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BOYS SPEAK OUT ON LACK OF SCHOOL

Lenoir Boys at State University Pass Resolution Playing Up Lenoir's Needs in Matter of Better School Equipment

Lenoir and Caldwell county boys at the State University have spoken their minds in a set of resolutions showing the inadequate school facilities and equipment of the Lenoir public schools and of the county at large, and have forwarded them to the present school board and to Supt. Sisk, and are asking for the organization of school building associations throughout the county in one great effort to serve the cause of education in the county.

The resolutions were drawn by the Caldwell County Club at the State University, which includes every young man from this county in its membership. They read:

"Whereas, the school building, grounds, equipment and curriculum of the schools of Lenoir are utterly inadequate, and as a result the children are being taught in overcrowded rooms, to their detriment physically and mentally; and

"Whereas, there is no vocational training, no departments in domestic science, chemistry and higher mathematics; and

"Whereas, there is not proper training in physical culture, and the department of physics; therefore be it

"Resolved, that the fathers and mothers of the town of Lenoir assemble in mass meeting for the purpose of creating a spirit and appointing a committee of Lenoir's business and public-spirited men to co-operate with the city school board and other agencies, to promote and push forward a movement looking toward adequate facilities which will provide ample room and proper instruction for their children.

"Resolved, that we invite the co-operation of all good men and women in securing such action as may become necessary to the establishment of said schools, and that we advise the immediate organization of school building associations throughout the county, through which proper agitation and earnest work for the cause of education of the youth of Caldwell county may be inaugurated and carried out.

"Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions shall be presented to the News-Topic and to the school board of Lenoir."

MRS. HOKE DIED THURSDAY AT HOME OF DAUGHTER

Mrs. Ella Ballew Hoke, the wife of Mr. W. A. Hoke, died Thursday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lafayette Setzer. Several days before she had gone to her daughter's home to spend the day. During the day she was taken quite ill. Later she grew worse, and Thursday morning she died.

The funeral services were conducted Friday afternoon from her home, Rev. R. D. Sherrill, pastor of the First Methodist church, of which she was a member, assisted by Rev. M. H. Tuttle, conducted the services. Interment was made at Bellevue cemetery in the presence of a large crowd of sorrowing friends and relatives.

During the course of the funeral services Rev. Mr. Sherrill gave the following short sketch concerning the life of this good woman:

"Mrs. Ella Ballew Hoke, daughter of W. A. and Mrs. Harriet Ballew, was born June 22, 1853, and died at the home of her daughter May 6, 1920, in her 67th year. One week before her death she had gone to spend the day with her daughter. During the day she was stricken with the illness which proved fatal.

"March 9, 1886, she was happily married to W. A. Hoke, with whom she lived for 34 years. She is survived by her devoted husband and four children—V. M. and E. E. Hoke of Asheville, C. B. Hoke of Winston-Salem and Mrs. Gertrude Setzer of Lenoir; also by three brothers and two sisters—C. A. Ballew of Lenoir, John W. Ballew of Hickory, E. L. Ballew of Stockton, Cal., Miss Addie Ballew of Hickory and Miss Annie Ballew of Morganton.

"She joined the M. E. Church, South, in girlhood, at the age of 12 years, and for 55 years lived a consistent member of the same church. In the last hours of her illness, when she realized that the 'time of her departure' had come, she attempted to sing

"Savior, more than life to me,
I am clinging close to Thee."

The pallbearers were W. S. Covington, W. W. Deal, R. S. Crisp, Fred H. May, J. P. Blackwell and H. L. Angley.

TELEPHONE COMPANY PLANS MORE EXTENDED SERVICE

Numbers of improvements are being planned by Mr. Walter Carpenter, the new manager of the Lenoir Electric Company. At present Mr. Carpenter is working on the Blowing Rock line, which he plans to put in first-class condition. Material has already been bought for a new copper circuit between Lenoir and Hickory. With this new line to Hickory direct service will be given to Granite Falls. Several thousand feet of new cables have been bought and will be put up through the town as quickly as possible, Mr. Carpenter says. Lines will be extended so as to accommodate a very great number of additional telephones.

GREEN HEARING SET FOR TODAY

Kirby Died Friday Morning, Six Days After Being Shot—Different Versions of the Tragedy Have Come Up

Early Green will be given a preliminary hearing before Justice J. A. Bush this afternoon at 2 o'clock on the charge of killing William Kirby. The hearing, which has been delayed awaiting the outcome of Kirby's condition, will be held in the courthouse. Kirby died Thursday morning, six days after the shooting occurred.

Different versions of the shooting and the difficulty leading up to the firing of the shots by Green that proved fatal to Kirby have been current during the past few days. One report reaching here says that Kirby, just before he died, made the statement that Green accosted him as he was passing along the highway leading to Green's house. This report says that Green came out to the road, struck Kirby down with a rake or hoe and then shot him after he had fallen.

Mr. Green's version of the affair has already been stated. Green says Kirby came to his home and attacked him with a knife, which cut through his clothing, touching the skin. After getting away from Kirby he ran into the house and secured his pistol. Green says that he fired only when he thought Kirby was going into his house and when he attacked him the second time.

The case has created much interest here. It is understood that Kirby's family has secured counsel to assist Solicitor Huffman with the prosecution. Green has also employed counsel and the case will be ably fought.

MRS. BALLEW WAS HOSTESS TO THE Q. V. CLUB

A most enjoyable meeting of the Q. V. Club was held with Mrs. J. G. Ballew Tuesday afternoon, May 4. The subject for the afternoon was Women Novelists. Several interesting sketches of the lives of noted women novelists were read. Mrs. H. C. Martin and Mrs. E. S. Harris read instrumental solos and Mrs. J. E. Hoke sang two lullabys, all of which were greatly enjoyed. A very interesting contest was engaged in after which Mrs. Ballew, assisted by Mrs. Stuart Grover and Miss Mattie Mae Ballew, served delicious refreshments, consisting of ice cream, cake and lullabys.

Those enjoying Mrs. Ballew's hospitality besides the club members were Mesdames R. C. Powell, A. W. Dula, W. I. Pitts, Stuart Grover, C. E. Rabb, J. E. Hoyle, J. E. Shell, C. L. Wilson and Miss Mattie Mae Ballew.

BETTERMENT ASSOCIATION WILL MEET FRIDAY

Friday is the second Friday in May and is the regular meeting date for the Betterment Association. The meeting will be held in the town hall at 3 o'clock.

At the last regular meeting the following officers were elected for the present year: Mrs. K. A. Link, president; Mrs. Rufus L. Gwyn, vice-president; Mrs. C. L. Wilson, secretary; Miss Mary Coffey, assistant secretary; Mrs. A. G. Johns, treasurer and chairman of membership committee; Mrs. J. L. Nelson, chairman of civic committee; Mrs. E. F. Reid, chairman of cemetery committee; Mrs. Rufus L. Gwyn, chairman of health committee.

Recital Saturday Night

A recital will be given Saturday night at 8 o'clock by the students of the music and expression departments of Davenport College in the college auditorium. The young ladies who will take part in the program are Misses Verna Sharpe, Mabel Erwin, Dorcas Turner, Pearl Lentz, Nettie Hauser, Ethel Butt, Willie Cornelius, Eli abeth Craddock, Grace Arney, Helen Myers, Myrtise Washburn and Ora Lee Davis.

PARKER IS COMING TO HUDSON FINALS

Hudson High School commencement will be held next week—the address on Friday, the 21st, by Mr. Parker.

The closing exercises of the Hudson high school will be held Friday and Saturday, May 21 and 22.

Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock Mr. John J. Parker of Monroe will address the school and the people of the community. Mr. Parker is one of the most distinguished of the younger citizens of the State and is easily one of the best speakers in the State. He will give us a message well worth hearing.

Friday night at 8 o'clock Prof. Y. D. Moore will deliver certificates to those who have completed the seventh grade work. Following that, the primary and intermediate grades will give an entertainment.

Inasmuch as there is no graduating class in the high school this year there will be no graduating exercises, but on Saturday night, the 22nd, a play, "Claim Allowed Continued," will be given by the high school. A small admission will be charged on this night. A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend these exercises.

EFIRD'S OPENING HELD SATURDAY

Managers From Other Stores Here; Thousands of People Visited the Store During the Day; Passed All Estimates

Saturday morning the thirtieth store of the chain of Efir department stores was opened here. Long before 9 o'clock, the opening time, a crowd of people from the town and surrounding country had gathered in front of the store to await the opening of the doors. Throughout the entire day the crowd entering and leaving the store never diminished. It was a great day and much more than had been expected by the new owners.

The store had been closed for several days while Mr. E. E. Efir, and Mr. R. C. Teague, who purchased the store and property from Mr. H. T. Newland, with their assistants who came here from other Efir stores, were busily engaged in getting the stock arranged for the opening. Other experienced help had been secured locally.

Saturday was a beehive of industry in every department of the store. To get an estimate of the number of people who visited the store on opening day was impossible. It might not be too much to say that several thousand people visited the store during the day and until it closed that night. "It surpassed anything we had expected," Mr. Efir said.

Managers of Efir stores at other places were here for the day. Among them were Mr. L. A. Moreman of Columbia, S. C., Mr. G. H. Milligan of Charlotte, Mr. C. M. Sappenfield of Concord, Mr. J. M. Poole, assistant manager of the Winston-Salem store, and Misses O. Streetman and M. Howard of the Winston-Salem store.

DAVENPORT FINALS BEGIN MONDAY EVE

Baccalaureate Sermon on Tuesday Morning by Dr. C. G. Chappell; Annual Address Wednesday by Hon. A. L. Brooks

Davenport College finals promise to be the event of next week. Beginning Monday evening at 8 o'clock with the expression recital and ending Wednesday morning at 10:30 with the annual address, which will be delivered by Hon. Aubrey L. Brook of Greensboro.

The baccalaureate sermon will be preached Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock in the College auditorium by Dr. C. G. Chappell, pastor of the Representative church, Washington, D. C. Dr. Chappell is one of America's greatest preachers and his coming to Davenport is looked forward to as a big feature of the commencement exercises.

The graduation exercises will be held Wednesday morning, beginning at 9:30 o'clock. Following these exercises the annual address will be delivered by Mr. Brooks.

COUNTERFEIT WAR SAVINGS STAMPS HAVE BEEN MADE

Postmaster V. D. Guire today issued a warning to persons hereabout to be on their guard against buying counterfeit War Savings Stamp-Fraudulent blue stamps of the 1919 series have been made by counterfeiters, the postmaster has been advised, and are being sold to unsuspecting persons in some sections of the country.

"But the frauds can be easily detected," Mr. Guire said. "Ben Franklin's picture appears on the stamp, and in the counterfeit stamp old Ben seems to have the mumps in his left jaw. Indeed, there is a pronounced swelling. Then under the portrait the lower of the two left dots is comparatively indistinct, and the vertical opening between the lines in the lower left part of the numeral '2' in the date '1924' is closed. The principal feature of the fraud, however, is the swollen cheek.

"It should be remembered that the counterfeit is only of the 1919 series, and, like the original, is blue. Blue War Savings Stamps can no longer be bought from postoffices or other authorized agencies, and only the 1920 stamps, which are red, are now being sold by agencies. Sales of last year's stamps are not legal. No one should buy a 1919 stamp, though it is true that some have been improperly offered for sale.

"Everyone who bought 1919 stamps last year may feel perfectly safe," the postmaster said in conclusion, "because the counterfeit was not made until after the first of this year. The blue stamps had then been withdrawn from sale by the authorized agencies, and the red 1920 stamp was being sold. Don't buy any 1919 stamps, and keep a lookout for the picture of the man with the mumps. If you see one let me know."

Champion Fisherman Arrives

The champion angler of the South, Hon. David Clark, of Boynton, Va., arrived Tuesday and left yesterday for Cool Springs to spend a few days' outing. Mr. Clark was accompanied by Mr. N. Turnbull of Lawrenceville, Va., who was here last year, and Mr. J. E. Bing of Boynton.

Mrs. B. G. Johnson attended the music festival in Charlotte last week.

PROGRAM FOR DAVENPORT COMMENCEMENT

Monday, May 17
8:00 p. m.—Expression recital.
Tuesday, May 18
8:30 a. m.—Class day exercises.
11:00 a. m.—Annual sermon, by Rev. C. G. Chappell, D. D., pastor of the Representative church, Washington, D. C.
8:00 p. m.—Domestic Science exhibit.
4:00 p. m.—Art exhibit.
8:00 p. m.—Final concert.
Wednesday, May 19
9:30 a. m.—Graduation exercises.
10:00 a. m.—Annual address, by Hon. A. L. Brooks, Greensboro, N. C.

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVED AND MONUMENT DECORATED

Memorial services to Caldwell dead, both of the Confederacy and of the recent world war, were held before the Confederate monument Monday, Memorial Day. The program had been arranged by the Zeh Vance chapter, U. D. C., and it was beautifully carried out. Following a salute to the flag by the Daughters of the Confederacy and a song, a prayer was invoked by Rev. A. A. McLean, pastor of the Presbyterian church. A five-minute talk by Mayor James T. Pritchett followed. "Let us not stop when we have placed a flower upon this monument erected to the memory of these fallen heroes," he said, "but let us so conduct ourselves that we may show those few who remain with us our appreciation of their sacrifices. Let us put a flower in their hearts, something to brighten the remaining days of those gallant heroes who followed Lee and Jackson."

Following a song, the flowers were placed around the monument by the girls of the Bonnie Blue Flag chapter of the U. D. C.

MEXICO CITY TAKEN; CARRANZA CAPTIVE

Revolution in Mexico Is Marked by Bloodshed—Political Executions Reported—United States Warships Are Moving

Mexico's latest revolution, after getting under way with a remarkable absence of heating, apparently has not been without the usual tropical season of bloodletting.

From behind the veil which obscures the events of the last few days are beginning to trickle stories of wholesale political executions, counter-executions and other accompaniments which have so frequently marked struggles for supremacy in the Latin-American countries.

Carranza, variously reported captured, in flight, or in hiding; Conrado Aguilar, his son-in-law and minister of foreign affairs, executed, with Gen. Francisco Murguía, commander of the garrison in Mexico City, after a wholesale slaughter of political prisoners, including fifteen generals; forces of the revolution in control of the capital and most of the metropolitan cities of the country, while American warships and machines continued to move into strategic positions, were the foremost features of the news.

Communication between the United States and the Mexican capital continued intermittently and uncertain. From all reports Tampico, Vera Cruz, Monterrey and Puebla, as well as Mexico City, now are in the hands of the rebels.

Gen. Obregon, Carranza's former right-hand military man and now his opponent, has ordered that the president, if captured, be treated with consideration and taken to Mexico City. Reports published in Mexico City newspapers and received in Washington flatly announced Carranza's capture, together with Ambassador Bonillas, Carranza's representative in Washington until a few weeks ago and later one of the candidates for the presidency.

Meanwhile, the American government, while continuing a policy of watchful waiting, took some measures to afford refuge to Americans. There are estimated to be some 6,000 or 7,000 such in Mexico, some of them draft dodgers and radicals who fled over the border to escape processes of law. For the most part, however, the class probably is far in the interior, and the Americans who might readily avail themselves of aid are principally oil men and planters along the gulf coast. For their assistance the navy department has ordered the super-dreadnaught Okla-

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TRIAL OF HARSHAW FOR ASSAULT COMES UP SATURDAY

The trial of John M. Harshaw for striking Roby Gilbert in the postoffice several days ago will come up before Mayor Pritchett Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. Teh difficulty occurred several days ago and no one seems to have learned just how it came about. The two men met in the postoffice and an argument over a barrel of oil came up. Harshaw struck Gilbert, who is a much weaker man physically. It is understood that both men have employed attorneys. The case is attracting considerable attention.

Mr. R. E. Leonard and little daughter of Lexington are visiting Mrs. A. E. McNairy.

AMERICAN LEGION IS TO SELL TICKETS

Began Drive Yesterday to Boost the Chautauqua and Sell Season Tickets—The Town Divided Into Districts

Boosting the coming chautauqua and selling the season tickets has been taken over by the American Legion. A meeting of the legion was held Monday night at which it was decided to take over this work. Post Commander J. C. Smith appointed the following committee of five to take charge of the work: Jas. T. Pritchett, chairman; Clyde Suddlerth, Robby Kilman, Wm. F. Schol and N. Hunt Gwyn. The committee has already begun work.

In taking over this work the legion believed that they might be doing the community a service. "We believed it was a good thing for the community and that the program for the week will be well worth while," said Chairman Pritchett. "It is a good program and we heartily endorse the public-spiritedness of the citizens who had subscribed their names as guarantors to secure the chautauqua for the community. It was because of this that we wanted to help these men in making the chautauqua a success and to secure them from any loss of money that we took up this work."

The citizens who subscribed as guarantors did not assume this responsibility with any thought of making money out of the proceeds, and for this reason they agreed to turn the whole matter over to the American Legion, they to sell the tickets, and any amount over the sum required for paying the chautauqua people the legion is to have.

The first work for the ticket sales arrangements was done Tuesday night under the direction of Miss Ada Gray, one of the advance chautauqua workers. A meeting was held and the following committee was appointed: Jas. T. Pritchett, chairman; Frank D. Grest, secretary, and L. A. Dysart, treasurer. At this meeting plans were made for dividing the town and community into districts, with a captain and four officers in charge of each district. An aggressive campaign was begun yesterday, and it is planned to follow this with a ticket day, Tuesday or Wednesday.

These various district committees will make every effort to see every person in their district, but in the event any person is missed tickets will be placed on sale at the two drug stores.

The season ticket for adults will be sold at \$2.75, including the war tax. A person not buying a season ticket and attending every attraction will have to pay something over \$7. Children's season tickets will be sold at \$1.35, including the war tax.

KENT-COFFEY BUYS MILL WORK MACHINERY

All mill work machinery of the Lenoir Manufacturing Company has been bought by the Kent-Coffey Manufacturing Company and it will be installed soon in an addition to the plant, which is now under construction. The additional building which is being erected for the machinery is 60x90 feet, and it will give sufficient space for installing this machinery.

Recently Mr. Coffey closed a trade for the Corpening timber, located a few miles west of here. This boundary of timber is estimated to be about 4,000,000 feet and it is the only boundary of original growth timber of any size near here. This is said to be the finest lot of timber in the country.

North Lenoir Advent Church

Preaching Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. by the pastor, Elder O. T. Mattox. Themes of special interest will be used at both services. The public is cordially invited to come an worship with us. Sunday school at 10 a. m. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings.

GREATEST SUMMER SEASON EXPECTED

Reservation Already Pouring In and Green Park Is Getting Ready; Blowing Rock and Linville Will Open June 1st

"This will be the greatest season Blowing Rock has ever experienced," is the opinion of Mr. O. W. Spencer, for several years manager of the Green Park Hotel, when here Sunday. "Already we have had reservations for all of our most desirable rooms," Mr. Spencer added.

The Green Park Hotel will open June 1. Mr. Spencer has made frequent trips to the hotel during the past several weeks getting everything in shape and supervising some improvements. Additional bathrooms are being built and a hot water system is being installed. The kitchen arrangements are being improved and the most modern equipment is being put in.

The Esocola Inn at Linville City will open June 1, with Mr. Vining in charge. A number of fishermen are planning a trip to Linville on the opening.

Miss Faye Estes, who had been visiting her aunts, Mrs. W. M. White and Mrs. J. A. Courtney, returned to her home at Collettsville Tuesday.

LENOIR SCHOOLS COME TO CLOSE

Finals Last Week Marked End of Successful Year—Diplomas Are Presented, Medals Awarded and Other Exercises

The Lenoir high and graded schools closed a year of splendid work, with excellent commencement exercises, on Thursday and Friday nights, May 6 and 7. The fine work which Supt. Horace Sisk and his splendid corps of efficient teachers, consisting of the Messes Robbins, Albee and Irene; Coffey, McLean, Dellinger, Lena and Agnes; Crews, Conley, Wright, Grayson, Phillips, Menzies, King, Wall, Kent and Todd, was well attested by the great crowd of friends and patrons of the school who sought admission to the commencement exercises. Thursday night the exercises were held in the auditorium of the school building, and the crowd was so great that it was found to be necessary to admit only by card, and many who wished to be present could not be accommodated. The need of a larger school building was never more apparent than on this occasion.

Mr. Verne Blackwelder was chief marshal and Miss Thelma Bradford assistant. The marshals were Eugene Adams, Charlotte Brawley, Rae Deal, Robert Dula, William Dula, Charles McDade, Clara Spoeber and Ned Wall.

Thursday night was devoted to class exercises. Class songs were sung by two of the classes, Mr. Billie Martin was valedictorian. The class history was read by the class historian, Miss Faye Goodman, the last will and testament by Mr. Bowman Crisp; the class prophecy, by Miss Mary Harrison, and the class poem by Miss Carolyn Poe. Misses Bertha Rabb and Mary Dula rendered a selection on the piano. A very interesting and entertaining feature of the evening was a mock faculty meeting, participated in by the members of the graduating class. Supt. Sisk was impersonated by Carter Dowell, Miss Coffey by Otis Holbeck, Miss McLean by Lula Lavey, Miss Agnes Robbins by Mary Deal, and Miss Irene Robbins by Miss Beadie Price. The mock faculty passed on the merits of the different members of the graduating class and gave reasons why different members should not graduate, and also awarded many humorous accolades of the past school year.

Friday afternoon prom and cards were distributed to all the students whose work during the school year had been up to the required standard.

Friday night was given over to the presentation of diplomas and medals of a literary address by Dr. R. N. Wilson at the Presbyterian church. Dr. Wilson is well remembered and received a great ovation from the host of friends who remembered his boyhood days spent in Lenoir. The speaker devoted the larger part of his time to a critical comparison of the educational systems and standards of a generation ago and of today. While praising very highly the work being done today, Mr. Wilson pointed out the great need of greater effort in the training of mind rather than in seeking to complete any number of subjects with little or no mental effort. The address was "chuck full" of common sense from

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FELL FROM POLE AFTER COMING IN CONTACT WITH WIRE

A news story sent out from Reidsville to the daily papers gives an account of the accident which caused the death of Mr. A. Strauss Hoover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Hoover, who live two miles west of here.

Mr. Hoover was working on a high-power line for the Southern Public Utilities Company when, from some cause, his feet slipped and he came in contact with the charged wire. A circuit was formed through his clothing and he was immediately enveloped in flames. He had the presence of mind to throw himself clear of the wires and from the pole. In falling it is said that he turned several somersaults and was considerably stunned in striking the pavement.

He was given a hasty examination in a nearby physician's office and it was not thought that his injuries were severe, after he was taken to a Greensboro hospital, where he continued to grow worse until the next day, when he died. The remains were brought to the home of his parents here and the next day funeral services were held from the First Methodist church. Interment followed in Bellevue cemetery.

DOKIES PLAN BIG CEREMONIAL AT HICKORY TUESDAY

Lenoir Pythians and Dokies are looking forward with much interest to the coming spring ceremonial to be held at Hickory next Tuesday afternoon and night. A large caravan of Dokies, with the officials, will come in from Bagdad Temple No. 213, Asheville. They will bring Jerry, the royal Bengal tiger, from his winter quarters and will give him his first feed of tyros for this spring. Jerry is said to be very hungry and this ceremonial will be staged for his special benefit.

The whole outfit of local Dokies are preparing to attend this ceremonial, and they are planning to take as many tyros to Hickory as can be gathered, coaxed, persuaded or prevailed upon to go. In spite of the late spring the sands are warming and the trail to Jerry's cage will be filled with interesting events.