

PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY LIFE.

Conducted by

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More About Group Commencements.

As before stated, our country school groups will have commencements at the following places and times:

- Glendale Group, March 29.
 - Royal (Elevation) Group, March 30.
 - Piney Grove Group, March 31.
 - Meadow Group, April 3.
 - Archer Lodge Group, April 4.
 - Thanksgiving Group, April 4.
 - New Hope Group, April 5.
 - Baptist Center Group, April 16.
 - Royal Group, April 17.
- Following is the general order we suggest for group commencement program:
- 9:15 Initiatory Services.
 - 9:30 Contests (Declamations, Readings, Music).
 - 12:00 Address.
 - 12:30 Dinner.
 - 2:00 Spelling.
 - 2:30 Story-telling.
 - 2:30 Athletics.

We wish to remind all teachers in a group to send, as soon as possible, the names of their contestants together with titles of selections to the teacher in charge of their group center school. This is that the program may be arranged carefully and to the best possible advantage.

For the spelling contests at these group commencements the fifth and sixth sections of "A Spelling Book" will be used.

No declamation or recitation may be longer than fifteen minutes. It will be much better if they are not so long as fifteen minutes.

Please plan to begin programs on time and let each representative in any contest be ready for his part as called for on the program.

Last year's group commencements were in almost every instance carried out without any lagging programs. This was entirely due to careful planning and execution of plans by wide-awake teachers and pupils. We expect nothing less this year.

Group Winners' Contests.

Final contests for winners at group contests will be at Smithfield on April fourteenth. This will take the place of former County Commencements so far as the part taken by our country schools is concerned.

We have found that regardless of every precaution and plans however well executed, County Commencement and Field Day is too crowded for comfort or enjoyment. Then, too, our country schools have not had an opportunity for any final athletic contests.

This year we are going to try the plan of giving all of one Saturday to winners and athletics from our country schools and the following Saturday will be given to the town group of schools.

We hope to see every one of our teachers in the country groups at their respective group commencements at which time we will discuss with the many questions they may ask concerning the general contests on April fourteenth.

Plans for the Town Group Contests on April twenty-first are being worked out and will be in the hands of teachers in these schools at an early date.

In the main these plans will include former contests of this group and in addition will have the Story-tellers' contest.

Supt. Archer, of the Selma Schools, will have under his direction the spelling contest of the town group of schools. Rules and regulations will be mailed out to each school in the group.

Supt. M. B. Andrews, of Kenly School, and Supt. R. G. Fitzgerald, of Benson school, will arrange for Athletics for this occasion.

Each school is this group may furnish a speaker, a reader, two spellers, a story-teller, one piano solo, and one chorus.

Definite plans and programs for this meeting will be printed in an early issue of The Herald.

ELIZABETH KELLY.

Superior Court Sentences.

The Superior Court adjourned Friday. The following were given sentences in prison or on the roads:

Simeon Barbour two and a half years in the penitentiary for the killing of Hubert Gower. His boy, Walter Barbour, who did the shooting, was sent to the Stonewall Jackson Training School.

Everett Eason, who killed Harry Cook, was first given a sentence of 5 years and one day in the penitentiary. This was reduced to three years and a day in the penitentiary.

Charley Hicks, colored, submitted to a manslaughter verdict for killing George Stewart, and was given 5 years in the penitentiary.

John Jernigan, Charlie Pilkerton were found guilty of stealing some copper wire and were each given a sentence of twelve months on the Smithfield roads. J. R. Perry, who was implicated in the matter, was found guilty of buying the wire and was given six months on Clayton roads.

One of Heflin's Stories.

Representative Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, is noted as the best story teller of negro dialect in the House. The Alabama man is going home for a few days before the opening of the special session of Congress. He told this story to friends in the Willard:

"When I was a young practicing lawyer in Alabama I had a lot to do with colored men, many of whom were my clients. One time a colored man in my district committed a crime, and the community took it upon itself to punish the offender. There was only one punishment fitting the crime—that was hanging. The guilty man was taken out in the early morning and hanged to a tree. Their job completed, the executioners started home. They had proceeded only a short distance from the place where the body dangled when they met an old colored fellow astride a mule, with a sack of oats swung over his shoulders. The black man saw the crowd approaching and he turned, for instinctively he knew what they had been about. The leader of the gang rode up and in a gruff voice declared:

"You know us and we know you. If you say anything about this affair, the same fate awaits you."

"Deed, boss, I ain't gwine t' say nothin'. I think he got off mighty light, m'self."—Washington Post.

FOR WIRE FENCING, ANY height, see the Cotter Hardware Company, Smithfield, N. C.

TO BUILD 60 CHASERS AT ONCE.

President Authorizes Expenditure of \$115,000,000 Emergency Fund for Speeding Naval Program. Chasers to be Completed Within From 60 to 80 Days.

Washington, March 19.—Preparation for aggressive action by the Navy against the German submarine menace began today at the direction of President Wilson.

The President authorized the expenditure of the \$115,000,000 emergency fund provided by Congress to speed up naval construction and pay for special additional war craft, and the suspension of the eight-hour labor law in plants engaged on navy work.

Immediately afterwards Secretary Daniels ordered the New York Navy Yard to begin building sixty submarine chasers of the 110 foot type, to be completed in from sixty to eighty days.

With the President's approval, the Secretary also ordered the graduation of the first and second classes at the Naval Academy. The first class will go out on March 29, releasing 172 junior officers to fill existing vacancies and the second in September furnishing 202 more a full year before they otherwise would be available.

Minstrel at Royal.

There will be a negro minstrel at Royal School next Saturday night, March 24, 1917, by the boys from Pomona. After the show boxes will be sold, and other amusements. The public is cordially invited to come out and help in a worthy cause.

R. H. HIGGINS,
MISS BERTHA WOODARD,
MISS ELLA BOWLING,
Teachers.

The New Senators.

On March 4, 16 changes in the personnel of the United States Senate took place, as follows:

California—Hiram Johnson, Republican, succeeding John D. Works, Republican.

Delaware—J. O. Wolcott, Democrat, succeeding Henry A. de Pont, Republican.

Florida—Park Trammell, Democrat, succeeding Nathan P. Bryan, Democrat.

Indiana—Harry S. New, Republican, succeeding John W. Kern, Democrat.

Maine—Frank Hale, Republican, succeeding Charles F. Johnson, Democrat.

Maryland—J. I. France, Republican, succeeding Blair Lee, Democrat.

Minnesota—Frank B. Kellogg, Republican, succeeding Moses E. Clapp, Republican.

New Jersey—Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, Republican, succeeding J. E. Martine, Democrat.

New Mexico—A. A. Jones, Democrat, succeeding T. B. Catran, Republican.

New York—W. M. Calder, Republican, succeeding J. A. O'Gorman, Democrat.

Pennsylvania—Philander C. Knox, Republican, succeeding George T. Oliver, Republican.

Rhode Island—Peter G. Gerry, Democrat, succeeding Henry F. Lippitt, Republican.

Tennessee—Kenneth D. McKeller, Democrat, succeeding Luke Lea, Democrat.

Utah—William H. King, Democrat, succeeding George Sutherland, Republican.

West Virginia—Howard Sutherland, Republican, succeeding W. E. Chilton, Democrat.

Wyoming—John B. Kendrick, Democrat, succeeding Clarence D. Clark, Republican.

The net gain of the Republicans is one and the new Senate will stand: Democrats, 54; Republicans, 42.—The New York Sun.

A London dispatch published in this morning's News and Observer says that fifteen members of the Vigilantia crew lost their lives when their vessel was sunk by the Germans. Several of these were American citizens.

now of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, had a map showing why it was impossible for a cyclone to do business in the Piedmont section. But one day about 1889 several tin roofs and all the awnings in Danville were going through the air—and Frank destroyed the map and concluded that a cyclone was wind, and that wind bloweth where it listeth. So in trying to make ourselves believe that we are immune we had better at least touch wood when we make the assertion.

PRINTED STATIONERY ADDS dignity to one's letters. Every farmer should have his farm named and then have his printed letter heads, note heads and envelopes. The Herald Print-shop is ready to do this class of printing on short notice.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County. Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain mortgage deed, executed to the undersigned, by J. R. Parrish, December 16, 1912, and recorded in Book "D" No. 12, page 238, Registry of Johnston County, the condition of said mortgage having been broken, the undersigned will, on Monday, April 16, 1917, at 12 o'clock, M., offer for sale at public auction at the Court House door in the town of Smithfield, N. C., the following described lot or parcel of land, to-wit:

Beginning at a stake in the intersection of the Louisburg and Smithfield, and Wilson Roads, and runs Northeasterly with the Wilson Road 210 feet to a stake; thence at right angles to said Wilson Road Southwardly 210 feet to a stake; thence Southwesterly, and parallel with the Wilson Road to the Louisburg Road; thence up the Louisburg Road to the Louisburg Road, the beginning point, containing one (1) acre, more or less, and being the land deceded by Needham Edwards and wife to Joseph R. Parrish and wife, Meta Parrish, by deed dated July 9th, 1908, and recorded in Book "N" No. 10, page 97, Registry of Johnston County, and being the land mortgaged by Joseph R. Parrish and wife to W. M. Sanders in Book "I" No. 10, page 240, Registry of Johnston County, and under said mortgage sold to F. H. Brooks, December 2nd, 1912, at public auction.

Terms of sale, cash.
This the 15th day of March, 1917.
F. H. BROOKS,
Mortgagee.

NOTICE.

North Carolina, Johnston County. Under and by virtue of authority contained in a certain Mortgage Deed, executed by Ellis Waddell and wife, Lola Waddell, J. B. Waddell and wife, Ida Waddell, M. C. Waddell, and C. B. Waddell to W. M. Sanders, the 6th day of April, 1912, and recorded in Book "Z" No. 11, at page 125, default having been made in the payment of said Mortgage Deed: therefore the undersigned will offer for sale at public auction, at the Court House door, in the town of Smithfield, N. C. on April 16, 1917, at 12 o'clock M., the following described real estate, situate, lying, and being in the town of Selma, and in Selma township, and bounded and described as follows, to-wit:

LOT 6, HOME TRACT: Beginning at a stake, dower corner, runs N. 35 degrees, East 14.20 chains to a stake; thence S. 3 degrees, West 40.50 chains to a stake; thence N. 87 degrees, W. 16.75 chains to a stake; thence S. 4 degrees, W. 1.60 chains to a stake; thence N. 55 degrees, W. 3.14 chains to a stake; thence N. 34, E. 2.27 chains to center of Webb Street (Selma, N. C.); thence N. 34, E. to the beginning, containing 39 acres and comprising the land devised to her heirs at law by Annie Lee Waddell, deceased, in her last Will and Testament, appearing on record in the Clerk's Office of Johnston County, Superior Court, in Book 4, page 77.

Excepting and saving from the operation of this conveyance all of the above tract lying South of the ditch leading from Webb Street toward the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, containing by estimation 4 acres, which has hitherto been sold by C. B. Waddell, Trustee, pursuant to the terms of said Will. This description is found in Book "E" No. 11, at pages 229-233 in the Register of Deeds office, Johnston County.

Also excepting from the operation of this Mortgage Deed the following lots, sold at public auction, April 3, 1912, viz: Block "A," Lots Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10.
Block "B," Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
Block "C," Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
Block "D," Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.
Block "E," Lots Nos. 2, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 12.
Block "F," Lots Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.
Terms of sale, Cash.
This the 15th day of March, 1917.
W. M. SANDERS,
Mortgagee.
SAM M. HALL,
Assignee of Mortgagee.

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Princeton, N. C.

PLENTY OF OLD PAPERS NOW on hand at The Herald Office at 5 cents per bundle.

COTTON SEED CLEANER AND GRADER.

We will have one of these Grading machines on exhibit in Kenly at Watson's and Alford's Hardware Store, Saturday, March 24th. Do not fail to see this machine. Grade your seed and your increase in lint will be nothing less than 10 per cent.

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Smithfield, N. C.

THE SMITHFIELD BUILDING & Loan Association has helped a number of people to build homes. It will help others, and maybe you. New series of shares now open. See Mr. J. J. Broadhurst.

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