

## JUDGE PARKER SPEAKS HERE FRIDAY NIGHT

### Final Exercises at Grand Theatre; Class Day Program Friday Afternoon

#### LARGE CLASS WILL BE GRADUATED

Class day exercises at 2 p. m. Friday in the high school auditorium and the address by Hon. John J. Parker, of Richmond, Va., and the presentation of diplomas in the Grand theatre Friday night bring to a close the commencement program for this season.

The class day exercises consist of a welcome by Cluette Creed, class president; class history by Dorothy Jackson; poem by Homer Beck; last will and testament William Simpson; prophecy Pauline Jacobs; presentation of awards Supt. L. B. Pendergraph; installation of class of 1929 J. S. Brown, principal.

The graduation exercises at the theatre at 8:00 p. m. will consist only of the invocation, the salutatory by Sarah Brockington, the class song and the valedictory by Mary Katherine Booker before the presentation of the speaker of the evening, the Hon. John J. Parker, Judge U. S. Circuit Court. Judge Parker is one of the ablest jurists of the great Commonwealth of Virginia and it is with great pleasure that our people look forward to his coming.

Following the address diplomas will be presented by Dr. M. S. Martin, chairman of the school board and the class of 1929 goes forth to face a new day. Twenty-nine of the graduates will continue their studies in various colleges and twelve have completed the commercial course and will be ready to enter the business world.

A list of the graduates follows:

Myrtle Adams, Elmo Besley, Homer Beck, Ernest Brown, Ishmael Davis, Bernice Harris, Julia Jeffries, Virginia Marshall, Katherine Monday, Gertrude Ramsey, Irene Scott, William Taylor, James Armfield, Pauline Barber, Frances Booker, Mary Katherine Booker, Sarah Brockington, Cluette Creed, James Creed, Thomas Edwards, Harry Goldsmith, Mary Lynn Hennis, Mary Margaret Hollingsworth, Lester Holyfield, Elbert Hill, Dorothy Jackson, Robert Jackson, Valeria Jackson, Pauline Jacobs, Ruth Johnson, Margaret Lewis, Thelma Mayberry, Nora McKnight, Claude Monday, Mary Elizabeth Praltridge, Hugh Sawyer, Evelyn Sawyer, Mary Sparger, Arlie Stewart, Paul Surratt, Annie Thomas, Jack Warren, Freda Webb, Raymond Worrell, Susie Young, Kate Edwards.

## Big Flour Mill Open Branch Here

### J. Allen Smith Company, of Knoxville, Tenn., To Have Warehouse in Mt. Airy

J. Allen Smith and company, the oldest and largest soft winter wheat mill South of Louisville, Kentucky, have recently opened in Mount Airy, a distributing warehouse.

This mill located at Knoxville, Tennessee, right in the heart of the Appalachian mountain section, has been milling wheat and corn for that particular section for the past half century. Their products are a standard for quality in many Southeastern States.

They were persuaded to locate this first distributing warehouse in North Carolina at Mount Airy because the people of this section like other sections in the Appalachian regions where pure Anglo-Saxon citizens reside, prefer products milled to suit their own needs.

The daily capacity of this mill is five hundred barrels of bakers flour and two thousand barrels of soft wheat family flour per day. They have a corn meal capacity of four thousand bushels per day, these units giving them a large output of mill feed, a large part of which is already being sold in this state.

About six months ago a group of our citizens through an organized effort on the part of their different organizations began their efforts trying to induce J. Allen Smith and Company to locate here. They were finally successful in getting the company to run a few ads in our local papers to see whether or not a demand for their products was such that it would be profitable to them to open a branch here.

It is with pleasure that we announce the opening of the branch in Mount Airy and it goes to show that the organized efforts of our citizens to bring industries and new businesses to our city is not in vain.

#### I. W. West Critically Ill.

Mr. I. W. West, aged about seventy a former citizen and druggist of this city, remains critically ill in a hospital in Norfolk, Va., and no hope is held out for his recovery. Messrs. John Beamer, Pete Hollingsworth and F. G. Parnell visited him last week.

## More Fish Tales Come In Daily

### Prof. Pendergraph Says Fish He Caught Had Its Own Scales.

This fish story told in these columns last week by Prof. L. B. Pendergraph continues to grow. The account first given stated that the bass he landed in Merritt's fish pond weighed four pounds, but not being satisfied with that weight, it has grown until this week we are told it weighed five pounds. The professor claims to not have had anything to do with the weighing of the fish he caught, and all that he can say about it was that it had scales of its own when caught. Now comes an account of a fishing trip to the Merritt pond by Mr. Merritt's spiritual advisor, and Mrs. Gibbs. The parson played in poor luck, but it is said that his better three-fourths landed two bass that weighed a total of seven pounds.

Returning to this city Sunday from Moorehead City down on the Atlantic coast Matt Satterfield and Marvin Ellis brought exciting tales of fishing days in the waters around Moorehead. Matt claims to have landed many large fish while Marvin had a long fight when his hook was swallowed by a 10-pound shark. They spent four days fishing and rented a house boat, spending the days and nights on the water.

### Will Fish For Tarpon in Florida

Rev. R. H. Daugherty of Louisville, Ky., will join local fishermen for a ten days trip to Marco, Florida where they will fish for tarpon. Those expecting to make the trip are W. E. Merritt, J. H. Folger and William Hadley. Mr. Daugherty will join the party here and they will start from here Monday morning.

## Births

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Foteat route 2, May 28.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. James A. Gunnell May 24.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Kirkman of route 3 May 17.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. George E. Howlett May 14.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Gates May 14.

Twin daughters were born Sunday morning to Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Payne of Westfield.

## Fire—Bug Fires Again Break Out

For the fourth time in six weeks some unknown person has set fire to a vacant house on Oak street the property of C. W. Fulton. The last time was last night about 9:30 when the house was seen to be on fire and neighbors phoned in the alarm. Mr. Fulton, has just completed having the house repaired from the last fire, which damage amounted to \$150. The person setting the fire had gathered together some small scrap flooring and piled it neatly in the corner of a closet and then applied a match to some shaving under the pile of fuel.

The police have been carrying on a line of investigation for the past two weeks and had reason to believe they would soon be able to get the guilty ones, but when the fire suddenly broke out again under the same conditions as before they were puzzled to know what further steps to take to bring about the capture of the parties.

Rewards totaling \$75 are offered by the city, while Fire Chief M. F. Patterson is offering \$50 reward for the capture and conviction of the guilty ones.

## NEW BUTTON FACTORY TO BE ERECTED

### Northern Manufacturer Takes Stock With Local People in New Plant

A new corporation was last week formed in this city for the manufacture of bone buttons, one of the incorporators of the new firm being N. B. Haffleigh, of Philadelphia, head of the largest bone button manufacturing concern in the world. A building will be built by Mr. John Banner on Virginia Street for the use of the new plant, and will have railway siding facilities for easy shipments of the carload lots of bone materials. The main building will be 50 x 120 feet with a warehouse and storage room adjoining 30 x 70 feet. The buildings will be of modern daylight construction suitable for this industry.

The plant will start off with 24 button machines and all necessary equipment thereto with a capacity of two

## Young Man Killed In Auto Accident

### Oliver Christman, Lives Only Few Hours After Wreck On Fancy Gap

Oliver Christman, aged 25, was so badly crushed in an automobile accident about 2 o'clock Sunday morning that he died in the hospital a few hours later. He was in a roadster driven by Gaston Arnold, coming down the Fancy Gap road, near Dixie McCree's store when they saw that two cars were wrecked in the road. In the effort to dodge the cars that almost blocked the highway Arnold turned his car over, fatally injuring Christman. It is said that Arnold managed to get by the two wrecked cars but in swinging his car back into the road he lost control of it and dashed across the highway and turned over several times in the roadway. Arnold, the driver, escaped with only minor bruises, but Christman's body was terribly crushed and his skull was fractured.

Just a few minutes before the Arnold car came along Raymond Childress and Jim Goins ran into each other on the highway and while they were discussing their accident along came Arnold, coming down the highway and not expecting to meet with any obstruction. Sheriff Smith has been making an investigation of the occurrence, but so far has not uncovered any evidence upon which to base an arrest. All the parties who could give any light on the accident term it as being unavoidable. Mr. Will Christman, of Siloam, father of the young man killed, was in the city Tuesday and in a conference with Sheriff Smith stated that from the information he had he did not care to lodge any complaint or charge against anyone in connection with the accident that caused the untimely death of his son.

Oliver Christman had a large number of friends in this city. For some time he had worked at the barber trade with Forest's barber shop and was an industrious and sober young man. The funeral services were held Monday afternoon at Double Creek Christian Church near Siloam. Attending the services were about 75 members of the Woodmen of the World, of which the deceased was a member, and the honors of the fraternal order were carried out at the grave. Sixteen members of the order in uniform formed the body of Woodmen who had active charge of the casket and served as the pall bearers.

## Hospital News

Miss Ines Boyles, of Siloam, is recovering from an operation for acute appendicitis performed Monday.

A. M. Calloway, of Round Peak, is doing as well as could be expected following an operation performed Wednesday.

Little Virginia Worrell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Worrell of route 5 left the hospital Wednesday after having her arm set following a fracture sustained when she fell while playing at her home.

Mrs. J. W. Barnes, of Pilot Mountain is receiving treatment and may submit to an operation later.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bell Wednesday morning. E. L. Patterson returned to his home in Pilot Mountain Wednesday after a week's stay in the hospital with a leg fracture sustained when he fell from a scaffold last week.

W. O. Foster is improving slowly following a stroke of paralysis two weeks ago.

Zeb Hollingsworth is recuperating nicely following an operation for acute appendicitis about ten days ago.

## COLEN AND MRS. CULLER MUST STAND TRIAL

### Both Are Under Bond For Appearance At Dobson—Mrs. Culler Waives Hearing

#### Local Golfers Visit Foreign Fields

#### Miss Isabel Smith Playing in Tournament at Sedgfield

Of interest to Mount Airy people is the score made by Miss Isabel Smith as the city's representative in the state golf tournament for ladies being played at Sedgfield this week. Miss Smith played her first game in the tournament Tuesday and came through with 104 for the 18 holes. Mrs. R. R. Jones of Winston-Salem, several times state champion, finished the same day with 87.

The real fight for state championship honors among golf players will start next Monday among the girls. An elimination contest has been held among the clubs of the state to select representatives at the tournament. The Mount Airy club contest resulted in the selection of A. P. Turnmyre, he being low score winner in the local tournament finished last week, making 89 for 18 holes, with Dr. E. C. Ash by following next with 92.

Turnmyre leaves Sunday accompanied by Jimmie Orlinton, Mount Airy pro, to represent the local club in the state contest.

#### Colored School Graduates Seven.

The colored school of this city is having its commencement exercises this week beginning with the program by the primary grades Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Thursday evening members of the intermediate and grammar grades will present a comedy-drama in three acts entitled "Nancy Ann's Brown's Folk."

The program by the graduating class will be given Friday evening at which time diplomas will be awarded to the seven graduates who have done eighth grade work. They are Raleigh Jones, Leonidas Jones, Hugh Wilson Allen, Virginia Galloway, Zania Haughton, Ears Galloway and Elma Gray.

The school only provides for seventh grade work but the principal, J. J. Jones, is zealous for the welfare of his race and the pupils under his care and gives those who will take it a chance to do some high school work.

## Carroll Murderer Now Awaits Trial

### After Fatally Wounding Grant Sutphin, Elisha Thompson Surrenders

A young man named Grant Sutphin of the Laurel Fork section of Carroll County was literally cut to pieces by a knife in the hands of Elisha Thompson on the night of Saturday, May 18th, at the home of Mrs. Kemp, an attractive and well-to-do widow where both young men were visiting and making bids for the favor of the young woman.

Sutphin was stabbed three times with the knife and died in a Galax hospital after living for three days. Thompson remained at large for several days after the affray but has since surrendered to the officers and is now held in Hillsville jail without bail. He is a son of James Thompson, of near Dugspur.

It seems that prior to this time, according to witnesses, Thompson had declared his intention of killing Sutphin, who at the time seemed to be a lover of Mrs. Kemp.

Emmett Bolt as reported, was with Thompson when he approached the house. Bolt had been trying to get Thompson to go home and not bother Sutphin, but he further declared that he would use the gun which he had in his possession on Sutphin when he saw him. Bolt stated that he went to the spring which was near the house and while he was gone Thompson called Sutphin out and was already into a brawl when he returned. Bolt stated that Thompson drew his knife and stabbed Sutphin three times. One wound was in the chest directly over the heart, another was in the back on the left side and the other was in his hand. The knife blade was broken off in the wound in the hand.

It was thought that the trouble arose from jealousy between the two boys. They had both been paying their attention to Mrs. Kemp.

The deceased was a son of Gilbert Sutphin of near Laurel Fork. Mrs. Kemp is a daughter of Mr. Henry Turnmyre of Floyd County. Mrs. Kemp is a respectable widow lady of unquestionable character.

Emmett Bolt was the only eye witness to the killing.

#### COLEN WILL SPEND SUMMER IN DOBSON JAIL

Waiving the hearing of any evidence Wolla & Wolla attorneys for Mrs. Rebeccy Culler, consented to their client being bound to Dobson Superior court on a charge of being an accessory to the assault on her husband, along with Edw. Colen who pleaded guilty to the assault.

The hearing before Judge Llewellyn Monday was for finding probable cause and when Colen's confession was read to the court it was evident that the pair could not resist being bound to the higher court.

Culler was in court and went upon the witness stand and told how he walked up the railroad track with Colen on that fateful night. His testimony was void of any sensationalism and was a bare and brief account of his movements up until he was knocked unconscious. He does not remember anything after being hit by Colen, but says they were quietly walking along the railroad track when all at once he lost consciousness and everything from then was a blank to him until he recovered his mind a few days later in the hospital. He knew of no reason why Colen should want to injure him; they had always been good friends, he said, and further stated that at times his wife wanted to stop boarding him but Culler wanted to keep him on.

Mrs. Culler is now living with her husband on South street, despite the claim of Colen that she was a party to the secret assault on Culler. The husband declares he believes the version of his wife in that she had nothing to do with the assault on her husband. The state has the confession of Colen which implicates the wife of the assaulted man.

Mrs. Culler's bond was set at \$3,000 which she was able to give. Colen is unable to furnish a \$5,000 bond required of him and will spend the summer in jail awaiting trial at the October term of court. At the hearing Monday he was represented by E. C. Bivens, although no effort was made to shun any part of the crime as far as Colen goes.

#### Pappy Sale Successful

The pappy sale last Saturday was very successful. About \$75 was realized. All goes to disabled world war veterans. Mount Airy unit has six men to care for at Otten.

The auxiliary desires to thank the public for their help in this work. Also the following merchants who bought popples for window display: Acorn store, Penny store, Nelson and Moody, Hollingsworth Drug store, John D. Thompson Fur Co., Belks Dept. store, Harrison's, Carter and Walker, Jackson Bros. Hale Dept. store.

## Veterans Attend General Reunion

A group of Confederate Veterans will leave Monday for Charlotte to attend the annual general reunion. Those expecting to go are Z. T. Smith, C. W. Bunker, G. Y. Nichols, John Phillips, J. F. Miller, Geo. Burrus, of Rockford, and B. J. Snow of State Road. Hotel Charlotte will be convention headquarters. One of the most delightful things planned for the veterans will be the presence of the U. S. Marine band.

Mrs. F. S. Rothrock will accompany the veterans as sponsor of the camp. She has also been chosen as aide-camp for Major General W. A. Smith, of Ansonville, and Major of Honor to Past Commander-in-Chief U. C. V. General M. D. Vance, of Little Rock, Ark.

Mrs. Rothrock will visit her aunt Mrs. W. W. Simpson at the Hotel Franklin, Spartanburg, S. C., before her return.

## Hillsville Landmark Destroyed by Fire

Fire which seemed to originate in one of the upstairs apartments of the old homeplace of O. T. Childers, in Hillsville, Va., destroyed the home and its contents Saturday night. The occupants barely escaped with their lives according to reports received here. Mr. Heath Childers whose home was next door to the homeplace of his father caught three times and his furniture was badly broken and damaged by being dragged out when it seemed that his home was about to be destroyed.

Mr. C. T. Childers who is a patient in the hospital here was not occupying his home but had it rented to apartments.