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HIGH SCHOOL FINALS WERE HELD WEDNESDAY EVENING

Diplomas Awarded to Twenty-Four Graduates — Ben Hatchford Delivers the Valedictory Address — Closes Successful Year's Work.

Diplomas were presented to 24 members of the graduating class of the Gastonia high school Wednesday evening by Supt. Grier, this exercise marking the close of the scholastic year. Preceding this feature of the evening was the annual literary address by Rev. W. W. Orr, D. D., of Charlotte, who gave the graduates some sound practical advice. He urged them to be honest, loyal and ambitious. In the beginning of his speech he took occasion to compliment the city of Gastonia on its fine school equipment, paved streets and cotton mill supremacy. He was especially pleased with the announcement of a new high school building. Dr. Orr had no regular subject or theme, explaining that he did not come to make a speech, but to talk a little while. His discourse was punctuated with frequent humorous stories.

REPORTS SHOW PRACTICALLY NO UNEMPLOYMENT IN N. C.

WASHINGTON, May 25. — A picture reviving business activity throughout the country is drawn by Secretary Davis, in a statement to-day based on reports of employment conditions to the Department of Labor. The reports indicate that unemployment has been "practically eliminated" in New York state, the secretary said, that it has been reduced more than 50 per cent in the past three months in Pennsylvania, while the "swan song of business depression has given way to a cheerful note of improved industrial activity" in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois, Kansas and Missouri.

ROTARY-KIWANIS GAME SET FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY

Annual Contest Between Two Clubs Is Being Arranged — Rotarians Out to Avenge Last Year's Defeat.

Plans for the annual Kiwanis-Rotary baseball game to be played next Wednesday, May 31, are rapidly maturing and the contest between the two teams promises to be as equally interesting as was the first event of like nature staged last year. The proceeds of the game will go to the high school athletic association. By the time Wednesday afternoon rolls around, both teams will be in the pink of condition. The Rotary team has had one practice, and the Kiwanis club says that one more afternoon of practice by the Rotarians will insure the Kiwanians the game without fail.

BISHOP JOHN C. KILGO QUITE ILL IN MEMPHIS

Seized Suddenly While En Route To Charlotte From Methodist Conference — Reassures His Family.

MEMPHIS, TENN., May 25. — Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who is ill at a local hospital here, rallied strongly after a relapse early today and his physicians say that he is now resting more comfortably, although his condition still is described by them as "critical."

THE TRANSGURED CHURCH DR. BRUNER'S SUBJECT

Raleigh Pastor Shows That Spirit of Christ Is Alive in the World Today — First Evening Service Today.

"The Transfigured Church" was the subject of Dr. Weston Bruner's sermon at the First Baptist church this morning using as a basis for his discourse, some verses from the first and second chapters of the Acts. In an eloquent and touching manner he gave some striking illustrations showing how God is today transforming the hearts and then the lives of some of the world's most successful business men.

AROUND-WORLD AVIATORS COMPLETE FIRST LAP

PARIS, May 25. — Because of a slight fog this forenoon there was some delay in the departure of Major W. T. Blake, Captain Norman MacMillan, and Lieut. Col. L. E. Broome, the British aviators, who reached Paris yesterday from England on the first stage of their attempted 30,000 mile flight around the world. The aviators had their machine out on Bourget field, ready for the departure, but at 1:30 p. m. they were still awaiting more favorable conditions. The next stop for the aviators will be Lyons.

MILL MEN TO ATTEND WASHINGTON MEETING

Gaston County Textile Heads to American Cotton Manufacturers' Association — Mr. C. E. Hutchison, of Mount Holly, Vice-President.

Interest throughout the South centers in the 26th annual convention of the American Cotton Manufacturers' Association that is to be held in Washington Friday and Saturday of this week. The local delegation to this meeting will leave Thursday evening for the Capital City.

In the party will be Messrs. J. H. Seppark, a member of the Board of Governors; A. G. Myers, Clyde Armstrong, R. G. Rankin, W. T. Rankin, Fred Smyre, Frost Torrence and others.

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Dr. Otto L. Wiedfeldt, first Ambassador from the German Republic to the United States, has just arrived in this country. His photograph was made at New York on the steamship Striker for his commonplace air, and in decided contrast to the pomp and circumstance surrounding the coming and goings of Johann von Bernstorff, the last of the Junker Ambassadors. Dr. Wiedfeldt, a leading director of the Krupp works, is one of the most important industrial and economic authorities in Germany.

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CIVITAN CLUB HAS BEEN ORGANIZED IN GASTONIA

Third Civic Club For City—Is Planned to Function Along Lines of Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs—Charter to Be Presented Thursday, June 1.

Gastonia's newest organization, a Civitan club, has been launched, and a charter will be presented next Thursday evening, June 1, at the Country Club. Representatives of the Charlotte, Winston-Salem, Greensboro and Asheville clubs will be present on that occasion to convey greetings to the new Civitan club in North Carolina. An attractive program is being prepared.

The Civitan club will start off with a charter membership of 25. C. B. Squires, chairman of the extension committee of the Charlotte club was instrumental in bringing into being the Gastonia club. R. F. Brown, field representative of the International Association, has been in Gastonia for the last several days assisting in the completion of the organization.

The International convention of Civitan clubs will be held in Chattanooga June 6, 7, and 8, and the North Carolina State convention will precede the big meeting by one day when the Tar Heel Civitan hosts gather in Asheville June 5.

Other clubs are in prospect in several towns in the Charlotte territory and efforts are being made to complete [the] organization before the Chattanooga convention. Mr. Brown will be in this section for only a few very days to hasten in completing the overtures made for charters in these towns.

Emory B. Denny, member of the Gastonia club, is temporary president of the Gastonia Club. F. C. Abernethy, cashier of the Third National Bank in Gastonia is temporary secretary.

The charter list includes: Frank C. Abernethy, E. R. Warren, Kay Dixon, S. Byers, V. E. Long, W. G. Gaston, E. B. Denny, J. A. Griffith, C. C. Carpenter, W. H. Patrick, Major V. Whitesides, Harvey H. McKay, C. J. McCombs, F. E. Saunders, Marshall Dilling, A. J. Frobeniger, R. W. Rankin, Gus Ginn, S. H. Ware.

The first Civitan club was organized in Birmingham in the Spring of 1917. The name, coined by one of the charter members, was adopted because it expresses so perfectly the aims and ideals of the organization.

The motto of the Civitan Club is "Builders of Good Citizenship." The motto is apt, not alone from the standpoint of the meaning of the word "Civitan," which is a "citizen," but from the very purpose and beliefs of the organization itself.

The purpose of this organization is expressed in its motto: "Builders of Good Citizenship."

The Civitan Club aspires to leadership in all things that make for a better community. Planted on the bedrock of devotion, to state and nation, and inspired by the lofty ideals of true Americanism, it requires unflinching loyalty to country, patriotic service, community pride and good fellowship.

CHERRYVILLE CHAMBER PLANNING CAMPAIGN

Planning a whirlwind campaign for members and passing upon proposition by the temporary board of directors of the newly organized Cherryville Chamber of Commerce held a rousing meeting in the Pethian club room at Cherryville, Wednesday night.

Executive Secretary Fred M. Allen of the Gastonia Chamber of Commerce was present by request.

T. V. Summers and E. C. Bonham were named captains of two teams to be chosen by mutual agreement and these will go into a rousing campaign in the next day or two for members.

Cherryville has taken a lively interest in the proposed organization and it is believed that a creditable membership will be rolled up. Following this membership meeting will be called, by-laws adopted and permanent officers elected.

There was much enthusiasm at the Wednesday night meeting, presided over by Temporary President Summers and details for the organization were quite thoroughly worked out.

WANTS FREIGHT RATES BASED ON MILEAGE

(By The Associated Press.)
ATLANTA, Ga., May 25. — A definite freight rate system based on mileage, with minor variations which have been expected to discuss today, is advocated by C. H. Barham, general freight agent of the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railroad, who for the last two days has been testifying at the Southern Class Rate hearing being conducted here by J. B. Eastman, a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.