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MOUNT AIRY, NORTH CAROLINA, MAY 23, 1929

\$1.50 PER YEAR IN ADVANCE

LOCAL SCHOOL FINALS START NEXT SUNDAY

Full Program Outlined; Sermon Sunday; Senior Play In Grand Theatre Tuesday

JUDGE PARKER TO ADDRESS CLASS

Commencement time is here again, and again our high school is turning out a fine class of young girls and young men. Forty-six will receive their diplomas this year.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached in the Grand theatre next Sunday morning by Rev. J. W. McFall, of the Presbyterian church of this city. Special music will be furnished by the choir with hymns and devotions by the congregation. Rev. M. F. Rose, new pastor of the Haymore Memorial Baptist Church, will read the scripture and prayer will be made by Rev. M. W. Heckard, of the Rockford Street Methodist Church.

Graduating exercises for the seventh grade will be held in the Rockford street auditorium Wednesday May 22, at 2:30 p. m. The salutatory will be given by June Simmons; prophesy by Mae Bondurant; "gifts" by Dora Slaughter; valedictory by Doris Cokerham; diplomas will be presented by Prof. E. S. Hendren, county superintendent of public instruction. Special music will be furnished by the seventh grade pupils.

The senior play "Peg O' My Heart" by J. Hartley Manners, will be given in the Grand theatre the evening of Tuesday, May 28 at 8:00 p. m. This play is a comedy which has been extremely popular in the United States and Canada, having been produced 5,997 times, eight companies at one time touring it during one year. It has also been played in New Zealand, South Africa, India, Holland and the Far East; the total number of performances recorded throughout the world being 10,233.

"Peg O' My Heart" is a story of a little Irish girl who goes to live with her aristocratic aunt in London. The many amusing scenes of the play center around an attempt to force Peg to adapt herself to the customs of a staid and dignified English family. With her sunny disposition she attempts to make friends, but is constantly misunderstood until Sir Jerry comes to her rescue. Finally, well, be on hand Tuesday night and see what happens to Peg.

The play will be presented in three acts with the following cast of characters:

Mrs. Chichester Valeria Jackson
Footman (Jarvis) Clonette Creed
Ethel, Mrs. Chichester's daughter
Pauline Jacobs.
Alaric, her son William Simpson
Christian Brent Claude Monday
"Peg" Frances Stewart
Montgomery Hawkes Arlie Stewart
Maid (Bennett) Mary Lynn Hennis
"Jerry" Hugh Sawyer

The class day exercises will be held in the high school auditorium Friday of next week at 2 p. m. and the annual address and presentation of diplomas will take place in the Grand theatre the evening of May 23, with Hon. John J. Parker, Judge U. S. Circuit Court, Richmond, Va., as the speaker.

Further announcement of these last two exercises will be made in our next issue.

There will be no services at the First Baptist church Sunday morning or evening except Sunday school and the N. Y. P. U. at 7:45 p. m.

WHO NAMED OUR NEW POST OFFICE TOAST

Mt. Airy's New Neighboring Office Opened Monday. Gets Mail Twice Daily.

When the postoffice department at Washington decided that the Cross Road settlement west of this city needed postoffice facilities it was only a matter of a few days to get the office in operation. So we now have as a neighbor to Mount Airy the town of Toast, N. C., the postoffice being located in the store of Hutchens & Bowman and the new postmaster being I. V. Hutchens. It was opened to the public Monday and is now receiving mail through the Mount Airy office twice daily, Morris Creed being the special carrier for the trips. The mail leaves Toast at 7:15 A. M. and 1 P. M. and gets the morning and noon mail at Mount Airy and carries it back to Toast immediately. The people of that neighborhood have been served by rural routes three and four, but these patrons will now be getting their mail through the new post office.

America's Greatest Reader Coming

Sponsored by Parent-Teacher Association.

Let us forget, we would keep constantly before us the date for A. Winfield Hoony, America's greatest dramatic interpreter.

A Winfield Hoony will be presented at Rockford Street school on May 30, at 8 o'clock under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher association.

Half of the proceeds from this entertainment will go to the Parent-Teacher association.

This feature combined with Mr. Hoony's splendid reputation will doubtless give him a full house.

Tickets will be on sale at the drug store.

Pythian District Meeting.

A meeting of the 6th District Knights of Pythians will meet here in Pythian Castle Hall next Tuesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. The 6th district is composed of lodges located at North Wilkesboro, Germantown, Rural Hill, Mount Airy and Wachovia, Damon and Salem lodges at Winston-Salem. Representatives from each of these lodges are expected.

Business of great importance will be discussed.

The meeting will be open to the public and it is earnestly hoped that a good attendance will be present.

Hospital News

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Ledford Thursday morning.

E. F. Patterson, of Pilot Mountain, was brought to the hospital Wednesday suffering with a fractured leg sustained when he fell from a scaffold of a building where he was working. The injury was attended to and he is resting as well as can be expected.

Mrs. Hester Wall, of Ararat, submitted to an operation for acute appendicitis Wednesday.

J. C. Lineback, of route 5, is doing as well as can be expected following an operation performed Wednesday.

Mrs. Johnnie Joyce of the Surry County Health department is a hospital patient for treatment.

C. T. Childress, of Hillsville, Va., father of Mrs. J. D. Jenkins, of this city, is a hospital patient following a slight operation performed Wednesday.

W. O. Fowler, of this city, was carried to the hospital Tuesday following a stroke of paralysis which occurred last Thursday. Mr. Fowler is gradually improving and it is expected that he will eventually be out again.

Mrs. G. L. Chambers is a patient for treatment.

Everett Inman, of Peters Creek, Va., is a patient for treatment for a fractured jaw.

Zeb Hollingsworth, son of Dr. and Mrs. E. M. Hollingsworth, of this city, had an operation for acute appendicitis Sunday night and is now doing as well as can be expected. The young man was preparing to go to Roanoke, Va. to work when the attack came.

Mrs. Frank Hylton, of Stuart, Va., is a patient for treatment.

Sheriff Smith Makes Good Tax Collection

People Have Paid Him \$256,000 Since Being in Office—Now About \$35,000 on Books.

In checking over his books this week Sheriff A. M. Smith found that the total amount of money that he had collected from the tax papers of the county amounted to \$256,000. All of this came from the 1928 books which were turned over to him by Sheriff C. H. Hayes. Originally there was about \$284,000 on the books, and of this amount Sheriff Hayes collected \$93,000, turning over to Sheriff Smith \$281,000 in tax tickets for collection.

Sheriff Smith estimates that there is only about \$35,000 remaining on the books and expects to reduce this amount considerably before the sale of real estate is held which is advertised for Monday, June 3rd. Following the sale the law requires the Sheriff to make a report of the amount remaining on the books, pay over all funds on hand and make a final settlement of the 1928 books by July 1st. This Sheriff Smith is preparing to do and he is encouraged and pleased with the response the people have made in the way they have paid their tax, and is making every effort to reduce the amount of uncollected tax to be turned over to the county commissioners at the time of settling.

Golfers Swinging Into True Form

The elimination contest among the golf players of the Mount Airy Country Club is being played this afternoon on the local course and the four low score winners will be selected to represent the club at the June tournament to be held at Sedgfield. Playing this afternoon are Dr. E. C. Ashby, Lindsey Holcomb, Herman Johnson, W. Fulton, A. F. Turnmyre, H. H. Llewellyn, Rev. J. W. McFall, J. R. Hines and J. F. Fraher.

Playing the course last Sunday afternoon with Dr. Martin as a partner Jimmie Crichton, the club's pro made the lowest score for the round that has yet been chalked up—35 with a par of 38 to play against. His play for the nine holes was 4-3-3-4-4-3-4-4, thus paring seven holes and making a birdie on No. two and No. six. On the second round Jimmie made 37.

Miss Anna Merritt Remains Very Ill

Miss Bess Merritt En Route to Sister's Bedside

Miss Bess Merritt left Sunday afternoon for Bremerton, Washington, for the bedside of her sister Miss Anna Merritt, nurse in the U. S. Naval hospital at that place, who has had a relapse while recovering from pneumonia. Miss Merritt was stricken with pneumonia in the right lung April 3 and her condition was reported to relatives here as critical, however she made a brave fight and had sufficiently recovered to be allowed to sit up in bed. Ten days ago pneumonia developed in the left lung and a drain tube became necessary. Her relatives thought it best that one of them should go to her, though the hospital physicians report her condition serious but not critical. Miss Bess Merritt will reach Bremerton Thursday night or Friday morning and remain as long as her sister needs her, possibly until Miss Anna sufficiently recovers to make the trip home with her.

Who Weighed This Fish Next Question

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Merritt and Prof. L. B. Pendergraph and Mrs. Pendergraph spent Wednesday afternoon fishing at the Merritt pond. At the conclusion of the contest it was found that Prof. Pendergraph had won high score, he having landed a bass weighing more than four pounds.

Robbers Steal Most Of Their Goods

Robbers entered the filling station belonging to A. D. Barker 4 miles out on Highway 88 Monday night and reduced his stock of confections and such other things that are kept in a service station to less than half. Among other things the thieves took an old violin and a single barrel 16 gauge Bay State shotgun. Farther down the highway on the same night U. G. Matthews was robbed of motor oil, cold drinks and such things as could be secured from the outside. The thieves used staples and locks with something like a bolt cutter and left signs that showed they were amateurs.

Electric Current For Westfield in 90 Days

Linesmen Now Building From Pilot Mountain—Residents Buy Electric Stoves.

In anticipation of the arrival of electric current from the lines of the S. F. U. Co. residents of the Westfield section have already placed orders with the company for the installation of 15 electric ranges in their homes. Work has already started on the power line and these people will be getting the juice in about 90 days. The line is being built from Pilot Mountain, a distance of seven miles, and the management of the Westfield territory as well as the Pilot Mountain system will be under the Mount Airy office of the company.

The residents of Westfield are justly optimistic at this stage in their civic development with the coming of the power lines and a new consolidated school building on the county program, and the state making a hard surface road through the village connecting the town of Danbury and Mount Airy. And now if our old friend Bob Joyce will get his gull pond in shape for the use of the bathing beauties that Westfield is noted for he can expect a large number of visitors to swarm to his section during the summer months.

Police Raise Reward For Fire Bugs

New Offer \$75 For Conviction of Party Setting Fire to Vacant Buildings.

Twice was the local fire company called out Saturday night to extinguish a fire in a vacant house on Oak street. Once before during the night had the company been called to the same place and now the police and officials are satisfied that these fires are the result of some "fire bug" that lurks about the city, setting out fires to empty houses and getting some kind of fiendish satisfaction out of seeing the firemen rush to the scene.

Two weeks ago Chief Lawrence posted a \$25 reward for the conviction of the guilty party and now he has raised this to \$75. These fires have already cost the city close to \$250 in firemen's fees in answering the calls and now that the police are certain that they are the work of some person every effort is being made to apprehend the criminal who is responsible for the fires.

"Cyclone Mack" in Revival Here Drawing Large Congregations; Much Interest

Continually increasing crowds are attending the "Cyclone Mack" meeting which is now entering upon its second week. Last Sunday over 6000 people packed the Lovell warehouse to hear Mack deliver two powerful sermons. All available seats were taken, many being forced to stand around the sides and rear of the tabernacle. Delegations from Salisbury and Spencer, and from towns as far away as one hundred miles, were present.

A copy of the resolutions by the local ministerial association, commending the evangelist and his work, was read at the Sunday afternoon service. The initial morning service began Tuesday. Several of the business firms of the city closed for the hour of the morning sermon from ten to eleven o'clock. Every day during the lunch hour Mack speaks to the employees of various city and county industries.

Tuesday night in his sermon "Ball On" Mack told a large audience that there are lengths and breadths in the Christian experience that the majority of church members have never reached. "You remember," he said, "that the children of Israel were given the command to move on out of the wilderness to the fertile fields of Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey." He expatiated on this analogy of the ancient and modern church members. "Some of you remind me of a rascoback which has rooted around in one little spot until you are lean, your backbones aching, and your ribs rattling. There's juice and joy in this thing, an experience for which you are hungering; move on up, Christians and sinners, into a land where God has poured out his rich blessings."

Wednesday night was High school night, and a large delegation of students accompanied by their teachers occupied the middle seats. Mack welcomed them in a short talk, and then preached on "Faith." "Faith," he said, "is the natural habit of the soul just as breathing is the natural habit of the body. I exhort you to put on the whole armor of God. Clothe yourself with the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation. Shed yourself with the preparation of peace that you may tread roughshod over the rocky places of life. Take the shield of faith and the sword of the Spirit as you can

ROBEY CULLER SECURES BOND FOR HIS WIFE

Mrs. Culler and Edw. Colen Charged With Assaulting Culler; Latter Relies on Wife

Kenneth Cooke In Bristol Hospital

Falls Through Hotel Shaft and Breaks Arm; Now Confined in Hospital

Kenneth Cooke, 17-year-old son of D. H. Cooke, of this city, is a patient in a Bristol, Tenn. hospital suffering from a broken arm and bruises sustained in a fall from a hotel in that city Friday night. He was spending the night in Bristol in company with his father and policeman Jarrell when the accident occurred. They had started on their way to Johnson City where Mr. Cooke's car was located after being stolen from in front of his residence in this city the night before.

The trio on reaching Bristol about midnight Friday decided to spend the night and go on to Johnson City Saturday morning. While they were preparing to retire the subject of fire escape was mentioned. Their window opened out on a roof of another building and young Cooke stepped out on the roof to look around. It happened that he stepped out and close to an air shaft that extended 20 feet below to another floor, and it being dark the next step threw him hurtling down into this shaft to the floor below.

Aid was hurriedly summoned, but it was more than 30 minutes before he could be rescued. He was finally brought to the top with the assistance of the fire company and ladders. His left arm was broken above the elbow and the elbow joint injured, otherwise he was not seriously injured. Reports from the hospital say his arm is not doing so well, trouble being experienced in getting it properly set owing to the peculiar way in which it is fractured. Mr. and Mrs. Cooke are spending the days with him until his condition improves.

Mrs. G. C. Hauser, Miss Irene Armfield and Miss Olivia Goode leave Friday morning for an automobile trip to Washington, D. C. and Baltimore, Md., accompanied by Prof. I. O. Hauser of White Plains.

HEARING SET FOR NEXT MONDAY

Great throngs of people crowded the city hall Monday expecting to hear the Recorder's Court take up the case against Ed Colen and Mrs. Roby Culler jointly charged with assaulting the woman's husband several weeks ago in this city when he was struck an almost fatal blow on the head by Colen with a railway coupling pin. As the hours passed by the crowd milled in and out of the court room waiting for the case to be called, while the minor matters were being disposed of in their usual turn.

Soon after the noon recess the case was brought up and its disposition discussed. Culler was in court, with his skull still fractured from the blow dealt him by Colen, and not yet certain just what hold he has on life as his condition is still serious. He was very pale and weak from the suffering he has undergone. The warrants against Colen and Culler's wife were read. Colen is charged with an assault with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury, and the warrant against the woman was changed to being an accessory before and after the fact. Previously she was charged with aiding and abetting in the assault on her husband.

Colen has talked freely about the charge against him and has never denied the crime of which he is indicted. But all the days that the woman has been in the city jail while her husband was in the hospital at death's door she has maintained her innocence and in her conversations has also given the prosecution anything that would connect her with it, so far as has been revealed. She has employed attorney E. O. Wolts to fight the case for her and is relying upon the court to believe her and not the tales of Colen so far as they connect her with the assault on her husband.

The custody of the children was discussed in court Monday. It seems some of Culler's relatives wanted to have the custody of the children while their mother was under indictment, but they declared they wanted to remain with their aunts, sisters of Mrs. Culler. They will be used as witnesses for their mother, so attorney Wolts stated, and the defendant had no cause to permit anyone conferring with them that might so desire.

The preliminary hearing was continued until next Monday on account of there being no one in court who could take down the testimony. Since the case is one of so great importance and will be hard fought throughout it was thought best to have a trained court stenographer on hand to record all that was testified to. S. A. Biedsoe of Dobson, who has seen many years service in this kind of work, has been engaged to be on hand next Monday.

The court set a bond of \$3,000 for Mrs. Culler and \$5,000 for Colen. Culler immediately arranged to raise bond for the release of his wife, it being furnished by W. W. Thomas, local groceryman. They are now living together at their home on South street.

At first there was some discussion of having a jury hear the case in the Recorder's Court, but this has been abandoned and the evidence will be heard and passed upon by Judge Llewellyn, following the arguments of counsel of both sides. Solicitor Geo. K. Snow is being assisted in the prosecution by Attorney Fred Folger, it being understood that he is appearing at the instance of Culler's relatives.

Culler declares that he believes his wife to be innocent of any part in the assault upon him and is lending her every aid possible in her defense. The prosecution has the evidence of Colen which implicates the woman and it is said they also will bring out facts from other sources that will corroborate Colen in his account of the crime.

This court has no jurisdiction in the case, further than to bind the defendants over to the Superior Court on the matter of probable cause. Should the prosecution fail to bring up evidence sufficient to show probable cause to the satisfaction of the court then the court has the right to release either defendant.

Mrs. Cressy Coming Home

The many friends of Mrs. Edith Sparger Cressy will be interested to know that she is planning to make a visit here some time in June.

Mrs. Cressy who sustained a very serious injury from a fall almost two years ago, has since that time, made her home in Washington with her son Will Cressy.

She will be accompanied home by Mr. and Mrs. Cressy and they plan to spend several weeks at Mrs. Cressy's