

ST. JAMES PASTOR PREACHES TO HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Commencement Sermon to Local High School Graduates Delivered Yesterday by Rev. L. A. Thomas.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT THE SERVICE

St. James Choir Assisted by Mrs. Roy Kimball.—Students Advised as to Choosing Paths to Be Followed.

Directing his hearers to watch carefully before choosing the pathway of life they are to follow from the present, Rev. L. A. Thomas in his baccalaureate sermon to the seniors of the Concord High School yesterday delivered an eloquent plea for a life that is worth while and helpful.

The sermon was delivered before a congregation that overtaxed the seating capacity of the new high school auditorium. So large was the gathering that chairs had to be placed in the aisles to care for those who could find no seats.

Mr. Thomas, who is pastor of St. James Lutheran Church, was assisted in the service by several other ministers of the city and by the St. James choir. The music, led by the choir, was one of the most interesting features of the very impressive service.

The service was opened with the singing of "Come Thou Almighty God," and the song was followed by the invocation, offered by Dr. G. A. Martin, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Mr. Thomas said in part: I count this the mountain top of privilege to speak to you, my young people, this morning. There is nothing more sacred than life; there is no responsibility comparable to that of directing the issue of that life.

For years you have had your thoughts on this occasion, this occasion when you could say I have finished the course up to this point. But as you stand on this high pinnacle today there comes a swifter current of life than had you remained on the lower level.

But this current causes you to cling closer to that great eternal anchor which is able to keep you. We are trustful that this text which speaks of the loss of life will not cause one inking of sorrow to come into your happiness at this time.

For your whole mind is set on joy and your gaze is upon a clear sky. Even the rays of the sun are melted by the moisture of a kindly feeling towards the whole of the human race.

Let us sacrifice ourselves to make men's lives more healthy here, and let us work and pass laws to give them more for their bodily pleasure, instead of dwelling on this mysterious and unreal realm on the broader and inner life.

NORRIS BILL GIVEN FAVORABLE REPORT BY COMMITTEEMEN

Senate Agriculture Committee Denounces Bid Made by Henry Ford for Muscle Shoals Property.

ADMINISTRATION ALSO CRITICISED

Because of Its Favorable Attitude Toward the Ford Bid—Politics Mentioned in the Report.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, June 2.—Henry Ford's Muscle Shoals bid, and the attitude of the administration toward it are denounced in vigorous terms in the majority report of the Senate Agriculture committee, which at the same time recommends enactment of the amended Norris bill for government ownership and supervision.

The report drafted by Senator Norris, Republican of Nebraska, chairman of the committee, makes repeated reference to what it terms Mr. Ford's withdrawal as a candidate for President, and his decision to support President Coolidge, and assails in particular the plan to replace in the properties the Gorgas steam plant, sold to the Alabama Power Company for \$3,472,487.

"When the sale of the Gorgas plant was made by the Secretary of War," says the report, "in which I have said he simply carried out the contract made by his predecessor, Mr. Ford, who was at that time a candidate for President of the United States, became exceedingly angry and condemned the Secretary of War, and through him the administration, in unmeasured discourteous terms.

"To appease his anger, a vacillating administration publicly announced that the amount received for the Gorgas plant would be credited upon the \$3,000,000 which Mr. Ford agreed to pay for Muscle Shoals in case his bid was accepted by Congress.

"This kindly favor superinduced by other considerations so pleased Mr. Ford that his anger at the administration was not only turned into love and admiration, but he became so violently friendly that he himself withdrew as a candidate for President and announced his support of the Executive who had made such liberal concession."

The House bill, the report says, carried out the idea of the President in reference to the sale of Gorgas plant, and directs the Secretary of War to construct a steam power plant of 40,000 horsepower on the Warrior River, upon land to be obtained by purchase or condemnations, and to purchase or condemn a right of way therefrom to Muscle Shoals and turn it over to the Ford corporation.

NINE PERSONS KILLED IN TRAIN ACCIDENT

Deaths Followed Collision Late Last Night of Passenger and Freight Trains in Indiana.

(By the Associated Press) Attica, Ind., June 2.—Nine persons are dead and 20 injured as the result of a collision last night between eastbound Wabash Railroad passenger train No. 2 and a freight train which was on a siding. The passenger train was hurled against the freight engine, and several persons were badly scalded by steam from the wrecked locomotives.

The passenger train is believed to have split a switch and crashed into the freight, which was standing on a siding. The freight engineer, C. M. Boeschard, of Peru, Ind., killed outright, was the only one of the dead who had been identified early today.

With Our Advertisers. It takes more than a broom to thoroughly clean rugs. Send them to Bob's. Fiber Furniture for the sun porch at H. B. Wilkinson's.

The Concord Motor Co. has several cars that will be sold for storage and repair bill at the court house at public auction at 12 o'clock, June 14. See big ad.

A wonder lotion is Mel-Bro Lotion. For sale at all drug stores.

The W. C. Correll Jewelry Co. suggests a chest of silver for the June bride. See new ad.

CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS



Photograph Shows Students Who Received Their Certificates of Graduation at the Concord High School This Season.

BISHOP BROWN IS DECLARED GUILTY

"I Cannot Be Deposed," Says the Rt. Rev. William Montgomery Brown.

Cleveland, O., May 31.—Declared "guilty" late today of teaching doctrine not held by the Protestant Episcopal Church, William Montgomery Brown, retired Bishop of Arkansas, asserted his case was far from settled.

"I cannot be deposed," he said, and this was supplemented by formal notice of appeal, filed by his counsel.

The trial court itself gave the defendant a respite of nearly six months by announcing that it would not pass sentence until October 14th, next. After that the defense will have sixty days in which to file its appeal to the church's board of review.

DUKE TO SPEND HUGE AMOUNT AT TRINITY

Announcement of Gift Will, It Is Said, Be Made at Commencement.

Durham, May 31.—J. B. Duke, of Charlotte and New York, Trinity College's greatest single benefactor, is preparing to make another huge gift for the enlargement and beautification of North Carolina's Methodist institution, according to well authenticated information.

Announcement will be made at commencement, it is stated, and it is estimated that this gift will amount to as much as \$100,000. Mr. Duke and his architect have gone over the college grounds during the past week with members of the faculty and governing board.

His plans are said to call for the raising of the present library, Memorial building and several other edifices which do not conform to the general scheme of sand colored brick with green tile roofing. These will be replaced with modern structure which conform to the general scheme of uniformity.

A "quadrangle" will be laid out, it is reported, between the freshmen athletic field and the Administration building, all structures to be constructed of sand colored brick and green roofs. This will apply to every building on the college reservation, it is said.

THE COTTON MARKET

Unfavorable Weather Reports and Firm Cables Reflected in Opening.

(By the Associated Press.) New York, June 2.—Reports of unfavorable weather for new crop developments over the holiday and strong Liverpool cables were reflected by a firm opening in the cotton market today. First prices were 15 to 53 points higher on covering, rebuying by sellers of last week, and fresh commission house buying, which sent prices up to 30.07 for July and 27.00 for October, or about 42 to 55 points net higher during the early trading.

PUBLIC INVITED TO EXERCISES

The general public is invited to the final exercise of high school commencement which takes place this evening at 8 o'clock at the new high school auditorium.

The program for the exercise follows: Class Song. Presentation of Class Gift. Presentation of Medals: Wagoner Declaration Medal. Recitation Medal by Junior Order U. A. M. No. 25.

GRADUATING EXERCISES TO BE HELD TONIGHT

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The City and the Farm. Washington, D. C., June 2.—Study of business practices through which the real estate resources of America may best be developed to meet the growth of American cities and help insure the future of American farm life will be made in seven national conferences of real estate specialists in Washington this week, as part of the annual convention of the National Association of Real Estate Boards.

Six Men Escape From Jail. Greensboro, June 2.—Six white men awaiting trial in the Randolph county superior court escaped from the county jail at Asheboro late yesterday.

The meeting of the King's Daughters, which was scheduled for tonight has been postponed on account of commencement exercises at the high school.

CONDITION OF COTTON CROP NOT FAVORABLE

On May 25th Condition Was 65.6 Per Cent. of Normal—Not as Good as Last Year.

(By the Associated Press) Washington, June 2.—The condition of the cotton crop on May 25th was 65.6 per cent. of normal, as compared with 71 per cent. of a year ago, 60.9 per cent. in 1922, and 72.8 per cent. of the average of the last ten years on May 25th, the Department of Agriculture announced today in its first report of the season.

The condition by states follows: Virginia 62, North Carolina 71, Georgia 68, Florida 77, Alabama 70, Mississippi 60, Louisiana 70, Texas 66, Arkansas 58, Tennessee 54, Missouri 32, Oklahoma 58, California 91, Arizona 90, and New Mexico 89.

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Farm Vote Sought in Iowa. Des Moines, Iowa, June 2.—In the general primary in Iowa today the voters are making their choice of candidates for representatives in Congress and the various State and other offices to be filled at the November election.

MORGUE OR HOSPITAL HOUSE ALL STUDENTS OF BURNED SCHOOL

All 38 Students in School for Sub-Normal Presons Were Either Killed or Hurt During the Fire.

22 PERSONS IN SCHOOL PERISHED

Twenty Were Students, One Was Matron and the Other Was Adopted Son of Head of the School.

(By the Associated Press.) Los Angeles, Cal., June 2.—A morgue and a hospital today housed all of the 38 sub-normal girls who were in the care of the Hope Development School at Playa del Rey, southwest of here, when that institution was razed by fire Saturday night.

Twenty of the bodies of what had been children of less than ten-year-old girls in their teens, young women in their twenties but still children in mentality, were being prepared for burial near the scene of the blaze.

Also in the morgue were the bodies of Mrs. Drew Thomas, head matron of the school, who sacrificed her life in a vain effort to lead the girls from the flame-swept building, and Wilfred Ringler, 14 years old, adopted son of Mrs. Mary Jacobs, operator of the school.

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CONFEDERATE VETERANS AT MEMPHIS

Mass of Bunting and Flags Today in Honor of the Confederate Veterans, whose annual national reunion will begin tomorrow and continue through Thursday.

PLEAS FOR RETURN TO WILSON IDEALISM

Washington, June 1.—Return of the idealism of Woodrow Wilson, was declared necessary to the nation by Rev. Bernard G. Bell, president of St. Stephen's college, Annandale, N. Y., speaking today at memorial exercises at the tomb of the former President.

Stokes Lodge Invites You to Attend the Educational Lecture and Moving Pictures

TWO CHARGES READY FOR ROBERT FRANKS

State's Attorney Says He Will Have Charges Ready for Grand Jury Not Later Than Tomorrow.

LAWYERS ENGAGED TO HELP SLAYERS

Leopold and Loeb Will Make Determined Fight and Attorneys Hold First Conference With Them.

(By the Associated Press.) Chicago, June 2.—State's Attorney Crowe announced today as attorneys began their battle on behalf of Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, confessed kidnapers and slayers of Robert Franks, that he would seek two grand jury indictments against them tomorrow.

The State's attorney's announcement came when petitions for writs of habeas corpus were presented in criminal court by counsel employed by the millionaire fathers of the two prisoners. The court made the writs returnable forthwith, and the prisoners were immediately taken into court.

Having won their first legal skirmish, counsel immediately went into conference with the prisoners. They intimated that the two would not be allowed to testify at the inquest this afternoon.

Leopold and Loeb assumed a business like conversation. His father is ill. His mother is dead.

Justice Hoke Appointed Chief Justice of Court

Appointment Made This Morning by Governor Morrison and Has Been Accepted.

Raleigh, June 2 (By the Associated Press.)—Governor Cameron Morrison today tendered the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina to Associate Justice W. A. Hoke, senior member of the bench, since the death of Chief Justice Walter Clark two weeks ago.

Air Postman in Alaska Rapidly Growing Rich.

Fairbanks, Alaska, June 2.—Carl B. Eielson, the air postman flying between this city and McGrath, Alaska, a distance of 350 miles, is one of the best paid men in the aerial mail service, according to the local postmaster.

Aviators Continue Flight. Kagoshima, Japan, June 2 (By the Associated Press.)—The American around the world aerial expedition arrived at Kagoshima, its last stop in Japan, at 7:02 o'clock this evening.

Corroborating Details of Chicago Boys' Confessions Are Given

Chicago, June 1.—A metal buckle worn by Robert Franks, co-heir to a \$4,000,000 estate, who was kidnapped and killed, according to their confession, by Nathan E. Leopold, Jr., and Richard A. Loeb, likewise sons of millionaires, was found today as the pair made their second trip of the day over the route taken on the day of Frank's disappearance and death.

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WHAT SMITTY'S WEATHER CAT SAYS

Generally fair tonight and probably Tuesday; little change in temperature.