

The body of Mr. Barr has not yet been recovered. Several yachts and fish boats are dragging the water in search of it. The address of Mr. Barr's relatives has not been ascertained.