

FINAL EXERCISES AT LOCAL SCHOOL

Twenty-eight Graduates Receive Diplomas Here On Monday Night

PROF. HUGGINS SPEAKER

Final exercises of the John Graham High School were held on Monday night when 28 members of the senior class, clad in caps and gowns, received diplomas.

The auditorium and balcony were filled before the opening hour and the graduates in columns of two ascended the center aisle of the auditorium to take their places on the rostrum while the audience seated in the balcony and on the floor looked on with interest. The first time in the history of the Warren public school. The exercises were led by little Patsy Capps and her mother, Mrs. Gardner, who sat on the stage during the exercises.

Prof. A. Huggins of Meredith College, speaker of the evening, was introduced by the Rev. R. E. Brickhouse, Baptist minister of Warren. He chose as the subject of his address, "Some Unfinished Tasks of Public Education." Printing out the marvelous progress made by public education in North Carolina during the past 30 years, Prof. Huggins said there was a hope that the people might consider that their task had been completed, when as a matter of fact it was just begun.

Democracy is still on trial in America, he said, and if it is to be successful, it must be through the efforts of an electorate enlightened through education. Voters should be trained if educational standards are to be perpetuated, and the schools must be made more effective by being made more attractive. The speaker said that there were other unfinished tasks of public education, but confined his discussion of nearly an hour largely to these three points.

During the course of his remarks Prof. Huggins said that North Carolina must spend more and not less money for public education. He held that there was no choice because the State spends more than five hundred million dollars and had to raise in one year more than one hundred million dollars to take care of its obligations, and only an educated, trained citizenship could carry such a load.

Diplomas were presented by Principal J. B. Miller to the following graduates, after which the program was concluded by the seniors singing their class song: Sarah Brickhouse, Kathleen Capps, Ida Daniel, Mrs. Cooper Davis, Ella White, Virginia Frazier, Catherine King, Violet Hofer, Mabel Howell, Mrs. Martin, Ava Mustian, Edith Mustian, Elizabeth Pinnell, Mrs. Howell, Emily Reid, Leah Howell, Margaret Weaver, Evans Howell, Earl Crnell, John Drake, Mrs. Hainthcock, Raymond Howell, Edward Hunter, Arrington Howell, Frank Ridout and Martin Howell.

Mrs. Kathleen Capps was Valedictorian and Miss Ida Daniel, Salutatorian. Miss Mary Elizabeth Howell, grammar grade teacher, was in charge of the music. The stage was beautifully decorated with flowers.

Mrs. Les Gardner was chief marshal. Other marshalls were Betsy Howell, Ruth Gupton, Elizabeth Howell, Roy Hainthcock, J. T. Gupton and Frederick Gupton. The feature of the series of exercises marking the ending of the school session was the commencement ceremony delivered in the school auditorium on Sunday night by Dr. R. Hickman of Duke University who chose as his subject the parable of the talents. He told the graduates that their hardest task, graduation, was behind them, and that this beginning through the application of the education they had acquired that they should go forward into new and uncharted fields of learning and social development. While a reasonable amount of money was necessary to

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Good Student



JAMES B. BOYCE JR.

James B. Boyce Jr., ten-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Boyce of Warrenton, has won high distinction during his four years as a pupil of the graded department of the John Graham High School. For the past three years he has made "A" on every subject every month. For the past two years he has had a perfect attendance record with the exception of the last day of school this term when he was confined to his home with flu.

Commencement Program Interesting After Fifty Years

During the week when schools of the present day are holding their commencement programs over Warren, we are permitted, through the courtesy of Miss Estelle Davis of Warrenton, to publish a program of a school closing in Warren fifty years ago. At that time G. W. Holmes was principal of Union Academy in Sandy Creek township and numbered among the pupils taking part are many well known to local citizens.

The program as rendered in June, 1882, follows:

- Song, "Vacation Is Coming," Welcome, Frank W. Hunter.
- "Fall of Tecumseh," Arthur B. Allen.
- "Give the Little Boys a Chance," Charlie Hall.
- "Time," Whit Watson.
- Music.
- "A Swedish Poem," Pryor Rodwell.
- "Oaksmith Daughters," Sallie C. Watson.
- "The Morning," Brown Rose.
- "Land of the South," Minnie L. Rodwell.
- Music.
- "Erin, the Green," Frank M. Allen.
- "People Will Talk," Claude M. Allen.
- "The Grave of the Year," Edgar P. Allen.
- "Scng, "Zephyr of Nightfall."
- "My Confession," George A. Rose.
- "Shaving," Walter A. Watson.
- "Scott, Campbell and Byron," Robert G. Watson.
- "Robert E. Lee," James P. Watson.
- Music.
- "The Church Organ," Lula B. Allen.
- "America," T. P. Jones.
- "Famine in Ireland," Daniel G. Smithwick.
- Music.
- "All Is Not Gold That Glitters," C. C. Hunter.
- "Queen Elizabeth," B. W. Hunter.
- "A Tear From the Past," J. L. Rodwell.
- Music.
- Literary Address, W. B. Dowd, Esq., Charlotte, N. C.
- Song, "Good-Night."
- Benediction.

Warrenton Golfers Defeat W. Forest

Warrenton defeated Wake Forest in a close game of golf on the local course Wednesday afternoon. The match ended 19-17 in favor of the home team.

Bryan of Wake Forest played the best game of the afternoon, judging from the scores. He made an 83. However, McGuire was running him a ragged race for the low score honor. He finished the match in 84 strokes.

Closed Season To Begin On May 1st

Closed season on hook and line fishing in Warren county will be in effect from May 1 to June 10, according to regulation of the State Department of Conservation and Development, E. Hunter Pinnell, game warden, announced yesterday.

H. L. WALL SEEKS PLACE ON BOARD

Entry of Roanoke Citizen Gives Added Impetus To Commissioners' Race

BOOKS OPEN SATURDAY

Interest in the race for a berth on the board of county commissioners of Warren county received added impetus this week with the announcement of Henry L. Wall of Roanoke township that he would be a candidate. Last week C. C. Hunter of Warrenton announced for the position thus confirming the often repeated rumor that present members of the board would have opposition.

Mr. Wall's announcement is the only one that the week has brought forth, although it is expected that other citizens will be coming forward within the next few days for some of the several positions in the power of the electorate to bestow.

Mr. Wall served as member of the board of county commissioners one term from 1928 to 1930, being defeated in the primary of 1930 when R. L. Capps and John H. Fleming were elected to the board, replacing Mr. Wall and Mr. Frank B. Newell, who was not a candidate to succeed himself, as he entered the race for Judge of Recorder's Court in the last primary.

Books Open Tomorrow

Registration books will be opened on Saturday, April 30, by the Registrars at the polling places at 9 a. m. for the registration of new voters. C. F. Moseley, chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections, announced yesterday. Registration books are to remain open for registration until sunset on every Saturday, through Saturday, May 21st, for registration.

Pair of Shoes Leads To Arrest Of Man On Robbery Charge

A new pair of shoes led Harvey Brown, white man, into the hands of Vance county authorities and now he is in the Warren county jail under \$250 bond to await trial in Superior court for breaking into the store of Mrs. Ella Ellis of North Warrenton.

The arrest was made at the Vance county capital after Sheriff Pinnell telephoned officials of the law there to arrest Harvey Brown if he was seen in Henderson with a new pair of shoes.

The shiny footwear caught the eyes of one of the Henderson officers and Brown was arrested and carried to jail to await Sheriff Pinnell's call.

When the Warren county sheriff reached Henderson he found Brown in the lock-up but his feet were garbed in weather-worn footwear. Sheriff Pinnell pointed out this fact to the Henderson officer, who admitted the truth of the statement but was positive that he was wearing new shoes when the arrest was made.

Investigation revealed that Brown had swapped shoes with another prisoner while in jail. He said that he did this because his feet hurt him. The shoes were recovered.

Brought before Magistrate W. C. Ellington for a hearing, Brown was found guilty of entering the store when the number on the shoes tallied with the number on the box from which they had been taken. The box was left in Mrs. Ellis' store as well as Brown's old shoes. He made the change while committing the robbery.

Overalls, a shirt, cigarettes and other items were also stolen, but they were not found on the back or in the pockets of the clothes the defendant wore.

Watches Women To Catch Snakes

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 20.—Attendants at the Kent Museum know their snakes—and also feminine nature. So when fifteen harmless reptiles escaped an attendant was stationed in front of the museum.

Whenever he heard a woman scream he sauntered over and picked up a snake.

MRS. KERR HONORED

I notice in The Warren Record last week a news item that Mrs. John H. Kerr has been honored by the Society editor of The Washington Star in placing her picture on front page of its Society section. This picture caught the attention of one of the noted Artists of the city who has requested that he be permitted to copy it for exhibition purposes. HOWARD F. JONES, SR.

Man Found Guilty Of Stealing Bag Of Fertilizer From Hall

Two cases—one criminal and the other civil—were heard by Judge Taylor in Recorder's court on Monday morning.

Walter Jones, 52-year-old negro of Warrenton, figured in the criminal matter and Ike L. Davis was the defendant in the civil case, with the Dameron Supply Co., as plaintiff. A verdict of guilty was pronounced in both indictments.

Jones became tangled in the toils of law when a bag of fertilizer which had been stolen from A. W. Hall's prize house was found in an out-house on his premises. Mr. Hall and Chief M. M. Drake were led to Jones' house by a small trail of fertilizer which had leaked through a snag in the bag.

The defendant denied taking the stolen property, and through his counsel, the Banzet Brothers, endeavored to convince the court that the fertilizer was left there by some one else, by bringing out the fact that there was a path that led from the prize house by the Jones' home, that this path was used by many people, and that the thief, for some unknown reason, had probably become frightened after taking the fertilizer and had left the bag at the home of Jones.

The defendant was given a good reputation by Fred Moseley, C. C. Hunter, H. A. Moseley and others. John Powell said that Jones' reputation was not so good, and that he had had an occasion to order him from his premises. Attorneys for the defendant objected to him telling the circumstances of ordering Jones off his property on the grounds that it had no bearing on the present case, but had Mr. Powell been allowed to testify he would have probably told that one night he heard some one at his home, and thought that it was a burglar attempting to enter his residence, but on investigation found that it was Jones attempting to steal wood, and that he ordered him away.

After the evidence and speeches by Julius Banzet and Solicitor Cromwell Daniel, Judge Taylor pronounced a decision of guilty and ordered that the defendant pay \$10 and costs.

Swinging from criminal to civil procedure, Judge Taylor gave the Dameron Supply Co., authority to sell a mule, cow and other property of Ike L. Davis in order to collect \$238.52 which the defendant owed the plaintiff for advances and supplies granted him. Davis was also taxed with the costs in the action.

Miss Leach Makes Appeal For Seed

An appeal for seed to be distributed among the poor is again sounded this week by Miss Lucy I. Leach, welfare officer. Miss Leach said that if seed are not given to those who call at her office she does not know what will become of them this fall, for the government, State, and county have no funds to contribute to the unfortunate this fall. She says that if she is given seed or money with which to purchase seed to be distributed over the county that it will mean that many will have a garden and food in the fall, otherwise they will suffer from the pain of hunger.

Repairs Being Made At Old Fleming Mill

Wheels of the old Fleming mill, which have been idle for a number of years, will perhaps begin to turn before many more moons.

The old pond, where in by gone years many have spent the day fishing, boat riding, seining, ice skating and picnicing, and which today is just a small stream of water flanked with hard mud, will soon be covered with water.

The dam, which gave way a few years ago, is being re-built by Fred B. Height under the supervision of Russell Gooch, both of Henderson. The mill will be repaired and leased, but it is not known to whom.

POLK SPEAKS

William T. Polk, Warrenton attorney and writer, delivered a talk on Billboard Taxation before the North Carolina Social Service Conference at Durham on Tuesday. Mr. Polk was accompanied to Durham by Mrs. Polk.

WATER OFF

Water will be cut off here on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock and will remain off for about two hours in order to flush the mains, Harold R. Skillman, superintendent of the Water Company, announced yesterday.

Democrats Dine to Honor Jefferson



Left to right, these party leaders who met at Washington are Jovette Shouse, executive chairman of the Democratic National Committee, John N. Garner, Speaker of the House, and ex-Governor Alfred E. Smith.

Felts Is Undecided; Says He Wants To Be Sure of Victory

"While several of my friends have approached me since your piece came out in the paper, I have not definitely decided whether or not I will be a candidate for the House of Representatives," William T. Felts, well-known citizen of the Warren Plains section, remarked to a representative of this newspaper a few days ago.

Mr. Felts said that he did not wish to run unless he was sure that he would get the nomination, explaining that he had no desire to put the county to the expense of a second primary.

The platform of the Warren Plains citizen, as stated, is to give everybody everything they want, with a big mass meeting to let him know what they desire.

COLONEL WILLIAM T. FELTS WOULD HATE TO MISS BY HAIR

The deliberations of Colonel William T. Felts relative to entering the race for the position of Member of the House of Representatives calls to mind an incident that happened in the local barbershop several months ago. The Warren Plains citizen was perched in a barber's chair. His audience consisted of the barbers and about a dozen patrons.

"Suppose," said Colonel William T. Felts, "that I should live the best life that I could. There would be many things that I wanted to do, but would not because I thought it was a sin. I would want a drink of whiskey, maybe, but my conscience would say that was wrong, and there are other sins of the flesh that I might try, but as I want to go to heaven I give them up. Then one day I will die and go up to the pearly gates to be greeted by St. Peter.

"Then suppose St. Peter would say, 'Billy, you did mighty well; you pretty near made it, but you haven't got quite enough.'"

"That," concluded Colonel William T. Felts, "would show be a piece of hard luck with me giving up so much here."

Revival Services To Begin On Monday

The series of revival services to be held at the Methodist church will begin Monday night at 8 o'clock with the Rev. J. Furman Herbert of Roxboro doing the preaching.

For a few years Rev. Mr. Herbert was a most successful pastor of one of the large Congregational churches in Chicago and is a refined and cultured Christian gentleman and a preacher of ability, the Rev. E. C. Durham, pastor of the Methodist church, stated. He has been in the North Carolina Conference for three and one-half years and served the Central church at Raleigh for three years before going to Roxboro. The public is invited to attend the services.

The Rev. Durham will conduct a class for children at 10:30 each morning, beginning with Wednesday. All children thinking of joining the church should attend these services, the minister said. At 11 o'clock each morning beginning with Wednesday there will be preaching by Rev. Mr. Herbert.

E. W. Timberlake To Speak At Hollister

ESSEX, April 28.—Hon. E. W. Timberlake Jr., of Wake Forest College, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina, and professor of law, will deliver the commencement address at the Hollister school on Sunday morning, May 1, at 11 o'clock. The public is invited to attend.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mr. N. F. Alston has returned to Warrenton after a visit to New York. Mrs. Joe Wollett of Littleton and sister, Mrs. Williams of Baltimore, were visitors at Warrenton yesterday afternoon. (Continued on Page 6)

BOARD RECOVERS COUNTY FUNDS

Members Meet With Bank Officials and Representatives of Bonding Co.

The Board of County Commissioners met in special session at Warrenton on Tuesday with officials of the Bank of Warren and representative of a bonding company to effect final settlement for funds in said bank at time of closing. Results of the meeting were characterized by members of the board following the meeting as being "highly satisfactory."

There was on deposit in the Bank of Warren \$43,300.09 of county funds when it closed its doors on December 23, 1932. These funds were protected by securities and surety bond. In the settlement made Tuesday two notes due the bank by the county, totaling \$7,152.50, were used as an offset on the account. The bonding company agreed to pay \$5,156.57. State bonds and other securities turned over to the board balanced the account without a penny lost to the county, according to official records carried on the minute books.

Not only did the county receive its entire principal, but accrued interest as well, the records show.

Large Saving Is Affected As Result Of State Operation

Nearly \$4,000,000 have been saved during the past year, the first under State operation, in the cost of the six months constitutional school term, based on a cost of approximately \$22,500,000 for the year 1930-31, as compared with \$19,183,642.83 budgeted for 1931-32, some of which will be saved, according to figures announced by LeRoy Martin, secretary of the State Board of Equalization.

The 10 per cent cut in salaries accounts for \$1,300,000 of the reduction, while the remainder results from reductions in numbers of teachers paid extra from county and local funds and savings through all of the operating costs of the public schools, Mr. Martin's figures show.

Figures by counties show that the total expenditures for county and State funds for the public school six months period in 1930-31 was \$21,642,765.62, in addition to funds from local district levies used in meeting operating costs of the six months term. Based on the \$1,367,091.58 shown in the present year budgets, Mr. Martin places a conservative for last year at \$900,000 from local tax levies, which estimate would show a total cost of approximately \$22,500,000 for the six months term in 1930-31.

The total so far allotted from State and Federal funds for 1931-32 is now \$15,958,529.16, which Mr. Martin estimates will reach \$16,000,000 when all allotments are completed, including audits. The counties and local districts budgeted \$3,225,103.67 from county and local levies to supplement the State funds, of which \$1,858,012.09 is derived from county-wide ad valorem levies, fines, forfeitures, dog tax and part of poll tax levies, and \$1,367,091.58 is expected to be derived from local district levies for 1931-32 six month costs.

Although the amounts budgeted for 1931-32 show a decrease in cost of only \$3,300,000, the actual, rather than the budgeted, expenditures, will bring this decrease in cost to nearly \$4,000,000, Mr. Martin estimates.

Warren county spent \$153,799.66 on the six months term for 1930-31, as compared with \$127,141.43 budgeted for this year, including \$118,630.37 in State and Federal funds, and \$8,511.06 in county and local funds, it is shown.

J. H. Kerr Jr. Named Bar Representative

John H. Kerr Jr., has been appointed as a representative of the State Bar Association to attend a meeting of the North Carolina Association of Governmental Officers which will be held at Chapel Hill on Friday, May 6. Mr. Kerr said yesterday that he would attend.

The purpose of the association is for the continuous study of governmental institutions and processes in the cities, the counties and the state of North Carolina.

TO ATTEND CLINIC

Dr. H. N. Walters will attend a dental clinic at Elizabeth City Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. The Warrenton dentist will make a talk and give instruction in bridge construction work.