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COMMENCEMENT OF COUNTY SCHOOLS

Expected to Bring Hundreds of School Children, Teachers, and Interested Patrons to Lincoln—Event Will Mark Closing of Most Successful Year in School Work—Attendance of Children Largest in History of the County Schools—Largest Number of Literary Contests Ever Held in County Schools. Many School of County to Compete, and Debating, Declaiming, Reciting, Singing, Story-Writing, Spelling, Story-Telling and Games Will Feature Commencement Program—Max Gardner will Address Seventh Grade Graduates.

Lincoln County School Commencement is to be held Saturday, April 15th.

The commencement of the public schools of Lincoln County will be the largest and best in this history of the schools, and is expected to bring to Lincoln one of the largest crowds of school children, teachers and patrons ever assembled in the county. The interest in school work has spread rapidly in Lincoln county during the past year or two, many communities voting consolidation of districts and erecting large and modern schoolhouses, and a large number of citizens have come to regard very seriously the education of the county's youth. The teachers of the county have been more active in school improvement and community development during the year just closing than at any time in the past, and the school have benefited wonderfully by the campaigns for betterment which have been carried on in the different districts. The County Commencement will mark the climax of the year's work and it is sure to surpass all such former events in excellence.

A betterment campaign has been carried on in the county schools this year which has for its object the improvement of the schools from a standpoint of enrollment, attendance, efficiency, equipment, beautification, and school and community recreation. This campaign has been directed by Miss Nannie Leach, principal of the Lincoln High School, and the teachers have co-operated splendidly in carrying on the work in their respective districts. The schools showing the most improvement in this campaign will be offered prizes as follows:

The one-teacher schools—first prize \$20.00; second prize, \$10.00; third prize, \$5.00.

Two-teacher schools—first prize \$40.00; second prize \$20.00; third prize \$10.00.

Three-teacher schools—first prize, \$60.00; second prize, \$30.00; third prize, \$15.00.

Four, or more, teacher schools—first prize, \$100.00; second prize, \$50; third prize \$25.00.

Considerable funds have been raised among the business men of Lincoln to enable the directors of this campaign to offer these prizes.

There will be a larger number of contests held in the County Commencement this year than formerly and a number of handsome medals and prizes will be awarded to the winners. Several business houses of Lincoln have already donated medals and prizes to be offered in the different contests and others will contribute. A list of those giving medals will be published in a later issue.

The students of the high schools of the county will hold a county-wide debating contest on Friday night, April 7th, and the best teams will be selected to debate in Lincoln on commencement day. There has been an attempt made this year to arouse more interest and enthusiasm among the schools in the work of the literary society, and the speaking contests are expected to show results of this effort. The best speaker in the commencement debate will receive a handsome gold medal. The high school girls and boys will also contest in reciting, declaiming, story-writing and spelling, and the winner in each contest will be given a beautiful medal or appropriate prize.

The pupils of the elementary schools will engage in recitation, declamation and spelling contests, and the winners in these contests will be given appropriate medals and prizes. The little folks of the primary grades will make their appearance on the commencement program, and will entertain the audience by telling thrilling stories in the usual interesting and fascinating manner peculiar to childhood. An appropriate and handsome prize will be given the winner in the story-telling contest. Basket ball and baseball games will test the athletic prowess of the boys and girls.

Certificates of graduation from the elementary school and promotion to any of the high schools in the county will be presented to the boys and girls who pass the seventh grade examina-

BISHOP DARLINGTON AT M. E. CHURCH

Large Congregation Heard Address of the Bishop on European Conditions—Held Attention for Hour and Three Quarters.

That Europeans are hungry for bread and for the religion of Jesus Christ, and that Christian America has its greatest opportunity for service to devastated Europe, was perhaps the outstanding vision presented to the congregation at the Lincoln M. E. Church last Monday night when Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, of Huntington, W. Va., delivered his masterly address on European conditions. The great Bishop returned some weeks ago from the devastated sections of Europe where he had been sent by the General conference of the M. E. Church, South, to go first hand information on the distressing conditions in war devastated Europe, and to see in what way the funds raised by his church were being used.

The large congregation which filled the Lincoln church Monday evening gave undivided attention to the Bishop's address for almost two hours and all went away feeling that he had brought to them a vivid picture of devastated Europe that will stick throughout time.

Bishop Darlington took the congregation on a trip through parts of Belgium, as he told of conditions there—in the cities and rural districts, through a portion of Germany into Holland, and to Poland. He saw much of Poland, in which country, next to Russia, he found the greatest misery. His description of the miserable conditions in that country were horrifying, where he saw starving children and heard their pitiful cries to him begging for a piece of bread, and a mother and a one day old baby lying upon the ground with leaves for a bed, where they had both died because of their poverty stricken conditions; he said there are so many refugees in Poland that the people there, though they do all they can, are powerless to administer to the wants of all who need help.

The Bishop found the people of these war stricken nations not only crying for bread, but crying for the living Christ, the kind of Christ America has. Bishop Darlington found a turning away from Catholicism on the part of the people; found them seeking a living Christ. He said millions of them have renounced Catholicism, and that there is a great opportunity for the Protestant churches to reap a harvest of souls in portions of Europe. He said that during the world war the people had gotten a taste of freedom by coming in contact with western civilization and wanted to learn more about it—more about Christ as taught in America.

In telling of various uses made of money contributed for missions thru his church, he mentioned many institutions now being maintained in these European Countries—Such as orphanages, Bible schools, and milk and food stations under the direction of competent persons and medical aid stations.

A ten mile side journey into bleeding, Bolshevik Russia was the limit of Bishop Darlington's visit to that devastated land of want, where an American passport gives no assurance of personal safety.

This was the second visit of Bishop Darlington to Lincoln and his address here was one of the greatest ever delivered in this city, and will prove helpful and ever remain a memory to those who were fortunate enough to hear the great bishop.

He was presented to the congregation by Rev. J. T. Mangum pastor of the Lincoln M. E. Church.

tion which will be held on Saturday, April 8th. The graduates will be honored by being seated on the stage during the exercises on Saturday morning and will be addressed by Hon. O. Max Gardner. All pupils of the county who have not missed a day from school this year will be given attendance certificates, and those who have not missed a word in spelling during the year will receive certificates showing perfection in spelling. The winners in the school betterment campaign will be announced on commencement day.

Singing by the schools of the county, spelling matches, contests and games will fill the commencement program and will furnish entertainment for all who come to Lincoln to enjoy the Big Commencement Day with the children. Every patron of the schools or citizen of our county who is interested in the undertakings of the schools and the improvement of the children is invited to be present on commencement day and enjoy the songs, speeches, spelling matches and games.

Come and bring the whole family.

LINCOLN R. F. D. 3 LOCAL NEWS ITEMS

Lincolnton, R. F. D. 3, April 3.—The farmers have very little done in the way of farming. So as the old saying they will all have the same start, as soon as the land gets so they can plow, Book and Fruit tree agents had better stay out of this section as there will be a busy set of folks among the tillers of mother earth. The prospects are good for a good wheat and oats crop so far. There is lots of Fertilizer being purchased by the farmers and from this we may judge larger acreage of cotton is to be planted this season than last.

We hear a good deal said in regard to consolidation of our rural schools. This scribble is for it first, last and all the time. As the old saying the little one room, one teacher school will drop out as time goes. They are being numbered, with the "Has beens" and will be things of the past at no distance day. I say Hurrah for Consolidation For Better Education. With the very best of advantages, in the way of schools for our boys and girls then, we can have a better citizenship.

We hear no complaint in any of our three schools (Elbow) under (Mr. Elmer Howard) and (sister,) as teachers, Mr. S. L. Bollinger, at "Sign Board." Miss Lea and Mrs. Mason Mullen at Macedonia.

They all have the very "praise" of the pupils as well as the parents and citizens in general.

We are real proud of our teachers, and its pupils as well; it's good to be able to say we have as good citizenship as any rural community in this State, here in Dear Old Lincoln.

Christianity and Education go hand in hand, and with out them, our State would soon be in Bolshevism.

We have in this section two Confederate Veterans in the persons of Messrs, Lee P. Perkins, and Cale Abbott, who were born in March, were called for service in the Confederate Army in March were discharged in March, each were married in March, and Mr. Abbott says he's like a March pig or bull calf. It's the hardest month to "pull through" or over. He says if he can make it through March he's all O. K. Both have just past their 77th mile post in life the 24 and 31 respectively.

We are informed that Mrs. E. M. Lynch is right ill.

Mr. J. P. Lockman who sometime ago suffered a stroke of paralysis is doing fairly well.

Mr. C. T. Hoke one of our progressive farmers, is erecting a 10 room residence on his farm on route 1 Iron Station. He has recently purchased a tractor and plow and harrow, and says he is going to try to see if better plowing and preparing will not be beneficial in the way of grain farming.

Mr. Frank Caldwell and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Bain Wilkinson, and young bride spent a few days last week visiting relatives in this community.

Mrs. Rocky Ewing, widow of late Milton Ewing, has been real ill with heart trouble for past few days and is not expected to recover.

Justice.

BAPTIST WOMEN MEET

NEXT IN DURHAM

Charlotte, March 30.—The Baptist Women's Missionary union state convention, in session here since Tuesday night, closed tonight with the pagent, "United to Serve," by the local Y. W. A.'s to meet the fourth week in March next year in Durham. Golaboro and Wilmington made a strong pull for the next convention.

Miss Mary Warren, of Dunn, was elected corresponding secretary of the convention to succeed Mrs. W. H. Reddish, Miss Warren is thought to be splendidly qualified for this highly responsible position, being a Meredith college girl, a graduate of the Louisville Training school, and for the past two years Pastor Lee White's assistant at Kinston. She is highly gifted in head and heart and thoroughly consecrated to her work. She expects to enter upon her new duties May 1.

Judging from every standpoint, this session of the convention will go down in history as one of the very best ever held. The enrollment of visitors and delegates went far beyond the 600 mark.

Farmers report the peach is safe once more from what threatened to be a disastrous frost. There was a visible deposit in low places, but a high wind had fanned the trees for two days and the young fruit was dry. Some peaches may be killed further north, but it is not believed any are injured around here. It has been several years since there was a good crop of peaches and last year apples missed in the mountains except in Alexander county.

SIMMONS PROPOSES BANKING SYSTEM

Would Create Federal Institution Similar to Federal Reserve System To Provide Long Term Credits for Farmers, Giving Them the Same Credit Facilities That Commercial Interests Have in Federal Reserve System.

Washington, April 3.—Creation of a federal institution similar to the federal reserve bank system to provide long term credits for farmers was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator Simmons, democrat, North Carolina, former chairman of the senate finance committee, which was later referred to that committee. The bill would set up an agricultural banking system with regional districts and other attributes of the federal banking system.

Establishment of a "national agricultural credits corporation" to absorb the war finance corporation, with \$500,000,000 capital for a revolving fund, all to be subscribed by the government, was proposed under the bill. Loans would run from one to three years. The governing body would be a board of five members, headed by the secretary of agriculture, appointed by the President and confirmed by the senate.

Senator Simmons told the senate that his bill would give farming interests the same credit facilities that commercial interests receive from the federal reserve system. Mr. Simmons said his plan was a "sound, workable and well balanced system of financing the agricultural operations of the country." It would provide for farmers' "banking and credit facilities comparable if not equal to the federal reserve system," he said.

ROAD BUILDING IS AT 2,000-MILE MARK

Raleigh, March 31.—Twenty-five miles of gravel roads sold for \$1,225,767.15 when bids submitted by 59 contractors were opened by the State Highway Commission yesterday. Contracts have not yet been let, but will probably be awarded tomorrow or Monday.

Prices submitted yesterday maintained approximately the same level that has prevailed throughout the year, and for the most part were regarded as satisfactory by the commission. Ten projects were included in the letting. The number of contractors submitting bids declined sharply from the peak reached on February 24.

Yesterday's figures come within a fraction of 2,000 miles of new roads built, under construction or under contract since Frank Page was named chairman of the commission by Governor Bickett three years ago.

ROUND-TRIP WEEK END TICKET

Atlanta, Ga., April 4.—During the coming summer tourist season, the Southern Railway system will sell round-trip week-end tickets from principal points to all mountain and seashore resorts in the South at sixty percent of the double one-way fare, or a fare and one-fifth, for the round-trip. As an illustration, where the one way fare is \$10.00, the round-trip fare will be \$12.00.

These tickets will be sold on Fridays and Saturdays and will be good for return trip until Tuesday, this being a more liberal arrangement than has ever before been in effect and one which will enable the people of the South to make week-end trips to mountain and seashore resorts at a very reasonable cost. It will be especially advantageous to business men who wish to make weekly visits to their families at resorts. These tickets will be sold from Washington, D. C., Cincinnati, Ohio, and Louisville, Ky., as well as point throughout the Southeast.

These tickets will be put on sale May 15 and will be sold until the latter part of September.

J. S. CUNINGHAM DIES IN RALEIGH

Raleigh, April 4.—Col. John Summerville Cunningham, candidate with Aycock for the democratic gubernatorial nomination, delegate to the democratic national convention at St. Louis that nominated Bryan for President, and active in political circles of the state for years, died at Rex hospital here tonight at 8:15 o'clock after a serious illness of several days. Colonel Cunningham had been in poor health for some weeks.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at the old ancestral home at Cunningham, Person county, burial taking place in the family burying plot.

A promise is a little thing that Republican politicians like to forget after election.

ELECTION BOARD SETS DATES FOR CAMPAIGN

Raleigh, April 1.—The state board of elections today announced its calendar for the 1922 primary and election.

April 15 is for meeting of county board of election and appointment of registrars and judges of election; April 22 is the expiration of time for filing notices of candidacies; April 27 the registration books open, and May 20 they close, and this is likewise the last day for county candidates and state senators to file notices of candidacy, May 24 is the last day for filing statement of campaign expenses, June 3 is the primary.

DR. LEONARD WHITE, OF STATESVILLE, A SUICIDE

Prominent Dentist Throws Himself Under Engine of Passenger Train No. 21.

Statesville, April 1.—Dr. Leonard White, for more than 30 years a prominent dentist in Statesville, was struck and instantly killed by Southern train No. 21, one mile west of Statesville about 4 o'clock this afternoon. It appeared to be a clear case of suicide. According to the story of the engineer, Dr. White was first seen standing by the side of the track and just before the engine reached him he stepped over and stooped down placing his hands on one of the rails. The engine knocked him off the track to one side inflicting wounds about the neck and head which produced instant death. The engineer stopped his train immediately, picked up the body of the dead man and brought it back to the station.

Dr. White had to give up his dental practice last year on account of failing health and spent some months in Broad Oaks sanatorium at Morganton. He returned to his home a few days ago but his health had not been fully restored. No inquest was necessary as Sheriff Alexander and his attorney and all who are familiar with the facts considered it apparent that the deceased came to his death by his own act.

Dr. White was 60 years of age and is survived by his wife and two sons, William White, of Charlotte, and Leonard White, of Greensboro. His wife was Miss Kate Wood, daughter of the late W. A. Wood, for 30 years pastor of the First Presbyterian church here. Dr. White was a native of Sumter, S. C. He leaves one brother, Anthony White, of New York. Funeral will be conducted by Rev. Chas. E. Raynal pastor of the First Presbyterian church Sunday afternoon and burial will be in Oak Wood cemetery.

Washington, April 3.—Reorganization of the bureau of engraving and printing through the executive order issued last Friday by President Harding removing James L. Wilmett, its director, and 28 other officials was explained today on the grounds of "efficiency" by Secretary Mellon. No charges involved the honesty of any of the dismissed bureau officials have been filed, the treasury secretary stated.

AN OVERSIGHT

He—"When I married you, I had boundless adoration for you—I could fairly have devoured you! Now I regret that I didn't do it."

—Le Regiment.

GRIFFITH'S "WAY DOWN EAST" COMING

D. W. Griffith's picturization of "Way Down East," based on the stage play by Lottie Blair Parker, which for the past twenty-two years was one of the rural classics of the American theatre, will be presented at the Ford Theatre on April 14 and 15th, two days with the following cast: Lillian Gish, Richard Barthelmess, Mary Hay, Burr McIntosh, Lowell Sherman, Creighton Hale, Mrs. Morgan Belmont, Kate Bruce, Edgar Nelson, George Neville, Vivian Ogden, Porter Strong, Josephine Bernard, Mrs. David Landau, Patricia Fruen, Florence Short, Emily Fitzroy and Myrtle Suteb.

Mr. Griffith's production of "Way Down East" represent ten month's work of the most exacting character, for in his screen version of the story he has endeavored to follow closely the narrative of the stage play, with here and there a digression for the purpose of dramatic value or elaboration.

"Way Down East" is the biggest production Mr. Griffith has made. Several Griffith innovations are promised, including a thrilling snowstorm and a genuine New England ice break on the River.

Following the premiere performance, the production will be offered daily, matinee and evening. There will be a special music program adv.

CITIES AND COUNTIES DO NOT OWE MUCH

Total Bonded Indebtedness of 85 Little Over \$95,000,000—Much For Improvements—Counties Have \$3,000,000 In Courthouses and \$32,000,000 In Their Schools.

(By W. T. Bost in Greensboro News)

Raleigh, April 1.—Eighty-five counties and their chief cities complying with the Sams act providing for publication of all bonded indebtedness of whatsoever character, had today returned \$48,971,860.07 against the cities and \$46,182,631.80 against the counties.

A little to the rise of \$95,000,000 the figures will prove a staggering disappointment to organized croakerdom. When Mr. Sams was engineering his bill through the two houses there was hardly an optimist progressive, idealist or what not who would have dared guess North Carolina people owe less than \$500,000,000 on what they have and have not. But it is reasonably certain that North Carolina's county indebtedness will not exceed \$65,000,000 and city obligations will be barely more if so much. The highest estimate made by any man handling the figures is \$150,000,000 and he thinks it is possible that the obligations may be embraced in \$125,000,000 with money to spare. This with the state authorized bonded indebtedness of substantially \$75,000,000 makes the state of North Carolina debtor for its own and all its governmental units \$200,000,000.

Right much money anybody will say but North Carolina, is right much of a state. Nearly one-fourth of this indebtedness has merely been contracted for the more than half of it is for improvements, properties and institutions of various kind not yet complete. That is to say, the smallest percentage is for things that have been used up and thrown away. The big deals which these governing units are now putting over are for things that have an immortal character to them.

For instance, these 85 counties have invested \$3,000,000 in courthouses and jails, \$468,000 in county homes \$1,000,000 in railroads, \$7,217,000 in schools and \$32,000,000 in roads. The ratio of expenditures has been inverted. Schools a few years ago were the nearest nothing, they are now the nearest something. North Carolina is putting sense in its head so fast that materialistic folks can hardly put pavement fast enough for its feet to bear those full heads. Roads and schools lack but a little of taking up half of this indebtedness and the man who croaks a community out of its road and school mind will be able to make a fortune turning artesian wells inside out and making telephone poles of them.

How Cities Stack Up

As not all the cities have turned in their debts the department of Auditor Durham is not ready to give an itemized list. Winston-Salem, the metropolis, leads in grand total with \$4,912,733.61. It is strangely enough, seconded by Oxford with \$2,290,000, Wilmington coming third with \$2,180,000, Greensboro fourth with \$2,045,000 and Raleigh fifth with \$2,030,000. Figures yet come will change these, perhaps shove Winston-Salem out of first place. Then when Raleigh buys \$1,000,000 worth of schools next week that will shoot the capital high. Salisbury which recently bought heavily in schools has \$1,864,000 Gastonia, \$1,529,999 Rocky Mount, \$1,204,800, Burlington \$1,067,500, Washington \$1,004,000 Wilson \$1,445,500, High Point \$910,000 Reidsville \$746,000 New Bern, \$969,000 and so on.

Many of these municipalities own their own utilities and their bonded indebtedness is being automatically retired by the patronage of the public. Nobody can now compute the amount of these bonds. Every city that has a big bond debt is building streets with amazing energy. Two of the most significant towns in the whole list are Chapel Hill and Hillsboro. The Athens, Chapel Hill, owes \$15,000. The Corinth, Hillsboro, owes \$10,000.

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PLUMB FOOLISH

Raleigh Times.

What was called "Dan Cupid's ticket" has been defeated in the municipal election of Charlotte, Iowa. Mothers of marriageable daughters—and the daughters too—are said to have instructed daughters' male friends that they must vote for the 2 women for city office or stop coming around. Election day came and has gone and the women candidates were handsomely trimmed. Election officials think that the men voted as they were told to vote, but that the other women of the community voted to a woman for the men candidates.

SHORT ITEMS

Winston-Salem, April 4.—The district Pythian meeting here last night voted unanimously to extend an invitation to the grand lodge, which meets in Wilmington in June, to hold its annual session in Winston-Salem next year.

Raleigh, April 4.—Raleigh today voted a million-dollar bond issue for the extension of its school system. Of a registration slightly above 4,200 advocates of the bond issue succeeded in getting 2,919 votes. The money will be used in the erection of a modern and up-to-date high schools building and the construction of a number of grammar grade buildings in addition to the repair and addition of rooms to buildings now in use.

Washington, April 3.—Discussing before the house labor committee today reasons why 600,000 anthracite and bituminous coal miners stopped work last Saturday in the United States and Canada, John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America and official leader of the strike, declared that the anthracite workers had gone out merely to await the results of a peaceful negotiation with their employers over a new wage scale but that the bituminous workers were out indefinitely, if need be, to obtain the signing of a basic wage contract.

San Francisco, April 2.—Roscoe C. (Fatty) Arbuckle is to take the stand "in the next few days" to tell his own story of the happenings at the Hotel St. Francis party in which he is alleged to have fatally attacked Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, counsel for Arbuckle announced today. The trial which is on a manslaughter charge in connection with the actress' death, is expected to consume at least two more weeks.

New York, April 3.—Union leaders claimed their first victory for the striking anthracite miners here today when they announced several independent companies had offered to grant all of the nineteen wage demands if the men would return to their jobs immediately.

Hickory, April 3.—Practically complete returns assure the election of M. H. Yount, for mayor, over E. Lyster and George L. Huffman and S. A. Isehour, for aldermen, over N. W. Clark and S. L. Whitner, by majority of 125 or more. The vote cast, over 1,400, was largest ever polled in Hickory. Women participated for the first time in a city election here, probably 500 voting. The newly elected officers are regarded as entirely new administration and a number of changes are expected in the personnel of the city offices.

Both operators and miners stand firm in the country-wide strike which has closed more than 6,000 leaving over 500,000 men idle. Operators claims many non-union miners who were idle Saturday in observance of the anniversary of the eight-hour day have returned to work. Both sides agree, however, that the strike is practically 100 per cent perfect in the great central competitive field of the Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania. Operators assert that many pits are in operation in West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Kansas operators on Monday agreed to return to the wage scale of May, 1917, providing for \$3.60 a day instead of the \$7.50 named in the present agreement.

Thomasville, April 2.—The Woman's Missionary societies of the North Carolina classis of the Reformed church will hold their annual conference at the Heidelberg Reformed Church here, beginning Wednesday afternoon, April 5, at 2 o'clock and continuing through Friday morning, April 7.—About 100 delegates are expected to attend this, the 26th annual session, and a number of the ladies of other churches of the town will assist the members of the local Reformed church by entertaining the visitors in their homes and in other ways make their stay here a pleasant one.

A man who carries the title of "reverend," said to be a Holiness preacher, head of an orphanage in Oconee County, S. C. was found operating a booze plant and is in jail. Make your own comment, as the Greensboro News paragrapher is in that habit of saying. The operation of fake orphanages, where unfortunate children are ill-treated if not debauched, are by no means unknown. The addition of a home-brew factory to an orphanage plant is a new proposition, but possibly the superintendent will explain that he was driven to that to get means to support the orphanage.—Statesville Landmark.