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## ROXBORO GRADED SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT

Exercises Began Friday Night, Closing Monday Night

The closing exercises of the Roxboro Graded School is, of course, an event in our little city, for almost every family has some one in some one of the grades. It seems this exercise this year were unusually interesting, probably due to the fact that the session just closing has been one of the most successful, and both superintendent and teachers were intensely interested in the work.

On Friday evening the senior class gave a play and were greeted with a large and enthusiastic audience—notwithstanding there was a small admission charged. The seniors acquitted themselves well and received the plaudit of the house.

On Saturday night the children of the primary grades had the platform, and certainly every father and fond mother were out to see how their favorite was going to make it. They played to an overflow house and the parents were well paid for their trouble in getting the little ones in readiness for this occasion.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in the Baptist church, Rev. W. E. Goode preached the annual sermon. While the church is a good-sized auditorium there was not room enough to accommodate the large congregation which had gathered to hear this most excellent Minister. He based his sermon on the text: "Freely ye have received, freely give. It was a great sermon and it was greatly enjoyed.

Monday night the exercises came to a close by presenting the medals, loving cup, diplomas and literary address. Miss Bossie Daniel presented the Research Club English Medal; Mr. J. W. Noell the Edgar Long Scholarship Medal; Rev. R. E. White the Womans' Loving Cup; F. O. Carver awarded the diplomas, and Mr. W. D. Merritt presented the speaker, Mr. Walter J. Matherly, Professor of the School of Commerce of the University of North Carolina. Mr. Matherly chose as his subject, "The Hard Road to Easy Street," and for forty minutes delivered one of the most unique, sane and sensible addresses we have listened to for some time. He has a splendid delivery and, best of all, he had something to deliver. Our people were delighted with him, and we trust we may all have the pleasure of hearing him again.

The medals were awarded as follows: Miss Marion deVlaming received both the Research Club English medal and the Edgar Long Scholarship medal; and Miss Francis Thompson the Womans' Club Loving Cup. The following received diplomas: Janie Loring, Abbit, Ruth Paul Bradsher, Edwin Eberman, Jr., Robert Burns Featherston, Clyde Truman Hall, Mary Hatchett, Elizabeth Francis Masten, Gladys Odell Mitchell, Eva Male Newton, Kenneth Holmes Oakley, Eddie Hobson Perkins, Marion deVlaming, Huldah Muzette Winstead and Dorothy Younger.

## THE RAYMOND BROWNING MEETING

The Raymond Browning big tent meeting will begin in Roxboro June 18th. Mr. Browning is well known here, having held a meeting of this kind in this little city some five or six years ago. Many of the good effects of that meeting are still with us. Eternity alone can measure the results. He is now in the midst of a great meeting in Graham. The oldest inhabitants tell us that nothing to equal it has ever been in that old town. All of the churches are in full accord and are as one people in the meeting. Mr. Browning previous to coming to Graham held a notable revival in Fayetteville in which several hundred were converted and joined the different churches according to their choice. It is to be hoped that such may be the result here.

J. B. HURLEY.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

I wish to take this means of announcing to the people of Person County that I am a candidate for Sheriff subject to the action of the Republican Primary to be held on June 3rd. I shall greatly appreciate any favors any of my friends may feel disposed to show me in this connection and if I am nominated and elected to this office I promise a service the best of which I am capable. Very respectfully,  
J. Garland Chambers.

## STATEMENT FROM MR. HALL

Mr. Editor: With your permission I will break my self imposed silence of keeping out of the news papers, to make a brief statement as to what my attitude is on a few of the great and leading questions that is agitating and affecting the destinies of our people in this county and state.

The times and conditions loudly call for retrenchment from the highest to the lowest. And we should begin by eliminating all unnecessary office holders, "Lame Ducks etc." and reducing the salaries of many of our state officers.

Our county officers should be on a salary so all of us may know what each one is being paid. The salary should be commensurate with the dignity, duties, and responsibilities of the office, but not enough to make them fat while we are on our back hollering for mercy.

It is costing the tax payers of this county a considerable sum of money to enforce the prohibition law, the law should be changed so that those who make up their mind to engage in the unlawful traffic of liquor and thereby corrupting the morals of our people should bear largely the costs of the administration of this branch of the law, and that in all cases both civil and criminal there should be a sufficient sum charged in the bill of costs to take care of the jury costs and the costs of a stenographer when one is used, in short, those that break the law should bear the costs of its administration, and not the people for it. This is the case in most of the counties of the state.

The Solicitor takes from our county a large sum of money each year. All Solicitors should be on a salary and paid by the state, and the fees now paid them should be paid into the public treasury of the county.

The people of this county know my feeling with respect to land values. I made the fight, to have the value reduced last year, almost single handed and alone. You know what happened, because of a local statute limiting the tax rate for roads the commissioners were afraid a reduction in value would result in the impairment of the county's credit, this statute has or can be amended so as to remove that obstacle. As to the necessary machinery of getting a fair and just valuation of our lands, this will have to be worked out in the next Legislature.

The burden of taxation should be placed upon the shoulders of those most able to bear it; therefore, I think that the income tax is the fairest of all tax. The rate on large and wealthy individuals and corporations should be increased, this would enable the state to pay more money into the counties for school purposes, thus making it possible for the state or county to contribute very largely to the construction of High schools. As the law and conditions are now it is burdensome to the breaking point for rural communities to raise taxes to help run their schools and provide funds for the construction of High school buildings, that must meet state requirements.

It is a burning passion of my life to see the laws so shaped as to give to all of our people an equal opportunity in the great struggle of life. When we can nearly approximate this ideal, we will have a great people, equally beautiful, varied, and vital in both country and town.

I have stated as briefly as I could some of the things that I see and feel, if they appeal to you as being fair and just, I shall appreciate your vote in the Primary, and if nominating, I assure you the banner of Democracy will never trail in the dust so long as it is committed to my keeping; and whether I am elected or not my voice will ever be raised in defense of the great mass of our people who earn their living by the sweat of their brow.

Standing upon the watch tower, I shall answer the best I can the question: Watchman what of the night? God helping me I cannot fail you. To your tents, O Israel!  
Sincerely,  
Cooper Hall.

## BASE BALL SATURDAY

On next Saturday you will have the opportunity of seeing one of the best games of ball you have seen on the diamond, as Durham is going to play the Roxboro team. You want to see this game and you want to bring your friends with you. Remember the date, next Saturday, June 3rd, 4 p. m.

## VOTE FOR J. Melvin Long For Sheriff SATURDAY JUNE 3rd adv

## SOCIETY NEWS

Mrs. L. M. Carlton entertained the members of the Bridge club and a few additional guests at her home last Tuesday morning in honor of her house guest, Miss Mary Franklin Graves of Mt. Airy. Four tables were placed on the porch, prettily decorated with roses and other cut flowers, and after several interesting progressions the cards were laid aside and a delightful salad course, consisting of frozen fruit salad, sandwiches, wafers and iced tea was served to the following guests: Mesdames Z. V. Gwynn, A. M. Burns, M. R. Long, P. K. Miles, W. S. Clary, Jr., S. A. Jones, T. B. Woody, E. V. Boatwright, W. D. Merritt, R. W. Stephens, H. S. Morton, Geo. W. Kane, W. C. Watkins, W. T. Long and Miss Elizabeth Noell.

Miss Mary Lee Crowell was a delightful hostess Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock when she entertained in honor of her house guest, Miss Virginia Adkins of Boynton, Va. The home was thrown together and many vases and bowls of roses made an attractive decoration. Rook was the pastime for the afternoon, until a telegram was received by the hostess, which proved to be the announcement of the engagement of Miss Cornelia Sample and Mr. Bruce Newell, the wedding to be June 15th. The hostess presented the bride-elect with a lovely miniature bride bouquet, while the guests as favors were given pretty little nosegays. A tempting salad course with tea was served by Mrs. E. V. Boatwright, Nellie Byrd Woods, and Mary Shuford Carlton. Those present on this enjoyable occasion were Misses Gladys Beam, Evelyn Irie, Kate and Ruth Newton, Christine Walker, Annie Laurie Barnett, Helen Hurley, Esther Newberry of New Bern, Annie Walker, Annie Burch, May Hardy, Elizabeth Noell, Evelyn Abbit, Della Stowe of Gastonia, Estelle Hay of South Carolina, Helen White, Cornelia Sample and Mesdames Frank Wilson, L. C. Bradsher, S. A. Jones, Leper, H. W. Newell and Bradley.

The announcement of the above approaching wedding is of much interest here as Miss Sample and Mr. Newell are both very popular, and have many friends.

Hosting Miss Cornelia Sample, a popular bride-elect, Mrs. E. V. Boatwright and Miss Elizabeth Noell entertained at a sewing party Tuesday morning. The guests were seated on the lawn under the shade of many oak trees amidst a quantity of pink and white rambler roses. Edgar Boatwright, Jr., and Libby Smith presented the honoree with a lovely pink and white basket, which proved to be a handsome gift. At the noon hour sandwiches and iced tea followed by pink and white cream and heart cakes were served to the guests. Those present were: Misses Helen Hurley and guest, Esther Newberry of New Bern, Isabel deVlaming, May Hardy, Christine Walker, and guest, Alice Jones of Bellhaven, Sue Merritt, Helen White, Cornelia Sample, and Mesdames S. A. Jones, P. K. Miles, W. S. Clary, Jr., Cliff Winstead, H. W. Newell, and Mrs. John Giles of Reidsville, house guest of Mrs. Boatwright.

On last Wednesday afternoon, May 24th, Little Miss Ovada Long, entertained about forty of her little friends at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Long. This event was in celebration of her seventh birthday. The guests were entertained on the lawn, and enjoyed various games, after which they were served ice cream and cake, and given as favors, tiny fancy boxes of candy.

Miss Helen Hurley was a charming hostess on Tuesday evening at a delightful party and shower, honoring her guest, Miss Esther Newberry, of Newbern, and Miss Cornelia Sample, whose approaching marriage was announced a few days ago. Invitations as follows had been issued: "To shower our Cornelia, with advice is my plan. Bring a gift that will help her hold her new man. And to prove that you know well whom you may talk. Bring the best man you know, by 8 o'clock."

In response to these unique invitations, the girls brought gifts for the bride, while the boys had gifts for the groom. Wallace Woods disguised as a Modern Sacralette, delivered a lecture on "How to keep a Man or Woman when you get them," concluding with the command that the bride and groom elect stand before him; while he presented them from a basket such articles as rolling pin, hair curlers, scrub brush, dog chain and hand cuffs. From this feature of the evening the guests enjoyed the refreshing fruit punch, dispensed by Miss Nellie Bird Woods, who served the guests on the front porch, which was beautifully arranged with quantities of Dorothy Perkins roses. The entire scene illumined with Japanese lanterns. Toasts were given to bride and groom elect by Miss Mary Lee Crowell, Robert Burns and Charlie Harris. Following this a contest on matrimony was given, in which Miss Annie Burch and Dr. J. H. Hughes made highest mark. The petite bride was costumed in lovely gown of white canton crepe, and wore a corsage of pink roses and valley lilies. At the close of the evening's festivities, the bride-elect toasted the hostess with appropriate words. Delightful Neapolitan cream and cake, in color motif of pink and white, was served; the guests each receiving as favors, tiny brides and grooms. Misses Nellie Bird Woods and Mary Lee Crowell assisted the hostess in serving. Miss Hurley's guests were Mesdames Cornelia Sample, Esther Newberry, honorees, Christine Walker and her guest, Aleph Jones, of Bellhaven, Isabel deVlaming, Eglantine Merritt, Helen White, Mary Lee Crowell, Annie Burch, Annie Walker, Nellie B. Woods, Ruth Newton, and B. B. Newell, the groom-elect, Charlie Harris, Robert Burns, Walter Jones, Bernard Crowell, John Morris, Clyde Bowen, Merrigan Burns, Wallace Woods, Clyde Crowell, James Yancey, Brodie Riggsbee and Dr. J. H. Hughes.

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The many friends of Miss Josephine Craven will be interested to know that on Saturday, May 27th, she was married to Mr. Carl D. Robinson, Jr., of Wadesboro. The ceremony was performed in the Trinity Methodist Church in Durham, and only the relatives and intimate friends being present. After the 14th of June Mr. and Mrs. Robinson will be at home in Raleigh, N. C.

Mr. Peoples, superintendent of the drilling crew, tells us the town well is now more than 500 feet deep. One day last week he tested it out, but to our sorrow, only found a capacity of 40 gallons a minute. While the contract with the Town calls for 600 feet, he holds out very little encouragement—none in fact, of the supply being increased. This is quite a disappointment as the authorities had hoped to get at least 100 gallons a minute.

Commencement week was a great week in the school life of the County. Four High Schools, Bushy Fork, Jalong, Helena and Bethel Hill all had their commencements almost at the same time, beginning on Thursday night and closing Monday night. And commencements were sure enough. "They were simply great" was the expression I heard made by several, and I most heartily agree with them. Mrs. Beam and I greatly enjoyed eight of the exercises, two at each school. We were delighted, even as to the high grade of work of each entertainment at each school.

Mr. Jack Griffin of Durham will give an organ recital in the Methodist church Friday night, June 2nd. Mr. Griffin is well known here and anything given by him in the way of a musical entertainment may be expected to be first class. His selections will be interspersed with vocal pieces rendered by some of our best voices. Everybody is invited, and it is hoped to give him a good audience. At the close a silver offering will be made to meet expenses.

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their many deeds of kindness shown us in the sickness and death of our dear husband and father, Mrs. N. R. Villines and Son.

## NOTICE

A meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church beginning Tuesday, June 6th and running through the following Sunday, Rev. H. E. Gurney of Matthews, N. C., will do the preaching. Dr. Gurney is a man of fine teaching ability, an able expounder of the Word.

Our meeting is the opening of a series of meetings to be held in Roxboro in the coming six or seven weeks. The Presbyterians, Methodists, Baptists and Episcopalians have meetings scheduled, the last one probably ending in July. This is an indication that the leaders of the Christian forces in town are anxious for revival of religion, a deepening of the spiritual life of Christians and for the ingathering of souls. In full cooperation these meetings, in prayer and effort, surely God will not deny us a rich blessing.

We Presbyterians therefore, earnestly request the hearty cooperation of our sister churches in our meeting, and we promise the same in theirs. We desire your presence, and make special mention of your help in the song service. We want the singers from all the churches to come and join our choir and feel perfectly at home. The first service will be held by Dr. Gurney on Tuesday, 8 P. M., June 6th. Two services a day through the week, 8:30 A. M. and 8 P. M. Regular services by the Pastor 1st Sunday 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. W. O. Sample, pastor.

## SURPRISE MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

South Boston, Va. June 1st.—The many friends of Miss Edna Marguerite Lee and Mr. Fountain William Allan Mills will be surprised to learn that they were married April 12th 1922. The wedding was quietly solemnized at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church, Durham, N. C. Dr. J. E. Welsh officiating. The bride is an attractive and popular young lady and is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Ward Lee, the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Mills of Roxboro, N. C. A host of friends extended congratulations to this happy couple. They will make their home with the groom's parents for the present.

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## BROOKNEAL THE WINNER.

Roxboro base ball team played the first game of the season at Brookneal on last Saturday evening, losing by one run, the score being 4 to 3 in favor of Brookneal. The second game between these clubs will be played this evening.

## NEXT SUNDAY AT THE METRODIST CHURCH.

11 A. M. Sermon of 15 minutes to the Junior congregation. Subject: "Heaven." 8 P. M. Sermon. Subject: "Man's debt to man." Come and let us worship together. J. B. Hurley, pastor. Trinity Commencement.

We have received an invitation to Trinity Commencement exercises which will be held June 4th to 7th. Messrs. Linwood Bradsher, Byrd Isaac Satterfield and Jerry Louis Hester are members of the graduating class.

## FIRE IN THE HEAVENS.

Last night between nine and nine-thirty o'clock residents who chanced to notice the sky, were treated to what seemed to be a huge ball of fire in the heavens. It started and continued in a westerly direction, appearing in length at its beginning to be about three feet, and as large as a water bucket. As it continued in its path, it increased in length, and showed off as a large sky rocket, displaying all the colors of the rainbow, but changing to a vivid green as it fell. Beautiful in description, it was well worth seeing, and from accounts of meteors, one was at first possessed with the idea that we were experiencing such a sight. From newspaper accounts, persons in other places saw nearly or the same light on Monday evening.

## NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF PERSON COUNTY.

In the primary to be held June 3rd 1922, all voters will be asked with which party they affiliate, that is are you a Democrat or Republican. If you are a Republican you only have the right to vote in the Primary for sheriff, if you are Democrat you have the right to vote in the three primaries. County, State and Judicial.

We respectfully ask that all voters will vote only in the primary, for the party that they will support in the November Election.

If you are a Republican, you have no legal or moral right to vote in a Democratic primary. If you are a Democrat you have no legal or moral right to vote in the Republican primary. Be a man, and stand out for the party you consider best don't try to vote in both primaries. This May 30 1922. J. S. Walker, Democratic Executive Com. R. A. Burch, Republican Executive Com.

## SUMMER SCHOOL

The Summer School, which is to last six weeks, opened last Monday morning with 37 teachers present. This is the largest attendance ever recorded here for the first day, and the number will increase. Mr. J. C. Williams of Mebane is the director, with Mrs. Sasser in charge of the primary work, and Mrs. J. A. Beam of the grammar grades. Supt. I. C. Griffith of Salisbury was present and organized the school.

## WILLIAMS-NICHOLSON

Cards have been received announcing the marriage of Miss Janice Beatrice Williams to Mr. James Edwin Nicholson on Wednesday June 14th, at Apex. Miss Williams is well known here, having been a member of the graded school faculty for several years, and one of the most popular and successful teachers who has done school work here.

## NOTICE TO MEMBERS.

The American Legion will hold their regular monthly meeting Saturday June 3rd, 2:30 o'clock promptly and all members are earnestly requested to attend as we have some very important business to attend to. C. C. Garrett, Pub. officer.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEET MONDAY.

The Board of Education will meet on next Monday, being the first Monday in June, J. A. BEAM, County Supt.

## HON. S. M. GATTIS HERE.

Hon. S. M. Gattis, who is a candidate for the nomination for Solicitor, arrived in town this morning and is shaking hands with his friends—and that includes just about every man in the County.

## ELDER HERNDON AT WARREN'S GROVE.

Elder Herndon will preach at Warren's Grove on the 1st Sunday in June 3 o'clock, p. m. All cordially invited to attend this service.

We enjoyed a pleasant call this morning from Mr. J. B. Wagoner of Hillsboro. Mr. Wagoner said he had not been in Roxboro for fifteen years, and there was nothing about the town which reminded him of the old town, everything was new.