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NEBO SCHOOL CLOSES

Commencement Address by Hon. J. J. Britt—Spendid Program Rendered—Six Graduates.

The annual closing exercises of Nebo High School began Sunday with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. James M. Justice, pastor of the Black Mountain Baptist church. Rev. Justice took as his subject "The Pearl of Great Price," delivering a very forceful and practical sermon, laying emphasis upon the things that really count in life. A large audience was present and many expressions of appreciation greeted the speaker at the conclusion of the sermon. Mr. Justice is a graduate of Wake Forest, spent some time at Louisville Seminary, and was for a number of years a missionary to South America. He is one of the best equipped men in church work in the State.

Monday night the lower grades gave a program. The little folks did their parts well, displaying evidences of excellent training, reflecting much credit upon the teachers for the pains they had taken to prepare the pupils of the grades for their part of these exercises. Notwithstanding the inclement weather, the Monday night entertainment was well attended.

On Tuesday morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, the graduating exercises were held. The program, which began with a chorus by the high school girls, was followed by the class parts as follows: Salutory, Ralph Tate; history, Sudie Alexander; prophecy; Rebecca Greehlee; song by Senior Class; poem, Annie Wall; will, Rean Jimerson; valendictory, Camilla Dobson. The parts were of rare quality and well delivered, the young graduates displaying much originality and ability in their respective assignments.

At the conclusion of the exercises of the senior class, Hon. J. J. Britt delivered the commencement address. Mr. Britt had as his subject "The Struggle for a Place." His talk to the young graduates and to the large audience present was very appropriate to the occasion. He told the class that if they expected to achieve anything worth while in life's battle, that they might expect to work. "A successful life," said the speaker, "is not to be measured by the attainment of high political offices or worldly goods, but in performing well a chosen work. Mr. Britt spoke of the American traditions and purposes of government. He said that in no other country does the individual have the opportunities which we have in this country, that promotion and success is his who is willing to work. The address was listened to with rapt attention and made a deep impression on everyone present.

On behalf of the school committee, Rev. W. L. Hutchins in fitting words awarded the diplomas to the six graduates of the class of 1920.

On Tuesday night the annual play, "A Poor Married Man," by the high school was given and was attended by a very large crowd. The cast was composed of the following students: Lester Runion, Isaiah Watson, Reid Bird, Rufus Somers, Annie Wall, Camilla Dob-

soe, Sue Tate, Bessie Cuthbertson. The play was well presented and greatly appreciated by the audience, who, by great applause, gave evidence of the delightful manner in which they were entertained. At the conclusion of the program Mr. D. F. Giles spoke briefly of the work at Nebo in the past and the plans for the future. He spoke of the great work that the school has done in the years gone by in the preparation of teachers of McDowell county, also reviewing the work for the year just closing.

The Nebo school has had a very successful year. Notwithstanding the epidemic of influenza and the increased cost in maintaining the boarding facilities, the school has been well attended by pupils throughout the county. Mr. E. J. Harbison has been the efficient principal and by his untiring efforts and with the cooperation of the community, has done a great piece of work for the past year. Mr. Harbison was ably assisted by Mrs. Harbison, Miss Rosa Stacey, high school teachers, and Mrs. Maude Dobson, Ida Tarwater and Ida Daugherty. Owing to sickness, however, the latter two were compelled to resign a few days before the school closing. Miss Mary Sweeney and Miss Maggie Parks rendered valuable assistance during the last few days of school.

Marion Graded School Commencement Program Announced.

Supt. T. A. Holton announces the program in brief of the Marion graded school will be as follows:

The annual declamation and recitation contest will take place on Friday evening, May 7th. This promises to be a most interesting contest. The boys and girls are working hard on their selections.

The sermon to the graduating class will be preached by Dr. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion, on Sunday evening, May 9, at the Methodist church.

On Monday evening, May 10, the class will give their play, "The Microbe of Love." This play promises to produce much laughter as well as to amuse all in other ways. This play or comedy has been used extensively by clubs and schools and is pronounced to be one of the most satisfactory comedies for amateurs. It has had a most wonderful success.

Tuesday evening, May 11, will be class day—"night." Besides the class program, graduating exercises, etc., plans have been made to make the evening very profitable otherwise.

A cordial invitation is extended all to attend each and all of these exercises.

Hunter-Graham

The wedding of Mr. Robert B. Hunter of Asheville and Miss Thelma E. Graham of Old Fort was solemnized Thursday morning at 11:30 o'clock by the Rev. Willis G. Clark at Trinity church. Miss Graham a sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor, and Mr. H. A. Hunter as best man. Mr. W. E. Graham, brother of the bride, gave her away. The couple left immediately after the ceremony for an ashort honeymoon trip, after which they will make their home in Asheville.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

HARMONY GROVE

Nebo, April 26.—Mrs. D. C. Anderson was shopping in Marion last Friday. Ben Simmons of this place and Miss Alice Elliotte of Garden City were married in Marion last Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Crawley made a business trip to Marion last Thursday. Alex Crawley was in town on day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Simmons were guests of James Pyatt and family last Sunday.

John Crawley and family spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Crawley.

There will be services at Harmony Grove next Sunday.

Harmony Grove, April 26.—The farmers are badly behind with their work on account of wet weather.

The peach crop in this section was badly damaged by the recent cold snap. Dan Crawley, who has been on the sick list, is able to be out again.

Dan Anderson, Sam Bowman and Joe Holland were in Marion on business during the week.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, April 25.—A number of young people enjoyed a singing at the home of Garland Gilliam Sunday night.

Walker Parker and Lawrence Hogan of Bethlehem were visitors in this community Sunday.

Charles Hoyle of Asheville spent Sunday with his father, John Hoyle.

Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Davis of Old Fort visited the former's parents here the latter part of the week.

Mrs. J. S. Lavender left Sunday to visit relatives at Elensboro. Miss Leila Melton is at home since the close of her school at Pepper's Creek.

W. G. Lavender of Old Fort spent Sunday with his father here.

Farm work is not progressing very rapidly on account of so much rain. But small grain crops are growing nicely and the grass is getting a good start.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, April 26.—Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Poteat of Marion spent the week-end with relatives in this vicinity.

Friends of Mrs. A. S. Coats will be glad to learn that she is able to be out again after suffering a relapse of influenza.

C. L. Holland and W. B. Robertson made a business trip to Bridgewater during the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Brown of Marion spent the week-end with the latter's brother, George Kaylor.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Poteat spent the week-end with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Holland.

Miss Lena Swann of Marion spent the week-end with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes spent Saturday in Marion.

ROCKY PASS

Dysartsville, April 26.—The farmers of this section are very busy plowing and getting ready to plant corn.

Roy Morgan of Marion spent the week-end with home folks here.

Mrs. J. H. Keller was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Miss Jennie Hill has returned home for the summer.

W. B. Marlow and daughter, Ella May, were in Marion on business one day last week.

Misses Pearl White and Viola Reel spent the week-end with relatives here.

C. B. Morgan made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Miss Lola Thomas of Harmony Grove spent last Sunday with Floy Morgan.

We are glad to learn that I. M. Hicks is improving.

Dexter Marlow, Fred Anderson and Mills Pangle spent Saturday in Marion.

GARDIN

Marion, April 26.—Robert Carswell and little niece are visiting relatives here.

C. D. Wacaser has returned home

from Raleigh, where he attended the State Democratic convention.

J. B. Higgins has been on the sick list. The Marion-Dysartsville highway has been completed. It is a fine piece of work. Miss Bula Wacaser was shopping in Nealsville last Saturday.

Mrs. C. D. Wacaser spent Saturday with Mrs. Ed Vaughn.

Mrs. John Carswell was shopping in Marion last Saturday.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, April 27.—Miss Ethel Miller, one of the teachers in the high school, who has been ill for some time, has returned to her work.

Misses Bonnie Mae Fortune and Ruth Harold have returned from a visit to relatives and friends in Asheville.

Carl Greene has returned from a visit to his parents in Asheville.

A. C. Tate attended court in Salisbury last Monday.

Harry Burgin and John Turner have returned from Asheville.

Misses Clara Griffin and Hannah Schrock, teachers in the grammar grades of the Old Fort graded school, have returned to their respective homes.

Old Fort defeated Marion in a game of baseball Saturday; score 4 to 3.

The Dixie Theatre has re-opened after having been closed for some time.

Contract Let for Building at Nebo.

At a meeting of the County Board of Education last Monday the contract was let for a new high school building at Nebo. Mr. C. W. Buchanan of Marion was the successful bidder and he expects to have the building ready for school purposes not later than October 1st.

The building is to be modern in every respect. It will be a brick structure having eight class-rooms, auditorium, office, music room and basement. The best of furnishings have already been purchased and will be on hand ready to be installed as soon as the building is completed.

Bonds were voted at Nebo two years ago for the purpose of erecting the high school building. Owing to the unsatisfactory condition of labor and material it has been impossible to build the structure before this time. The people at Nebo are greatly pleased to know that the building is now to be erected and will be ready for use during the coming year.

Glenwood High School Closing Next Week.

The commencement exercises at Glenwood High School will begin on Sunday, May 2, with the commencement sermon by Rev. J. C. Story at 3 p. m. The lower and grammar grades will give a program consisting of songs, plays, etc., on Monday night. On Tuesday evening the graduating exercises will be held when the first graduates of the high school department will be given diplomas. The literary address will be delivered on the same evening by Rev. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion. Wednesday evening the class play will be given. The public is cordially invited to attend these exercises.

Rev. John L. Ray, pastor of the Old Fort Presbyterian church, announces that Rev. J. M. Clark, of Statesville, will begin a series of meetings in the Old Fort Presbyterian church on Sunday morning, May 2, at 11 o'clock, the meeting to continue until the 9th. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend the services.

THE REPUBLICAN TICKET

Convention Nominates Men for the Various County Offices—J. N. Nesbitt for Legislature.

The Republicans of McDowell county met at the court house last Saturday in convention and nominated candidates for the various county offices, also for House of Representatives and the Senate of the State Legislature. The convention was well attended from every section of the county.

Everything started off and ran true to schedule. Chairman C. F. James called the house to order, immediately after which C. C. Lisenbee was elected permanent chairman, and J. E. Kanipe, secretary. L. L. Jenkins, candidate for Congress in the tenth district, was present and made a talk to the convention. He outlined his campaign in this district and the platform on which he is running.

The nominees of the convention are as follows: House of Representatives—Johnson N. Nesbitt, Old Fort.

Sheriff—J. M. Mashburn. County Treasurer—John M. Tyler.

Register of Deeds—T. L. Epley. Coroner—C. R. McCall. Surveyor—J. M. Houck.

County Board of Commissioners: Wm. Treverton, C. M. Poole and L. W. Gettys.

J. E. Kanipe, of Marion, and Nellie M. Patton, of Burke, were endorsed for candidates in the 33rd district.

The committee on resolutions composed of W. R. Chambers, J. L. Morgan, Lee Williams, George Taylor and J. L. Hodgins, was selected. The report as submitted by the committee endorsed the record of the Republican party, also the State platform.

Mr. Wm. F. Early Patents Flexible Ladder.

Mr. William F. Early of Marion has secured a patent on a flexible ladder. A novel feature of this ladder is that it is formed entirely of ropes and treads. The operation of the ladder consists simply of throwing a rolled up ladder out of a window, the ladder unrolling itself, the upper portion of the ladder being secured by a rope fastened to the window frame. The descent of a person is, therefore, safely assured by simply grasping an additional rope. The fact that the ladder is inexpensive and simple will create a great demand for it.

Mr. Early is to be congratulated upon his success in devising a ladder of this sort. It will make it possible for owners of high buildings to provide a safe and cheap device of exit from buildings, thus lowering the hazard from fires. Several thousand deaths occur every year to persons who are caught in fires in tall buildings. In case of fire, the ordinary ladder fire escape is of great value, but cannot provide the same security as will be provided by Mr. Early's ladder.

Mr. Early has sold patent rights to his invention at a handsome figure. He will also share in the profits on a royalty basis.

Something like 75,000 women in the United States are engaged in cultivating fruit, among them being several of California's most successful fruit-growers.