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GRADED SCHOOL FINALS

Graduating Exercises Last Night—Medals, Diplomas and Various Scholarships Awarded.

Marion's new school auditorium was taxed to accommodate the crowds attending the commencement exercises Monday and Tuesday night of this week. Much interest was manifest in every contest and in all the exercises.

On Monday night the annual contest in Declamation and Recitation took place, when the representatives from the two literary societies contested for medals offered by Messrs. D. E. Hudgins and J. M. Houck. The contestants acquitted themselves with much honor. Miss Mae McCurry and Mr. Fred Greene won the medals. Honorable mention was made of Miss Louise Burgin and Mr. John Elliott.

The graduating exercises took place Tuesday night. At the last moment it was found that the speaker chosen for the occasion could not come, and the entire evening was given over to the class for their exercises. The program was complete in every particular and was carried out in such a way as to win honor for each member of the class.

The President, Mr. Cecil Little, delivered the address of welcome and presided over the exercises. His address was very appropriate to the occasion and was delivered in very happy style. The Class History was read by Miss Maud Carson, who succeeded in presenting some very interesting records of the class. The Class Prophet, Mr. J. L. Elliott, undertook to reveal that the future had in store for each member of the class. His prophecy was a parody on Poe's "The Raven," and Mr. Elliott succeeded in reciting it very effectively. The Statistician, Mr. Clinton Landis, was very successful in his characterizations of his classmates, and his statistics of the class, physical and mental, were very interesting to the audience. The Class Poem, composed by Miss Lois Gilkey, was read by Miss Mae McCurry, with an accompaniment on the piano by Miss Gilkey. The Last Will and Testament, was drawn up by Mr. Virgil Ellis, was read, and the exercises were closed with the singing of the Class song.

Superintendent Griffin then called to the stage Mr. B. B. Price, Chairman of the Board of Education, who with a few well chosen words presented the 12 members of the academic department with diplomas, and the 6 members of the commercial department with certificates.

The Superintendent then announced the awarding of the scholarships as follows: University of North Carolina, Mr. Virgil Ellis; Washington & Lee University, Mr. Clinton Landis; Trinity, Mr. Cecil Little; Catawba, Mr. Fred Greene; Elizabeth, Miss Lois Gilkey. The Honor Roll for perfect attendance contained 22 names, and each of these pupils was presented with a book by the Board of Education.

HONOR ROLL, 1913-1914

First grade—Zelma Atwell, Paul Steppe, Anna Reid.

Second grade—Edward McMa-

han, Roy Huffman, Elizabeth Reid. Third grade—Emma Waters. Fourth grade—Paul Story, Posy Huffman. Fifth grade—Albert Blanton, Estelle Huffman, Ray Curtis, Leo Clay. Sixth grade—Mattie Gladden, Zoe Pangle. Eighth grade—Ruth Finley, Joe Story, John Potteat. Ninth grade—Harold Griffin, Katie Huffman. Tenth grade—Lois Gilkey.

The exercises were interesting from start to finish and highly pleasing to the large audience present each night. Although handicapped by a late opening, the past year has been a most successful one and Superintendent Griffin and his efficient assistants are to be congratulated upon closing up the year's work so auspiciously.

Jurors for July Term of Court.

The regular monthly meeting of the county commissioners was held here Monday. The day's session was occupied with the transaction of business of a routine nature, approving claims, etc. C. G. Vess was appointed constable for Old Fort township, and jurors for the July term of Superior court, which convenes here July 13, were drawn as follows:

First Week—W. S. Haynes, Geo. M. Carson, M. J. Harris, T. J. Hemphill, Joseph Washburn, J. W. Horton, D. N. Walker, A. C. Mashburn, G. C. Ellington, J. G. Pridemore, W. W. Guy, C. G. Morris, W. L. Dobbins, J. R. Fry, R. Williams, T. W. Noblitt, J. M. Walker, J. A. Silver, M. A. Hall, J. Y. Hicks, Robert Bird, A. K. Weaver, T. C. Guthrie, J. N. Lavender, E. H. Walker, Allen Burgin, W. G. Lavender, W. W. Stewart, A. B. Finch, E. M. Tate, J. T. Davis, R. C. Nanney, W. C. Atwell, H. E. Watkins, W. A. Goforth, W. E. Cooper.

Second Week—A. L. Hogan, John R. Rich, A. P. Curtis, W. C. Bateman, H. M. Hall, Lewis Turner, C. W. Dixon, H. H. Tate, J. W. Bradley, C. G. Biggerstaff, W. T. Moffitt, C. H. Dixon, J. W. Jarrett, Ed. Pangle, B. P. Sisk, M. Y. Watson, G. L. Fleming, C. P. Lytle.

Woodmen Unveil Monument.

Nealsville, June 2.—Altho in the midst of a drought the people of Glenwood and vicinity assembled at the Baptist church at Glenwood Sunday morning at 11 o'clock when Rev. D. J. Hunt preached a great sermon. At 12:30 o'clock the people spread their dinner on a table almost 100 feet long, which was amply filled with good eatables for the thousand or more persons present.

At 2 o'clock E. B. Lewis, State manager of the Woodmen of the World, delivered an excellent address. Sovereign Lewis is among the State's best orators. Following the address all marched to the cemetery where the Woodmen unveiled a monument to the late Sovereign L. A. Potteat with appropriate exercises.

The members of Glenwood camp requests us to extend their most hearty thanks to the Old Fort and Union Mills camps and all friends who aided in any way to make the day a success.

GRADED SCHOOL FACULTY

Prof. I. C. Griffin Re-elected Superintendent—Several Changes in the Faculty.

The Graded School committee met in regular session Friday night, May 22, for reorganization, and to elect a superintendent and teachers for another year. Mr. B. B. Price and Dr. Geo. I. White were re-elected as Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, respectively. Supt. I. C. Griffin was re-elected, and the following faculty was elected for next year:

First grade, Miss Maggie Hudgins.

Second grade, Miss Elsie House.

Third grade, Miss Moffitte Sinclair.

Fourth grade, Mrs. W. P. Craig.

Fifth grade, Miss Ethel Crawford.

Sixth grade, Miss Grace Finley.

Seventh grade, Miss Eva Keeter.

High School—Mrs. J. L. C. Bird, Miss Hallie Gibbs, and Miss Gladys Goodson.

Miss Goodson has been offered a position in the primary department of the High Point Schools, and it is very much feared that she will not accept the position here. She has made a specialty of primary work at the State Normal College and desires to accept such work.

Misses Lucile Blanton, Ruby Deal, Ethel Wood, Florence Hildebrand, Lura Broden, and Miss Copeland did not apply for re-election. All did very satisfactory work, and the committee most cordially commends them to any other Committee to whom they may apply for a position.

Mrs. Craig was given fourth grade work upon her own request, with the approval of the Superintendent. Mrs. Bird was given her old position in the high school, where she will also teach domestic science.

The committee was very much pleased with the records of the new departments of Business and Domestic Science. From the former, four will graduate, two of whom have already secured positions as stenographers. The class in the Domestic Arts has made splendid progress. Both these departments will be continued, with the present teachers in charge.

The Superintendent's report shows 413 children enrolled, with a daily average attendance of 332; last year there were enrolled 385, thus showing an increase of 28 children in the enrollment. Of this number, there are 78 in the high school, 39 boys and 39 girls. This is an unusual record, the girls generally outnumbering the boys in the upper grades. The graduating class numbers 12, 6 boys and 6 girls; also, 4 from the Commercial Department, making a total of 16 who will receive certificates or diplomas this year.

The record of promotions shows very good progress in the regular school work, notwithstanding the fact that the fall term of school was conducted under many unfavorable conditions due to the lateness of the completion of the new school building.

The committee decided that owing to certain conditions the length of the school term should be uniform for all departments; there-

fore, in the future the length of the high school term will be eight months. School will open on the 14th day of September and close on the 7th day of May, with an intermission of two weeks, December 18 to January 4, for the Christmas holidays.

EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Maud Barnard, Editor.

Delegates Appointed.

Supt. M. S. Giles has just appointed Cronje Laughbridge of Dyarsville, Tom Stacy of Nebo and Kenneth Hensley of Nealsville as delegates to the Convention and Corn Show of the National Top Notch Farmers' Club to be held in connection with the Panama-Pacific International Exposition in 1915.

Institute for McDowell.

The biennial Institute for McDowell teachers will be held in Marion beginning June 29. The Marion Graded School has been offered as the place of meeting. The county has been exceedingly fortunate this year in securing the services of some of the best talent in the state.

Supt. A. T. Allen of Salisbury will conduct the institute. Miss Edith Royster, assistant Superintendent of Wake county, will have charge of the primary work.

Teachers are requested to bring all text books, The Outline Course of Study, How to Teach Reading, and Every Day Problems. The first day's work will begin promptly at nine o'clock.

The law makes it necessary for all teachers to attend this institute unless attending an institute or summer school elsewhere.

Picnic for Corn and Tomato Clubs.

The annual picnic for the Tomato Club Girls and the Corn Club Boys will be held at the Marion Graded School building next Saturday, June 6th. State Corn Club Agent T. E. Browne and Mrs. Jane McKimmon, who has charge of the Canning Clubs of North Carolina, will talk to the girls and boys. The badges will be given out that day and the county prizes announced. Dinner will be served on the grounds. After dinner an auto ride has been planned for the children.

Work at Greenlee During Vacation.

At an ice cream supper at the Greenlee School last week over twenty-five dollars was made. This will be used toward buying tennis and basket ball outfits for the school.

The teachers and pupils of this school are working during vacation. An attractive hedge and flowers have been planted. The house is to be covered soon.

Representative Webb, now chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, has appointed as clerk of the committee A. L. Quickel, a well known young attorney of Lincolnton. The position pays \$2,500.

Judge Webb and Solicitor Newland were renominated by the Democratic convention of the sixteenth judicial district, which met in Lincolnton Saturday.

MORE THAN 900 PERISH

The Empress of Ireland Sinks on St. Lawrence River and Over 900 Persons Perish.

Rimouski, Que., May 29.—The twin-screw Canadian Pacific liner Empress of Ireland, carrying 1,487 persons, passengers and crew, sank in the darkness before dawn today in the St. Lawrence river near here with a loss of perhaps 1,000 lives. Early estimates of the dead varied from 678 to more than 1,100.

The vessel, which was bound from Quebec for Liverpool with 77 first, 206 second, and 504 third-class passengers, was cut wide open by the collier Storstad and sank within 20 minutes in nineteen fathoms of water. Of those saved the majority appeared to be members of the crew or from the steerage. Many were badly injured and 22 died after being picked up.

The crash occurred about 2 o'clock this morning off Father Point, Quebec, a village brought into prominence when Dr. Crippen, the London murderer, was caught. The collier, bound for Quebec, struck the Empress of Ireland on the port side about the middle of the ship. She literally tore her way almost to the liner's screws, leaving a rent through which the water poured in such a deluge that she sank before many of the passengers were aware of what had happened.

Brief wireless calls for help sent out by the Marconi operator were heard by the pilot boat Eureka here, ten miles from the scene, and the Eureka, followed by the Lady Evelyn, a mail tender, put on forced steam and made all speed for the spot.

Reports of the number of persons saved are conflicting. The Eureka and the Lady Evelyn have landed 399 passengers here and the Storstad is said to have picked up 360 more, which would leave 678 unaccounted for.

The Storstad was first reported to have sunk after the collision, but was not so badly damaged as reported, and is proceeding slowly to port under her own steam.

The Eureka and the Lady Evelyn, after landing survivors at Rimouski, returned to the scene of the disaster in search of other passengers who may have escaped in lifeboats.

The Empress of Ireland was valued at \$2,000,000, and with her cargo, valued at \$250,000, was fully insured.

969 PEOPLE PERISHED.

Montreal, June 1.—The latest lists furnished by the Canadian Pacific railway indicate that a total of 969 persons perished in the wreck of the Empress of Ireland. The saved number 418.

Again the money which the government was to furnish to help build the road from Statesville to Winston-Salem is in the air. The counties of Iredell, Davie and Forsyth were to put up \$40,000 and the government \$20,000, making a total of \$60,000 for the line. A government inspector who went over the road reports that it will take \$100,000 to build it. There the matter stands for the present.

The State Supreme Court has adjourned for the summer vacation.