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LINCOLN SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Graduating Exercises Begin Sunday Night With Sermon by Rev. J. T. Mangum at Methodist Church—Dr. T. W. Lingle of Davidson College to Preach Commencement Sermon Wednesday Night—The Graduating Class.

The commencement exercises of Lincoln High School begin next Sunday night, when Rev. J. T. Mangum, pastor of the Lincoln Methodist church will preach the commencement sermon at the New Methodist church in this city. The graduating class is composed of the following girls and boys, there being a total of seventeen in the 1920-21 class:

Class Rolls—Martha Evelyn Cornell, Ruby Louise Hallman, Annie Ruth Honeycutt, Edith Alice Hoover, Edna Althea Hoover, Myrtle Lee Jones, Annie Elliott Lee, Clyde Alvas Goodson, William Sumner Jenkins, Charles Raper Jonas, William Wesley Keever, Ralph E. Lore, Elizabeth Forney MacDonald, Mary Evelyn Nixon, Charles Edwin Robinson, Jr., Janie Mildred Royster, Harold Thompson.

Last day of school for year 1920-21 is Wednesday May 4th. The Graduating Exercises begin with the Commencement Sermon which is to be preached by Rev. J. T. Mangum in the Methodist Church on Sunday night of May 1st, at 8:00 p. m. The High School furnishing special music. All other churches invited to the service.

The Senior Class will present one of Shakespeare's plays, "The Taming of the Shrew," on Tuesday night at 8:30 in the High School Auditorium for which admission will be charged.

The Class Day Exercises will be held on Wednesday afternoon at 5:00 and will be given in rear of the Memorial Hall. Everybody invited.

The Graduating Exercise proper will be held on Wednesday night in the School Auditorium. On this night the Commencement address will be delivered by Dr. T. W. Lingle of Davidson College and the seventeen graduates of the Lincoln High School will receive their diplomas.

The play to be given on Tuesday night promises to be very good. The most of the characters are in the senior class and are being coached to carry out their part well. The Taming of the Shrew is one of Shakespeare's popular plays. The scene is laid in Italy and is of the sixteenth century. This same play is given in other towns in the state with great success, the good work of the Carolina Playmakers at Chapel Hill making it possible.

It is earnestly requested that the superintendent that no presents be brought to the schoolhouse for the members of the graduating class. This is necessary since there is great danger of them being lost. Also it is requested that no flowers be sent to the schoolhouse for the graduates on graduation night. They will be gladly received at the Class Day Exercise Wednesday afternoon.

Final Examinations will begin this week and will be finished early next week.

OFFICERS DESERT COURT TO BRING STILL OUTFIT

Gastonia, April 26.—When superior court convened this morning the first case called was that of the state against Lester Mull, a young white man of Harden, indicted on 3 counts for trafficking in liquor. When the state's witnesses were called it developed that they were officers and none of them was in court. "Why aren't these men here?" queried Judge Harding. "They ought to be here to testify if they are witnesses," Sheriff Carroll vouchsafed the information that they had been called out to the country. An hour or so later these officers Deputy J. W. Cole, Special Officers Adam Hord and R. B. Terrell, returned to town with a 30-gallon still which they secured on the farm of Wiley Farris in the Sunnyside community. The still was hot when Farris discovered it. He telephoned to the officers here and in a very short time the latter were on the spot and brought the still right back to the courthouse. The men who were operating it were seen by some children on the Farris' farm but they got away.

REGULAR ARMY OF 166,000 MEN

Washington, April 21.—Provision for a regular army of 166,000 men as against the 155,000 agreed upon by the last Congress is contained in the re-draft of the army appropriation bill completed today by the house sub-committee. The measure carries approximately \$330,000,000, nearly \$15,000,000 less than the total in the bill as passed at the last session and pocket vetoed by President Wilson.

TELLS HOW TO HANDLE INJURED FRUIT TREES

Severe injury to the peach crop throughout the state was general with the exception of the Sand Hill Region where little or no injury is reported but instead a crop of over 500 carloads which will be the largest ever harvested provided it is not reduced before gathering time. Reports from other parts of the State to the N. C. Division of Horticulture indicate a loss ranging from 50 per cent injury to total destruction.

Peach growers in injured sections are advised by the Extension Service to make careful and painstaking inspection of each variety in every part of the tree throughout the orchard to determine the exact amount of injury. "This information is necessary for the economical conduct of the orchard during the remainder of the year. It requires only about 20 to 30 per cent of the normal bloom to produce a full crop of peaches. If 10 per cent of the fruit is alive the remainder of the usual spraying schedule should be given. From present indications, prices will be sufficiently high to justify the adoption of all available means of protecting that portion of the crop which still remains.

"Where the crop is practically a total loss, it will be advisable to re-prune the trees severely. It is tendency of the peach tree to develop its fruiting wood further from the trunk each year, forming a top heavy growth not consistent with strength of tree and economical handling. "Dehorn" old trees to cause them to produce a vigorous new top and vigorous growth with an abundance of fruit buds for the next year's crop. In this connection it should be borne in mind that with the peach severe pruning tends to produce vigorous wood growth and that the fruit is always borne on wood that grew the previous season.

"Remarkable results have been secured from severe pruning of peach trees following crop injury. It is especially important with old peach trees that they be "dehorned" severely. The main branches can be cut back to stubs 2 to 3 feet in length with splendid results. Trees from 5 to 8 years of age can be cut back three years old wood with profit. Experiments of the Division of Horticulture show that peach trees can be dehorned as late as May with satisfactory results. "Trees that are severely re-pruned or dehorned should receive both cultivation and fertilization this season to assist them in producing a vigorous growth. An application of from 1-2 pound to 1-2 pounds per tree of nitrate of soda is advisable."

FLEES CHAINGANG CLAD IN CHIEF'S WARDROBE

Lumberton April 26.—Levy Edwards a white man, escaped from the county chaingang recently all dressed up in a suit of clothes belonging to Chief of Police B. M. Lawson of Fairmount, Robeson county. The convict—also walked off with the officer's trusty gun. Edwards had served about two months of an eight months' sentence imposed by Recorder David H. Fuller of Lumberton. A raid had been planned upon some whiskey stills and the officer took the prisoner along to locate the stills. He furnished Edwards with a suit and a gun. Edwards managed to get some distance from the officer and kept going. The stills were not located.

FUND TO AID FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE.

One of the greatest needs of the Southern Methodist church is a fund to aid young men and women to prepare for Christian service. One of the objectives of the Christian Education Movement is a million dollar fund for this purpose and no other objective of the movement offers more compelling appeal to large givers. To enlist 5,000 young men and women for the ministry and for other forms of Christian service is important; to aid them to prepare for such service is equally important.

A \$250,000 memorial fund would send to college each year for all time to come fifty young preachers or students preparing for other Christian service. \$100,000 would send twenty each year; \$50,000 would send ten each year.

The Southern Methodist church has a tiny loan fund. In 1908 it was \$5,000. Since that time it has educated sixty-four young men by making loans in the sum of \$7,740, and it has in the same time not only remained intact, but has grown to \$6,500. If this fund had been one million dollars in 1908, it would already have trained 12,500 preachers by making loans aggregating \$1,500,000, one and one half times as much as the original fund and also it would have increased \$250,000.

(Susan Iden, Publicity Director.)

BETHPAGE NEWS ITEMS

April 25.—We are having some fine farming weather and the farmers are quite busy finishing up their planting.

Miss Iva Huss, who became quite sick while at the exhibition Saturday, is no better, she has pneumonia. Mr. Wallace Dellinger who lived near Bethpage died at the Lincoln hospital last Wednesday and was buried at Bethpage Thursday. Rev. Lippard of Crouse conducted the funeral service.

Mr. Memry Baker left last Wednesday to go to Detroit, Mich., to join the Polish Bros. 20 big shows which was to open the 23rd.

The three year old child of Mr. and Mrs. Barton Wise was buried at Bethpage yesterday at 11 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Saine who live in Hickory, visited Mrs. Ether Wise last week they also attended the exhibition at Flint Hill Saturday.

Miss Mary Sheehan and Miss Mary Jones returned to their home in Rutherfordton Sunday after spending several days with Mrs. George Blush they also attended the exhibition.

Flint Hill school closed Saturday with an old time exhibition first on program was a speech by Mr. Henry Huss, who is about 90 years old. Everybody seemed to enjoy his speech by the way they cheered him. Next was the exercise by the children in the primary grades some of them not more than six years old but the perfect way that each child acted its part showed how well they had been trained by their teacher, Miss. Gayhill Barker, then there were several short plays by the older pupils which were just fine. Dinner was served on the grounds. The afternoon was given principally to some outside the district who wished to take a part in the exercise. A play given by some of the young people from Leonard's Fork district was very good the last thing in the evening was a play by the school which was very interesting.

The exercise closed with a play Saturday night by the large boys and girls of the school. It was a splendid play and the way each one got off their part showed how much interest their teacher Mr. Ruffus Carpenter had taken in getting it up. There was a large crowd out Saturday, and also that night but everybody in the audience was as quiet as if it were a church service. We often heard some one remark it was the best order they had ever seen at an exhibition. The music consisted of violins, banjos, etc., and a drum was just extra fine.

WHERE PUBLIC SENTIMENT IS AT FAULT.

In the eulogy over the chief of police of Thomasville, Dr. Kesler, of the Baptist Orphanage, said the officers had died in defense of the lawful people of the community. It might also be added that in most cases where an officer dies in the course of his duty the people he is undertaking to protect are not doing their full share to protect him. Too much indifference as to the enforcement of the law means too much encouragement to those who violate the law, and such are too ready to turn against the officer who is trying to make the community safe to live in.

The officer is the representative of the people, or at least of those of the people who are in favor of the law. But it is too often the case that the officer who is attempting to carry out the law finds that he is opposed by the offender, and also working against the unwillingness of the people who should condemn the offense but who rather shield it and make the officer's job a single-handed one. Public sentiment is not enough with the law and the man who tries to enforce it. Too many people regard the law as for the other fellow but not for themselves or their friends. So the officer has his work made more difficult for him right from the start. If public sentiment condemned crime more vigorously crime would be much less frequent, for few men care to fly in the face of general disapproval. But where a criminal is looked on as a man to excuse and an officer as one to put on the wrong trail or discourage in his efforts, his work, which is solely for the public welfare, is made much more difficult and doubtful of result, and the officer himself is put very often in danger of personal harm.

The officer is always a hero, for he faces danger on behalf of the peace of his community. Too many of them pay the penalty. Too many of them fail to receive the backing they should have for their jobs are not theirs but society's. For society does not always play fair with them.—News and Observer.

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CROUSE SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

The following invitations have been sent out from Crouse High School:

Class of 1921. The Senior Class Crouse High School requests your presence at the Commencement Exercises Monday Evening May the Second at eight o'clock School Auditorium.

Class Motto:—Res Non Verba. Class Colors:—Pink and White. Class Flower:—The Rose. Class Roll:—Carrie Edna Sorrells, Fannie Norma Carpenter, Elsie Sullivan Warlick, Mary Belle Sullivan, Margaret Callie Murphy, Kohn Yates Rudisill, Robert Rhyno Carpenter, Oscar Lee Kiser, Byron Samuel Heafner, Henderson Berge Kiser. H. M. Loy, Principal.

Program. Invocation—Rev. J. E. B. Houser. President's Address—Oscar Kiser. An Essay—Res Non Verba—Mary Belle Sullivan. Class Historian—Bryon Heafner. Class Poem—Elsie Warlick. An Oration—Success by Overcoming Difficulties—Robert Carpenter. Class Statistician—Henderson Kiser. Class Song. Class Prophecy—Callie Murphy. Class Crumbler—Kohn Rudisill. Valetorian—Fannie Carpenter. Last Will and Giftorian—Edna Sorrells.

Address to the Class—J. C. Peery, D. D., Prest. Lenoir College. Presentation of Diplomas—Supt. L. Berge Beam.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES, CROUSE HIGH SCHOOL

Friday, April 29, 8 p. m.—Exercises by Primary and Intermediate Grades.

Saturday, April 30th, 8 p. m.—"Deacon Dubbs," A Comedy Drama in Three Acts.

Sunday May 1st, 11 a. m.—Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. A. D. Wolfinger, D. D., President Catawba College.

Monday, May 2nd, 11 a. m. Literary Address—Dr. J. H. Higginbotham, State Inspector of High Schools.

Monday, May 2nd, 2 p. m.—Debate, Resolved That the U. S. Should Abolish Immigration for a Period of Five Years.

Monday, May 2nd, 8 p. m.—Class Exercises, and an address by Dr. J. C. Peery, President Lenoir College.

MR. BEAM FAVORS CONSOLIDATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS

As I was deprived by physical infirmities from attending consolidation meeting at Bess Chapel I desire to herein set forth my view of the matter. For the past 20 years I have been dragging my children all over 4 counties in order to keep them in high school and college and have spent more than \$4,000, most of which I would have saved with the school we are now contemplating. Personally, I have but little interest in this school, as my children will all be through high school next year. But if I have no interest in my community, nor in my neighbors children it would have been better for me to have died when a child. I heard a very wealthy man say once that he had educated his children, now let others do the same. What an expression!

Almost half of our people are unable in themselves to educate their children, aside from co-operation. To overcome this condition is the object of this undertaking. But what a tax says some one. Well just let him send a few of his boys and girls away to a boarding school and he will be willing to talk tax.

"Why be such a fool about education anyway, I made a living and saved money, and I have no education." This is a remark made to me recently by a fairly prosperous man. Well I will agree with him that if a living and the accumulation of money is the chief aim and end in life that isn't worth so very much. But it is much more important to make a life than a mere living or money either. I would have our children educated to make men and women of them. They will make better citizens. Less liable to make criminals, increase their prospects for Heaven—make them wise enough to remain in Heaven when they get there. I believe it was Dr. Frank Crane who said there was a close relation between children who do not learn and grown-ups who will not behave.

Let us all pull together and have this school.

E. C. W. BEAM.

In the Federal court at Salisbury last week, Grover Smith, of Alexander county, was fined \$250 and Dick Smith of the same county, was fined \$500 for transporting liquor. The wares apprehended in Statesville.

GERMANY'S LATEST OFFER APPROACHES DEMAND OF ALLIES

An Ultimate Total of Two Hundred Billion Gold Marks Proposed, This is Within Twenty-Six Billion of Allies Demand—Make Payment Flexible.

Berlin, April 25.—The ultimate total indemnity which Germany agrees to pay the allies is 200,000,000,000 gold marks, as against 226,000,000,000 demanded by the allies in their Paris terms.

This is positively stated by those close to the government, although the German counter proposals have not been made public here.

Dr. Simons, the foreign secretary, did not present the new proposals to the reichstag today because of an understanding with the American embassy and for the additional reason that there is a paragraph in the note to President Harding suggesting that he feels free to query back for further information or the elucidation of any point not clear, if he so desires, before submitting the note to the entente.

Consequently, the German press and public and even the party leaders, have not seen the counter proposals, and their publication is eagerly awaited.

The German suggest making the annuities in the payment of the reparations flexible, dependent upon the recovery of German industries. An international loan is suggested, to be floated immediately, to place ready cash at the disposal of the entente, but no sum is named.

Germany expresses her willingness to pledge the customs revenues as guarantees, and further offers to deliver manufactured articles to the allies with the understanding that Germany will pay the producers and get credit on the indemnities. Germany also offers immediate participation in the work of restoration in the devastated areas; labor and materials to be supplied by Germany and credited against the indemnities.

No suggestion is made of Germany's willingness to assume the indebtedness of the allied powers to the United States.

Germany's counter proposals are so intricate and involved that the experts who have read them express the opinion that they may be misinterpreted, as the London offer was by persons who did not analyze them carefully and work out the total amount that would have been yielded.

MOTHER AND SON TO BE BURIED TOGETHER

Charlotte News. Funeral services for Mrs. Rebecca Jane Stewart, who died in Charlotte Wednesday afternoon and for her youngest son, Meach Stewart, who was killed in France October 8, 1918, will be held together at York S., probably Friday.

The body of the soldier is expected to arrive in Charlotte Thursday, and the body of Mrs. Stewart will be taken to York Thursday.

Mrs. Stewart was visiting Mrs. J. M. Gibson of this city, when she was taken ill two weeks ago, resulting in her death Wednesday. She was 67 years old and had been in declining health for some time. Her home was in Rock Hill, where she had lived with her daughter, Mrs. Pear Perry, since giving up her home in York.

SHERIFF ARRESTS TEAMS FOR SUNDAY BALL GAME

West Palm Beach, Fla., April 24.—Manager R. E. Oliver, of the local east coast league baseball club, together with nine members each of the Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach ball clubs were placed under arrest here today by Sheriff R. C. Baker. The arrests were made immediately following the game between the two clubs in which West Palm Beach lost by score of 4 to 2.

The charge against the managers and players was "violating the state law which prohibits Sunday baseball." A cash bond of \$50 was required from each player for his appearance before the county court. It is stated that a test case will be made of the affair in order to settle the question of playing Sunday ball in Palm Beach county.

MRS. RUTH WATSON IS DEAD AT AGE OF 105

Rutherfordton, April 25.—Mrs. Ruth Porter Watson died yesterday afternoon. She was 105, six months and eight days old. She lived with her fourth son, Tom I. Watson three miles east of here. She has been ill several weeks. She was said to be the only living woman in the south having 3 living sons who are Confederate veterans. She leaves eight children, 29 grandchildren, 144 great-grandchildren, and 25 great-great-grandchildren. Two of her sons have great-grandchildren. Her funeral was conducted at a large church this afternoon. A large crowd attended. She was one of the oldest women in the country.

NEWS OF EAST LINCOLN

R. F. F. Davidson, N. C. April 25.—Triangle school closed Friday April 22, with entertainment. A large crowd attended Saturday night amount collected was \$55.00. Had fine music.

Triangle and Goodsonville ball teams played at Triangle Friday p. m. Scores were 5 and 7 in favor of Triangle. Triangle and Shuffletown played at Triangle Saturday p. m. Scores were 19 and 1 in favor of Triangle. Triangle has a good line up this year. They are expecting to play some good ball this season.

Farmers in this section are most through planting, hoping for a prosperous year. Wheat is looking very good at the present.

Mrs. Will Jetton is spending a few days with her brother and son, Mr. Jim Sifford and Mr. McLean Jetton. Mrs. R. C. Graham is visiting her daughter Mrs. I. O. Long at Cornelius, N. C.

CRASH IN SUGAR HIT BICKETT HARD.

Newton, April 26.—The strange and unaccountable disappearance of Mr. L. C. Bickett from his home here and the absolute failure of any of his friends here in hearing from him since he unexpectedly left Newton has caused more comment in this city than has anything else that has taken place in quite a number of years, in that the surroundings are of such a strange setting that everyone is at a loss to explain, let alone account for it all Governor Bickett, has been in Newton looking into the matter of the disappearance of his brother and generally getting the matters of his brother in such shape as will permit handling by an outside party.

Mr. Bickett was a man of lovable disposition and was universally liked by every one in Newton.

This morning a correspondent interviewed Mr. John P. Yount, a leading citizen of Newton, and a staunch friend of Mr. Bickett, and from him gathered the following summary of the happening.

For a number of years Mr. Bickett has made Newton his home, coming here to engage in the wholesale grocery business from Monroe, where he had been prominent in the affairs of that city and of Union County, and while in that business did much to promote the many advantages of our city; from that day to this he has been doing a wholesale business in Newton with a varying success, and just recently took a venture in the retail business as a side line to his wholesale operations; in that engagement he was rapidly succeeding and was doing a retail business second to none in the city. Mr. Bickett was an indefatigable worker and was in his place of business at least 16 hours each day, always pleasant, affable and a friend maker by the score.

It seemed that when the sugar depression came on and when the wholesalers all over the country were caught in the drag net of the jobbers and forced to free themselves as best they could, that Mr. Bickett paid his demands made upon him by these people and through his act in upholding his contracts was forced to outlay a great amount of cash; that the hard times generally caught him, as it did other wholesalers and that his losses were terrific, enough to break the will power to make money of the strongest man. He has also suffered acutely with his eyes and had frequently remarked to friends that he had to find some cure for his ailment or that he was going to die, or certainly go blind in both of his eyes. It has only been a few weeks that he visited an eye specialist in Charlotte and elsewhere and it seems that he secured little consolation from any of them, however, through it all he was pleasant and in a good humor and seemed to take his affliction with the best of spirit and always thought of his home life and his friends in preference to his personal feelings.

Mr. Bickett was married but had no children and it is generally known that his home life was beautiful and that true hospitality was administered there as in the olden days, his home being one of the prettiest in this section and being widely known for the appearance it presented.

There is no doubt in the minds of any one in Newton conversant with all the facts that Mr. Bickett was mentally deranged when he left the city and that he is still in that condition wherever he may be, wandering aimlessly around, suffering from the pains that are racking his body. His financial condition is not causing any great amount of alarm as his condition in that respect is just as good, if not better, than the usual run of dealers who have lost heavily through the depression of the market.

Mr. Yount has been appointed receiver by Judge T. B. Finley and is

SHORT ITEMS

Asheville, April 26.—With fifteen burglaries reported in ten days, the city is in the midst of an epidemic of house-banking against which local police seem powerless to act effectively.

More than 175,000 unionized marine engineers, firemen and seamen threatened to strike May 1, in protest against wage cuts.

"Save babies" is the underlying theme of the sessions of the state convention of public health workers at Pinehurst.

More than 5,000 people witness the opening game of the South Atlantic league at Charlotte. The Hornets won over Greenville, 12 to 7.

Mrs. Dulcena Hogue, age 93 years, passed away Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock at her home a few miles below Shelby after an illness which confined her to her bed for four years.

A dog at Mooresville went mad Friday morning and was biting chickens around town. The owner of the dog, Mr. Matt Campbell took the dog home and placed it in a stable hoping it would get well. The mules were in the adjoining stall and they put their noses through a small opening and the dog bit them both. Also a cow belonging to the same man was bitten by the dog. The "mad stone" is being applied to the animals in the hope of saving their lives.

Charlotte, April 25.—The Consumers' Tire and Supply company, N. D. Levy president was thrown into receivership today, Thos. Glasgow being made receiver, on order of Judge W. F. Harding in Gastonia. Assets, \$85,000 liabilities, \$88,000. The concern recently started a move to increase capital to \$1,000,000. It operates from Charlotte as headquarters in six or seven North Carolina towns. The company does not manufacture its products but procures them from the factory.

Washington, April 25.—The Calumet district of Illinois, of which Chicago is the center, leads the country in the number of negro unemployed, with approximately 15,000 idle negroes. In the Pittsburgh district of Pennsylvania the number is 4,500, while in Michigan it is 2,530. In announcing these statistics, Commissioner Phil H. Brown, of the department of labor, after an emergency survey of selected industries, declares almost one fifth of the total unskilled negroes of the country joined the army of unemployed during the last three months of industrial depression. Only 6.63 per cent of the skilled negro was thus affected.

J. T. Gardner, mayor of Shelby for several terms in the past is declared the nominee by the Democratic executive committee. He has no opposition, Mayor C. B. McBrayer having withdrawn from the race on April 12.

Washington, April 25.—Representative Weaver introduced today a bill for \$1,250,000 for a public building at Asheville and \$20,000 for one at Tryon. If a public buildings bill goes through this session of Congress Mr. Weaver will be on the ground floor with his projects. It is all up to the republican leaders.

Newton, April 25.—At a mass meeting held in the county courthouse Saturday evening the citizens of Newton nominated the following tickets for town officers to be voted on May 3rd: Mayor, J. Sid Smyer; aldermen C. M. Rowe, Julius W. Abernethy and D. A. Rutledge; members of the school board, Dr. J. A. Young and Mrs. A. H. Crowell. Dr. Young is already a member of the board, and Mrs. Crowell will be a new member. She is one of the city's most prominent women, the wife of President A. H. Crowell of the Shurford National bank.

Jackson, Miss., April 26.—Reports received here tonight stated that a dozen or more persons were killed and a number injured in a storm which struck the town of Braxton, eighteen miles from this city late today.

Some one has recently said that to live long a person should be lazy. Now isn't that fine bait to be held out to one these warm spring days when will must be exerted to its breaking point to keep one away from the fishing hole.

now engaged in operating the business interests until final disposition is made of the effects.

Newton generally has a pall cast over it and everyone is vitally interested in locating Mr. Bickett and doing what they can to restore this valuable citizen to a condition of normalcy.