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## NEBO COMMENCEMENT

Rev. Harry North to Preach Annual Sermon—Address Friday by Hon. R. R. Williams.

The annual commencement exercises of Nebo High School will take place Thursday and Friday of this week. On Thursday morning at 11 a. m. Rev. Harry North, of Durham, will deliver the annual sermon. The class day exercises will take place Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and Thursday evening will be devoted to the recitation and declamation contest. The literary address will be delivered Friday morning at 11 o'clock by Hon. R. R. Williams, of Asheville. On Friday evening the annual play will be given.

Following is the program for this afternoon and tonight:  
THURSDAY, 2:00 P. M.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES.

Solo—Polonaise—Miss Pearl Gibbs.

Salutatory—Ola Wall.

Class History—Fay McGimsey.

Class Poem—Geneva Byrd.

Piano Solo—Eoline Harp—Anna Conley.

Prophecy—Ruby Giles.

Class Will—Nelle Gibbs.

Class Song—Written by Anna Conley.

Presentation—Lona Goforth.

Valedictory—Zoe Yoder.

THURSDAY, 8:00 P. M.

GIRL'S RECITATION CONTEST.

Zoe Yoder—Polly of the Circus.

Geneva Byrd—Archie Dean.

Ola Wall—Mother Love.

Mattie Hunter—The Sioux Chief's Daughter.

Katherine Yoder—Gazelle and Swan.

Dorothy Hargrave—Boy's Bear Story.

BOY'S DECLAMATION CONTEST.

Bruce Tate—The Chivalry and Traditions of the South.

Jeter Morgan—Aycock's Contribution to Education.

Dealer Patton—Policy of Cromwell.

William Morgan—Getting the Right Start.

John Stacy—Liberty.

Crawford Landis—The Training Camp of the Future.

Epworth League Elects Officers.

At the regular April business meeting of the Epworth League officers for the next six months were elected as follows: Miss Sarah Hudgins, president; Miss Bessie Tate, vice-president; Mally James, recording secretary; Grayson Neal, treasurer; Miss Gertrude Jones, correspondence secretary; Miss Mary Douglas Gay, superintendent of devotional meetings; Miss Ruby James, superintendent of social service; Miss Mary Hudgins, superintendent of literary meetings; Miss Lucile Conley, superintendent of missionary meetings. Lookout committee: Misses Edna Tate, Loma James, Pauline Conley and Sarah Troutman, Grayson Neal and Mally James.

The devotional meetings of the League are held every Sunday evening at 7:30 in the Sunday school room of the Methodist church. The subject for the meeting next Sunday evening is "Influence," led by Miss Sarah Hudgins. The young people are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

## Registrars and Judges Appointed.

The county board of election—W. K. M. Gilkey, J. E. Neal and C. C. Lisenbee—met Saturday and appointed registrars and judges to conduct the primary election on June 3, and the general election November 7, 1916. Following is the list, the first named in each instance being registrar and the second and third judges:

Marion—A. B. Gilkey, W. H. Hill and W. C. McCall.

Buck Creek—D. A. Snipes, Tom Patton and Leonard Turner.

Turkey Cove—T. T. Wright, J. Y. Hicks and W. E. Willis.

North Cove—T. M. Minish, J. P. Hennessee and William McCall.

Cedar Cove—R. T. Avery, J. E. Wilson and Melvin McCall.

Nebo—J. F. Wilson, T. W. Stacy and J. A. Mason.

Higgins—C. B. Morgan, J. H. Keller and E. S. Brown.

Dysartsville—John G. Pyatt, T. B. Landis and R. E. Roper.

Bracketts—W. C. Raburn, Geo. F. Rhom and J. W. Wigg.

Glenwood—Jas. H. Raburn, Jas. M. Haney and W. B. Pyatt.

Montfords—W. M. Wilson, J. F. Morgan and J. C. Crawford.

Crooked Creek—C. L. Lytle, M. T. Davis and W. G. Noblett.

Broad River—James Ledbetter, T. R. Nanney and A. W. Nesbitt.

Old Fort—F. H. Marley, J. D. Elliott and William Treverton.

## Road Engineers Visit Marion.

Mr. E. W. James, chief of the United States Office of Public Roads; Mr. W. L. Spoon, senior government road engineer, and Mr. W. S. Fallis, State highway engineer, who are inspecting the Central Highway through the State, were here last Thursday. The party arrived about 12 o'clock and at 1 o'clock these gentlemen addressed the road commissioners of McDowell and a number of citizens at a meeting at the court house. Mr. Fallis stated that the purpose of the meeting was to confer with the commissioners with reference to placing the road through the county under State supervision. That is if arrangements can be made with counties covering fifty-one per cent of the total mileage of the highway to have the work of maintenance done under the supervision of government engineers, two government engineers will be assigned to supervise the maintenance. Mr. Fallis stated, however, that owing to the condition of two links of the highway in Burke county it was impossible for the State highway commission to make the same proposition to McDowell at this time.

## Villa Again Located.

Francisco Villa, slightly wounded but not incapacitated, is reported to have moved into the mountainous region northwest of Parral. This information, which has reached General Funston, according to dispatches from San Antonio, Texas, is from a source that causes him to regard it as authentic. Villa was last reported seen at Monoava, about 85 miles by trail southwest of Satevo, where the most advanced of General Pershing's force were. General Carranza has asked Washington for an early reply to his note of April 12 suggesting that American troops be recalled from Mexico.

## NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

Brief Mention of Some of the Happenings in McDowell County—Items About Home People.

### ASHFORD

Ashford, April 24.—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Connelly spent Saturday in Marion.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cranford of Marion spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Faye English attended the commencement at Burnsville last Thursday and Friday. She returned home Saturday accompanied by her brother and two cousins who have been in school there.

Miss Mamie Wiseman and Beatrice Brown were in Marion shopping Saturday.

E. E. English made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Miss Louise Brown made a trip to Marion Monday.

Clarence Wiseman of Linville Falls visited friends and relatives here Saturday.

John W. McCall and wife spent Sunday at North Cove.

Dewey H. Brown has returned home from Burnsville, where he has been in school.

The young people of this community enjoyed a social Saturday night given at the home of Joe Wilson.

Farmers are taking advantage of this pretty weather, and are all busy planting corn.

Rev. S. Simpson will preach at Concord next Sunday at eleven o'clock.

Joe Carpenter, foreman of the lime works at Ashford spent Saturday and Sunday with homefolks at Altamont.

Miss Ethel Wilson left Tuesday for Marion where she will attend the normal there for a few days.

Miss Maud Wiseman passed through Ashford Tuesday enroute to her home at Linville Falls, after spending several days with her mother at Hickory.

Harry Caldwell visited friends at Ashford Sunday.

Mrs. Anna Root of Roanoke is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. M. Connelly.

### THOMPSON'S FORK.

Thompson's Fork, April 24.—Mrs. W. M. Wilson of Sugar Hill is visiting homefolks here.

Miss Mary Ollie Conley, who has been visiting relatives and friends here for some time, returned to her home at Marion Saturday.

Mrs. M. L. Janes made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Vanus Brown and sister, Louise, of Glenwood were here one day last week.

Clayton Janes visited his grandparents near Gibbs Sunday.

Guy Brown attended the commencement of Glenwood school the latter part of last week.

Paul Williams of Sugar Hill is visiting his sister here.

Will Cuthbertson made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Quite a number of the people of this community attended the entertainment at Nebo Friday night.

### WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, April 24.—Mrs. Yancey is visiting relatives in Fayetteville.

"Uncle Bill" Quinn is reported seriously ill.

The forest fires in North Cove township has been raging for several days. The loss is great. Thousands and thousands of dollars worth of timber has been destroyed.

James C. Goforth spent Easter with homefolks at Dysartville.

Mrs. A. L. Dale has been suffering from a severe attack of rheumatism but is improving.

The farmers are getting along fine planting corn, but rain is badly needed.

Spartanburg is to have its 22nd annual musical festival May 17, 18 and 19, in the Converse College auditorium. Mr. Edmon Morris is director of the festival. The New York Symphony Society Orchestra of 50 men with Mr. Walter Damrosch, as conductor, will be the orchestral attraction.

## Britt Introduces Bill for Marion Building.

Congressman Britt has introduced a bill to appropriate \$100,000 for a federal building at Marion.

In a letter to Dr. Geo. I. White of this place Mr. Britt says: "You may say to the people there that it is my purpose to do my very best to get a favorable report on this bill, and I am not without hope of getting the desired action before the close of the present congress."

The bill introduced by Mr. Britt, which has been referred to the committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, reads as follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be purchased a post office site in the city of Marion, McDowell County, North Carolina, to cost not exceeding \$20,000, and to erect thereon a suitable building, including fireproof vaults, heating apparatus, and so forth, for the use and accommodation of the United States post office and other Government offices.

Sec. 2. That the sum of \$100,000 is hereby appropriated for the purchase of said site and erection of said post office building under the rules prescribed by law."

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## STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Water from the big new dam has been turned on at the Granite Falls plant and it is now developing 400 horsepower.

Reports coming from South Mills, Camden county, state that considerable damage was done there by a storm almost cyclonic in violence.

Goldsboro will throw wide open her gates to the North Carolina Bar Association and State Philathea Union, which will convene there April 27 to 30.

North Carolina leads the world with 316 cotton mills which consume annually 902,611 bales of cotton. North Carolina produces 870,479 bales of cotton per year.

The victorious Graham debaters when they came home from Chapel Hill were met at the station by a long procession of automobiles, headed by the Oneida band. Miss Myrtle Cooper and Boyd Harden were driven uptown in a machine decorated in their honor.

Members of the Buncombe county board of commissioners who have been away inspecting various methods, returned enthusiastic over concrete paving and Chairman Johnson stated that the Asheville to Riddgcrest road, 16 miles in length, will be constructed of concrete.

Tinder-dry woods all the way from Kinston to the sea are burning. The damage in the vicinity of Kinston so far amounts to some thousands of dollars, and between Kinston and Morehead City the loss runs into tens of thousands. Falls of smoke have hung over some of the towns for several days.

Charles E. Taylor, president of Wilmington Savings Bank and Trust Co., had one of his hands badly hurt and received a number of bruises and Edward Aitchison, fish commissioner of Rhode Island, had one of his legs broken when Mr. Taylor's automobile crashed into a tree near Delgado Mills, between Wrightsville and Wilmington.

The North Carolina Creamery Association held its regular meeting in Lincolnton. There are 12 creameries in the state, but not all are represented. Among the visitors attending are J. W. Robinson, president of Hickory creamery; A. O. Mitchem, buttermaker of the Hickory creamery, and Glenn Yoder of the Lexington creamery.

Injuries received when he fell into a tub of boiling water proved fatal to Charles Albert, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Brinson of New Bern.

Congressman Hood has introduced bills to secure \$10,000 each for Clinton and Morehead City with which to purchase sites for the postoffice buildings.

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The fourth annual contest of the High School Debating Union characterized by President Graham as the biggest contest ever staged in North Carolina, came to an end when the Graham High School, representing the affirmative, defeated Wilson on the negative of the query: "Resolved, That the United States should adopt the policy of greatly enlarging its navy." The speakers for Graham were Miss Myrtle Cooper and Boyd Harden, for Wilson, Wade Gardner and David Isear. Concentrated and vitalizing interest from 84 North Carolina counties, 325 high schools and interested audiences of 100,000 citizens of the commonwealth centered on the final outcome of the comprehensive state-wide debate.

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