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## A GREAT DAY SATURDAY

### THE COUNTY COMMENCEMENT WAS A BIG SUCCESS.

Estimated That Three Thousand Children Were in Line—Enthusiasm and Evidence of Progress and Happiness Everywhere—Certificates Delivered to One Hundred and Seventeen Graduates.

Another step forward in the cause of education was made Saturday in the rally for the second annual county commencement. To see the interest manifested on all sides by old and young, men and women, was indeed an inspiration to those who are endeavoring to push forward this great cause.

In the early morning vehicles of every kind filled with children, parents and grand-parents, all intent on reaping pleasure and benefit from this gala occasion, began pouring into town. The Wesley Chapel school sent some of her students in a decorated wagon drawn by four mules. They entered town giving the school yells, thus showing a real spirit of enthusiasm and pride.

At 9:30 the line of march was formed at the Lancaster Avenue school. The campus was swarming with children, but all under good control. The line was headed by Superintendent Nesbit and the county board of education, followed by the school committee and children from the various schools, estimated to number 3,000. It was an inspiring sight to see the men and women of the future line up in one body. As the march progressed the yells of the different schools were given with a vigor. The banners and pennants borne aloft by the larger boys lead the groups. The spirit of the schools was shown by the mottoes on some of the banners, such as Progress, Virtue, Prosperity, Onward.

After making the rounds laid out, all assembled on the campus in front of the High School building where a large rostrum had been built in the open. The remaining exercises of the day were held there. The opening number was the song—America—sung by number of children's voices led by the Monroe Orchestra. Prayer led by Rev. Mr. Boger was followed by the declamation and reciter's contest. The following young men and women competed for the prizes:

Retributive Justice, G. R. McNeely; The Divinity of Labor, Conley Baucum; Unwilling Lee's Monument, Sammie Winchester; John Howard Payne, C. C. Fincher; Christian Young Men of America, Webb Howie; The Deathbed of Benedict Arnold, Reuben Hinson; The Heritage of Tomorrow, Ruskin McNeely; The Value of a Reputation, Dewey Price; The Story of the Tar Baby, Miss Mary Price; The Fall of Pemberton's Mill, Miss Bessie Parker; Dickie's Christmas, Miss Gladys Hefner; Billy's Rose, Miss Nora Fincher; The Clown's Romance, Miss Dott Belk; The Going of the White Swan, Miss Myrtle Helms; Innocence, Miss Mary Bennett; The Wreck of the Titanic, Miss Thelma Little; Venessa, Miss Mabel Helms; The Chariot Race, Miss Emma Plyler; A Brave Boy, Miss Mary Austin.

This was a very interesting part of the program. The subjects were well chosen and mastered. Both the declaimers and reciters showed marked ability and careful training. Mr. G. R. McNeely proved himself to be the superior orator of the day, in the minds of the judges, and Miss Thelma Little best reciter. In this contest eight boys and eleven girls competed.

On Friday evening a public debate was held in the auditorium of the Lancaster Avenue school. A number of people from both town and country were present.

The subject of the debate was, "Resolved, That the United States Should Further Restrict Immigration." Affirmative, L. P. Baucum, Clonnie Medlin, Newton Keziah, J. B. Lathan; negative, J. C. Huneycutt, Vance L. Secrest, C. C. Belk, R. P. Yarbrough. The debaters showed a remarkable grasp of the subject and argued with conviction. The judges, J. J. Parker, R. F. Beasley and L. R. Helms, were unanimous in their decision in favor of the negative side and the medal for the best debater was won by Mr. Vance L. Secrest.

After dinner the address by Dr. E. W. Sikes of Wake Forest College, was delivered. It was indeed fine and is given in part below. Following the address was the delivery of prizes as follows: For best debater, gold medal given by Messrs. W. S. Blakeney and J. W. Laney, was won by Mr. Vance L. Secrest and delivered with a few appropriate remarks by Mr. B. C. Ashcraft. Mr. John Vann presented the reciter's gold medal, given by Lee & Lee Company, to Miss Thelma Little. Prof. Ray Funderburk, principal of the Mt. Holly school, presented the dictionary, given by Belk Bros., for the best school exhibit, to the Marshville High School, and the Waterman fountain pen, given by Ashcraft Bros., for the best declaimer, to Mr. G. R. McNeely. Supt. Nesbit then presented 117 certificates to the children of the county who completed the seventh grade this year. These certificates entitle the holder to enter any High School in the State. Throughout the program excellent music was rendered by the Monroe Orchestra.

The close of the day's program was a base ball game between Wingate and Monroe. The game was interesting as there was a number of

partisans. The score was 13 to 6 in favor of Wingate.

The exhibits of the work done in the various schools of the county was a tribute to both children and teachers. Supt. Nesbit has done much to stir up enthusiasm and push forward the cause of education in the county. The crowd here was a fine representation of the material Union county is composed of. Splendid order prevailed and the evidence of prosperity and happiness was on every side.

### DR. SIKES' ADDRESS.

Mr. B. C. Ashcraft presented the audience of young people to Dr. Sikes, as he deemed it unnecessary to present Dr. Sikes to a Union county audience. Dr. Sikes in opening his address accepted the present and compared the occasion to the dog barking at the train. The question was not if he could catch it, but what would he do with it after he got it. However, Dr. Sikes proved he knew what to do with his present after he received it. He commended on the audience, their looks and their presence, which proved that they were not so narrow as to be forever after the penny but were broad enough to mix pleasure and recreation of the right kind in with their daily toil. His subject was "The Men Who Do the World's Work." His message was to the workers, not the idlers. He showed that education was for the worker, to train him to do better work—not to get out of it. He said, "Education is to sharpen the implements with which God has to do his work." That education was to train the man to be able to grasp his opportunity and help him do the work, that every one found greater things to do than his training prepared him for. He compared the schools to the blacksmith shop, a place to sharpen implements and mould them, also to a granary. He pointed out that it was possible for a man to attain greatness without a college education, that the door of opportunity was open to all in America, but that he had to go to his training somewhere, that these men were geniuses, and you need never worry about the genius, but it was the common or average boy and girl we must give an opportunity to. He said "I always felt sorry for the man with one talent. He should have been trained to use that one talent, and that is our duty today to train the boy with the one talent." Continuing the speaker said, when a man considers his education finished he had reached the dead line. There was no further progress for him. The thing that had revolutionized Union county was that the man though grown could still learn. That he did not stop with what his father had known but sought to know more. It is the country that counts. Virginia is a State of big cities and little country, North Carolina a State of little cities and big country, and see how she is progressing. The speaker then dealt with the two kinds of men, the mentally smart, and the physically lazy, the physically smart and the mentally lazy. He said that it did not need the man who was both mentally and physically lazy.

Dr. Sikes compared the line of march composed of school children with the jaded teachers to the days of '61. It was the women then who led the men to volunteer for the fight. It is the same now. In conclusion, Dr. Sikes said: "The greatest product of creation is man. He shall be as a shadow of a great rock in a weary land."

### WEDDINGTON SCHOOL CLOSING.

Entertainment by Young People on Tuesday Evening—Exercises Next Day—Address by Dr. Marr—Drama by Older Pupils.

The closing exercises of Weddington Academy will take place on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, April 14th and 15th. The younger pupils will give an entertainment on Tuesday evening. On Wednesday, beginning at 10:30, there will be a prize-speaking contest, and drama in the evening, each to be offered by the older pupils. Dr. T. F. Marr will deliver the address following the morning exercises. Rev. Seymour Taylor will preach the sermon for the young people on next Sunday night. The people are cordially invited to these exercises. Dinner to be served on the grounds Wednesday. Go and add to the pleasure of the occasion by your presence.

### Monroe Men Pitched.

In the ball game between Trinity College and Buffalo, New York, whose team is practicing in the South, in Charlotte, Saturday, it was a unique fact that both teams had pitchers from Monroe. Mr. Phifer Fullenwider, who is with the big professional team, pitched for Buffalo, and Mr. John English, who is a student at Trinity, and one of the team's pitchers, did a like service for the college team. The score of nine to nothing in favor of the professional was not however as bad, says the Observer, if the college boys had not been somewhat rattled by the mere knowledge that they were playing with a big professional team.

### Spruce Pine School Closing.

Spruce Pine school, in Goose Creek township, taught by Prof. W. L. Rushing and Miss Rosalie Winchester, will close April 11th. At 10:30 in the morning there will be a contest by the primary students for a silver medal, at 1:30 p. m. contest by the advanced students for a gold medal, and at 7:30 the night exercises will begin. Music by string band. The public is invited.

### FATTY ROLLED FATTY.

Dr. Jerome Gave "J. B." a Spin in Georgia Buggy—A Regular Building Boom at Wingate.

Wingate, April 4.—Our farmers are beginning to scratch ground in high places these fine days. Mrs. E. W. Griffin has been quite sick with pneumonia but we are glad to learn she is much better. Little Miss Willie Gathings has pneumonia, but it is hoped she will pass the critical point and will soon regain her normal health.

Mr. A. F. Green has sold his house and lot on College street to Mr. Willie Hasty.

Mrs. Daley Brewer is making preparations for the erection of a nice residence on North Main street. The Wingate Supply Co. has purchased the large brick store house, built and formerly owned by Mr. J. W. Outen.

Mr. R. L. Womble is feeding about 40 head of cattle on his farm. He is well pleased with results. Mr. Womble has adopted a plan for improving his farm the wisdom of which will soon be in evidence.

Mr. H. A. Redfern is laying down lumber for the erection of a commodious, up-to-date residence on the site of his present dwelling.

Dr. J. R. Jerome was seen wheeling Mr. J. B. Bass along the street in a wheelbarrow yesterday. The incident created quite a lot of fun and merriment. You see, the Dr. and J. B. are our two heavy weights, 260 and 240, respectively. If J. B. had been a fat porker, the Doctor would have had a valuable cargo; but J. B. is no hog, he isn't.

Just listen to the hens, the cackling, cut, cut, cut, and every direction. Since eggs have dropped to 15 cts. When eggs were up to 50 cents, they didn't lay—you bet.

I think my spring poetry will have to go into cold storage, don't you? Right now is the most critical time for the peach crop. We have grave fears for its safety. If it does escape the prospect for a fine crop is flattering indeed. O. P. TOMIST.

### Was the Robbery a Fish Story?

Last Friday The Journal printed a large story from the Atlanta Georgian about the hold-up of Capt. Cason's train at Comer on Thursday morning before day, and the gallant fight that Express Messenger Fletcher made in repulsing the bandits who attempted to rob the express car. No one else connected with the train saw any signs of robbers, and all along there was a good deal of skepticism among railroad people about the genuineness of the affair. A dispatch from Norfolk in the Sunday papers throws some more light on the affair. It says:

The Seaboard Air Line today reported the taking into custody of R. C. Fletcher, a Southern Express Messenger, who is alleged to have confessed that a report that he was held up on a Seaboard express from Birmingham to New York at Comer, Ga., was a hoax. Seaboard officials say that the motive is alleged to have been hope of reward and promotion for "brave service."

The statement above that Fletcher was taken into custody was not true, as he had done nothing to be arrested for, as there was no robbery. He was merely shipped back to his home in Virginia. It seems that he had been a student of "Dime Novel" literature.

### Will Change the Name of Bakers.

For some time The Monroe Insurance and Investment Company have been working on the development of the Stephenson tract near Bakers, four miles from town on the Seaboard. The tract comprises nearly one thousand acres, which has been cut into small tracts for sale to actual settlers. There is no attempt to make a boom settlement or to sell town lots. The company proposes to do everything in its power to make an ideal farming and village community with church, school and railroad facilities. Tracts will be sold to actual white settlers who will build and improve. This bids fair to be one of the best communities in Union county when the plans are carried out. It is designed that families may have lots and reside near the station in easy reach of school, railroad and church, and at the same time own and work land lying further away. On the tract is much valuable and fertile land.

One of the changes in process is to do away with the old station name of Bakers, and use the name Shiloh, the name of the church and school already there. The people of Bakers approve the change, the company approves it, and the railroad is willing to accept the new name and is now starting the process necessary to change it in the railroad books.

The Monroe Insurance and Investment Company is also preparing to cut up the Pineland dairy tract a mile and a half south of town into small tracts for actual settlement. Their large Gulledder tract in Lanes Creek township has already been cut up.

Be sure and see the Mutual Girl in the second reel of the greatest photoplay ever made at the Rex Theatre Saturday.

Good music by the Monroe Orchestra at the Rex Theatre tonight. Go.

### FIRST GRADE BEAT SIXTH.

Remarkable Record of Students of Union County Teacher in the School of Warsaw—Something of Miss Cuthbertson's Methods.

Miss Lillian Cuthbertson of this county is teaching in the Warsaw High School, and the students in her room, which is the first grade, have made the remarkable record of having met those of the sixth grade in a spelling match and defeated them. The Journal has seen a letter from Mr. Tart, formerly for several years principal of the Warsaw school, highly complimenting the work of Miss Cuthbertson.

The children in her grade average seven and a half years in age, and they have beaten the children of all the other grades in the school up to, and including, the sixth. When Miss Cuthbertson took charge of the children last September none of them knew anything about spelling "off the book." Not only have they made this record in spelling this year, but they have done equally well in reading, writing, number work, drawing, and language lessons. In the spelling matches no words are given that the children have not previously been over, but many that they have not seen for weeks. No catch words are allowed, but all are practical, useful words, running as high as three and four syllables.

What the Monroe Creamery Has Done and is Going to Do for Union County.

We have taken in during March 3,898 pounds of milk and the farmers have taken the same amount of skim milk back to their farms and fed to calves and hogs, which is a very valuable feed for both these animals and besides he has the money for his butter fat that was in the milk. A lot of our patrons have already obtained hand separators with which they separate their milk at home and only send us the pure cream and keep the skim milk at home in March. In both milk and cream we paid for 440 pounds of butter-fat; this amounted to \$145.97 at 33 cents per pound.

We have sold only a part of this butter here in Monroe, and shipped the rest to various places at a very good price. The groceryman are continuously being bothered with the country butter still and just as soon as the farmers take advantage of this opportunity and sell their butter-fat that is in their milk and cream for 33c per pound instead of selling it for from 12c. up to 20c. per pound you will find our fresh Creamery butter in every home in Monroe. And we are exceedingly anxious for that time to come. We already realize the fact that it is coming just so soon as the farmers' wives find out that we are paying 5c to 15c per pound more than they are getting from the groceryman. And then, too, the farmers wives are getting very tired of this churning at home, especially when they realize that we churn every other day just as regular as the days come around and by sending us their milk and cream which will be but very little trouble to the housewife, especially when a route comes by their door, all they have to do is simply sit out and let the man that has charge of the route pick it up and bring it direct to us; and anyone that is as near as one-half mile to the route is just as well off as some farmer that is in one-half mile of Monroe. We already have two routes started and confidently expect to have two or three more within the next few weeks and we hope that every farmer will take an opportunity of the route and send us all the milk he can, and if that isn't much get more cows, for it's a settled fact, if a farmer expects to make anything he has got to keep cattle and why not keep some kind of an animal that will pay her board. Everyone knows that the old cow is the only animal that will feed herself and feed you.

Most every Creamery that has been built in the South has had to run at a loss for the first few months. And with the co-operation of the farmers and the business men in Monroe and in Union county we expect to make a great success with this Creamery, and we confidently hope that we will have this co-operation soon. This does not say that we have not had it heretofore, but with a business like this we cannot have too many good men in behind it. We have the capacity for 600 lbs. of butter per day which would amount to \$198.00 per day that we would pay out to the farmers and when this is done it is going to help the business of Monroe enormously, and as the old saying "When you put money in the farmers' hands, you have helped most every business in the country" regardless of what it may be, so it's up to every man to get in behind this concern and push.

Our manager, Mr. Fred W. Blanton, will be only too glad to explain any details whatever in this business.

The annual closing exercises of the Mt. Carmel school will be held Friday, April 10th, morning and evening. Exercises by the primary and intermediate grades will be given in the forenoon. Two plays, given by the larger children who compose the Mt. Carmel Dramatic Club, will be Friday evening at 8:30. The plays are, "My Awful Dad" and "The Carving Knife." The past year has been one of marked success. The teachers were Prof. McIver, assistants, Miss Hattie Stevens of Matthews and Addie Hinson of Charlotte.

### REBELS WERE VICTORIOUS.

Took Torreon and Now Control Immense Territory—Rebel Cause Tremendously Helped by Victory. El Paso Texas, Dispatch, April 3rd.

Federal sympathizers in this city tonight claimed information to the effect that the Federals who escaped from Torreon last night numbered 3,500. As they estimated Velasco's forces at 9,000, this would indicate that in dead, wounded and prisoners the Huerta forces lost 5,500.

The Federals believe that Velasco and the remnant of his army will attempt to join with the Monterey garrison, said to number 4,000. Gen. Pablo Gonzales, the rebel leader, operating in that region, is believed to have a following of 3,000.

The effect of the rebel victory at Torreon was felt here in a stiffening of the market for Constitutional money and in the beginning of a movement to organize foreigners owning property in Mexico to appeal to Washington to recognize the Carranza government.

The latter idea originated with former Governor Carey of New Mexico. Gen. Carranza declined to comment on the movement, but there was much favorable comment in Juarez.

### VILLA'S LOSSES.

After the hysterical outburst that greeted the news of the fall of Torreon last night this city was calm today. Gen. Villa added nothing to his brief bulletin of last night except that he promised that, if convenient, he would report all available details tonight.

Greatest interest centers in definite information as to the number of prisoners taken by the rebels. Villa last night said the Federal loss was 12,000 dead, wounded and prisoners and it is assumed he meant that most of these were prisoners. The report indicated a rout of the Federals so complete as to almost unbelievable. Villa's early estimate of his losses was 500 killed and 1,500 wounded.

The streets here today were almost deserted, and while automobiles coming from the American side were superficially searched for weapons, the restriction which compelled all to make a detour around the home of Gen. Carranza, was removed. Saloons and resorts generally were re-opened today.

### REBELS CONTROL LARGE TERRITORY.

With the capture of Torreon, Constitutionalists now control an immense wedge-shaped portion of Mexico, with the point resting on Torreon 500 miles south of here, and the top extending along the American border from Nogales, Ariz., to a point just west of Eagle Pass, Texas. At Piedras Negras, across from Eagle Pass, there is a Federal garrison, but it is not menacing. The States subject to rebel arms are Chihuahua, Sonora (except the port of Guaymas) most of Chahulla, Durango and Sinaloa.

Yesterday's victory was said to make the capture of Saltillo and Monclovia in Chahulla and Monterey, key to the State of Nuevo Leon, assured.

This, by his successful campaign of the last month, Gen. Francisco Villa has practically assured rebel control of the vast territory of the northern States of Mexico, and gained for himself the reputation of being the foremost soldier of the country.

Gen. Pablo Gomez, for months has harassed the Federal forces at Monclovia and Monterey and now that the Torreon army is loosed, strategists here assume that the Federals will evacuate these points and attempt to retreat to Tampico, seaport of the State of Tamaulipas.

Interest here today was divided in speculation as to Villa's future movements and the effect, if any, the triumph would have in Washington.

### Recorder's Court.

(From Tuesday, March 31, to Monday, April 6th.)

Doek Yow, assault with deadly weapon, cost; ordinance 80, \$10 and costs.

Verne Starnes, col., \$25 and costs; appeals.

Son Perry, col., ordinance No. 80; costs.

Jim Cotton, col., selling whiskey; 4 months and costs.

Jim Starnes, col., failure to support family, not guilty; assault and battery, cost and peace bond of \$50.

Charles Scott, assault; costs.

Will Scott, assault; costs.

Sylvester Starnes, col., abandonment; 4 months and costs.

Jack Stewart, ordinance No. 80; costs.

Bob Furr, ordinance No. 80; costs.

Howard Nelson, col., selling whiskey, six months.

S. S. Williams, ordinance 80; costs.

Will Meadows, ordinance No. 80; costs.

Will Stack, carrying concealed weapons; \$50 and costs, or 60 days on roads and to work out costs.

Stack was arrested here Saturday by Constable Starnes and Chief Laney. In one pocket was a tremendous Colt's automatic, nine-shot pistol, and in the other a quart bottle of liquor.

R. Montgomery, ordinance No. 80; costs.

H. Montgomery, ordinance No. 80; costs.

Ernest Cuthbertson, col., larceny; \$20 and costs.

Monroe Orchestra at the Rex Theatre every Tuesday and Friday. Good music. Go.

### THE SOUTHERN WOMEN.

An Old Soldier Greatly Interested in the Article by Mrs. Funderburk—Honor to the Women of the War-time.

Written for The Journal. I was deeply interested in Mrs. Funderburk's contribution to The Journal of March 24th. These sketches of war-time history and of the lives of those grand old people who figured so prominently in its making appeal powerfully to the old veterans. These stories are always peculiarly interesting—even fascinating to me, and I believe all true veterans highly appreciate these sketches of the part acted in that awful tragedy—the Civil War—by those grand and noble women of the Confederacy. The heart of every true Southern man is thrilled with delight at the very mention of these old mothers and the good and brave and faithful fight they made. There is not a true son of these mothers, nor a true husband of these faithful, self-sacrificing wives whose blood does not boil at the thought of the outrageous treatment, the insults and cruelties to which these helpless and defenseless women were subjected by bands of ruffians and vandals, bearing the name and wearing the uniform of Federal soldiers, while he—the Southern soldier—was yonder on the field fighting, like the brave and true soldier that he was, for what he believed to be his rights—nay for what was his rights and while these grand old mothers and daughters were offering themselves as sacrifices on the altar of their beloved Southland. Every young woman and girl ought to feel proud of being the offspring of such noble parentage. It will be worth while for them to study this grand type of womanhood and to emulate their excellent virtues.

No one except those who underwent the hardships can ever know their full meaning and sad is the thought that these will not abide here much longer to tell the sad stories of those dark days. The part that they played, the suffering they bore, the sacrifices they made as richly deserve a place in the history of the Civil War as that of the men on the field (and right here is a good place to say that wherever there is erected a monument to the memory of the Southern Soldier there, by its side, ought to be one to perpetuate the names and memory of the Women of the Confederacy).

There is no lack of instances just such as that related by Mrs. Funderburk to the author of the story above referred to which if collected and put in book form would make quite a volume of intensely interesting reading history which would be eagerly sought for and read by every one who possesses a spark of patriotism and who desires to give honor to whom honor is due. Such a history would add new light to the situation and give those who are inclined to condemn the South for its action a more charitable view of the matter. In justice to these noble women and to show our appreciation for their efforts in behalf of our cause, I believe the Daughters of the Confederacy—the U. D. C.—ought to take the matter up and through their organization formulate some plan for collecting the necessary data for compilation into book form. The writer would gladly lend his aid in any way possible towards accomplishing this worthy task. Would be glad to have the views of any of my friends and comrades on the subject.

Respectfully submitted,  
H. P. MEIGS.  
Wingate, N. C.

### Modern Warfare—Fought 14 Battles and Never Saw the Enemy.

Greensboro News.

War among highly civilized nations has been robbed of well-nigh all its picturesque. Who could reach a high emotional frenzy over the modern thin line of heroes holding the crest, when the heroes, instead of standing to meet the terrific impact of charging hosts, spend all the day lying flat on their stomachs, pumping methodically away at the horizon, in the hope that some of their bullets may fall on the enemy, likewise prostrate in the mud on the opposite side of the next range of hills? One officer in the Russian army was engaged in 14 battles and skirmishes during the Japanese war, was twice wounded, and during the whole course of the war never set eyes on a Japanese soldier.

But the Mexicans, in their little battles, have paid no more attention to the rules of scientific than to those of civilized warfare. They have dashed recklessly into machine guns and bayoneted the gunners; in Torreon they have fought constantly at such close quarters that hand-grenades have been found the most effective weapon; and, incidentally, they have restored the war correspondent to his pristine glory. Villa, black with sweat and dust, storming up and down the lines, shouting, cursing, cheering—he might have stepped down from Lookout Mountain, or listened while Bee re-baptized Jackson with his own heart's blood. He is an anachronism in a story that tells of machine guns and rifles that kill at 3,000 yards.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Eubanks of Statesville came down Thursday night and remained with relatives till Monday. Mr. Eubanks, who has been in the hardware business in Statesville for several years, is contemplating locating elsewhere.

Monroe Orchestra with good pictures at the Rex Theatre tonight.