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MARION GRADED SCHOOL WILL CLOSE THIS WEEK

Commencement Exercises Begin Friday Night—Annual Sermon Sunday Night.

This week the children of the Grammar and High School are taking their final examinations. Friday will be the last school day for the 1920-1921. In a very great many respects this has been the most successful year of the school, due largely to a longer term—nine months.

The program, which is unique and in some respects different from the usual, for the commencement exercises is:

Recitation and Declamation contests Friday evening, May 27, at 8 o'clock. If you enjoy and love good speaking be sure to come.

At the Methodist church Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, May 29, Rev. J. C. Story will preach the annual commencement sermon.

The class of '21 will present the annual play, "Some Class," Monday evening at 8 o'clock, May 30. "Some Class" is a four act comedy full of merriment, and we are sure that you will enjoy it. The admission will be 35c for adults and 20c for children. The proceeds will be used for either the Science department or Playground apparatus.

Class Day exercises, story telling and spelling contests will be Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, May 31. The story tellers will be children from the primary department. The spellers will represent the Grammar school. There is only one way of knowing how good this program will be—Come! See! Listen!

The annual address by Hon. W. H. S. Burgwyn, of Woodland, N. C., graduating exercises, etc., will be Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, May 31. All diplomas, certificates, prizes, etc., will be awarded following the address. This will be a most interesting evening and we are counting on your presence.

The school colors are green and white. Get the school spirit—decorate in her colors. This will be fine for both the school and town.

The faculty and myself take this opportunity to thank the patrons, friends, Parent-Teacher association, and school board for their loyal and generous cooperation in successfully conducting the school this year.

T. A. HOLTON, Supt.

OFFICERS SEIZE

MEN AND WHISKEY

Sheriff Nichols and officers Lail and Poteat arrested two men by the name of Kirby and Smith on the Nebo road last Saturday night, charged with transporting whiskey. The officers had been given a tip that certain parties in a car had gone out to bring in a load of liquor. After going out on the road and waiting for several hours, the automobile showed up. When the occupants saw the officers coming, two of them made a break and succeeded in getting away. Kirby and Smith were arrested and about one gallon of liquor was taken. The automobile was also seized and the men placed in jail. In a preliminary hearing on Monday, Smith and Kirby were held for Superior court. The officers have the names of the two men who made their escape and are making a diligent search for them.

METHODIST TO BUILD COLLEGE AT FOREST CITY

Darlington College, a co-educational institution is to be built by the Methodists at Forest City. Already there has been subscribed something like one hundred thousand dollars for the new institution.

A mass meeting was held at Forest City a few days ago at which great enthusiasm was manifested. As yet no money outside of Rutherford county is being solicited. Rutherford wishes to show what it can do before asking for help. The plans are well under way and it is hoped to start building operations soon.

C. F. JAMES BUYS CARO-LINA HOSIERY MILL

There is one man in Marion who is not afraid of the depression in business. If all business men practiced the same business principles that some do, all business would stop and things get slow, because some men get scared out of their lives, figuratively speaking, when the dark clouds of business depression show up, and seek hiding places by putting their money in the safety vault and keeping it there till the clouds pass over. Mr. James believes in optimism and practices it. It has largely been due to his fore-sight and vision that he has attained the success that has already come to him in the manufacturing business.

Coming to Marion several years ago as foreman for one of the local mills, Mr. James has proved his ability and has won the confidence of the business influences of this community by the success which has come to him. A few years ago he decided to go into the manufacturing business for himself, and rigging up a few machines, he rented a place for installation and began "knitting" stock-in's." The business continued to grow and prosper and Mr. James now reaches out to enlarge his business. Several months ago he purchased the McDowell Hosiery mill and a few days ago he purchased the old Carolina mill. It is his purpose to consolidate the two plants under one management. The business will be conducted at the old Carolina Hosiery Mill plant under the name of McDowell Hosiery Mills, and while it will be under the personal direction of Mr. James, it is his plan to have a capable manager to look after the new combination, as much of Mr. James' time is consumed in his personal over-sight of the Elizabeth James mills.

Mr. James manufactures only high grade hosiery, which finds ready sale. Notwithstanding the fact that a number of the mills have been compelled to slow down, and in a number of cases shut down entirely, Mr. James has been able to keep his plant running at practically full time.

Mr. James has further plans which he hopes to develop for his employees. He has peculiar notions of his own as to what the employer should do for those who are employed. He hopes to be able to provide first class houses in which his employees may live, and do other things for the comfort of those who are employed by him.

PAUL WEEKS HAS TWO FINGERS AMPUTATED

Paul Weeks, a compositor and job man in the employ of The Progress suffered a minor accident last week while cutting paper. He failed to lock the lever that controls the knife of the paper cutter, and while he was adjusting some paper, with the knife raised but not fastened, the lever dropped, cutting off the tip of the fore finger on the right hand and the middle finger at the first joint on the left hand. Medical attention was promptly given and Mr. Weeks is suffering little pain.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The fifth Sunday School Convention will be held at Chapel Hill church next Sunday beginning at 11:15. A splendid program has been arranged. There will be plenty of good singing, and inspiring talks by different leaders of Sunday school work. The children's exercises will occupy the regular Sunday school hour and will be very helpful. An all-day service will be held, and we ask that all who come bring lunch with them and enjoy a good social and spiritual feast. We invite every Sunday School Superintendent and as many of his school who can come, to be with us, and help us make this one of the largest and best conventions ever held. A cordial invitation to all.

E. J. JONES,
Acting Chairman.

WHAT'S YOUR HUSBAND DOING

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM THE COUNTY

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

OLD FORT

Old Fort, May 24.—Tom Gilbert of Black Mountain spent some time in Old Fort the past week.

Reuben Young of Florida is in Old Fort on important business.

Miss Mary Burgin is visiting Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Johnson.

B. L. Lunsford spoke at the school auditorium Thursday night. His lecture was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marshall spent a few days in Marion last week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Noyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols, Miss Jennie Stirewalt and Mrs. Nadine Spencer motored to Marion one night last week to attend the Chautauqua.

Misses Sadie and Evelyn Burgin are visiting relatives in Raleigh.

Miss Mabel Crawford, who spent the winter in Florida, has returned home.

Mrs. Carl Rock and children of Florida are visiting relatives in Old Fort.

Mrs. Claude Bradley and daughter of Black Mountain spent Sunday in Old Fort.

Miss Grace Arney, who is attending school at Davenport college, is expected home Wednesday.

Miss Davie Mae Arney is spending some time in Asheville.

Deputy Sheriff D. Y. Grant has captured two huge steam illicit distillery outfits recently—one last week about one and one-half miles southeast of Old Fort, the other Monday night of this week up on Catawba river.

The graded school commencement exercises at Old Fort will take place as follows:

Friday night, May 27, at 8:30, contest in recitation and declamation.

Sunday morning, May 29, at 11 o'clock, annual sermon by Dr. R. H. Herring of Waynesville.

Monday night, May 30th, at 8:30, High School entertainment. Members of the high school will present as one feature of the evening Hiawatha Pantomime, handsomely costumed. An admission fee of 35c and 20 cents will be charged for this entertainment for the benefit of the school.

Tuesday night, May 31, at 8:30, graduating exercises and annual address by Dr. E. K. McLarty of Asheville.

MARION MILL.

Marion, May 23.—Through error in Progress office last week our news was headed "Climchfield" instead of Marion.

Rev. J. P. Hornbuckle preached a great sermon Sunday night to both Methodists and Baptists.

Rev. E. J. Jones, upon advice of his physician, will take a ten days' rest. We wish for him a speedy recovery.

A modern bungalow is to replace the home occupied by J. T. Laughlin, which was destroyed by fire some weeks ago.

Lumber has arrived to add an additional room for each of the overseers' homes.

Our new No. 2 Cincinnati Milling machine arrived Saturday. We will hereafter make supplies which have had to be ordered at very high prices.

President R. W. Baldwin and wife drove down to the Catawba lake last week and report a fine trip.

As the work of screening our houses goes forward we hear exclamations of praise for Mr. Baldwin from all sides. We also wish to thank Mr. Baldwin in advance for the electric light system which is being installed.

As reported last week, we broke all records for production running 114½ per cent, but we expect to beat that this month for work is running fine and everybody in the very best of spirits.

NEBO

Nebo, May 24.—Mr. and Mrs. Tolbert Scott and two children, who have been spending the winter here, left Monday for Seattle, Washington. They will sail from there on the 3rd of June for their home in Alaska amid snow and ice.

Miss Lottie Wilson, who has been in school at Weaverville college, returned home Saturday for the summer.

Mrs. Patchel Jaynes, an aged lady, in her 80th year, died Saturday evening at six o'clock. She was laid to rest in the Nebo cemetery Sunday. Mrs. Jaynes was a devoted christian. She leaves to mourn her loss a number of relatives and a host of friends.

Watson Wilson attended the commencement at Weaverville college last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Simpson of Rutherfordton spent the week-end here with relatives.

Miss Sudie Alexander of Marion spent the week-end here with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Beaman of Marion spent Sunday here.

Miss Pearl Padgett spent Sunday here with relatives.

GARDIN

Marion, May 23.—Mrs. Grayson Craig was shopping in Marion last week.

Miss Mamie Bowman spent the week-end with homefolks.

Thomas Marlow made a business trip to Marion Saturday.

Misses Vera and Mary Wacaser were shopping in Marion last Saturday.

Ivey Holland spent the week-end with homefolks here.

Robert Carswell of Lowell has been visiting his brother, J. C. Carswell.

C. D. Wacaser has been on the sick list.

Millard Holland made a business trip to Marion one day last week.

Mrs. Julia Padgett has been visiting relatives of this section.

Grayson Craig attended the services at Chapel Hill Baptist church Sunday.

CHAPEL HILL

Chapel Hill, May 23.—Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Proctor and Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Smith visited relatives in Old Fort Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hicks, after spending some time here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Hicks, have returned to Atlanta, Ga. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roberson and family of Marion spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Coats.

Misher Shehan and sister, Miss Ora, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Barnes yesterday.

Rev. Green of Marion ably filled Rev. E. J. Jones' pulpit here Sunday afternoon.

G. P. Poteet, little son of Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Poteet, has been quite ill but is improving.

CURFEW

Curfew, May 24.—Corn crops are looking fine in this section of the country.

John Reel and family visited relatives in Marion, Sunday.

Mrs. D. Parker and children visited friends at Clinchfield, Monday.

M. A. Parker made a business trip to Marion, Monday.

Little Clarence Parker is real sick.

CAROLINA SPENDING FORTUNE ON SCHOOLS

Raleigh, May 21.—With an issue of six hundred thousand dollars pending, making the total run close to ten million dollars, North Carolina has since last October voted by special elections bonds for building school houses in the sum of \$8,902,500.

The figures were announced this morning by State Superintendent Brooks, Greensboro's recent million dollar issue topping the list. The pending issue of six hundred thousand is in Goldsboro and an election has been called for July fifth.

NEWS ITEMS FROM OVER THE STATE

Items Concerning Events of Interest and Importance Throughout the State.

Fire Saturday night damaged the Hotel Morgan at Morganton to the extent of several thousand dollars.

The annual convention of the North Carolina Merchants' association will be held at Greensboro June 21, 22 and 23.

A new dormitory for the Presbyterian orphanage at Barium Springs has just been completed and is now ready for occupancy.

The plant of the Elkin Furniture company, one of the most important enterprises of Elkin, was destroyed by fire Thursday night. The loss is placed at \$100,000 with \$21,000 insurance.

James Foy Justice has been elected superintendent of the public schools of Henderson county by the county board of education. Mr. Justice will assume office on July 1, at a salary of \$3,500, according to the News.

The board of education of the Methodist Protestant church in North Carolina, at a meeting in Greensboro Friday selected High Point as the site to locate the college of that denomination in this State. Three places were considered: High Point, Greensboro and Burlington. High Point offered a site of 60 acres and \$100,000. It was this offer which was accepted. The church proposes to put \$590,000 into its college at the beginning. The college will be located just inside the incorporate limits of High Point, on the Greensboro to High Point highway.

MANY BOOTLEGGERS MAY ESCAPE PUNISHMENT

Washington, May 21.—Thousands of bootleggers may escape punishment for violation of the liquor laws as a result of the furlough of 700 federal prohibition agents until July 1; Commissioner Kramer declared tonight. In any event, he added, many of the cases will have to be continued over the 40 days, which will add to the congestion of the already crowded court dockets.

Most of the government's important witnesses in the liquor cases now before the courts, Mr. Kramer explained, are the agents who worked up the evidence against the defendants. Most of these men, he said, would return to their homes, making it necessary either to subpoenae them and pay their way to the places of trial or continue the cases.

At present, Mr. Kramer said, it is too soon to gauge the effect on the illegal traffic which may result from the loss of 700 agents for 40 days because of the lack of funds to pay their salaries. However, he asserted, the cut would hurt the prohibition enforcement unit in very way and set back if not undo the work done in organizing the force.

"Millions have been lost," he said, "in an attempt to save a few hundred thousand dollars."

MEMBERS OF TEXTBOOK COMMISSION ANNOUNCED

Raleigh, May 23.—The State Textbook Commission, appointed jointly by the governor and the State superintendent of public instruction, was announced here today as follows:

T. Wingate Andrews, Salisbury; C. S. Warren, Hamlet; Miss Mary Graham, Charlotte; Miss Celeste Henkel, Statesville; N. F. Steppe, Marion; Thos. F. Foust, Greensboro; Miss Jane C. Sullivan, Asheville.

WEATHER REPORT.

Thos. McGuire, local government weather bureau observer, reports the temperature and rainfall at Marion for the week as follows:

Maximum, 86 degrees; minimum 49 degrees; rain 0.68 of an inch; sunshine, per cent, 0.71.

WHAT'S YOUR HUSBAND DOING