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Hurdle Mills School Closing

Rev. P. Cary Adams, Delivers A Powerful Sermon At Closing Exercises

BEST YEAR IN HISTORY

The thriving little village and community of Hurdle Mills was very much alive on Friday and Saturday of last week. It was commencement week with the Hurdle Mills High School and carried with it the usual evidences of mingled gaiety and sadness. In a multitude of boys and girls such as are usually listed as the student body in a high school you will find a pretty fair sample of the many and varied types of the human family, but we feel safe in saying that you will find no where a finer set of boys and girls than the student body of the Hurdle Mills high school. We have always had a big place in our heart for these young folks and Friday evening just as the hour hand pointed to the hour of eight the curtain in the auditorium was drawn back and for a period of about two hours the vast multitude of mothers, fathers, friends and patrons who filled up the auditorium and broke all past records of attendance, was amused and entertained with music, song and mirth. The evening program closed with a very pretty and impressive operetta composed of about twenty young boys and girls, some of whom we feel sure had far to take their places on the vast sea of life, sufficiently equipped to meet the tasks of life. Saturday morning at eleven-thirty the exercises opened with "America the Beautiful" followed by recitations, readings, etc. This school is one of the fortunate few in the County to have a Bible class trained under the able and efficient leader, Rev. P. Cary Adams of Roxboro. On the final test none of the class registered lower than ninety, the three highest being Misses Ruth Hawkins, Thelma Long and Nellie Edwards. Miss Hawkins won the gold medal with a perfect paper, Thelma Long second with one slight error and Nellie Edwards third with one small error. This record within itself speaks well for the efforts of Mr. Adams in training these boys and girls, as a preliminary test gave an average under fifty. Following the reading of the 137th Psalm, Rev. P. Cary Adams preached the commencement sermon. In this splendid discourse two vital issues of life were painted on an imaginary canvas and we know no better title to these two pictures than "Action and Inaction." His sermon was filled with beauty and eloquence, yet mild enough in its simplicity that all the little folks could understand. Just as the sermon was being closed Capt. B. L. Satterfield made his appearance and was invited to make a few remarks and we have never seen to a finer speech crowded into so short a period. The entire afternoon was spent on the athletic field, the outcome of which will be given in a separate article. At eight o'clock p. m. the exercises were resumed in the auditorium and for two hours or more the audience was entertained by music, song and comedy. The final order of exercises was concluded in the Methodist Church Sunday morning, when Prof. Lawrence in a few well chosen remarks made the closing address. The entire period was full of interest and we feel grateful to both student and teacher for everything that was done and said.

"Professor Pepp"

The play "Professor Pepp" was given by the High School students last night in the Grammar School auditorium and was greeted by a full house. The characters were unusually fine, and was well received. The play was directed by Miss Ethel Erwin, who has special talent in this line. The proceeds of the play will go towards purchasing a curtain for the stage at the High School auditorium, and the splendid receipts will materially help with the purchase.

Boy Scouts Will Serve Supper

The Boy Scouts of Brookdale will serve an oyster supper in the basement of the Brookdale church on Friday night, April 1st. The public is cordially invited.

Death of Mr. Ragland

Mr. John B. Ragland died at his home in Va. on the 21st day of March and was buried the following day in the old family cemetery. Mr. Ragland was a brother of Mrs. R. A. Allen of Route Five, Roxboro, and had quite a number of friends in this county who will regret to learn of his passing.

Notice! Notice!

There will be a dinner given by the ladies of Edgar Long Memorial Church, in the basement of the church, Saturday April 9th, at 12 o'clock. Menu: Brunswick stew, chicken salad course, ice cream, cake and coffee. Everybody cordially invited.

Farmers of North Carolina

Farmers of North Carolina will increase their acreage to Irish potatoes, sweet potatoes, tobacco, and peaches this year.

Earl Carroll Ordered To Surrender

New York, March 29.—Earl Carroll, theatrical producer, today was ordered to surrender Monday to begin the sentence of a year and a day in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta, Ga., imposed as a result of his famous "bath tub" party. The producer has been at liberty under \$5,000 bail since his conviction on a charge of perjury. Carroll's transfer to Atlanta is expected to be made early next week. It was said at the federal building.

Clean-up-Week

Be Public Spirited; Clean Up; Paint Up Week April 4th to 9th

Combat the enemies sloth, indifference, dirt and neglect, with broom and rake, paint and brush, you can improve the looks of your house and brighten the neglected nooks and corners. Pile your trash orderly, in reach of the truck and it will be moved free of charge during this week. The trucks will begin to move trash Tuesday morning at 7:30, starting at Brookdale crossing, branching East and West from Main St. moving North through town to beyond the North-End Filling Station. Have your trash ready. The last three days of the week will be inspection days. It's a fight for Health, Happiness and Real Estate values. We want the cooperation of every true citizen of ROXBORO. Civics Dept. Woman's Club.

Studio Opening

The new Little Studio was opened last night at an informal reception tendered to the public by the proprietor, Miss Louise Brooks, at the studio above the National Bank on Pollock street. The spacious rooms were attractively arranged for the opening, with a profusion of cut flowers and Valentine hearts were strung over the balustrades and around the doors of the rooms. Punch was served during the evening to the number of persons that called to inspect the studio. The ideal drink was served from a serving table, tastily decorated with bamboo and jonquils. Guests were invited to register in a studio guest book. As souvenirs of the occasion, Valentine greetings in red and white were given to the callers. These were in the nature of coupons exchangeable for 10 per cent discount on orders for photographs made at the studio. Assistant Miss Brooks in receiving during the evening were Misses Mildred Hiddle, Wilma Parker, Annie Brooks and Sadie Whitehurst and Mrs. L. A. Harper.—New Bernian.

Still Captured

Sheriff N. V. Brooks and deputy W. R. Gentry went down in the section of At early Monday morning and began to look around to ascertain they could find in the line of booze. After searching around quite some time they located a fifty gallon outfit that had just been used a few days ago, the owners and operators probably intended to use the same location again at an early date but the timely interference of Sheriff Brooks dethroned their expectations. The outfit was captured and brought to town. No arrests were made.

Commendable Work

In renewing his subscription E. J. Jeffries, one of the County's best colored farmers, stated that when he began his crop in 1926 he was \$1800 in debt, owing to failure of the 1925 crop. When he had sold his last load this year he was virtually out of debt, and was ready for another crop. Would that every farmer in the county could say the same thing.

Making Improvements

The Davis Drug Co. is making extensive improvements on the inside of its place of business. To accommodate his large and growing trade he will move his fixtures farther back and make more room in the front. Besides making improvements in the general arrangements.

Obe Cothran Placed In Jail

Deputy Bradsher Improving Nicely And Will Soon Be on Job

TRIAL SET FOR APRIL

Obe Cothran, noted stockader, who was painfully shot in a gun battle with Person County officers last week and who was later removed to Watts Hospital where it was thought for several days that his wounds might prove fatal, has recovered sufficiently to be removed to the Durham county jail, where he will be kept until court. It will be remembered that the lively battle took place in and around an old tobacco barn near the Cothran farm which had been converted into a regular liquor factory. Frank Bradsher, one of Person County's young deputies was painfully wounded in this battle and is rapidly recovering from his wounds and will be able to be out and at his post again soon.

Graphic Story of the Savage Attack On Foreigners By the Chinese Is Told by Refugees

Attack Was Under Official Control and Directed Against All Foreigners

WILD SCENE AT NANKING

Shanghai, March 27.—The foreigners who suffered the Cantonese attack at Nanking, in which one American was killed and four injured, believe it was premeditated, and engineered by persons familiar with the foreign interests in the city. This is the conclusion of a statement drafted by authorized representatives of 47 Americans, mostly missionaries, who arrived at Shanghai today aboard the American destroyer Preston. "It was obviously under official control and directed against all foreigners, irrespective of nationality," the statement says. The Preston brought as casualties Miss Anna E. Moffet, who was shot twice by Cantonese soldiers, and E. T. Hobart, manager of the Nanking branch of the Standard Oil company, who suffered a broken ankle in escaping from Socony Hill under cover of Thursday's naval bombardment. Both were removed from the Preston to the hospital. Another passenger was Mrs. J. E. Williams, widow of the murdered vice president of Nanking university. Dr. Williams, shot by a boater, was buried by Chinese friends in the Nanking foreign cemetery just before the last of the Americans left. "After the firing from the foreign warships Thursday afternoon, the soldiers kept order. Foreigners obtained military escort or were hunted out by Chinese friend and assembled in one building of Nanking university. The university students procured the protection of this building by the military. "However, not a few foreigners had to spend the night in hiding, and reached the university only when hunted out by foreign or Chinese friends. "More than 120 men, women and children were finally assembled at the university. A committee was formed, and efforts were made to get into contact with the United States consul or the destroyers in Yangtze.

Blonde Wins Again Beauty



St. Paul, Minn., seems partial to Miss Pearl Cramer, twice within a year electing her the city's "most beautiful," this time to represent her town in Galveston, Tex., spring beauty contest. She's a blonde.

Japanese Destroyer Commander Takes His Own Life

Shanghai, March 29.—Lieutenant K. Araki, in command of the Japanese destroyer Hinko, arrived in Shanghai today from Nanking and went aboard the flagship of the Japanese forces and reported to the admiral and then committed suicide. Araki left a note indicating that his mind had been unhinged by the horrors he had seen at Nanking.

Longhurst to Celebrate Fourth Anniversary

Longhurst Council of Junior Order of Jalong, gives honorable mention to two brothers, J. E. Roberson and Lemmon Oliver, who have brought in the greatest number of applications for membership during the past three months. As a reward for their faithful service the Council will place up on the walls of the council hall a life like portrait of each. The council will celebrate the fourth anniversary on April 18th, at eight o'clock p. m. with appropriate exercises. We hope all members will be present.

Presbyterian Church

Sunday School at 9:45, H. L. Crowell, Supt. Morning service at 11 a. m. sermon by the pastor. A congregational meeting will be held after services for the purpose of reading the annual reports that must be sent to Presbytery. Sunday school at Mitchell Chapel at 2 p. m. Preaching at Warren Grove school house at 4 p. m. Preaching at Helena at 7:30 p. m. F. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

Miles Pharmacy.

Mr. M. C. Miles of Henderson, has bought the furniture and fixtures of the Palace Pharmacy and will thoroughly renovate and overhaul the place and open up with a general line of druggists sundries and the accessories which go with the modern drug store. He will have his opening in about ten days or two weeks, and will announce the date later through these columns. We welcome Mr. Miles to our good town and wish him much success.

In Hospital

Dr. B. E. Love was carried to the hospital last Saturday and underwent an operation for appendicitis. The operation was very successful and we are glad to say to his host of friends that he is getting on nicely.

Services At St. Mark's

Rev. Dec. Mizok will hold services Sunday, April 2nd, at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. at St. Mark's Episcopal Church. Holy Communion at morning service. All are invited to attend.

Change In Auto Laws To Become Effective April 1st

Meeting of Granville Presbytery

The session of the Granville Presbytery will meet with the Presbyterian Church at Roxboro April 5th and 6th. There will be a large number of delegates at this meeting. We hope that our friends who can entertain some of these men will let Mrs. Ed Hill or Mrs. Crowell know how many they can take. The meeting will open at 11 a. m. Tuesday morning with a sermon by Rev. Joseph Mack of Roanoke Rapids, N. C. the retiring Moderator. Regular business will be transacted in the afternoon. At 7:30 p. m. the Home Missions Committee will have charge and Dr. McDaughlin, Supt. of County Churches in Presbytery Church South will deliver the principal address on the importance of the country church. Wednesday morning at 11 a. m. there will be a sermon by Dr. W. McWhite pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Raleigh. The Lords Supper will be held and Rev. Kenison of West Durham will assist in this service. Wednesday night at 7:30 Foreign Mission Committee will give an interesting program on missions. Rev. Chester Alexander of Smithfield, N. C. will have charge of the meeting.

The four popular meetings will be very interesting to all. You and your friends are invited to attend each and every one. The business meetings that are held between these popular meetings deal with the work of the church. They are natural routine work but we will be glad if you will attend these meetings too. It will give you lots of information about the church's work. P. CARY ADAMS, Pastor.

Hurdle Mills Boys Win

The readers of The Courier, who are base ball enthusiasts, will be pleased to read the splendid record made by the Hurdle Mills high school boys in a double-header game played Saturday p. m. The first game was played between Hurdle Mills and Cedar Grove. This was a very lively game and the victory registered by Hurdle Mills over Cedar Grove was eleven and nine, being fair proof that these boys have the ability to bring home the bacon. The score in the second game between Hurdle Mills and Roxboro registered nineteen against three in favor of the Hurdle Mills team. These boys are of the map to stay and bid fair to furnish the sport world some interesting reading matter.

First Baptist Church

Sunday School 10 a. m. R. L. Wilburn, Supt. Preaching 11:00 a. m. subject "The Flaming Sword" 7:30 p. m. subject "The Tragedies and Blessings of 'IF'". The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be observed at the close of the morning service. B. Y. P. U. 6:30 p. m. General B. C. P. U. 7:15 p. m. Dr. H. M. Beam, director. Special music at the preaching service. A cordial welcome is extended to all. W. F. WEST, Pastor.

Does Not Apply To Person County

There has been considerable agitation as to the State game law. Mr. Harris says the fee of \$1.00 as required in the State law does not apply to those fishing in Lake Isaak Walton, and that any one may use the old fashioned fishing pole with hook. There are no trills about fishing Lake Isaak Walton, just follow the instructions as printed, and you are on the safe side.

"Eyes Of Love" At Helena High School

"Eyes Of Love" A comedy-drama in three acts, by Lillian Mrtimer with five males and five females, will be given at Helena High School auditorium on Saturday evening, April 2nd, at eight o'clock, under the auspices of Antioch church. Time, two hours. Everybody come. Admission, 25 and 35 cents.

A trip up the Amazon to places never explored by man. THE LOST WORLD at Palace Theatre Friday April 1st.

Will Be Violation To Coast Down Hill By Throwing Gears Into Neutral

HARD ON DRUNKS

Roxboro and Person County motorists, some several thousand in number, should get acquainted with several new auto laws prior to the first of next month. A score or more of important changes in the state automobile laws were enacted by the last session of the General Assembly, many of which will work to make driving on North Carolina highways faster, yet more safe, according to a summary of new laws. Most of the laws become effective April 1, although those concerning license plates are not effective until July 1. After April 1, it will be a violation of the law for a motorist to coast down grade by throwing gears into neutral. Drivers convicted of reckless driving are subject to a fine of \$25 to \$500 or imprisonment of five to 90 days. Penalties are to be doubled for second violation. Harder on Drunks The drunk driver is to be summarily dealt with under the new law. Persons convicted of driving while intoxicated are to be punished by imprisonment for from 30 days to one year, or a fine of \$100 to \$1,000, or both. Second offenders are punishable by imprisonment of not less than 90 days. The speed limit on State highways is increased from 35 miles to 45 miles an hour, and hand signals must be given for stopping, starting, or turning to right or left. The law prohibits signs or stickers of any description being pasted on the windshield, or the side or rear windows of automobiles. The railroad stop law was repealed, but the State highway commission was given power to designate certain crossings where it will still be in effect. The commission was also given power to designate stops at certain intersections or entrances to the highways. The maximum weight of vehicles was limited to nine tons and the width of vehicles to 96 inches and inspectors were given the right to inspect trucks or loaded automobiles at any point and to order the unloading of excess weight. Rear Lights All vehicles are required to carry rear lights, although horse drawn vehicles may carry reflectors which are approved by the State Automobile department. The Highway department was given the right to test lights on all cars and issue a test certificate, which the law provides must be carried at all times. The lights must not show a glare above a height of 42 inches at 75 feet. Effective July 1, plates will be issued for six months and on January 1, 1928, plates good for one year will be issued for one year, thereby putting the license system on the calendar year basis. The new tags will follow the car, instead of being issued to the owner as at present. License fees are modified, placing automobiles of 25 horsepower or less in the \$12.50 class. At present this class embraces only cars of 24 horsepower or less. In changing the license year a fee of 25 cents will be charged for the six-month license plate to cover the cost. The laws also provide that registration cards be attached to the instrument board of each car and that the State shall issue a special holder for these cards, for which a fee of 50 cents is charged. The state gives the motorist the card.

Back to Old U. S. A.

A wire from New York Tuesday p. m. brought the glad news to the families of Linwood Bradsher and Robert Hayes that they had landed safely on American soil. These two young men are from Bushy Fork Township, this county and have been in China for several years engaged in the tobacco business. They have a host of friends who will be glad to know that they are safe home again.

Meeting of Woman's Club

The Woman's Club will meet Monday afternoon, April 4th, at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. A. M. Burns. A musical program has been arranged, with Mrs. Z. V. Gwynn of Danville, Va., as soloist. All members are urged to be present.