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## COMMENCEMENT FINALS TAKE PLACE

### Benton Wharton Wins Edw. Smith Pou Medal; Other Prizes Awarded

Commencement finals took place Tuesday night with class day exercises by the senior class, the presentation of diplomas, awarding of prizes and the reading of the honor roll. The auditorium was filled to overflowing with interested relatives and friends of the ten young graduates, who gave them warm applause as they took their places upon the tastily arranged stage as follows: Benton Wharton, Jean Abell, Annette Lawrence, Kenneth Coats, Margaret Lee Austin, Frances Burton Crews, Edgar Watson, Lucile Cottor, Margaret LeMay, and Marvin Woodall. The young ladies never looked more charming with their lovely white frocks each wearing a corsage of pink and white sweet peas—the class flowers.

After a verse or two of America and the invocation by Rev. H. S. Hartzell, rector of the Episcopal church, the president of the class, Benton Wharton, made an interesting speech which was followed by the class minutes by the secretary, Margaret Lee Austin. The class history was read by Frances Burton Crews who compiled the facts in a decidedly more interesting way than the usual historian, putting into rhyme the story of the eleven years. A unique fact concerning the class was that with the exception of one member all began their school days at the same time, thus having intimate association for a period of eleven years. The historian herself was the exception who joined the group eight years ago.

The futures of the class members were portrayed by Annette Lawrence who painted with a vivid imagination the brilliant, useful or ludicrous career of her classmates, as the case might be, oftentimes picturing the real ambitions of her associates. Class statistics were compiled by Margaret LeMay who with wit and humor revealed characteristics of the class personnel that perhaps even astonished the young ladies and gentlemen themselves.

By way of variety the class poem by Kenneth Coats, had pleasing effect, which may be found printed elsewhere in this issue of THE HERALD.

Following this, an exceedingly interesting document, the last will and testament of the class, was read by Jean Abell. The gifts showed an intimate knowledge of both schoolmates and teachers, and while mirth provoking no doubt filled an "aching void in the heart and lives" of the recipients. Everything from "A. Byrd" to a "best girl" were included among the gifts. However accompanying the "non-sense" gifts to the teachers were neat little volumes of poems by Robert W. Service and Edgar A. Guest with the owners' names engraved on the covers.

The class day exercises were concluded with the singing of the class song, the words of which were written by Marvin Woodall. This song is also published elsewhere in this issue. Judge F. H. Brooks, president of the school board, then presented the diplomas.

After performing this pleasant duty he made a fitting presentation speech as he awarded the Edw. Smith Pou medal to the member of the class who had made the highest average over a period of four years—Benton Wharton. This young gentleman made an average of 95.645, the highest average which has been made since the medal has been given. Miss Margaret Lee Austin made the second best record with an average of 89.184. Benton Wharton has the added distinction of not having been tardy a single time in all of his eleven years in school.

Mr. Franks presented the Lassiter medal which has been given for the last few years for the best original work in English. Three subjects were assigned to those making an average of 80 per cent in English, for three weeks before the contest was held. Research was made during that time. Then in the presence of the teacher, without notes, one of the subjects having been selected by chance, the essays were written. The winner in this contest this year was Donnell Wharton, of the ninth grade. Jean Abell's paper was pronounced second best.

Mr. Franks also presented the Thrift prizes given by Mr. G. T.

## BROGDEN NEWS

Miss Bruce Jones who attended the Wilson high school the past year, has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Jones. She returned to Wilson Tuesday where she will spend her vacation with relatives.

Miss Lucile Tart of Raleigh spent the week end with Miss Lela Creech. Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wheeler and children and Mr. Madison Strickland, of Nashville spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Strickland.

Messrs John Creech and William Godwin and Misses Beatrice and Inez Gardner motored to Raleigh Monday afternoon.

Miss Lela Creech has returned from Salemburg where she attended the Pineland commencement. She was accompanied by Miss Annie Jackson, of Dunn, who is spending a few days with her.

Mr. Willie Hill and Misses Annie Jackson and Lela Creech attended the graduating exercises at Smithfield high school Tuesday evening.

Messrs George Pike and Jack Avera of Pine Level are installing a complete set of bath fixtures in the home of Mr. J. R. Creech this week.

A large crowd attended the vocal union at Tee's Chapel Sunday. Five choirs were represented and some very good singing was rendered. The next vocal union will be held at Johnston's Union fifth Sunday in July. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Woodall and children of Sanders Chapel spent a short while Sunday afternoon with Mr. Woodall's sister, Mrs. J. R. Creech.

## N. C. Banks to Furnish Money

Raleigh, June 1.—North Carolina banks will collect the first \$10,000,000 to be used on roads and schools, according to advance reports of the state council meeting tomorrow, the bankers having convinced the state officials that short term notes at six per cent are advantageous.

President W. B. Drake, Jr., and Vice-President, Thomas E. Cooper, of the Merchants National bank of Raleigh are the promoters of this plan, and their banks will take two millions. Mr. Cooper's brother, Lieut. Gov., W. B. Cooper, will get another million, a Richmond bank comes in for a fourth and so on for 10 millions. Nothing has been officially given out, but the council of state is said to be a convert and will deal with the banks on the basis of two year notes.

Governor Morrison has been assured that the state can get \$25,000,000 from state banks if the money is needed.—R. E. Powell in Charlotte Observer.

Whitley to members of the Eighth grade writing the best paper upon some subject relative to the improvement of Smithfield. Josephine Biggs won the first prize, which was a War Savings stamp. Gilmer Wharton won the second prize.

Following the giving of these prizes Mr. Marrow presented Margaret Lee Austin with a gold chain from the High school basketball team of which Miss Austin had charge. Accompanying the gift was a beautiful expression of the esteem which the team had for her.

After the reading of the honor roll which appears elsewhere in this paper, Mr. Marrow, who has been superintendent of the school for four years, but who now resigns to practise law here, made a few remarks relative to his four years' stay and the work of the school, and called upon the people of the town to give Mr. T. H. Franks, the new superintendent, the same hearty co-operation which has been accorded him. He spoke in terms of praise of the Smithfield school board and their fine support. However, Mr. Brooks in replying to his words of commendation gave proper tribute to the efficiency of Superintendent Marrow, rather than the far sightedness of the school board.

The graduating exercises were preceded on Monday evening by an oratorical contest among the high school students, a medal having been offered by Superintendent Franks. In our last issue the program was given in full, but we were unable to announce the winner. Mose Godwin, a member of the ninth grade won the medal, his subject being "A Greater Smithfield." This paper as well as the prize English essay is published in this issue.

## HEAVY FIGHTING IN UPPER SILESIA

### Germans Attack A French Garrison; Poles Made Effort to Help French

Oppeln, Upper Silesia, June 1.—A grave situation is reported at Beuthen, where the Germans attacked the French garrison.

Sharp fighting followed in which the Germans were repulsed. A number of them were killed.

The Poles, who also were fighting the Germans made an effort to help the French. The French, however, refused this aid and themselves fought the Poles.

In heavy fighting this afternoon in the Posnowitz woods, near Gross-Strehlitz, the Poles were compelled to fall back before the onslaught of the Germans.

The Germans report their casualties as 12 dead and 31 wounded, who were taken to Krappitz. The Poles left 130 dead on the field. Their wounded were removed.

The Polish forces were entrenched deep in the forest, and the Germans were in the open. Eventually the Germans entered the forest and desperate fighting ensued at close range with machine guns, rifles and revolvers.—Associated Press.

## A TRAGEDY AT SALISBURY

### Bank Official Kills His Wife and Himself; Found Dead in Bed With Pistol in Hand.

Salisbury, May 31.—This city was shocked this afternoon as it has not been shocked in years by the discovery of a double tragedy in the home of John Wright Davis, a local bank official. Mr. Davis and his wife were found in bed and a pistol still gripped in Mr. Davis' hand together with the orderly condition of the home made an inquest unnecessary.

Mr. and Mrs. Davis had been married about eight years and during most of the time Mrs. Davis had been in poor health, being an invalid in recent months. Mr. Davis' loving devotion to her had been a thing of common knowledge and comment among neighbors and friends.

Just when and how the tragedy occurred will probably never be known. Mr. Davis went home from the Davis and Wiley bank, where he was employed as bookkeeper Monday about noon. Solicitor Hayden Clement, who is a neighbor of Mr. and Mrs. Davis and who, with the coroner, the sheriff and chief of police made a thorough investigation and decided that no inquest was necessary, is of the opinion that the tragedy took place between 1 and 3 o'clock Monday.

Friends failed to get response over the phone from the Davis home during the afternoon and evening. This morning the cook prepared breakfast and left without seeing Mr. and Mrs. Davis. As Mr. Davis did not go to the bank relatives went to see what the matter was. Upon entering the bedroom on the second floor they found Mr. Davis and his wife both on the bed. She had been unable to leave her bed for some days and wore only a gown. Mr. Davis was dressed except for a coat. Positions of the body showed that Mr. Davis had shot his wife through the left temple, the bullet, a 38, having gone through the head and was found on the bed. He then, according to the natural evidence, put the pistol to his left temple shooting with his left hand, and holding the barrel steady with his right, sent a ball entirely through his own head, falling back by the side of his wife on the bed. His right hand showed powder burns. His left hand still gripped the pistol with his thumb against the trigger.

Mr. Davis was a member of one of the city's most prominent families, being a son of the late Robert M. Davis. Mrs. Davis was formerly Miss May Ratcliffe, of Memphis, Tenn., and her people have been prominent in that state. Her grandfather the late Colonel Tate, was a well known railroad official. Mrs. Davis was a woman of refinement and culture. She was educated in Europe and had traveled extensively. The couple had no children. Funeral arrangements await arrival of relatives.—Greensboro News.

America was discovered in 1492.

## TEXTILE STRIKE ON IN 3 N. C. CITIES

### More than 10,000 Mill Operatives Leave Their Looms and Spindles

Charlotte, June 1.—Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis are the centers of the textile strike movement originated this morning at 10 o'clock when it is estimated that more than 10,000 mill operatives in these three centers left their looms and spindles and instituted the strike which for weeks has been impending.

In Charlotte, the mills notably affected are those owned by the Chadwick-Hoskins company, a string of five mills, four here and one in Pineville; the Johnston Manufacturing company and the Highland Park Manufacturing company, the mills owned by C. W. Johnson and associates. The Cannon mills in Concord and Kannapolis are under the ownership and management of J. W. Cannon.

Three or four thousand operatives are idle in Charlotte and immediate vicinity. Concord reports that the strike in that town and in Kannapolis involves more than 6,000 employees. Gaston county mills nearly 100 of them, are unaffected, as do are those in Cleveland, Lincoln, and Union counties.

C. W. Johnson owns three mills here one in Huntersville and one in Rock Hill, S. C., all of which are closed. Mr. Johnson said today in reference to the shutdown, "I am well satisfied."

The mills at Mooresville are not closed, there are four mills in this unit. "Everything is running smoothly here," said one of the officials, "but we do not know how long it will be." The reason that the strike fell so heavily upon Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis and so lightly upon other mill centers in the state is explained because of the strength of the United Textile Workers of America in the three first named communities. The union is not on all fours in Gaston county where its rank, it is said, have become seriously stricken by conditions prevailing in the textile industry during the past 12 months. The same is the situation with the Cleveland mills. Union strength in those establishments is so outweighed by non-union forces that the strike could not be put on there. Where the local unions of United Textile Workers of America represent a minimum strength of the working forces in the textile mills, the strike was instituted; in those other centers where non-union strength prevails, the strike was not ordered for obvious reasons.

Over North Carolina as a whole, the estimate of Vice-President McMahon, of the United Textile Workers, is that 60 per cent of the operatives who have been employed are identified with the union. A great percentage of union strength as compared with non-union prevails in Charlotte, Concord and Kannapolis. The strike of textile workers in the Charlotte district is in connection with the nation-wide protest against wage reductions began Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock. Employees of the Chadwick-Hoskins system and the Highland Park systems were the first to walk out.—Greensboro News.

## Revival Meeting at Pine Level

The revival meeting at Pine Level Baptist church in which the pastor, Rev. D. E. Vipperman is being assisted by Dr. E. D. Poe has been going on this week. Not only the people of the town but people from the country and other towns around have been attending the services. Preaching services are held at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. The service will go on through Sunday and probably into next week. Dr. Poe is a fine speaker and all in reach of Pine Level should hear him. It will be remembered that he helped in a meeting at Smithfield and our people were highly pleased with his preaching.

## Changes in Beef Prices

Beginning June 13th the following prices will be effective on Sirloin steaks and roasts, 40 cents; Tenderloin 40 cents. Prices on all other meats will remain the same. Phone 70. City Market.

## THANKSGIVING NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grant of Wilson spent the week end with their father, Mr. E. Grant.

Miss Minnie Wheeler has returned home after spending several days in Selma with relatives.

Miss Charlotte and Eliza Mosley Hatcher of Dunn spent Sunday with their aunt, Mrs. W. S. Earp.

Miss Julia Grant has been on the sick list for several days.

Mrs. Milton Finch has returned home after spending several days in Kenly with relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Wheeler spent Sunday in Goldsboro with her brother, Dr. Oscar Eason who is quite sick.

Mrs. Delia Parrish visited her daughter Mrs. B. T. Long last.

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Creech from the Bethany section spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Earp.

Miss Effie Grant is at home to spend her vacation. She was a member of the graduating class of the Selma high school at its recent commencement.

Mr. Elmore Earp returned last week from Wake Forest college where he was in school. Mr. Cronjic Earp is also home to spend the vacation, having finished the 10th grade in the Selma high school.

Rev. and Mrs. Branson from near Bentonville attended the family reunion at Mr. Harris Price's Sunday. Mr. Branson preached in the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Bailey spent Sunday with Mrs. Bailey's father Mr. E. Grant.

Little Miss Bertie Eary spent last week with Miss Lillie Mae Eubanks near Hatcher's school.

Mrs. W. T. Long spent Saturday and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Howard Stancil near Corinth.

Mr. Clarence Bailey and sisters, Misses Nannie and Minnie attended Sunday school at Thanksgiving Sunday morning.

The meeting for the B. Y. P. U. has been changed from 4 o'clock in the afternoon to 9:30 in the morning.

The annual picnic for the local Junior order was observed last Saturday. This occasion which was enjoyed by the Juniors, their families, and a few other people of the community was one of the most enjoyable occasions ever held in our community. Early in the day the people gathered in to fry fish which had been furnished by the Juniors. After which a dinner was spread, the menu of which has never been made. After enjoying the many good things to eat and spending a pleasant hour socially, all assembled in the church to hear what there was in the Junior order that attracted people as they had been attracted.

Lawyer Howard Grady of Kenly addressed the assemblage, his subject being, "The purpose and the work of the Junior order." Seemingly he believed the proverb: "You get out of a thing just what you put in it," and as a result of that belief he felt greatly indebted to the people of the Thanksgiving community after having enjoyed such a nice dinner.

We hope to have Mr. Grady with us again. After the address a game of ball was played between Thanksgiving and the Old Mill and Thanksgiving and Price school.

## Cheese Quiet, But Firm

Trading in cheese was quiet this week, buyers asking little beyond current requirements, but there are indications that recent reductions to a more reasonable level will soon result in increased consumption and quiet a confident feeling seems to be developing among holders. Sentiment was also strengthened by advices of firmer conditions at producing points and growing speculative competition in country districts for the higher grades of new-made cheese.—Dun's Review.

## Burlaps Dull and Easy

There has been no improvement in the demand for burlaps and trading was extremely quiet this week, with prices tending downward. Sales in moderate quantity were reported on the basis of 3 1-2 cents for light weights and 4.10 cents for 10 1-2 ounce, but it was said that these figures could be shaded on sizable business.—Dun's Review.

There are 2,750 languages.

## EIGHTY PERSONS KILLED IN A RIOT

### Serious Outbreak in Oklahoma City; Ten Blocks of Homes Are Burned

Tulsa, Okla., June 1.—Race riots today resulted in the death of 80 or more persons, including nine whites, and the injury of scores, according to estimates by the police, and in the destruction of ten blocks of homes in the negro quarters. Despite the placing of the city under martial law today, desultory firing continued during the afternoon, but the city this evening was comparatively quiet. Four companies of the National Guard under Adjutant General Barrett are on duty.

The reported death list grew all day. At noon the chief of police notified Gov. Robertson at Oklahoma City that the total was 75. In one statement, Major Charles W. Daly of the police department, put the figure at 175 saying he believed many negroes had been burned to death in their homes. Of the nine white men known to have been killed, five have been identified.

The trouble is declared to have started last night after the arrest of a negro charged with attacking a white girl, and subsequent attempts of negroes to rescue the arrested man. Comparative quiet prevailed in the late hours of the night, but at day-break a group of negro houses were set afire and the city firemen were prevented from fighting the flames. Armed white men then formed a circle about the negro section.

For several hours during the morning parties of negroes and whites faced each other across the railroad tracks, on which could be seen a number of slain negroes.

With the arrival of Adjutant General Barrett and a machine gun company from Oklahoma City, a semblance of order was restored. Several thousands negroes were assembled under guard at Convention Hall, the baseball park and the police station. Orders were issued for the disarming of all persons not belonging to the guard or especially deputized.

Detachments of the national guard were scattered about the city at strategic points especially about the negro quarter, where 10,000 to 13,000 negroes it is estimated resided. Nearly half that number are under guard.

## Meetings Next Week

Business men and others interested in putting over the Co-operative Marketing Campaign in Johnston county have been busy this week with good results. The following schedule of meetings will be observed next week:

### Team No. 1

Monday, June 6th, Royall Elevation.  
Tuesday, June 7th, Barbour.  
Wednesday, June 8th, Elevation.  
Thursday, June 9th, Pleasant Hill.  
Friday, June 10th, Woodrow.

### Team No. 2

Monday, June 6th, Barnes.  
Tuesday, June 7th, Archer.  
Wednesday, June 8th, Batten.  
Thursday, June 9th, Holders.  
Friday, June 10th, Hales.

### Team No. 3

Monday, June 6th, Emit.  
Tuesday, June 7th, Sandy Springs.  
Wednesday, June 8th, Stilley.  
Thursday, June 9th, Moores.  
Friday, June 10th, Prices.

### Team No. 4

Monday, June 6th, Corinth.  
Tuesday, June 7th, Poplar Springs.  
Wednesday, June 8th, Thanksgiving.  
Thursday, June 9th, Corbett.  
Friday, June 10th, Hatcher-Silverdale.

S. J. KIRBY, County Agt.

## Bureau of Information

The Postmaster-General, Will H. Hays, announces that a Bureau of Information for the benefit of all those who go to Washington to transact business with any department or Bureau of the government, has been established on the ground floor of the Post Office Department Building, located on Pennsylvania Avenue at Twelfth Street. It is the wish of the President that visitors to the seat of Government shall have every opportunity to get full information concerning all governmental departments.