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HIGH SCHOOL AT GLENWOOD CLOSES TERM

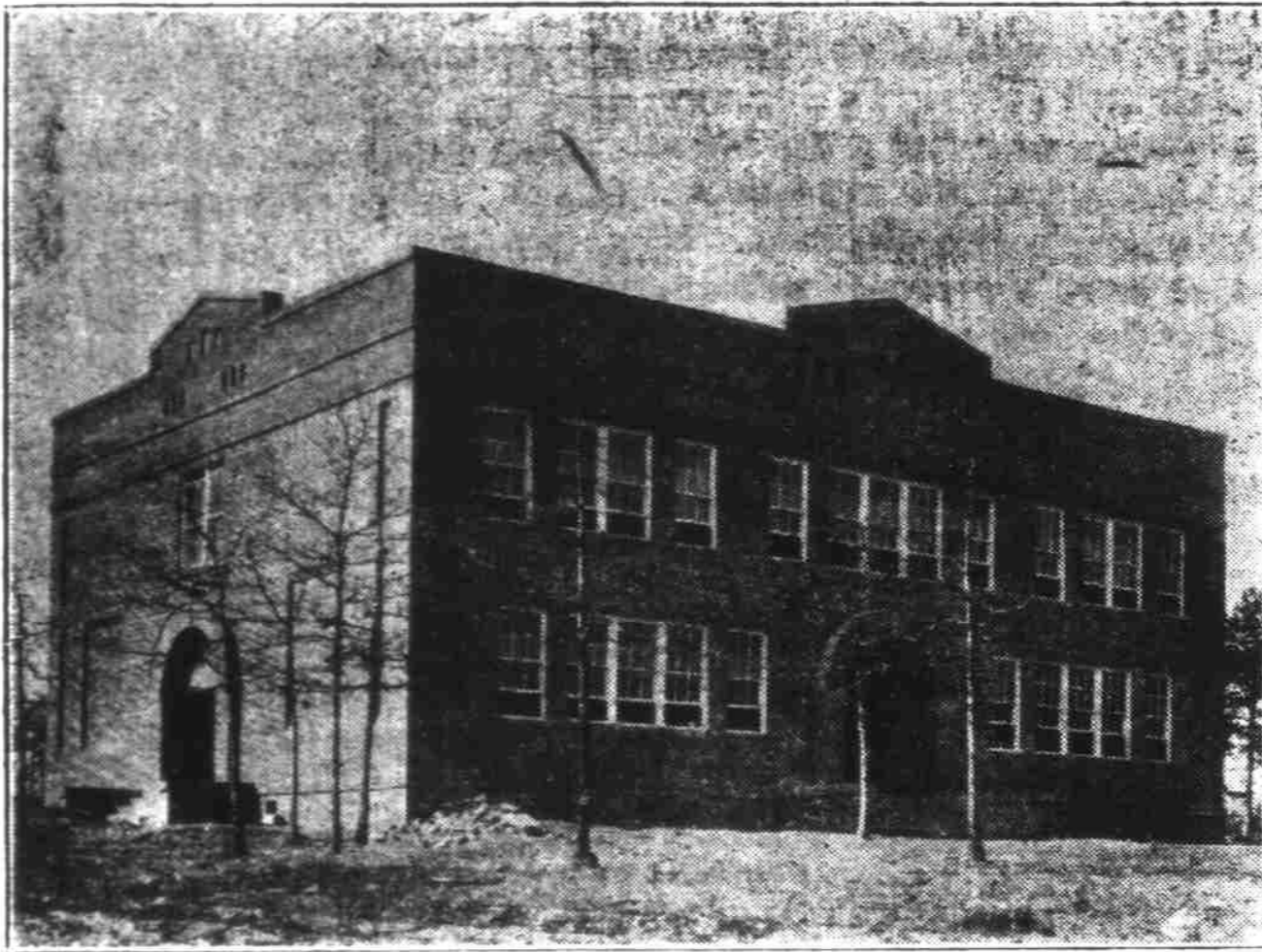
Strong Sermon by Rev. J. C. Story and Literary Address by Dr. J. T. Bowden.

The commencement exercises of the Glenwood high school began on Sunday afternoon with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Marion. Rev. Story preached one of the strongest sermons ever heard by a Glenwood audience. He took as his theme: "Qualifications for Life's Work," illustrating his subject by the life of Moses. The auditorium was well filled and Rev. Story was listened to with much interest.

On Monday evening the lower grades gave a very delightful entertainment. The exercises consisted of the "Tom Thumb Wedding" by the primary grades. The little folks were dressed in the costumes appropriate to the play and were the recipients of much applause for the manner in which they performed their parts. "A Mother Goose Reception and Drill" was given by the second and third grades. Several other selections were rendered in a highly pleasing manner. The children all showed evidence of excellent training, which reflected much credit upon the teachers for the pains they had taken in training the children for the occasion.

On Tuesday afternoon a May Pole Dance was given by thirteen little girls. It was very beautiful and greatly enjoyed by the large crowd present. The class exercises were also given on Tuesday afternoon.

On Tuesday evening the literary address was delivered. Dr. J. T. Bowden, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion, delivered the address. Dr. Bowden chose as his subject: "True Democracy." His address was a masterpiece and was listened to by an overflowing audience with rapt attention. Dr. Bowden defined the terms Democracy, Liberty and Freedom in very clear terms. He differentiated between freedom and license. He impressed upon the audience the true ideals of democracy and the great responsibility placed upon the individual. Following Dr. Bowden's address, the diplomas, certificates and prizes were awarded. In fitting and beautiful words the principal, Miss Hettie B. Rochelle, delivered the diplomas to Miss Mary Sue Pyatt and Mr. Charles Louis Haney, the first graduates of the Glenwood high school. Following the awarding of diplomas, Supt. N. F. Steppe delivered the certificates of promotion to a class of seven who had finished the seventh grade. Those receiving certificates were: Pansy Mashburn, Nora Hunter, Marie England, Gladys Pyatt, Gaden Swann, Fulton Wood and George Pyatt. Certificates for being neither absent nor tardy were given to Arnold Pyatt and Cecil Raburn. Mr. Steppe spoke briefly of the educational progress in McDowell county for the past ten years. He also spoke of the importance of the right ideals of education. "The idea that education fits only for public life and to hold official positions" he said "is incorrect, but



NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING AT GLENWOOD

rather should it be to fit one not only to serve one's self, but to serve humanity, to be a true citizen in real democracy."

The Glenwood school has had by far the most successful year in its history. The people in the community have co-operated in a very laudable manner with the teachers in making the school all that could be asked for. The attendance has exceeded all previous records and the work accomplished in the school room has been of a very high order. Miss Hettie B. Rochelle, of Durham, one of the best qualified teachers in the state, has been the very efficient principal and has been ably assisted by Misses Pearl Foster, Esie Stacey, Letitia Cantrell, Mattie Tate and Maude Elliott.

Some time ago the people of Glenwood decided that a State high school was necessary to meet the educational demands of their community. A bond election was called and was carried almost unanimously. An election for special tax for maintenance was called about the same time with practically no opposition. The bonds were sold and several months ago the erection of a new building was begun. The building, which is one of the most handsome structures to be found in any rural community in the state, is now complete and the final months of the present school year were concluded in the new structure. It is a modern brick building, containing all necessary class rooms, office, auditorium and basement. It is situated on a beautiful site, commanding an entire view of the surrounding country. The people of the community are particularly proud of the new building and are taking much interest in having it equipped with the very best furnishings that can be bought. They are also beautifying the grounds and expect to make the school not only one of the most attractive to be found anywhere, but one in which real school work will be accomplished that will fit boys and girls for useful lives.

Forest Fire in McDowell.

News has reached Marion of a dangerous forest fire which is raging along the slopes of Armstrong creek in North Cove township. A wide area of wood land has been burned over, inflicting much damage to timber and other property. The fire is endangering the property of the T. T. Adams company, who with a large force is making a heroic effort to check its spread.

Program for Soldiers Reunion in Marion Next Monday.

The following program has been arranged for the celebration to be held in Marion next Monday in honor of the Confederate veterans, Spanish-American veterans and World War veterans:

10:00 a. m. Races on Church street, with J. E. Kanipe and James Dodge in charge.

10:30. Potato race, 100-yard dash, 220-yard dash, sack race.

10:45. Parade. Soldiers will form between Methodist and Presbyterian churches on Church street for parade with Col. D. W. Adams in command; school children to form at graded school, Supt. T. A. Holton in charge.

Music.
11:15. Invocation, Rev. J. C. Story. Address of welcome by Mayor L. J. P. Cutlar. Response by Rev. W. L. Hutchins. Address by J. W. Pless, Jr. Address by Hon. Dorman Thompson, of Statesville.

1:00 p. m. Dinner on graded school grounds.

2:00 p. m. Army games, on graded school grounds.

2:45 p. m. Ball game on graded school grounds.

Field Marshals—H. F. Little, chief; P. D. Sinclair, assistant; D. W. Crawford, Lester Morris, E. M. Crawford, H. H. Tate, C. F. James, C. R. McCall, Charles Laughbridge and F. M. Bradley.

All those who desire to enter the races on the 10th of May are requested to send in their names to J. E. Kanipe. The winner in each of the contests—sack race, potato race, 100-yard dash, etc.—will receive a prize of \$250.

Mary Pickford at The Grand May 10

The Grand Theatre has secured a program for the Big Day—May 10th—that should prove attractive to everyone, consisting of Mary Pickford in one of her greatest successes for the Paramount-Arctcraft company, "Amarilly of Clothesline Alley," and one of the famous Mack Sennett two-reel comedies.

In order that the folks from the county may see this splendid program the theatre will open at 1:30 p. m. and the picture will be shown all afternoon. Don't forget to include a visit to the "movies" in your program for the day. You will enjoy it.

Corn ranks third in crop values in North Carolina, yet the average yield is only 19 bushels an acre. Good seed will help raise this average.

NEWS FROM THE COUNTY

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

SEVIER

Sevier, April 29—R. C. Heywood made a business trip to Asheville last week. Miss Rebecca Hennessee of Garden City is visiting Miss Georgia Conley.

In spite of the inclement weather Rev. J. C. Story preached a very interesting sermon to a large congregation on last Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian church.

Reid Good attended the closing exercises of the Nebo school.

Miss Edith Lonon spent the week-end with home folks. She was accompanied by Misses Delia Gibbs and Celia Patton.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Greenlee and two little daughters were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Conley this week.

Charles McCall made a business trip to Marion last Monday.

Dock Good, who has been attending school at Nebo, arrived home Friday to spend the summer with his father.

Miss Clara Sue Monfrado of Rutherfordton has accepted a position as book-keeper with M. L. Good.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Bird, on April 29th, a daughter.

Her friends will be very sorry to hear of the illness of Mrs. Ernest Bird.

OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 5—Cletus Tate spent the week-end in Asheville with relatives.

Fred Marley of Lenoir was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Caplan and son visited relatives in Kannapolis last week. Carl Green and Joe Crawford spent the week-end in Black Mountain.

Joe Crawford visited relatives in Asheville last week.

Miss Mamie Wadley, one of the primary department teachers of the graded school, has returned to her home at Edenton.

G. W. Graybeal of Asheville was in town the latter part of last week.

Miss Madeline Mashburn has returned from a visit to Charlotte.

The Cross Cotton Mill base ball team of Marion defeated the Old Fort team Saturday by the score of 10 to 8.

CROOKED CREEK

Old Fort, Rt. 2, May 3—George and Grayson Bailey attended the commencement exercises at Nebo Wednesday.

Mrs. Mattie Turner is visiting her son, Frank Turner.

Miss Pernie Ross delightfully entertained a number of her young friends Saturday night.

Tom Parker of Marion visited relatives here during the week.

Mrs. Savannah Davis is visiting in Old Fort.

Misses Emma Allison and Viola Gilliam of Old Fort visited friends here Sunday.

Lee Lavender returned home Saturday after a visit with relatives at Ellensboro and Gastonia.

Miss Minnie Parker of Marion returned to her home Sunday after a two weeks' visit with relatives here.

Auborn Golightly of Black Mountain visited Stanley Robison last week.

Mrs. Frank Turner was shopping in Old Fort last Saturday.

DYSARTVILLE

Dysartville, May 4—Lorenzo Daves of Thermal City died last week and his body was brought here for burial. Mr. Daves was 97 years old and is survived by a wife and seven children.

H. C. Mangan of Detroit, Mich., is at home for a while.

R. E. Raper and J. C. Goforth made a business trip to Marion last week.

Memorial Day will be observed the fourth Sunday in May. There will be all day services, with dinner on the ground. The good women are requested to bring full baskets of eatables. Services in the morning at the Baptist church and in the afternoon at the Methodist church.

Miss Etta Walker visited relatives in Rutherford county last week.

Miss Fannie Landis of Hickory visited her sister, Mrs. Julia Walker, last week. Wheat in this section looks promising.

GREENLEE

Marion, May 3—M. D. Ledbetter is recovering from an attack of influenza. Mrs. Dairy Moody and little son visited relatives here last week.

Miss Mary Greenlee spent the week-end with home folks.

Mrs. D. J. Dobson and Miss Billie Dobson and little brother, Guy, attended the commencement at Nebo last week.

Mrs. W. H. Greenlee was shopping in Marion one day last week.

Mrs. John Hogan and little girl and Mrs. Kincaid and baby spent the week-end with J. R. Ledbetter.

Harry Towe was in Asheville one day last week.

E. M. Tate was in Marion one day last week.

Mrs. W. S. Crisp is recovering from an attack of influenza.

ROCKY PASS

Dysartville, May 3—The farmers of this section are busy planting corn.

Mrs. White and daughter, Pearl, spent the week-end with Mrs. Ed Vaughn.

J. A. Hensley and son, Dotson, made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. F. T. Simmons is able to be out again.

J. H. Keller and Marvin Stacy spent Saturday in Marion.

Mrs. A. M. Witherow spent Sunday with Mrs. Dave Anderson.

Misses Viola Reel and Alice Hensley spent Sunday with Mrs. Ed Vaughn.

Kenneth Hensley has purchased a fine team of mules and expects to look after the upkeep of the Marion Dysartville highway.

GARDIN

Nealsville, May 5—Misses Mary and Vera Wacaser have returned from teaching, the former at Hickory and the latter at Connelly Springs.

The farmers of this section are busy plowing.

J. B. Higgins made a business trip to Morganton last week.

We are glad to learn that Mrs. J. W. Craig's condition continues to improve. Miss Inez Carawell spent Sunday with Miss Mary Holland.

A large crowd from here has been attending the Glenwood high school commencement.

C. D. Wacaser has returned to Raleigh.

Rev. Wm. Black Will Begin Meeting at Clinchfield Sunday.

Rev. William Black, one of the most successful evangelists of North Carolina, and Mr. Andrew Burr, of Canada, a noted singer, will begin a protracted meeting in the new school auditorium at the Clinchfield mill Sunday, May 9th. The hours of service will be 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. on Sundays and through the week days at 9:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

While this meeting will be under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, the Methodists and and Baptists will heartily co-operate. Everybody invited to attend every service.

Clinchfield School Honor Roll.

First Grade: Mae Martin, Mildred Broom, Ruth Jarrett, Adam Duncan, Tilden Woody, Ada Messer, Carrie Duncan, Emory Gregory.

Second Grade: Essie Martin, Horace Norton, Albert Walker.

Third Grade: Myrtle Burrell, Lucile Baker, Ethel Hall, Fred Cansby, Emory Vess, Oney Allen.

Fourth Grade: Ruth Holliefield, Mildred Lamb.

Fifth Grade: Ginyard Davis, Lois Allen, Bettie Lusk, Virginia Suttle.

Sixth Grade: Paul Epley.

Seventh Grade: Louie Copeland.

Amarilly of Clothesline Alley at the Grand Theatre on May 10th.