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HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Lieut. Governor O. Max Gardner Delivered the Address—Class Day Exercises.

The commencement exercises of the graded school were completed last night with the delivery of the literary address by Lieutenant Governor O. Max Gardner of Shelby and the delivery of the diplomas to the graduating class of the high school, and the reading of the best two essays of the competition for the gold medal given by the W. J. Rudge Co. Governor Gardner's address was an eloquent one and was heard attentively by a large audience. He spoke of the value of work and especially of the importance of agriculture as emphasized by the present situation of the world. He was introduced by Mayor Sikes.

His address followed the reading of the essays. Mr. Henry Belk, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Belk of Monroe, won the medal for the best essay, which was on the subject of John Charles McNeil. It was read by Miss Beam, and received the merited praise of all. The essay adjudged to be the next to the best was written and read by Miss Julia Fitzwater on Sidney Lanier. It also received the praise of just merit. The medal won by Mr. Belk and the medal for the highest scholarship in the whole school, won by Miss Ellen Presson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Presson, were delivered. Then came the delivery of the diplomas, which was done by Mayor Sikes at the request of Superintendent Allen. Those who received diplomas were as follows:

Oscar Abernethy, Martha Ashcraft, Eleanor Beasley, Sadie Bundy, Henry Belk, Lola Collins, Mary Douglass, Julia Fitzwater, Murielle Hinde, Viola Hart, Earl Hinson, Mary Hazel Long, Velma Lathan, Andrew Monroe, Furman Maness, George Presson, Isabel Secrest, Elizabeth Williams.

Mr. Gardner spoke for fifty minutes and held the closest attention of the audience. He made several references to the sturdy character of Union county people and what they stood for and what their reputation is throughout the State. He also referred to the struggle now on with a foreign war on our hands and the necessity for every one to come up to his or her patriotic duty. After the conclusion of the exercises many of the audience went up to meet and warmly congratulate the Lieutenant Governor and his inspiring and helpful speech.

The debate, and reciters' and declaimers' contest was held Friday night. The question, "Resolved That Cuba should be annexed by the United States," was ably discussed by George Presson and Walkup Mathew for the affirmative, and Miss Eleanor Beasley and Mabel Pointer for the negative. The affirmative won the decision, but Miss Beasley won the medal, offered by the First National Bank, for the best speech. Miss Jesse Harper Brown won the reciter's medal, and Henry Belk the declaimer's medal.

Rev. H. E. Gurney, pastor of the Presbyterian church, preached an inspiring sermon to the young graduates in the Methodist church last Sunday evening. The occasion was made a union service, and there was no preaching at either the Baptist or Presbyterian church. The Methodist church was filled to its capacity.

The class day exercises were held Monday at 10 o'clock in the graded school auditorium. Mr. Earl Hinson, president of the class, presided. Henry Belk, read the class poem; Miss Velma Lathan read the class prophecy; Oscar Abernethy, the class history; Miss Mary Douglas the last will and testament.

Resolutions of Respect.

"Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter in through the gates into the city."

Prof. G. M. Garrison, who passed away March 16th at Norfolk, Va., where he had gone for treatment, was a Christian educator. In religion he was loyal. As a church member he was faithful and liberal. As a citizen and neighbor he was among the best and had the confidence and respect of all who knew him. As teacher he commanded the respect and confidence of his pupils.

He was a man of deep piety. A loving husband and devoted father. A quiet, modest man whose memory we can cherish and whose example we can follow with benefit to ourselves and good to the world. The school, the church, and the State have sustained a loss.

Therefore, be it resolved: That the Marshallville Baptist church recognize the usefulness of our brother and friend, and that we extend sympathy to the bereaved and that we commend them to Him who doeth all things well. Respectfully submitted.—Smith Medlin, B. H. Griffin, Marshallville.

Captain Howie Is On the Job.

To the Editor of The Journal:—There has been a lot of criticism about the appearance of West Jefferson Avenue since the improvements have started on it, but the criticism is fast turning to praise as the finishing touches are being put on by our efficient Superintendent of Streets, Capt. W. L. Howie. When the cement sidewalk is finished, and the street crowned, everybody will be satisfied.—Observer.

While Davie county some years ago issued bonds for good roads, Jerusalem township, in that county, wants more roads, or better ones, and that township has voted \$25,000 for good roads.

IMPORTANT MEETING TONIGHT

At the Jackson Club rooms tonight, Tuesday, at eight o'clock, a meeting will be held to decide the question of whether Monroe is to have a hospital or whether it will fall to take advantage of the gift of the late Mrs. Fitzgerald and let the property right lapse and Monroe go without a hospital. Each one of the following men is expected to be present and express his opinion: The Mayor and City Aldermen, The ministers of every white church in town, The directors of the hospital, The physicians of the town, and The members of the Chamber of Commerce. The aldermen and the hospital board met yesterday afternoon and officially called this meeting. It is life or death for the hospital. If you are included in the above list be on hand and add your counsel to the occasion. If you stay away you vote to let the hospital proposition die.

Stack - McIntyre Engagement Announced.

The engagement of Mr. Lee Prather Stack of Norfolk, Va., son of Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Stack of Monroe, and Miss Mildred McIntyre of Lumberton, was announced last Saturday at a unique party given by Miss Irene McLeod of Lumberton. The wedding will take place on July 18. Mr. Stack is a young man of much ability. He is private secretary to the Vice-President of the Seaboard, which is a position of much responsibility for one of his age. Miss McIntyre is a charming young lady. She has visited friends in Monroe on several occasions, and has made many friends here.

When all the guests had arrived, they were invited into the hall. As the Victrola started playing "Blue Danube Waltzes," curtains were parted, revealing pretty little Maitland Thompson in costume of pure white. She danced gracefully for a few moments, then announced that as "Love," she had a secret to reveal. She brought in three daintily little maids, Lily Snead Varner, Courtenay Sharpe and Elizabeth Proctor, each carrying a large placard. On these were written the names "Mildred McIntyre," "Lee Prather Stack," and the month "July."

In the dining room the hostess toasted to the bride-to-be. Mrs. Robert Laurence responded for the bride in her usual witty and original manner.

The guests repaired to the parlor where Mrs. L. R. Varner and Miss Rebecca Stack rendered vocal solos appropriate to the occasion. A few games of heart dice were then enjoyed. Miss Louise Townsend making the highest score and receiving a pair of silk hose. The bride-to-be was presented with a handsome Bride's Book, while Love and her attendant fairies received tokens also. Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. George McLeod and Miss Elizabeth Dexter. About thirty guests enjoyed Miss McLeod's charming hospitality.

RED CROSS MEETING FRIDAY

An Explanation of What Joining Means and Why We Should Join

Written For the Journal.

There will be a meeting Friday evening May 25, at 8 o'clock in the Central Methodist church with a view towards organizing a Red Cross Chapter for Union county. Red Cross headquarters in Washington are urging the establishment of these chapters as the need is appallingly great. More new chapters were formed in the month of April than the total number that existed in the United States at this time last year. But the need is great and we must not let our part be left undone. The Red Cross is the great mercy organization in contrast to the hardships and cruelties of war. It is the one alleviating agency to make the soldier's life more endurable and above all it saves his life in cases which would otherwise result in death. Surely we want to give our boys the best possible chance!

Joining the Red Cross places you under no obligation except the yearly dues of \$1.00. Members are not subject to call for field service. People may volunteer for any special service if they choose but merely being a Red Cross member does not imply any such obligation. By paying \$2 instead of the regular \$1 dues you get the Red Cross illustrated monthly magazine and so can know exactly what the organization is doing. A payment of \$25 enables one to become a life member with no further dues. The committee on organization is proud to state that we already have one life member for our chapter and we feel sure there will be others. But join the Union county Red Cross in any case—our dollars added together will make a considerable sum and we will have the satisfaction of knowing that this great organization whose cause is "humanity—neutrality;" and whose motto is: "Help somebody in need By a smile, a word, a deed."

The State Central Highway is now open from Salisbury to Morganton and automobiles can take the trip through, crossing the mountain from Old Fort to Ridgecrest on a good road.

President Wilson Issues Army Draft Proclamation

June Fifth Has Been Designated Registration Day.

All Males Between 21 and 30, Inclusive, Are Eligible, and Heavy Penalties Have Been Provided For Failure to Enroll.

President Wilson's proclamation, putting into effect the selective draft provision of the war army bill, signed Tuesday night, follows: Whereas, congress has enacted and the President has on the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, approved a law which contains the following provisions:

Section 5.—That all male persons between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, shall be subject to registration in accordance with regulations to be prescribed by the President and upon proclamation by the President or other public notice given by him or by his direction, stating the time and place of such registration, it shall be the duty of all persons of the designated ages, except officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, and the National Guard and naval militia while in the service of the United States, to present themselves for and submit to registration under the provisions of this act; and every such person shall be deemed to have notice of the requirements of this act upon the publication of said proclamation or other notice as aforesaid given by the President or by his direction; and any person who shall wilfully fail or refuse to present himself for registration or to submit thereto as herein provided, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall, upon conviction in the District Court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof, be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, and shall thereupon be duly registered. Provided, that, in the call of the docket precedence shall be given, in the courts trying the same, to the trial of criminal proceedings under this act; Provided further, that persons shall be subject to registration as herein provided who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day set for registration, and all persons so registered shall be and remain subject to draft into the forces hereby authorized unless exempted or excused therefrom as in this act provided: Provided further, that in the case of temporary absence from actual place of legal residence of any person liable to registration as provided herein, such registration may be made by mail under regulations to be prescribed by the President.

Section 6.—That the President is hereby authorized to utilize the service of any or all departments and any or all officers or agents of the United States and of the several States, territories and the District of Columbia, and sub-divisions thereof, in the execution of this act, and all officers and agents of the United States and of the several States, territories and sub-divisions thereof, and of the District of Columbia and all persons designated or appointed under regulations prescribed by the President whether such appointments are made by the President himself or by the Government or other officer of any State or Territory to perform any duty in the execution of this act, are hereby required to perform such duty as the President shall order or direct, and all such officers and agents and persons so designated or appointed shall hereby have full authority for all acts done by them in the execution of this act by the direction of the President. Correspondence in the execution of this act may be carried in penalty envelopes bearing the frank of the war department. Any persons charged as herein provided with the duty of carrying into effect any of the provisions of this act or the regulations made or directions given thereunder who shall fail or neglect to perform such duty and any person charged with such duty or having and exercising any authority under said act, regulations or directions, who shall knowingly make or be a party to the making of any false or incorrect registration, physical examination, exemption, enlistment, enrollment, or muster; and any person who shall make or be a party to the making of any false statement or certificate as to the fitness or liability of himself or any other person for service under the provisions of this act, or regulations made by the President thereunder, or otherwise evades or aids another to evade the requirements of this act or of said regulations or who in any manner, shall fail or neglect fully to perform any duty required of him in the execution of this act, shall, if not subject to military law, be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction in the District Court of the United States having jurisdiction thereof be punished by imprisonment for not more than one year, or if subject to military law, shall be tried by court-martial and suffer such punishment as a court-martial may direct.

Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, do call upon the Governor of each of the several States and territories, the Board of Commissioners of the District of Columbia and all officers and agents of the several States and territories, of the District of Columbia, and of the counties and municipalities therein to perform certain duties in the execution of the foregoing law, which duties will be communicated to them directly in regulations of even date herewith.

And I do further proclaim and give notice to all persons subject to registration in the several States and in the District of Columbia in accordance with the above law that the time and place of such registration shall be between 7 a. m., and 9 p. m., on the 5th day of June, 1917, at the registration place in the precinct wherein they have their permanent homes. Those who shall have attained their twenty-first birthday and who shall not have attained their thirty-first birthday on or before the day here named are required to register excepting only officers and enlisted men of the regular army, the navy, the Marine Corps, and the National Guard and Naval Militia while in the service of the United States, and officers in the Officers' Reserve Corps and enlisted men in active service. In the territories of Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico, a day for registration will be named in a later proclamation.

And I do charge those who through sickness shall be unable to present themselves for registration that they apply on or before the day of registration to the county clerk where they may be for instructions as to how they may be registered by agent. Those who expect to be absent on the day named for the counties in which they have their permanent homes may register by mail, but their mailed registration cards must reach the place in which they have their permanent homes by the day named herein. They should apply as soon as practicable to the county clerk of the county wherein they may be for instructions as to how they may accomplish their registration by mail. In case such persons as, through sickness or absence, may be unable to present themselves personally for registration shall be sojourning in cities of over 30,000 population, they shall apply to the city clerk of the city wherein they may be sojourning rather than to the clerk of the county. The clerks of counties and of cities of over 30,000 population in which numerous applications from the sick and from non-residents are expected are authorized to establish such sub-agencies and to employ and deputize such clerical force as may be necessary to accommodate these applications.

of patriotic devotion and obligation when the duty shall lie upon every man, whether he is himself to be registered or not, to see to it that the name of every male person of the designated ages is written on these lists of honor.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 18th day of May, in the year of our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventeen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-first.

By the President:
ROBERT LANSING,
Secretary of State.

BIG FIRE IN ATLANTA

Thousands of Persons Made Homeless by Devastation Monday.

A great fire swept over Atlanta last night, cutting a swath of varying width from Decatur street to the baseball park. The city is under martial law, and thousands of homeless persons are being fed in the streets. Only one or two deaths have been yet reported.

For six hours dynamite was resorted to and it finally won the fight. Fire fighting apparatus sent from other cities was of some aid and will be or more as acre after acre of smoldering ruins await water to make them safe.

Approximately 75 blocks were devastated, but the area cannot be correctly estimated by blocks as after the fight at Pon de Leon avenue the flames skirted that thoroughfare on the south side of the street for some distance.

Officials would not hazard a guess at the monetary loss. The destroyed buildings ranged all the way from shacks occupied by negroes to homes up to \$6,000 or \$8,000. Some estimates were between \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000, but they were neither from authoritative sources nor based on calculations to give them weight.

The blaze started in the Skinner Storage and Warehouse Plant near Decatur street just east of Fort street, from a cause not determined tonight. It quickly spread to the small houses nearby which were dry from lack of rain and driven by a high wind, started to rapidly eat its way north and northeastward.

Official Statement Regarding Drippings Upon Asphalt.

To the people of Monroe:—A number of persons have raised the question as to the effect of automobile drippings on the new sheet asphalt paving. The city officials in charge of the paving have requested us to prepare an explanatory statement regarding the behavior of a new sheet asphalt pavement and the action of auto drippings on the asphalt paving.

The wearing surface of the pavement is a mixture of asphalt, graded sand and stone dust or filler. The asphalt forms only 10 or 11 per cent of the mixture. The sand and asphalt are both heated and carefully proportioned by weight and thoroughly mixed together with the filler in a special type of mixer. Each grain of sand and each tiny particle of dust or filler is coated with the hot asphalt. This mixture is carefully spread on the previously laid binder course on the street and rolled until it is thoroughly compressed. On cooling the asphalt hardens and binds the sand and filler firmly together in a dense compact sheet.

When the pavement is first laid the surface is a little soft and will mark somewhat under traffic. On hot days the calks on horse shoes will make an impression in the surface. This is exactly as it ought to be so should not cause alarm. The marks will be ironed out under the subsequent traffic. Gradually the surface will harden and will mark less and less. If an asphalt was used that would not mark at all when the pavement was new it would be too hard and the surface would be liable to crack during cold weather.

The asphalt that is used to bind the sand grains together is soluble in gasoline and oil. When oil drips on the pavement surface it partially dissolves the asphalt and so softens the surface to a slight depth. If only a small amount of oil is dropped on the surface and the spot left alone no permanent damage will result. The spots should be left entirely alone and the oil and gasoline will evaporate. If however the surface is dug into as has been done in several places on the street opposite the court house the pavement will be damaged just to the extent that it is disturbed. Care should be taken to prevent an excessive amount of oil from dripping on the surface and should never be deliberately poured on the pavement.

An example of the effect of a large amount of oil being poured on the pavement is to be seen in front of Mr. Stack's vulcanizing shop on Hayne street. The affected strip of pavement is being protected by a barricade. At this place more than a gallon of a mixture of oil and a disinfectant was poured on the pavement. The disinfectant happened to be a solvent for asphalt. Such treatment of the pavement cannot but harm it. This damaged strip will be replaced with new material.

The contractor, the city officials, and the engineers are working hard to give the city of Monroe a good pavement, and are succeeding. The co-operation of the people is now needed to keep the newly laid paving in good condition. It is hoped that this explanation will prove sufficient to prevent useless damage to the pavement. Respectfully submitted, The J. B. McCrary Co., by C. D. Curtis, Testing Engineer.

GOV. BICKETT HAS BACKBONE, SAYS WINGATE CORRESPONDENT

He Rapped the Baseball Boys Good and Hard, and Also Took a Shot at the Cold Drinks—The First Letter From the Journal's Crack Wingate Correspondent.

Correspondence of The Journal.

Wingate, May 22.—Well, we are glad that cold weather has passed and it is warm once more. The farmers around here were getting mighty blue, but they are beginning to smile once more.

Many of our farmers are having to replant their cotton. It goes pretty hard with them since cotton seed are so high.

Mr. J. W. Bivens is out again. It looks good to see him on the streets once more.

Prof. Carroll is visiting home folks at Turkey, N. C. He has just finished his most successful year at Wingate and is off now getting ready for another term.

Mrs. Smith Medlin and Mrs. Horace Harrell of Marshallville visited at Rev. C. J. Black's yesterday afternoon.

Mr. G. M. Stewart and family made a hasty trip to Aquadale and the towns along the Norfolk-Southern last Sunday.

Mr. J. Wilson Ross, one of our boys who flags for the Seaboard, has gone to work once more. He had a serious accident a few weeks ago, which came very near being fatal, but he is on the job once more.

Little Tom Perry has a very sick child at this writing. It looked like he would have to give it up Sunday, but seems to be a little better now.

Mr. T. J. Perry made a quick trip to Badin recently. We have not seen him to know what he thinks of that stupendous undertaking, but feel sure that he was impressed like the writer. We could not help thinking that man had gotten to the point that he will undertake anything.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Watson, Mrs. Raymon McIntyre and Chatam Helms are attending the Greensboro Normal commencement this week. Miss Hope Watson graduates this year. Her parents have gone to see her receive her sheep-skin.

We were delighted to see two of our Union county boys, Benton and Griffin, making a good impression on the business of Hamlet. They have a fine store, and things are coming their way. We look for them to build up a lucrative trade. They are men of worth, and when they put their shoulders to the wheel it must go.

Mrs. Frontis Williams is very sick now. She went to a hospital, but has come back home to be treated. We trust that she may soon recover because she is a mother, and no one can take the mother's place in the home.

Mrs. Ada Gathings is getting on nicely now. It seems that she is going to recover completely. She has suffered with palagra for several years, but for the past few months she has been improving.

Mrs. E. W. Griffin is still in a precarious condition. Her mind is very weak. She has been a wonderful patient. For three or four months she has lain in bed nearly as helpless as a babe, but she has not complained. She is the one who can say "The Lord doeth all things well." No better woman has ever lived in this section, and no one is missed any more.

Mr. Clyde Jones is assisting our cashier, Mr. C. W. Baucum, in the bank this week. Clyde and Winfred make a team. They are young men of worth.

Miss Floy Brewer gave a delightful birthday party yesterday. Many of her little friends attended and they all report a pleasant evening.

Many of our young folks are home from school. Messrs. Royal and Brooks Liles, and Spurgeon Black are home from Wake Forest. Miss Mary Bennett from Meredith. Miss Ruth Black from Oxford and possibly others we do not recall at this time. We are glad to have them with us once more.

Miss Naomi Davis stopped over with her cousin, Miss Ruth Black, as she returned from Oxford and spent Sunday. She continued her journey yesterday. She is the daughter of Mr. S. W. Davis of Croft, N. C.

Governor Bickett has more backbone than most governors usually have. He has caused much comment by making an attack on the baseball players. But the comment is of the wholesome kind. He said the things the people were wanting to hear. Baseball has become a nuisance, and really, it has become a terrible gambling scheme. Many of the best boys, physically speaking, are giving their entire time to this business. It is a shame! Another thing he has done we like to think of, and that is the things he said about the cold drink boys. If he would say a few more things, the cold drink boys would be to hunt. We see that the stands are less frequented than they have been for some time.

We have not written anything for a newspaper for sometime, and do this only because we feel like our town ought to have a correspondent to The Journal. Phone all the news you can to No. 6.—Glenalpine.

The operatives of the Champion Fibre Company at Canton, Haywood county, subscribed \$1,000 to buy an ambulance for Red Cross work in France and ten men volunteered to drive it. Two of the ten will be selected for drivers.

MR. FARMER—Talking is easy, but we can prove it to you that we will save you money on watch and clock repairing, stone setting, etc.—McCall Jewelry Co., at Holloway's Music Store.