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## GRADED SCHOOL FINALS

### Mr. Williams' Address Pronounced a Gem—Medals, Prizes and Diplomas Awarded.

The eleventh year of the Graded School came to a close last week with very appropriate exercises on Thursday and Friday nights. The school auditorium was artistically decorated and both nights was filled to overflowing by patrons and friends. The exercises were very creditable and entertaining as well.

Thursday night the annual contest in recitation and declamation was held. Miss Amy Bomar won the reciter's medal, offered by J M Houck; and John Glenn won the declaimer's medal, offered by D. E. Hudgins. The programme was interesting throughout, the contest being very spirited. All the young ladies and the young gentlemen acquitted themselves with much honor. Mrs. Reid and some of her pupils, Misses Pearl Gibbs, Effie Bradshaw, Nellie Blanton and Hattie Gibbs, furnished delightful music. The high school children sang "Come Where the Lilies Bloom."

Friday night the graduating exercises were held. The invocation was made by Rev. Ira Erwin of the Methodist church, after which the children sang "Morn Rise." The president of the class, John Glenn, was then introduced to the audience. He presided over this part of the program. The class history was then read by Miss Pearl Gibbs. Her paper was interesting throughout, sparkling with wit and making many local hits. She read her paper well and held the attention of the large audience throughout. Miss Effie Bradshaw, the prophet, then essayed to tell what the class would do in the future. Her paper was well prepared and well read. The class will, written by Miss Daisy Gladden, was read by the author. It proved to be a most interesting paper and entertained the audience throughout. The singing of the class song, composed by Miss Carrie Holland, closed the class exercises.

Mr. J. W. Winborne introduced the speaker of the evening, Hon. R. R. Williams, of Asheville. Mr. Williams is a natural orator and it is needless to say that he held the attention of his audience. His subject was Education, an old subject indeed, but in the hands of Mr. Williams it proved to be a new and most interesting one.

Diplomas were awarded the following pupils by Mr. B. B. Price, chairman of the Graded School committee: Misses Carrie Holland, Daisy Gladden, Effie Bradshaw, Pearl Gibbs and John Glenn. A certificate was granted Grafton Bird.

Supt. Griffin then announced the scholarships as follows: University of North Carolina, John Glenn; Elizabeth College, Charlotte, Miss Daisy Gladden. These scholarships were offered the pupils attaining the highest scholarships.

Mr. D. E. Hudgins was called to the rostrum and with a few appropriate remarks he presented the prizes in spelling to Misses Lois Gilkey and Maude Burgin. These prizes were offered by the teachers of the seventh and eighth grades

to the pupils of these grades.

The medals won in the contest in declamation and recitation were presented by Mr. W. T. Morgan. Supt. Giles presented the history medal, won by Grafton C. Bird. This medal was offered by Dr. J. G. Reid.

Following the presentation of medals, fifty children were called to the stage and presented with prizes for perfect attendance. The speech of presentation was made by Mr. J. L. C. Bird. Possibly no where in North Carolina has such a record for perfect attendance been made this year. The names of the children follow: Jack Justice, Pauline Hawkins, Annie Sue Hemphill, Robert Poteat, Rufus Sowers, Martha Bobbitt, Maggie Rader, George Meacham, Albert Blanton, Ray Curtis, Mayo Laughridge, Sara Margaret Neal, Edward Foy, McKinley Head, Ray Hemphill, Alma Rader, Frank Wood, Nell McCurry, Georgia Finley, Ermon McConnell, Edna Rader, Mattie Gladden, Sara Hudgins, Mary Sweeney, Leon Justice, Howard Hoover, Robert Burgin, Samuel Story, Mary Hudgins, Ruth Burgin, Elizabeth Bobbitt, Pearl Hoover, Minnie Foy, Frances Wood, Blanche Finley, John Poteat, Morris Laughridge, Joe Story, Helen Strange, Maude Burgin, Alma McCurry, Lois Gilkey, Carrie Erwin, Virgil Ellis, June Laughridge, Effie Hicks, Mary Poteat, Daisy Gladden, John Glenn, William Gladden.

### Complimentary to Marion Students.

The Raleigh News & Observer of last Wednesday in its account of Peace Institute commencement, had the following, complimentary to Miss Burton:

"A very young and a very talented girl, Miss Julia Burton, of Marion, played that exceedingly difficult thing from Liszt, 'Rigoletto,' a number which no ordinary musician will undertake. The playing of this young woman, not yet seventeen years, well justifies the belief of Mr. Brawley that North Carolina can have few musicians of such great promise."

The program was a most difficult one, and this high compliment to Miss Burton will be read with interest to her many friends here.

At Horner Military School, at Oxford, Frank Morphew was one of the commencement speakers and was awarded the declaimer's medal.

Miss Kate Mae Streetman took part in a play at Fassifern last week and her work was reported especially commendable.

Miss Hallie Gibbs took part in an elocution contest at Davenport College and tied with one of her competitors for the medal. Her competitor won by drawing straws.

### Fish Hatchery Bill Favorably Reported.

Washington, May 27.—The fish hatchery bill introduced in the house by Hon. J. M. Gudger, jr., today was favorably reported. This measure provides for the appropriation of \$25,000 for the establishment of a hatchery for game fishes suited to the fine streams of Western North Carolina. The place of its establishment is not specified, other than that it shall be in the Tenth congressional district.

## COUNTY CONVENTION

### Gudger Gets Over Two-Thirds of County's Vote—Underwood Has Lead Over Wilson.

McDowell county Democrats held their convention here last Saturday. The convention was largely attended and all precincts were represented. B. B. Price was elected chairman and W. W. Neal was chosen as secretary. Delegates to the state convention were instructed to cast the solid vote of the county for Locke Craig, W. E. Daniel, J. Bryan Grimes, J. Y. Joyner, R. B. Lacy, W. P. Wood, T. W. Bickett, M. L. Shipman, W. A. Graham, George H. Brown and William H. Hoke. For congress Gudger carried the county against Reynolds by a vote of 12 93 to 6.07. The delegates were un-instructed as to corporation commissioners. For president the votes stood Underwood 11.58, Wilson 7.42. The convention endorsed J. W. Pless, of Marion, as a delegate from the tenth district to the national convention.

Delegates to the state convention to be held at Raleigh June 8th were named as follows:

G H Garden, A Hall Johnston, J L C Bird, J W Pless, C E Prestwood, E H Dysart, J Q Gilkey, G S Kirby, J W Kirby, W E Landis, W K M Gilkey, D L Carlton, S L Copeland, D E Hudgins, J W Winborne, D F Giles, I C Griffin, Fred Bird, B B Price, W T Morgan, W W Neal, S E Whitten, M F Morphew, J F Harmon, W A Conley, Byron Conley, M L Good, N F Steppe, Fred Bradley, L P Crawford, J C Sandlin, W C Morris, M P Flack, W A Laughridge, M F Tate, T E Satterwhite, W H Taylor, E G Goforth, R H Hennessee, J H Tate, W H Hill, J D Blanton, A Blanton, Ben C Brown, L J P Cutler, J Ledbetter, J C Conley, E E Rowe, E J House, W McD. Burgin, S O Melton, H F Little, S L Dobbins.

Following are the delegates to the congressional convention to be held in Asheville June 4th:

W F Wood, A W Gilliam, C L Lytle, J S Grant, J H Young, L C Blackwelder, G L Sandlin, C C Burgin, J W Bailey, D L Carlton, F M Bradley, T B Ledbetter, M L Good, M P Flack, W H Hill, W H Taylor, W G Hunter, T E Satterwhite, C E Prestwood, J L C Bird, M F Tate, W A B Garrison, Byron Conley, H B Brackett, W M McNairy, Frank Chapman, W K M Gilkey, H B Crawley, Lee Miller, Will Wilson, John Bird, G B Satterwhite, W C Morris, E G Goforth, C N Duval, Geo M Bird, Wade Hennessee, J C Conley, J E Wilson, J D Blanton, A Blanton, H A Tate, J R Denton, W W Neal, J M Clay, J W Winborne, W M Goodson, R H Cowan, J K Cowan, A Hall Johnston, D E Hudgins, I V Stroud, Sed F Mauney, George Carson, R H Hennessee, W S Doby, T T Wright, W W McConnell, E P Foy, R F Burton, J W Streetman, J W Pless, G H Gardin, A B Gilkey, J L Nichols, S L Copeland, W A Laughridge, G S Tate, S L Dobbins, J C Sandlin, T W Davis, H H Tate, Geo C Conley, W P Howard.

### New Engines.

Spencer, May 25.—Five new locomotives have just been delivered to the Southern Railway company at Spencer for use during the peach season. The engines are of the 1300 type, among the largest and fastest on the road. It is said when under full speed only dry steam is permitted to reach the piston heads and that they carry 180 pounds of steam in such a manner as to equal 220 lbs. in the ordinary way. The Georgia peach crop will begin to move in a few days and while the new engines are for passenger service they will be used to handle peaches during the rush.

### For Gilliam for Treasurer.

As the time draws nearer for the final "fix", and the question arising on all sides, "who shall be the men to look after the welfare of the people," naturally we become more enthused. It is up to the people now, not next year, not next month, not tomorrow, how the county affairs are going to be cared for.

The people are pleased with the men who have announced themselves for the various offices. If there were only one clean man out of the number who have announced themselves, it would appear that we are limited, but we are better blessed.

It is true, nevertheless, that every person in existence, today, who is worthy of being called a citizen, has a preference as to who these offices shall fall, for various reasons. The writer's preference for county treasurer is Mr. Gilliam. First reason, because he is a man who has lived among us not for himself alone. Second, because he has always been for the uplifting of the county. Third, because he has been pulling for better schools, better roads and better churches. He is a christian gentleman known throughout the county.

Then again, is it not time for Crooked Creek township to be remembered in some way? Have we been forgotten by the good people of McDowell? Have we not contributed to the county, our full length, in what ever we thought right?

We endorse Mr. Gilliam, believing he will go far beyond our expectations in every respect, knowing the people will be more than pleased with him.

A CITIZEN.

### Big Jr. O. U. A. M. Celebration at Linville Falls.

It afforded the writer great pleasure to be present at the celebration of the 59th anniversary of the Jr. O. U. A. M. held at the North Cove Council No. 361, Linville Falls, on last Friday, May 24. The day was perfect and at an early hour the people began to gather from every nook and corner of the surrounding county until by 10 o'clock a. m., the hour for the exercises to begin, a great crowd had assembled. Then, pretty soon, the members of the local council together with visiting members from other councils, marched in a body from the lodge hall, adorned with their regalia, near to the speaker's stand, which had been erected out under beautiful shade trees.

Mr. D. L. Carlton, mayor and an attorney of Marion, was the first speaker. His Subject was "Good Citizenship." Mr. C. B. Webb, of Statesville, State Councillor, was the next speaker, and Supt. Giles, of Marion, followed with an address on "Community Upbuilding."

Then came the adjournment for dinner which was a very elaborate spread of all sorts of good things to eat, such as the good women of this community are capable of cooking.

Rev. J. L. Smith, of Marion, a member of the local order, gave an interesting talk, as did Mr. Webb, in the afternoon.

This is a fine neighborhood and the influence of this order is having a very wholesome effect on the community, bringing the people into a closer bond of unity and purpose.

## LATE NEWS OF INTEREST

### Interesting Reading Matter of Local and National Affairs in Condensed Form.

Senator Overman Tuesday had the Senate pass a bill providing \$60,000 for a public building at Waynesville.

The state rested its case in the Myrtle Hawkins trial at Hendersonville Monday and the defense began introducing testimony.

Mr. Roscoe Mouser, of Hickory, who is well known here, was one of those who stood highest in the examinations of the Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, and was given an appointment in the Episcopal Hospital in that city.

Mr. Morgan, a farmer living near Rutherfordton, killed Wilson Hovis, a negro tenant on the place, Saturday. The negro was ordered off the place. He refused to go and attacked Morgan, who shot him. Morgan was released on bond.

Sidna Allen, the Virginia outlaw, is under \$5,000 bond to appear at the Federal court in Greensboro next Monday, to answer a charge of perjury. He will not appear of course, but it is said an effort will be made; when his bond of \$5,000 is declared forfeited, to have the government offer \$5,000 reward for him.

At Waynesville Saturday Geo. Cathey, of Asheville, assaulted Policeman Blaylock, apparently without provocation. The officer shot Cathey and the wound is very dangerous. Cathey is now in a hospital in Asheville. He is a fighting man and it is said he had a grievance against the officer because the latter arrested him on one occasion.

### Majority of State Delegates Uninstructed.

Raleigh, N. C., May 27.—Returns from the democratic county convention of Saturday now practically complete, indicate that while Governor Woodrow Wilson will have more instructed delegates than Representative Oscar Underwood in the state convention on June 6, by far the majority of the delegates will come uninstructed.

Only about forty of the one hundred counties instructed their delegates for presidential candidates.

Speaker Clark and Governor Harmon also made a showing of strength so it seems certain an attempt will be made to prevent any instructions for any candidate. The Wilson leaders are expected to insist upon instructions.

North Carolina's delegates to a democratic national convention have been sent with instructions only once in recent years.

### Watkins Must Serve Sentence.

Raleigh, May 28.—The North Carolina supreme court delivered opinions in nineteen appeals this evening and will deliver a final batch Wednesday noon and adjourn for the term. The court finds no error in the case of the state vs F. C. Watkins, from Buncombe, in which the Black Mountain police officer is under sentence of eighteen months on the roads for killing John Hill Banting at a Black Mountain hotel in August, 1909. So Watkins must now take up the service of his sentence.

Miss Lavina Parks, who had never left her home town, Sunset, Mass., is dead at the family homestead there, at the age of 103 years.