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HON. JOSEPHUS DANIELS STRESSES TEACHER RESPONSIBILITY

(By Lisbeth Parrott.)

Cullowhee, August 30—Declaring that responsibility for current agnosticism in science, politics and religion lies at the school teacher's door, the Hon. Josephus Daniels addressed the August Seniors of the Cullowhee State Normal School tonight. A large gathering of students, teachers and friends had assembled to hear him and to witness the awarding of the diplomas to the twenty seven Seniors who constituted the largest graduating class in the history of the institution. President Hunter who distributed the diplomas, announced that the school had graduated 53 students this year, including the 26 May graduates. The Seniors were also granted Primary or Grammar Grade class B teaching certificates, the highest certificate obtainable for two years' work after high school graduation. A chorus by the Seniors, an invocation by Rev. A. W. Lynch completed the program.

Mr. Daniels said in part: "If students go out into the world groping, if this earth is a drifting planet, and if educated men are becoming agnostics in science, and in politics, and in religion, the responsibility rests largely upon the schoolmaster and the school marm. Their responsibility is so serious that many would like to transfer it to the home. This cannot be done.

"This cannot be done. The home has its large part, and the largest part in shaping young life, but the school, holding itself out as an institution set for his intellectual awakening and guidance cannot evade responsibility. Parent and child look to the teacher to light the way, to open new doors, to strengthen the mind, to give sustenance to the intellect and to bottom it upon the only solid foundation—a sound character, made up of integrity of life as well as of integrity in thinking.

"No teacher can fulfil the high mission unless high living and high thinking are combined, for the student will always as Emerson put it, be thinking so much what his teacher is that he cannot hear what he says. Therefore, the teacher to meet the requirement of the enlarged public schools, and of all education, will find all the qualities only if this admonition is followed: "Prove all things; hold fast to that which is good."

"Most of the trouble and loss of power in colleges and schools today grows out of the fact that many scholars and scientists read only the first Pauline admonition to the Thessalonians. They accept nothing and call their students to delve into the very foundations and 'prove all things' before belief. There is a time for research, for inquiry, for doubt, for debate. But there comes a time for resolving doubt, for accepting what has been proved and, not only 'holding fast that which is good' but also in imparting that 'good' to students.

"This is not to say that some scientists should not devote their whole lives to research. They should; but the teacher who is to mould the plastic mind must have something impart, he must have faith that lights up dark places, he must have love that moves the world, and his passion must be to lead students into knowledge and truth.

"Then, and then only, will taxpayers and parents give full approval to teacher and school, and declare that they have received full return upon their investment."

Class day exercises held Tuesday morning featured class talent. At this time, the class gift to the school, funds for a library clock, was announced by Morgan Cooper. A fountain pen was presented to the class sponsor, Prof. W. E. Bird, by F. M. Alley. Marshals for commencement were: Misses Alice Morgan, Newberry, S. C., Chief; Mary Dell Bynum, Pittsboro; Katherine O'Neal, Belhaven and Carrie Lee Howell, Candler.

The graduating students were as follows: F. M. Alley and Helen Alley, Cullowhee; Mary Willa Boyd, Waynesville; Harriette Taylor Brendle, Franklin; Mrs. Thelma Shield Carley, Ravenston; Daisy Viola Barber, Marston; Mrs. Louise Duckett Cole,

Canton; Emma Katherine Cox, Graham; Rachel Eaton, Cana; Ora Lee Gaddy, Monroe; Julia Florence Heath Alliance; Lucile Hunter, Alexander; Eva Alice Jackson, Winterville; Odesa Lemmon, Indian Trail; Inez McGlohon, Greenville; Evelyn Otelia Morgan, Candler; Ruth Caldwell Pierce, Calisbury; Sara Tennie Privette, Statesville; Maie Thelma Roberts, Marshall; Bessie Hyburnia Shipman, Brevard; Helen Lucile Smathers, Clyde; Mary Elizabeth Sorrell, Burlington; Annie Lee Spake, Shelby; Edythe Jane Terrell, Clyde; Clara Williams, Currituck; Hattie Gertrude Wortman, Casar; Morgan Cooper, New London.

HEAVY HAIL HITS COUNTY

One of the heaviest hail storms ever known in this region struck various parts of Jackson and the surrounding counties Saturday. The storm followed, generally, the Cowee range of mountains and went South into Hamburg, Cashiers and Canada townships. In some portions the hail, which was accompanied by low temperatures, was soft, resembling snow and did but little damage. In other portions of the path of the storm it fell in disastrous fury, literally stripping the trees of the leaves and doing great damage to growing crops. In places the hail is said to have been several inches deep on the ground.

W.O.W. CELEBRATES FOUNDING

Tuckaseegee Camp Woodmen of the World, celebrated the 14th anniversary of its organization, Monday evening at a public meeting held in the auditorium of the Sylva Graded School at which Dr. Ashley Chappell, pastor of Central Methodist church, Asheville, was the principal speaker. The Woodmen met at their hall and marched to the auditorium in a body. Hugh E. Monteith presided at the meeting, and following the singing of the Woodman Song, the invocation was offered by Rev. J. G. Murray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sylva. The Woodman Quartet presented a couple of selections, and Rev. W. M. Robbins, pastor of the Sylva Methodist church, introduced Dr. Chappell, who in his inimitable style, delivered what is said to have been a masterful address in "Brotherhood."

The quartet sang two more selections, after Dr. Chappell's address.

WILMOT

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian Nations visited Mrs. Nation's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Ward at Camp Creek Sunday.

Mr. John Jones went to Whittier, Tenn. spent a few days last week with home folks.

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Mr. and Mrs. James Carter attended the association at Alarka Sunday. Mrs. Estella Ward visited at Mrs. J. R. Bumgarner's Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Jones and daughter, Reba of Barkers Creek visited at W. M. Brown's Sunday.

Mr. Haynes Reagan of Qualla was here Sunday.

Mrs. Lee Cook has returned home after being away for some time.

Miss Zela Davis of Camp Creek was in town Monday.

Mrs. Lon Revis and children visited at Bob Bumgarner's Sunday.

A crowd of young folks enjoyed a singing at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon. There will be one next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Misses Ferry Lee and Marion Revis and their aunt, Florence Brown motored to Alarka Friday.

Mrs. John Lewis and children visited at Tom Seagle's Sunday afternoon.

MRS. CLOUSE BETTER

The friends of Mrs. A. F. Clouse who has been seriously ill at Candler-Tidmarsh Hospital, will be glad to learn that she has recovered sufficiently to be taken from the hospital to the home of her brother, Postmaster W. D. Warren.

ISSUE COUNTY FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The county financial statement as of June 30, 1927, issued last week by the county commissioners in compliance with the county government act reveals that the assessed valuation of property of the county is \$11,017,446. The county owes a total of \$1,390,076.12 divided into road and bridge bonds \$825,000. Road and bridge notes \$554,076.12 and School bonds \$11,000. Subdivision indebtedness is Cullowhee township bonds \$11,500; Dillsboro township bonds \$15,000; Sylva township bonds \$41,000 and East LaPorte School bonds \$5,500.

The total taxes for the year is \$185,018.49 for the county; \$9,690.68 for Sylva, Cullowhee and Dillsboro Road special; local school taxes \$29,288.84; Caney Fork Stock Law \$79.88 and county special and polls \$6,345.35; making a total of \$229,423.24.

Receipts of the county other than taxes show state appropriation for schools from equalizing fund \$28,556.53; fines for school purposes \$1,627.75; privilege licenses \$276.75; and free labor money for roads \$1,106.40 making a total of \$31,567.67.

Insolvents, releases and land sales on uncollected taxes for 1924 totaled \$8,535.19; for 1925 \$4,633.98; for 1926 \$12,992.25. The average of uncollected taxes for the past three years is \$8,720.47.

The budget for the county for next year is estimated at a total of \$190,148.71. A county wide tax of \$1.75 on the \$100 valuation of property is required to raise this amount. The budget is divided into:

General operating expense, including officers' salaries, upkeep of county home, poor, health and county buildings \$32,185.00. It is estimated that \$7,000 of this will come from sources other than taxation leaving \$25,185.00 to be raised by taxes.

The road operating expense is estimated at \$3,270; school expenses \$80,600 interest and commission on notes and bonds, \$66,017.59 notes due \$14,076.12; and sinking fund \$1,000.00 making a total of \$81,093.71 to be raised for the county debt. This added to the expense budget makes a county wide estimate of \$190,148.71.

Sylva township interest on road bonds is \$2,046.00; and the payment of bond No. 11, \$2,005.00 making \$4,411.00 for that township. Cullowhee has to pay \$601.50 interest on her road bonds and \$1,002.50 for paying off bond 11, making \$1,604.00 for that item in Cullowhee. Dillsboro has interest of \$902.25 to pay on road bonds and \$500.00 into the sinking fund to liquidate her bonds; making \$1,402.25 that Dillsboro has to pay special for roads.

SYLVA COLLEGIATE INSTITUTE OPENS

Sylva Collegiate Institute opened for the fall session Tuesday with the largest enrollment of students in the history of the institution. Every room in the dormitories is full, and it has been found necessary to double up on rooming quarters, it was stated by officials of the school. The formal opening was held at 2:30 Tuesday afternoon, when the student body and a large number of people from the town congregated in the assembly room at the school to attend the devotional exercises conducted by Principal W. C. Reed and to welcome the old students back to Sylva and greet the new ones.

Short talks of welcome were delivered by members of the board of trustees, the principal of the school, Mr. A. V. Washburn and Rev. J. G. Murray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Sylva and Rev. I. K. Stafford of the Cullowhee Baptist church.

The members of the faculty who taught at S. C. I. last season and are again with the school this year are: W. C. Reed, principal; Mrs. W. C. Reed, Mr. M. G. Roberts, Miss Agnes Brown, Miss Mattie Belle Jones, Miss Ozelle Bible and Miss Maxie Denton. The teachers who are with the school this year for the first time are Mrs. Clarence A. Bales, Miss Lula Sullivan and Miss Nell George. Miss George comes from South Carolina and Miss Sullivan is from Texas.

RUNS TRUCK INTO DAM

Curg Sherrill, young Qualla man, is in the Candler-Tidmarsh hospital recovering from injuries received when a truck, which he was driving Monday afternoon, suddenly swerved and plunged off the road into the Bryson City power dam, on Ocona Lufta, between Whittier and Ela.

An Indian, who was with Mr. Sherrill, jumped from the truck and saved himself from the plunge. He then pulled Mr. Sherrill out of the river, probably saving his life. The truck was entirely submerged, the water being very deep.

ENSLEY AND SPARKS

OPEN CAFE

Dent Ensley, formerly of Sylva and Charlie Sparks, both of Bryson City, have bought the Hawkins' Cafe and will operate it.

LEASES COWARD HOUSE

Mr. J. H. DeHart, who has been proprietor of the Sylva Hotel, has leased the Coward House, and is greeting his friends there.

GREAT INTERNATIONAL MOTORCADE MONDAY

The great international motorecade from New Orleans to Quebec over the Appalachian Scenic Highway will pass through Sylva Monday afternoon. Preparations are being made by the Chamber of Commerce to decorate the town and prepare a greeting for the visitors.

Originating in New Orleans and mobilizing to great strength in Atlanta the Appalachian Scenic Highway International Motorecade will arrive in Asheville for the night of September 5th. The motorecade, which will add new motor cars to its ranks in each city along the route to Quebec, will leave Asheville on September 6th. While in Asheville the party will be entertained by representatives of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, the City of Asheville and other organizations. Entertainment arrangements are under the direction of J. G. Stikeleather, Chairman and Roscoe A. Marvel, President of the Appalachian Scenic Highway Association.

Among those traveling with the Motorecade will be included representatives of state highway commissions, representatives of state governments, highway enthusiasts, officials of the Appalachian Scenic Highway, representatives of Chambers of Commerce and representatives of the press. The International Motorecade will proceed from Asheville through the Shenandoah Valley and along the route of the Appalachian Scenic Highway across Pennsylvania, New York State and the eastern provinces of Canada to Quebec.

Asheville, as the first city to entertain the fully mobilized party will do justice to the opportunity thus afforded. E. M. Bearden, Convention Secretary and Chester Brown, President of the Asheville Chamber of Commerce will meet the Motorecade in Atlanta, Georgia, and accompany the group to Asheville. In addition to those representatives J. G. Stikeleather, Entertainment Chairman and Highway Commissioner for Western North Carolina, together with a group of interested Asheville citizens, will also make connection with the party at Asheville.

Entertainment features include a dinner at Kenilworth Inn, Asheville, an after dinner dance and such other features as time will permit. The Motorecade will leave Asheville early on September 6th. The program of the evening of September 5th will be broadcast over Station WWNC, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce station. WWNC operates on 1010 K. C., 296.9 Meters and 100 Watts.

BETA VALLEY

The revival meeting closed Monday night.

Mr. Claude Rogers of Webster spent the week end with Mr. Billy Ensley.

Mr. Grady Harris has arrived from Durham to spend his vacation here. Misses Lucy Kitchen and Irene Fullbright spent Sunday with Miss Inez Harris.

Mr. Julius and Charles Mills are spending few days with relatives at Bushnell and Wayside.

Miss Mayme Hoxitt spent Saturday with Miss Leona Mills.

Misses Mayme, Mae Monteith, Leona Mills, Mayme Hoxitt Mr. Roy Mills of Wayside, Habston Monteith, Julius, Charles Mills and Wesley Barnes spent Sunday on a picnic at Rocky Springs.

Mrs. Harlie Stuman, Mrs. Harry Womack, Miss Annie Lua Buchanan spent Sunday with Miss Cora Chambers.

Mr. George Barnes and Billie Ensley are working on North Fork.

Mr. Roy Mills spent a week with his uncle, Carey Mills.

CAN YOU BEAT THESE?

J. A. Moore of Qualla dug from one hill 3 Irish potatoes, which laid end to end measure 25 inches. One of them is 7 1-4 inches in circumference, one 7 1-2 and one 8 inches. Mr. Moore didn't use any fertilizer on his potato patch, and they were bitten by the spring freeze, but grew out nicely and produced well.

IN CINCINNATI

Mr. A. M. Simons is in Cincinnati this week buying fall goods for The Paris Department Store.

BALSAM GROVE

Rev. Ben Cook and Mr. Harris just closed a very successful revival meeting at this place, had thirty five professions, baptized thirteen. Others will be baptized later.

Rev. Sam Warlick of Bryson City is running a revival meeting here now.

Mr. Chas. J. Smith of Canton was in town last week on business.

Rev. W. C. Reed of Sylva and Prof. S. Jerome Phillips of Willets were in Balsam Grove last week boosting Sylva Collegiate Institute of which Mr. Reed is principal. I am quite sure that Mr. Reed will not misrepresent the school any way. Again I must say that those who send their boys and girls to the Sylva Collegiate Institute this year are very fortunate in having them in the training of such a reliable man as Mr. Reed is one who is interested in everybody getting an education.

Mr. D. Worth Hooper and family of Akron, Ohio, are visiting friends and relatives on Caney Fork.

Mr. W. H. Smith is having a very successful sale of merchandise at Cowarts.

The chief industry on Caney Fork was mining agriculture and lumbering but seems to be changing to buying automobiles and dogs. We see quite a number of young boys that should be in school working for wages, investing their money in automobiles. 90 per cent of them buying on the installment plan, 50 per cent fail to meet their payments and the cars go back to the dealer and therefore lose what they have paid. Quite a number of married men with large families are doing the same stunt. I know a man personally who has a large family and does not own one acre of land in this world that sold the only mile cow he owned to get money to help pay the first payment on a car. And it seems that some people are just going wild about cars. I have seen at many public gatherings some where the preacher was preaching some one drive a car up near the church house almost the entire congregation would turn their heads and look for the car. And practically every person that owns a car will drive just as near the church house as they can get without driving in and some would drive in if they had room. When preaching is over and the congregation gets out in the yard you will see each fellow run to his car, those that don't stay in their car, most of them stay in their car during preaching. They will begin starting, blowing their horns, dashing through the crowd causing people to run over each other trying to get out of the way. I saw a smart fellow who had parked his car within five feet of the corner of a church house one night last week back his car into a crowd of people knocking some almost down. I can't understand which these smart fellows are trying to show—themselves or their car.

While we see many people who make their living by the sweat of the brow, buying automobiles, we see many buying and selling dogs. Some men in my community who do not own one acre of land, own five and six hounds. I saw one fellow sell his mile cow for forty dollars and before that man reached home he gave that forty dollars for a dog. I can't see why people want to keep a bunch of dogs now a days for nothing to hunt for "my motto" is feed what scraps there are left on the table or a pig or a bunch of chickens. Keep the money you are paying for automobiles and buy you a nice little home some where.

The young men of today should be taught to be more economizing for the lumber industry in Western North Carolina will soon be over; then the laboring man will begin to move west seeking employment unless he has a large bank account or a little home where he can till the soil and support his family.

The writer certainly does enjoy riding in an automobile and I think they are grand things to have, but I think a man should be financially able to buy before buying.

ROGERS FAMILY REUNION

All the friends and relatives of the Rogers family are cordially invited to attend the Rogers family reunion at the old Hudie Rogers home place next Sunday, September 4th. Picnic dinner.



Prof. Wessinger is the superintendent of the Sylva Public Schools. He comes to Sylva from Rosman, where he served as principal of the Rosman school for three years.