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CONSOLIDATION THE ABSORBING TOPIC

Proposition of Lenoir's Board of Trustees to be Sent up to both North Carolina and Tennessee Synods

FEATURE OF DELIGHTFUL COMMENCEMENT

Mr. Clyde R. Hoey of Cleveland Delivered Literary Address on Individualism - The Contests Exciting - Graduating Orations - The Art Exhibit

The nineteenth commencement of Lenoir College is one of the most successful and significant in her history. The absorbing topic was consolidation. The men who had this important matter in hand worked hard, missing most of the good things on the intellectual menu of the week. On Tuesday afternoon however they had reached an agreement in a proposition to be sent up to the respective Synods.

In answer to the broad proposition for consolidation of Lenoir College and Mount Pleasant Collegiate Institute made Monday night by the commission of the North Carolina Lutheran Synod, the officers of the Tennessee Synod and the committee of the board of trustees of Lenoir College met Tuesday morning and drew up the following proposition to be submitted to the commission of the North Carolina Synod. It was first submitted to the full board of trustees of Lenoir College which adopted it unanimously and then adjourned sine die:

"Whereas, the interests of the Lutheran Church in North Carolina demand the concentration of all its energy and means to build up and equip a high grade central college, and whereas, the North Carolina Synod has made overtures through a regularly appointed commission to the president of our synod and the board of trustees of Lenoir College for the consolidation of the educational interests of the North Carolina Synod and the Tennessee Synod,

"Wherefore, resolved, that we approve of the movement and pledge ourselves to carry this matter by resolution to Synod, upon the following basis:

"1. In order that a distinctively Lutheran college shall be maintained and perpetuated, this consolidated college shall be conducted upon the fundamental principles and constitution of Lenoir College as established and now conducted.

"2. That the North Carolina Synod shall be given equal representation on the board of trustees, and half interest in the property of Lenoir College, and be associated with us in the further execution of the original trust.

"3. That in consideration of equal representation on the board of trustees and one-half interest in our property, the North Carolina Synod assumes the payment of one-half of the present indebtedness of Lenoir College, and gives to the Tennessee Synod a half interest and half control in the educational interests of the North Carolina Synod at Mt. Pleasant, free of indebtedness and the further moral and financial support of the North Carolina Synod to the consolidated college.

"4. That the consolidated educational property of the two synods shall be controlled and operated by one joint board of trustees.

W. J. Boger, president; B. D. Wessinger, vice president; B. L. Stroup, secretary; R. A. Yoder, D. D. treasurer, officers of synod. W. A. Deaton, James F. Deal, John J. George, J. S. Mauney, P. C. Setzer, committee board of trustees.

This proposition, is to be submitted to the respective synods for final consideration. There is a small indebtedness of about \$12,000 on Lenoir College, and under the resolution the North Carolina Synod would assume half of this debt. It is understood that the indebtedness of the North Carolina Synod in its Mount Pleasant properties is small and therefore there is nothing burdensome in the terms of the resolution that the Tennessee Synod is to be free from any responsibility for indebtedness at Mount Pleasant.

Lenoir College has a magnificent property with a fine main building whose towering dome overlooks the town. In it are class-rooms. There are two up-to-date dormitories, one for boys and one for girls, two stories and spacious. There are professors' houses around the beautifully

wooded 20-acre campus. The property is easily worth \$100,000. The old North Carolina College property is estimated by some to be worth \$40,000, but probably \$30,000 would be too liberal an estimate, and at auction it would not bring that.

It is possible that there may be a called meeting of the North Carolina Synod to consider this proposition. The Tennessee Synod's regular meeting is October 1 at Lincolnton, and strangely enough it is to be in the same church where the separation from the North Carolina Synod was effected in the year 1820, and the main thing at this next meeting will be the consolidation proposition—a plan for co-operation that has possibilities of extension in it.

THE ART EXHIBIT.

This was in the Woman's building and attracted a large crowd of Hickory's admirers of the beautiful. The walls were covered with work in oil and water while on tables was the exquisite china painting of Miss DeWald's pupils.

Miss Mary Nussman had a chocolate and dresser set in violets and two tea sets, with a vase and pitcher in chrysanthemums and water lilies. Her best oil was a copy of Millais' Gleaners.

Miss May Plonk: In china, a rose tea set. Best in oil, a windmill.

Miss Ella Belle Shirey: Punch bowl in grapes, set of plates in wild flowers and tankard in cherries.

Miss Maud Kimbro: Oil exhibit, a Norwegian scene with lakes and mountains being the best.

Miss Maie Simpson: Set of rose cups and saucers; two-piece tea set in wild roses shaded in green, punch bowl graded in browns with mushrooms shaded in browns. Best in oil, a skull picture.

Miss Jet Plonk: Best work, a marine in oil.

Miss Ruth Hallman: Basket of roses.

Miss Miriam Deaton: A yard of roses after Paul de Long Pre.

Miss Wood, of the faculty, a red rose.

Miss Lillian Harrell: Best work, Pansies.

Miss Mary W. Huffman. A moonlight scene.

Miss Essie Moretz. Red roses.

JUNIOR ORATORS' CONTEST
This occurred Monday evening and all the speakers showed careful writing and excellent delivery. The judges were Rev. R. L. Patterson, of Charlotte; Rev. J. S. Moody and Dr. W. H. Nicholson. They were unanimous in their decision that Mr. Swarngen was entitled to the medal and it was awarded to him in a neat speech by Mr. Patterson. The following is the program.

SOLO—Dormi Pure	Scuderi
Miss Eula Rosabelle Morgan	
1. "Which Shall It Be?"	Lester Lee Huffman
2. "The Old Slavery and the New"	Otho Barringer Robinson
3. "No Thorn, No Rose"	Fred Martin Spangle
4. "The Savior of Protestantism"	Robert Alexander Swarngen
5. "The Full Dinner Pail"	Julius Teague Horney
Music	Orchestra

MR. HOEY'S FINE ADDRESS

The literary address was delivered by Mr. Clyde R. Hoey, of Shelby, who was introduced by Mr. Howard A. Banks, editor of the Democrat. Mr. Hoey's subject was "The Individual," and was a remarkable combination of inspiring thought and word-painting. It marked the speaker as a born orator. Speech comes natural to him. He just flows like a river. He was at a disadvantage during his peroration when a cloud burst outside, driving the rain into the windows, somewhat distracted attention of the audience. The address made one feel as if he would like to get more out of himself than he had ever done before. It hinted at undiscovered possibilities in every personality.

In discussing the individual, God-made and then man-marred,

the speaker interjected a beautiful description of the Creation. In the kaleidoscopic flash of rounded periods, a couple of sentences only could be transcribed on the spear-point of a lead pencil—these—"the stars, little ladies' eyes in the sky to give a gleam of light when the moon doesn't shine," and, "the sun, the great Democrat of the heavens."

God did not make society, government and the like but made man and man these other things. God honors the individual. States merely have the powers which the individuals grant to them, whether monarchy, aristocracy or democracy. The edicts of the Czar wither before the powerful individuality of an old peasant, Tolstoi.

A man in a short life time of only 20 years today sees more happen than did Methuselah in his 969 years of long life. Imitation of others is fatal to individuality. A great individual life must be itself alone.

Mr. Hoey compared Massachusetts, bleak and bare, with North Carolina, with ore and gems in her hills and fertility in her soil. Massachusetts had taken iron ore dug from the south's beds at \$20 a ton and made it into horse-shoes, selling these back to us at \$100 a ton. She had taken another ton of this ore and sold it back to us in watch springs at \$1,000 a ton.

Yet there is not a blank in the census just taken which the product of North Carolina does not fill.

The speaker longed for this state to produce not only manufacturers but artists, singers and historians. Life is worth the living and the individual who realizes it will make his life count.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association was held in connection with the commencement exercises on Tuesday afternoon. The regular address was delivered by the Rev. J. C. Dietz, of Cherryville. The

following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, A. A. Whitener; Vice-President, M. L. Stirewalt; Secretary, A. L. Moser. The session was enthusiastic. By means of a mere collection the sum of eighty dollars was collected on an old debt. With most hearty good feeling the members of the Association agreed to raise three hundred dollars, through a canvas, with which to renovate and paint the Administration building at the college. The sentiment of the meeting was in most hearty sympathy with the desire to make "Lenoir Beautiful." On the whole the meeting was freighted with interest and good feeling.

THE ALUMNI BANQUET.

The fact that it was presided over by Mr. A. A. Whitener was alone sufficient to make the alumni banquet a complete success. In addition it was served by Messrs. Huffman and Fry in their elegant little hostelry, the Huffman, and after their good things to eat were disposed of, there was a menu of intellect and wit. The nimble-witted toastmaster discovered the Lenoir alumni are ready for any sort of impromptu emergency. There were delightful responses by Rev. M. L. Stirewalt, R. J. Manser, Lincolnton; Rev. James Deal, Lexington; Rev. J. R. Hoffman, Dallas; Pres. Fritz, Morgan, of South Carolina, and Messrs. R. Isenhour and F. Yoder, of the graduating class.

THE EXPRESSION CONTEST

The expression contest Tuesday night drew the largest audience from the city of any event and the auditorium was packed. The judges were Mrs. C. C. Bost, Mrs. Keller and Miss Grace Warren who awarded the medal to Miss Hendrix. The following is the program:

DUO—Waltzer	N. Von Wilm
Misses Deaton and Norman	
"The Minister's Black Nance"	Pauline Phelps
Miss Margaret Elizabeth Hendrix	
"Nydia," The Blind Girl of Pompeii, (Cutting from the "Last Days of Pompeii")	Miss Maie M. Simpson
"Aunt Sarah on Bicycles"	Phelps
Miss Esther Hewitt	
"The Spinning Wheel"	Engelmann
Miss Annie Barber	
"The First Settler's Story"	Carleton
Miss Pearl Fields	
"Zingarella," the Gypsy Flower Girl	McDowell
Miss Maud E. Townson	

CLASS DAY EXERCISES

This interesting program took place on the college campus, 9:30 a. m., Wednesday before an enthusiastic audience of undergraduates and alumni, presided over by C. K. Rhodes, president of class. After an address of welcome by W. B. Rudisill, a witty history of the class was read by Miss Rhyne. The class will be read by Will Plonk giving any and every old thing to the undergraduates and class of 1911. Then followed the class joker, V. L. Fulmer, whose witticisms merited him his title.

A splendid short oration "Today and Tomorrow" was delivered by H. C. Miller. A clever poem entitled "Service" was rendered by its author, T. L. Lineberger.

The closing event was the distributing of certain articles of insignia, tokens characteristic of each individual. This was conducted by W. L. Plonk.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Commencement exercises began at 10.45 a. m. Wednesday. On the stage were President Fritz, the board of trustees, and the class of 1910—five young ladies and ten young men. The class is fully equal in intellect and talent to any class that has ever been graduated from this noble institution that is doing so much for education in the Piedmont of North Carolina. This is also the largest class of graduates.

The Class of 1910 consists of the following ladies and gentlemen: Misses Stella May Rhyne, Caroline Jones Rhodes, Iva Pearl Setzer, Emma Laura Plonk, Barbara Rudisill; Messrs. W. B. Rudisill, F. L. Lineberger, V. L. Fulmer, H. C. Miller, W. L. Plonk, Rufus Isenhour, W. K. Mauney, F. R. Yoder, R. L. Plonk, C. K. Rhodes.

Miss Barbara Rudisill received a diploma of graduation in music, while the rest received the A. B. degree. All of these are from North Carolina but Mr. Fulmer whose home is in South Carolina.

The program began with an instrumental quartette by Misses Norman, Deaton, DeWald and Hallman.

The salutatory, "Appreciation of the Beautiful," was delivered by Miss Iva Pearl Setzer. This was an appeal for a larger sense of things beautiful in nature, art and religion.

Rufus Isenhour spoke on "Disrespect for Law." His contention, well sustained and argued, was that this land is suffering from an over emphasis of individual rights to the detriment of the mass, particularly illustrated by the disregard of the law by the rich.

"The dignity and Value of Man" by William Kemp Mauney,

THE MEDALS

President Fritz at this juncture presented the diplomas to the graduates in a speech of congratulation and appreciation.

The following medals and prizes were awarded by Prof. Martin Stirewalt: The improvement prize of the Euronian Society, \$5 in gold, to Geo. C. Goodman; the improvement prize of the Chrestonian Society, \$5 in gold, to J. J. Stuck; the Philanthropic improvement prize was given to Miss Flossie Gilbert, and that of the Eumenean to Miss Myrtle Sease.

The penmanship medal, given by Miss Maggie Woods, of the Business Department, was awarded to Miss Irene Deal.

Others deserving honorable mention were Misses Clara Belle Yoder, Lucy Yoder, Euna Witherspoon.

The medal in the Art Department, given by Dr. Darius Neas, was given to Miss Maie Simpson. The Junior Orators' medal, given by A. A. Whitener, was won by R. A. Swarngen.

Medal for excellence in expression, Miss Margaret Hendricks.

Scholarship medal—a tie—Miss Mary Mauney and F. R. Yoder. Each was given a medal.

The following received diplomas in the business course: Clarence Holly, Misses Euna Witherspoon, Mary Stroup, Mamie Cook and Mr. Vernon Leonard.

President Fritz stated that the faculty and trustees were gratified with the year's work and the prosperity of the school. He announced that school would open September 4. Owing to the probable increase of students, those expecting to return should engage their rooms very soon.

After the doxology, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. S. Boger, of Mt. Holly, president of Tennessee Synod.

THE CONCERT

The Toy Symphony was perhaps the most enjoyed number of the brilliant concert Wednesday night, the program being this:

Overture—Lustspiel	Keler Bela
Misses Norman, Barber and DeWald, Mr. Plonk	
(a) Nymphs' Song	
Neapolitan Folk Songs	Wm. Rees
b In Dreamy Shadows Lying	
c By the Sea	
Piano—Tarantelle	Heller
Miss Miriam Deaton	
Duet—Sing Me to Sleep	Greene
Misses Lowman and Morgan	
Intermezzo—Cavaleria Rusticana	Mascagni
Messrs. Mauney and Lineberger	
Quartette—Melody in F	Rubinstein
Piano—Rondo Brilliant	Weber
Solo Piano—Miss Norman	
Piano 2—Miss Hallman	
Trios—a May Morning	Flotow
b Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes	Vogrich
Misses Hahn, Harrill and Cline	
Voice—Serenade	Schubert
Miss Maie Simpson	
(Violin, Cello and Piano Accompaniment)	
Piano—a Shadow Dance	McDowell
b Czardas	
Part Songs—a Peasant Wedding March	Soderman
b The Song of the Triton	Molloy
College Chorus	
Toy Symphony	Romberg

Otis Moody left Monday for Wake Forest where he will engage in selling Bibles. After spending fifteen days there studying he will be assigned territory by his manager, Mr. Allen. Mr. Moody is a half-brother of C. W. Ellington of the City Bakery and is studying for the ministry.

Local and Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Wood spent Sunday in Platena.

Miss Minnie Williams of Norfolk Va., is the guest of her sister Mrs. J. F. Hudson.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hntching spent a part of last week with relatives in Lincoln county.

Miss Estelle Sherrill, of Gunpowder, visited relatives in the city Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hass, of Gunpowder, were in the city Friday and Saturday visiting relatives.

The second installment of the C. & N. W. Auto Mountain Pike trip is crowded out by Lenoir commencement.

Mrs. T. L. Henkel and Mrs. W. L. Gilbert have recently undergone operations at Dr. Long's sanitarium in Statesville, and both are doing well.

Mr. Dave Henkel, of Gunpowder, was in the city Friday with his daughters, Miss Cude and Mrs. Arthur Hass, who, with Mr. Hass and little son, left for Durant, Oklahoma.

Misses Mary and Bonnie Lee Henkel, of Gunpowder were in the city Friday, bidding farewell to their sisters, Miss Cude Henkel and Mrs. Arthur Hass, who left for Durant, Oklahoma.

A blaze in the ironing room of Mr. E. L. Shuford's residence this morning was quickly conquered by the department. The report that the house was burning called out a huge crowd.

Mr. Q. E. Herman, the designer and builder, has prepared the plans for the new West Hickory Baptist church. Work will start right away. The church is to be a neat structure, cruciform, of wood and with a seating capacity of 700.

Hickory people regret to lose Mr. Myron A. Rice to Danville, Ill., where he has accepted a lucrative position. He has sold his bakery here to Mr. C. W. Ellington, of the City Bakery, including his bread wagon, which Mr. Ellington will run.

Rev. C. P. Moore, wife and children of Oakland, Cal., are spending ten days with Mrs. Zeb Buckhanan, Mrs. Moore's sister. Mr. Moore is returning from the General Conference at Washington. On their way back they will visit her father in Limestone, Tenn.

Supt. C. M. Staley, of Hickory, at the hearty and unanimous request of the county teachers, backed by Supt. Geo. E. Long, will hold the county institute beginning July 25 at Newton. This by order of the State Department of Education. Prof. Staley has made a thoroughly able and delightful institute conductor. Mrs. Foreman, of Montreat, will assist.

Last Saturday afternoon J. F. Miller, deputy collector, in company with H. W. Jones and A. T. Yoder, captured a blockade still about nine miles from Hickory, in Alexander county. It is said to be the property of Chas. Hahn. One 75 gallon still and worm, five fermenters and about 200 gallons of fine beer were taken. No one was at home and everything was destroyed.

Sale of Moretz Lots.

The Carolina Development Co. will sell at auction 40 fine residence lots on the beautiful McCoy Moretz property tomorrow (Friday) afternoon at 1:30 p. m. Terms of sale are easy and lots will go at the highest bid.