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GRADED SCHOOL CLOSING

Annual Address by Hon. O. Max Gardner—Sermon by Rev. W. L. Hutchins.

The closing exercises of the Marion Graded school began on Sunday night, when the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. W. L. Hutchins at the Methodist church. Mr. Hutchins was at his best and delivered an eloquent and impressive sermon on the subject of "The Modern Man." His sermon was received in a very appreciative manner by the large congregation that heard him, and was highly instructive to the young graduates.

A special feature of this occasion was the music rendered by the high school pupils, which was enjoyed by all, and reflected great credit upon their instructors.

The declamation and recitation contest was held in the graded school auditorium on Monday evening. The various speeches and recitations were very much enjoyed and showed thoroughness of training and preparation on the part of the contestants and their instructors. There were five boys and five girls who took part in this contest, as follows: Robert Holmes, Alna Rader, Paul Story, Herbert Laidlaw, Lenoir Bird, Viola Giles, Zilpah Frisbie, Mae Giles, Lurline Corpening and Georgia Finley. The contestants acquitted themselves so well that the judges had a hard task to determine the winners, the declaimer's medal being awarded to Paul Story and the recitation medal to Zilpah Frisbie. The medals were awarded by Mr. B. L. Lunsford, one of the judges, with a few well-chosen and appropriate remarks.

Monday night's program was interspersed with beautiful piano selections by members of Mrs. P. A. Reid's music class, all of which were rendered in a very pleasing and artistic manner, reflecting credit on teacher and pupils.

On Tuesday night the annual address was delivered by Hon. O. Max Gardner to a large and enthusiastic audience. The speaker was introduced by Mr. D. E. Hudgins, in a few fitting words. The keynote of Mr. Gardner's address was "Service in the New Era." Mr. Gardner delivered a most powerful and effective address which was warmly received by his hearers. The music for Tuesday night included choruses by the boys and girls of the high school and piano selections by pupils of Miss Julia Burton and Mrs. Reid's music classes. Mr. J. Q. Gilkey, chairman of the school board, awarded the diplomas to nine graduates, who are Maurice Deal Atwell, Virginia Lurline Corpening, Georgia Kate Finley, Gertrude Preston Jones, Herbert Clay Martin, Jeter Moore Morgan, Naomi Nelle McCurry, Bessie Rowena Tate and Florence Edna Rader.

Mr. T. A. Holton, superintendent, then awarded prizes for perfect attendance and scholarship. Those receiving prizes for scholarship are: Thurley Franklin, Clark Walls, Eugene Cross, Mildred Wall, Benson Davis, Mildred Holton, Mildred Hudgins, Lucile Conley, Elma Honck, Ruth Cowan, Paul Story, Edna Rader. These

prizes were books given by the teachers of the different grades to which the winners belonged.

Those receiving prizes for perfect attendance are: Thurley Franklin, Arnold Haney, Louie Bird, Jimmie Gibson, Frank Goldsmith, Paul Corpening, William Story, Irene Franklin, Brownie Giles, Vernon Chapman, Viola Giles and Mary Olive Conley. The prizes were books given by members of the school board.

Mr. T. A. Holton has been the efficient superintendent of the Marion school for the past year and has rendered very satisfactory service to the school authorities, as well as the patrons of the school. Despite the handicaps of the past year it has been the most prosperous and successful year in the history of the school.

The faculty and superintendent have been re-elected, with the exception of a few teachers who did not ask for re-election, and these places will be filled as soon as suitable teachers can be secured. The school board has requested the full co-operation of the public, in view of the lengthened school term for the coming year, and the board desires a full and perfect attendance of every child of school age in the town for the coming year.

Padgett-Beaman.

A marriage of more than unusual interest to a wide circle of friends both in North Carolina and Tennessee was that of Mr. Homer Beaman of Marion and Miss Faye Padgett of Nebo. The wedding took place on Tuesday evening, June 10, at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents at Nebo, the home being tastefully decorated for the occasion with daisies and ferns.

The bride and groom entered the parlor to the strains of Lohengrin's wedding march, rendered by Miss Louise Crawford, and standing before an improvised altar the ceremony was performed in a most impressive manner by Rev. W. L. Hutchins, of Marion, the ring ceremony being used. From the altar two hearts of daisies were suspended and as the vows were taken one of the hearts was gracefully drawn from view by little Miss Sarah Brown, cousin of the bride. During the ceremony Miss Crawford, at the piano, softly played "Hearts and Flowers."

The bride was attired in a handsome gown of white crepe meteor and real lace and a veil of white tulle which was caught with a wreath of lilies of the valley. She carried a shower bouquet of Bride's roses and lilies of the valley. Her only ornament was a diamond and pearl brooch which was a gift of the groom.

After the ceremony a course of ices and cream was served by Misses Bonnie Padgett and Hazel Brown. Only immediate members of the family and intimate friends of the bride and groom were present.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Padgett and is a very accomplished young lady. She received her education at Meredith College, Raleigh, and Carson and Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, having graduated from the latter in 1918.

The groom, who was formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., is now a prominent young business man of Marion. He recently received his discharge from the army in which he served as first lieutenant.

The bride and groom left for an extended trip to Washington, New York and other points north.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

DYSARTSVILLE.

Dysartsville, June 9.—Rev. Snipes preached in the Baptist church Sunday at 11 o'clock.

Mrs. J. Ray Denton and child of Atlanta, Ga., are visiting relatives and friends here.

Keet Fortune is home from overseas. Glad to see him looking so well.

Miss Mamie Cowan is home for a few weeks from Berea College, Berea, Ky.

Miss Ruby Kirksey is visiting relatives in Rutherford county.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dysart, with their daughter and son, Mary and Samuel, of Lenoir, spent several days here last week with friends and relatives.

B. H. Laughridge is home from camp. We are glad to see him looking so well after being sick so long.

Herbert Mangum has returned to camp for treatment.

J. L. Laughridge and family of Marion were visitors here Sunday.

WOODLAWN

Woodlawn, June 9.—Mrs. J. B. Ward continues quite ill.

M. L. Good spent Friday evening in Marion where he attended a meeting of the Masonic Lodge.

The sixteen-year old boy of Steven Hollifield of Three-Mile was taken to the hospital at Marion during the week for an operation on his leg, due to a fracture of the bone.

Ashworth Hicks of Toms Creek was a visitor here Sunday.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Good, a daughter.

Quite a party from Marion spent Sunday afternoon with friends at Woodlawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Fayette have returned to Woodlawn after spending some time on the mountain, where the former worked for the Adams company.

James Hollifield of Three Mile was in Woodlawn on business recently.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, June 9.—Cyrus Huffman, an aged Confederate veteran, died last Thursday evening. He leaves six children, four sons and two daughters to mourn his loss.

Mr. and Mrs. Tate Mosley of Marion spent the week-end here.

W. G. Kaylor and C. L. Holland made a trip to Marion Junction, Sunday.

Mrs. M. B. Poteat is reported seriously ill.

Frank Barnes of South Carolina is visiting his father, J. H. Barnes.

Miss Tina Swann is quite ill with measles.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poteat spent Sunday with the latter's parents. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland.

Missionary Conference.

The Woman's Missionary conference of the Marion district will convene in the Methodist church in Marion on Wednesday morning, June 18, at 11 o'clock. Mrs. M. B. Goodwin of Morganton, who is district secretary, will preside at the meetings. There will be three conference officers present. Mrs. Lucy Robinson, who is president of the Western North Carolina Missionary conference, will be here and fully explain the missionary work. Mrs. W. R. Harris of Asheville, who has charge of the young people's department of work and Miss Amy Hackney, who has charge of the children's work, will also be present. All will make helpful talks about the work. Each organization of the district will have a delegate at this conference. The conference will close Thursday afternoon.

The public is cordially invited to attend. Especially are all the missionary societies of the different churches invited. Lunch will be served at the district parsonage for the delegates and visitors.

Pratt-Williamson.

The following account from The Times of the Pratt-Williamson wedding in Asheville last Saturday will be of much interest here where Mr. Pratt has a large circle of friends and acquaintances:

"The marriage of Miss Louisa G. Williamson to Mr. Julius William Pratt took place yesterday morning at 11 o'clock at the home of the bride's mother. The house being artistically decorated with masses of pink roses. Mrs. Pratt was becomingly gowned in a wedding dress of white georgette crepe and point lace, with a long veil fastened to her head with white rose buds, and was given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. Winston Walden. The double ring ceremony was used and was performed by the Rev. J. S. Williams. Mrs. Langdon C. Bell, of Columbus, O., sister of the bride, was the matron of honor. Miss Marjorie Pratt, sister of the groom, was the only bride's maid. Little Miss Mary Walden Bell, niece of the bride was the flower girl. Mr. Pratt's only attendant was his father, Colonel William Pratt of Marion who acted as best man.

"Mrs. Pratt is the daughter of Mrs. John Williamson and the late John Williamson of this city. She is a very capable young lady, and possesses a charming manner and pleasing personality which have won many friends for her. Mr. Pratt is the son of Colonel and Mrs. Pratt of Marion, and is a man of exceptional ability. For the past few years he has been an instructor at the United States Naval academy at Annapolis, Md.

"Immediately following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Pratt left for Chicago where they will spend the summer. After September they will be at home in Annapolis."

Mr. Lee Allison Dead.

Mr. William Lee Allison, of Old Fort, died at his home early Thursday morning, after a brief illness. His death comes as a distinct shock to his many friends in Old Fort and McDowell county.

Mr. Allison is well known in this county, having lived at Old Fort practically all his life. He has held a position with the Union Tanning company for a number of years, and was engaged in his usual work up until the evening before his death, when he was taken sick. Thursday morning he suddenly became worse and passed away in a short time.

Mr. Allison was a member of the Methodist church, and held a high office in the Masonic Lodge, being a member of Jopha Lodge No. 401. The funeral was at the Methodist church, conducted by Rev. R. F. Mock Friday at 10 o'clock a. m. Interment was had at Bethel.

Mr. Allison was 49 years of age at the time of his death, and is survived by three children, Mrs. W. F. Grant, of Marion; Alvin Allison and George Allison of Old Fort, who have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their great loss.

Prayer Meeting Tonight.

Prayer meeting this week on Thursday evening at 8:45 at the Baptist church instead of Wednesday as usual. Please note the change and be sure to attend.

J. T. BOWDEN, Pastor.

STATE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

The Experiment Station Creamery at West Raleigh churned over 2700 pounds of butter during the month of May, and paid out over \$1200 in cash for milk supplied by farmers in the vicinity of Raleigh.

To date, approximately 3,200 boys and girls have enrolled in the poultry club work of the Agricultural Extension Service. Practically all of these members are in well organized community clubs.

Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham announces that North Carolina's exact figures as to the 1918 cotton crop show a total yield of 919,388 bales for the year with Robeson county leading as usual, her crop being 63'857.

A site has been purchased at High Point for the erection of a 10-story steel and concrete exposition building to be used for displaying all lines of furniture made in the South. When completed the cost will be approximately \$400,000.

The western North Carolina district, composed of 15 counties, has gone several thousand dollars over its quota in the drive for the Salvation army fund. Buncombe county is in the lead with an over-subscription of \$2,562.52.

Social Affairs.

The San Souci club was entertained at the hospitable home of Mrs. J. Q. Gilkey on North Main street. Handsome decorations were used throughout the lower floor of the house and a dainty two course lunch was served. 108, the afternoon pastime enjoyed by the twenty guests entertained by Mrs. Gilkey.

The members of the senior class of the Marion high school were delightfully entertained one night last week at the home of Miss Nelle McCurry. The invitations received by each member of the class were in the shape of tombstones upon which were written: "The class of 1919 bids a joyful farewell to itself Friday night at Miss Nelle McCurry's." After the guests arrived they were entertained by a unique program of games, tricks and fortune telling arranged by the hostess. The hostess, assisted by her sisters, Misses Mae and Alma McCurry, served refreshments. At a late hour the guests bade farewell to their high school days by singing appropriate songs while lighted candles grew dim.

The Twentieth Century club held its regular semi-monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Florence I. Thomas Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Thomas being hostess for the afternoon. The response to roll call was Musicians of France. The regular program, with Paris as a subject, was given in a very entertaining manner by Mrs. R. F. Burton and Miss Winslow. A pleasant feature of the meeting was a review of the many points of interest brought up at the Council in Asheville attended by delegates from 42 states, also the N. C. State Federation meeting at Hendersonville. After a social hour tea was served at small tables, attractively decorated with roses and ferns. The next meeting will close a very successful year for this popular club.