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## THIS, THAT AND THE OTHER

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### ANOTHER COMMENCEMENT

Commencements are in full swing in the state now. Of course our own is to us the most important, but they are all pretty much alike. And we love them, with all that they signify.

It is beautiful to see how composed the pupils appear as they go through with their various parts; we older folks are the ones who are disconcerted. Somehow they seem strange up there, especially the girls whom we have been in the habit of seeing running around barelegged and who come out to play in music recitals or to "read" wearing long, sweeping skirts, high-heeled pumps, carefully waved hair and a dignity that befits an important occasion. The boys are appallingly clean and have even more dignity than the girls. (I suspect shaving has something to do with it.) Most of them wear a look that is a curious blend of Sir Galahad and Napoleon, an air of inner concentration. I always feel immensely flattered when one of them speaks to me; I honestly do. Their visions and dreams are so far ahead of my plane that it is an honor to be noticed.

But they cannot go so far that my good wishes will not follow them.

### WE, THE AUDIENCE

It would probably be highly interesting to some one not concerned in a commencement to watch the audience, composed mainly of patrons and relatives of the pupils. As the programs are given we are at once tense and tremulous. We are proud of each young person, "though we love our own the best". We are glad to see that ours show up fairly well compared with the others, and we don't regret one stitch of sewing nor one lick of the hot iron that helped produce the effect. May we never be too old to thrill to these occasions!

### PERSONAL SERVICE

A young woman told me recently that she has asked her missionary society to take as personal service this month the task of being sure that each senior girl has the required white organdie dress for graduation, the society to buy the material where it may be necessary. The money will be provided by a special offering. "For," said this woman who has not forgotten her own school days, "a white organdie dress this month might be the deciding factor in the future life of a girl." And she was most decidedly not talking for publication. It seemed to me a lovely thing for that society to undertake.

### WHO'LL WIN, AND WHEN?

For some years I have offered a prize which has not yet been claimed, though the offer is still open. I will give five dollars to any senior class at Wakelon that will manage to get through with all its graduation exercises without saying "Dear Old Wakelon!" "Dear" may be used alone, as may 'old', but not the combination.

The reason for the offer is merely one of my idiosyncrasies.

## Wakelon School News

### SOCIETY NIGHT PROGRAM

Recitation—"The Littlest Rebel"—Eunice Outlaw.

Recitation—"Ma's Monday Morning"—Christine Perry.

Defamation—"A Harvard-Yale Football Game"—Vermon Starnes.

Declamation—"The Unknown Rider"—Jack Temple.

#### Inter-Society Debates

Resolved, that the powers of the president of the United States should be substantially increased as a settled policy.

Affirmative: Mary Lucile Phillips, Ferd Davis.

Negative: Lucy Frances Massey, George Henry Temple.

This program is furnished by Wakelon's four Literary Societies—Philomathean, G. M. Bell, Ero-sophian and Philanthropic.

Marshalls: Edna Earle Sexton, Elaine Robertson, Christine Duke, Mary Frances Mitchell.

Because of the illness of Jack Temple his place on the program was taken by Ralph House, who spoke on The Home in Our Government. In the recitations Eunice Outlaw won, while Ralph House was given the decision in declamation.

The affirmative won in the debate. George Henry Temple was awarded the honor of being best speaker. Judges were: Atty. Phillip Whitley, of Wendell; Miss Ratledge of the English department of Wendell, and Miss Harper, also of the Wendell faculty.

### COMMENCEMENT SERMON

The second event in Wakelon's commencement program was the annual sermon, which was preached on Sunday morning in the school auditorium at 11:00 o'clock by Dr. C. L. Read, pastor of the local Methodist church.

Escorted by Lorraine Bridgers, marshal, and led by Sprite Barbee, class president, and small Nancy Whitley, mascot, the seniors entered as "Lead On, O King Eternal" was sung by the audience as professional. Rev. R. H. Herring led the invocation. The glee club sang an anthem, "Lift Up Your Heads," and George Henry Temple sang a solo, "Crossing the Bar." Announcements were made by Supt. Moser.

Dr. Read chose as a basis for his

sermon passages from Ekekiel, Job and Isaiah, the central theme being God's search for a man and the soul's answer. He asserted that to be called provincial is no cause for shame since the majority of the nations leaders might have been so classed. He urged that the young people hold up the standards of the "Bible belt" in the South, being true to the fundamentals of faith in God; that they set their minds with fixed purpose and immovable determination toward the highest and best and press onward with perseverance.

The benediction was by Rev. A. A. Pippin, of Wakefield.

### HONORS WON IN STATE

In the State Music Contest, held last week in Greensboro, Charles Winstead won first honor for unchanged boys' voices. Jocelyn House was one of those winning second honors in piano solos. The Wakelon mixed quartet was awarded third honor.

### GRADE PICNICS

On Tuesday Mrs. F. E. Bunn's 7th grade enjoyed a picnic at Little River park.

Miss Southerland's 7th grade also had a picnic dinner on Tuesday, being guests of their grade-mothers, Mrs. Lela Horton and Mrs. A. H. Jones, in the flower garden at Mrs. Horton's house on Gannon Avenue. A bountiful and delicious lunch was spread on a table while crates of cold drinks were a welcome addition. Louise Pace, in behalf of the grade offered a toast to the grade mothers. Mildred Strother gave a toast to the teacher. Nettie Ruth Phillips expressed the appreciation of the grade for the help given them during the year by Misses Price and Buffalo. Eric Perry toasted the members of the grade who won in the contest on Improvement in Written English during the year. These winners are: 1—Willard Morris; 2—W. A. Oakley; 3—Ruth Duke.

A special feature of the dinner was a cake presented to Miss Southerland by Ernest Hodge, a former pupil, and baked by Miss Estelle Richards. First portions of this were awarded the class officers and the prize-winners.

Misses Buffalo and Price and Mrs. Theo. B. Davis were guests.

### CLASS DAY PROGRAM

An immense crowd attended the Class Day program on Tuesday night. Led by Sprite Barbee, class president, and Nancy Whitley, mascot, the seniors passed beneath arches of spirea held by the juniors to reach their places on the rostrum. The following numbers were enjoyed:

Junior Song to Seniors.

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Salutary—Bonnie Belle Alford.

Song of Welcome.

Class History—Elmo Bunn.

Class Statistics—Janie Cawthorne

Class Poem—Kathleen Perry.

Class Bibliography—James Bunn.

Advice to Juniors—Nellie Whitley.

Class Prophecy—Mary Leigh Denton.

Gifts—Geraldine Massey.

Last Will and Testament—Geraldine Jones.

Valedictory—Bobby Horton.

Farewell Song.

### SEVENTH GRADE EXERCISES

Seventh grade graduating exercises were held in the auditorium at Wakelon at 3:00 p. m., Wednesday. The program was in the form of an original play, written by three pupils of the grade—Cornelia Herring, Elizabeth Pearce and Margaret Watson—and delighted the large audience. Supt. Moser awarded certificates of graduation and of promotion to high school to sixty-one students. Mrs. F. E. Bunn and Miss Annie Rose Southerland taught the grade.

Special features of the program were:

Prophecy, by Margaret Watson; solo, Charles Winstead; Poem, Az-lee Jones; piano duet, Elizabeth Pearce, Cornelia Herring; class poem, Ercell Littleton; tap dance, Ruby Bridgers; class history, Bruce Williams; essay, Charles Hinton; marionette show, Louise Pace, Mildred Strother, Kathleen Brannan, Horace Gay, Eric Perry, Wilbur Oakley, W. A. Oakley, Ellie Watson, Clelland May, with Alpha Ed-dins as stage manager.

The prizes for work in English were give by Mrs. Lela B. Horton, grade mother.

The valedictory was delivered by Cornelia Herring.

## YE FLAPDOODLE



By The

Swashbuckler

Happened to be coming out of the News and Observer building last Saturday just as Hon. Josephus Daniels propelled himself through the revolving doors of the structure. "Howdy", said his Honor as he almost stumbled over my dainty foot. "How do you do, Mr. Daniels," I smiled. The name seemed to register, for he turned and holding out his hand for a friendly clasp spoke, "Glad to see you again." Ambassador Dodd was with him and also smiled a greeting. If there is a moral in this, then the President certainly chose the right man for Ambassador to Mexico. Why? Well, if the former editor makes friends in foreign countries, as he does here, Mexico is our friendliest ally.

No U Turn

Some of our local beauties certainly must believe that variety is the spice of life. At any rate, a couple of them have had three different fellows in the past year. At present they are catering to the Wakefield type. (And I'm not talking about cabbage plants!)

You Rat!—Mr. Rat To you!

When I find out what the public wants, I'm going to root all five candidates out of their legislative aspirational hopefulness. After a week of listening in on "Who and what the public wants", I have practically found out the tripe, pardon me, type I shall have to be.

One of my friends says I couldn't be a dark horse, because my spots would show.

One friend likes Palmer Bailey because he thumbs his way over the district like the rest of the pore men. He wears overalls too.

A lady friend likes Harold Cooley's block-long Lincoln and liveried chaffeur.

Another likes Bill Evans' fighting jaw.

And yet another adores Georgie Pou's baby-face.

One lady plans to vote for Jere Zollicoffer because he reminds her of her son-in-law.

After staring these cold facts in the face, I've decided to wait until both our Senator's died and then run for office.

I couldn't be deceitful enough to do all those things at the same time.

Suppose I had my baby-face expression on and suddenly saw a fighting jaw supporter coming my way. The facial contortion necessary for so sudden a change, would queer my vote with both parties. Probably, I'd remind them of the—well, anyway, I'll not cause them to lose even one of their forty winks by presenting a solid plaster of paris opposition.

Hotcha!

Probably the only running for office I'll ever do, anyway, will be when the rest room is full. (The boss says that in that case it will be o. k.)

## N. C. Students Are Poorly Prepared

From Prof. A. P. Hudson, chairman of the freshman English department at the University of N. C., comes the statement that students coming to that institution from North Carolina schools are not so well prepared in English as are those coming from other states. This does not mean that all N. C. freshmen are poorly prepared, but that there is an undue proportion of the worst prepared. An effort will be made to secure "greater unity between high school preparation and the first two years of College."

Signora Furlanotto, 46-year-old Venice (Italy) woman, has given birth to her 25th baby in 25 years of married life.

## Ambassadors Visit In Raleigh

Josephus Daniels, Ambassador to Mexico, and William E. Dodd, Ambassador to Germany, were both in Raleigh last Sunday, the former to visit his home, and the latter to visit his mother-in-law, Mrs. Thomas Johns.

## Gnats Kill Stock

From Arkansas come reports of buffalo gnats having killed thousands of dollars worth of mules and horses, 300 having been killed within a ten-mile radius of one town. The present plague of the deadly insects is the most serious known for years.

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## Valot Assaulted By Gangsters

Dr. George G. Valot, Frenchman, was assaulted by gangsters in Raleigh last week, following his testifying in a liquor case. In addition to being beaten by men, he is said to have been kicked in the face by a woman. The doctor said that he had made investigations into liquor conditions in other towns, and added that convictions were more difficult to obtain in Raleigh.

Dr. Ella K. Dearborn, of Portland, Ore., is the owner of what is said to be the world's largest and most varied collection of spoons—2460 in number. In addition to many odd and beautiful spoons produced in the United States, the collection contains at least one specimen from every other country on earth.