

T. G. S. FINALS ARE ON THIS WEEK AND NEXT

Dr. Poteat and Rev. D. H. Tuttle Speakers for Occasion; Sermon 8 P. M.

Last night the commencement finals at Turlington Graded School began with a musical program rendered by the music students of Misses Margaret Newell and Lillian Maxwell, assisted by the Glee Clubs. This evening a second entertainment will be given by other pupils of the music class, the program of which appears on page two of this issue.

Sunday evening Rev. D. H. Tuttle, pastor of the Methodist church, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at the Methodist church. All the churches of the town have given way their services to join in this occasion. Special music will be rendered by the school choir.

Next week two evenings will be devoted to commencement exercises, the senior class exercises to take place Thursday evening and the graduation exercises on Friday evening. The address before the graduating class will be delivered by Dr. W. L. Poteat, president of Wake Forest college. Dr. Poteat has been here before, and the people of this city know that a rare treat is in store for them. Dr. Poteat is a fluent and interesting speaker.

There are 14 in the graduating class this year, four girls and ten boys. The class roll is as follows: Joe Ellington, Gilbert Boyett, Harry Biggs, James Davis, John Ennis, Lucy Wellons, William Booker, Mammie Ennis, Jessie Smith, Edward Patterson, Edward Peterson, Erwin Pittman, Elizabeth Young and Thomas Jordan. The public is invited to all of these exercises.

FORMER PRESIDENT WILSON PRAISES CONGRESSMAN POU

In a Letter To a Raleigh Man Says Retirement Would Be a Blow to Party and Country.

"In my judgment his retirement would be a serious loss to the party and to the country," concludes a letter written by former President Woodrow Wilson to B. S. Jerman, president of the Commercial National Bank, in response to a request for the former President's estimate of the services of Congress Edw. W. Pou in Washington.

Mr. Jerman has been a warm personal friend of Mr. Pou for many years and his letter to Mr. Wilson grew out of a report that Mr. Wilson had on one occasion commented unfavorably upon the service of the Congressman. The letter, which sets at rest any such notion, is as follows:

"My dear Mr. Jerman, I am glad to have an opportunity to express my confidence in Mr. Edward W. Pou. He has certainly been a most conscientious and useful member of the House of Representatives and throughout my administration rendered me, and the causes I believe in, the most constant and generous service.

"In my judgment his retirement would be a serious loss to the party and to the country.

"Sincerely yours,
WOODROW WILSON.
MR. B. S. JERMAN,
Raleigh, N. C."

Killed Bandit and Recovered Payroll

Bridgeport, Conn., May 24.—One bandit was killed, another injured and the \$12,000 payroll of the Connecticut Company was recovered after a hold-up by four men and a pistol fight with police today. The other bandits were captured.

The bandits were captured and the payroll recovered after a pistol fight in Stratford.

Picnic at Lake.

A very delightful picnic supper was given the younger set Tuesday evening at Holt Lake by Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Broadhurst in honor of Miss Pauline and Mr. Morgan Broadhurst. Quite a number of the younger people were present to enjoy this happy occasion.

FREIGHT RATES BE REDUCED 10 PER CT.

\$400,000,000 Annually Cut Off Freight Bill By Reduction Ordered

Washington, May 24.—Railroad freight rates will be reduced on July 1 by amounts equal to 10 per cent of their present levels under a decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission announced today.

Practically all classes and commodities of traffic are affected by the decision which marked the conclusion of the investigation begun last autumn by the commission, on its own initiative, into the reasonableness of existing freight levels.

Agricultural products in all sections of the country outside of New England, livestock and western grain and grain products are the chief commodities excluded from the reduction, these comprising the freight classifications upon which reductions have been recently put into effect. Passenger charges and Pullman fares also are left unchanged.

The commission announced also its determination of 5.75 per cent as the reasonable annual return which carriers in the future will be entitled to earn on their actual capital investment. This compares with a 6 per cent, the reasonable return level fixed under the transportation act for the period expiring March 1.

Railroads were required to signify to the commission before May 31 whether they would voluntarily make new schedules complying with the decision, or require the commission to issue its formal and detailed order for the alteration.

On the statement of the commission that rail freight revenues in 1921 approximated \$4,000,000,000, today's decision will reduce the national freight bill by \$400,000,000 per year.

As stated in technical language to the railroads, the commission said that after July 1 it would hold unreasonable rates "including more than the following percentages of increase over the rates in effect immediately prior to August 26, 1920," and set up the territorial schedules as follows:

"In the eastern group, also between points in Illinois territory, and between Illinois territory and the eastern group, 26 per cent instead of the 40 per cent authorized in the decisions last cited. (Increased rates of 1920.)

"In the western group, and between the western group and Illinois territory, 21.5 per cent instead of the 35 per cent so authorized.

"In the southern and mountain-Pacific groups, 12.5 per cent, instead of the 25 per cent so authorized.

"In inter-territorial traffic, except as otherwise provided herein, 20 per cent instead of the 33 1-3 per cent so authorized."

The commission, after reviewing the arguments for and against rate reductions as made before it by shippers, railroads and representatives of geographical areas of the country, declared that as rates had been pushed up by horizontal percentage increases, "a similar process should be followed" in bringing them down "to meet lowered expenses of operation." This coincided with the arguments which President Harding advanced before railroad executives at a dinner conference last week.

It was chiefly on this point that supplemental and dissenting opinions were filed. Chairman McChord, and Commissioners Lewis and Cox, advocated sharper commodity reductions, rather than the horizontal fashion cuts decided upon by the majority. Mr. McChord likewise dissented to the 5.75 per cent fair return provision, while commissioner Potter suggested also reductions in passenger rates.

"Practically all agree that stability of freight rates is highly desirable," the majority opinion declared, "and that normal traffic may not well be expected until the present widespread expectation of rate reductions is realized or dispelled. To assume that rates can or should be stabilized on the present high basis is futile." Associated Press.

If Morse swallowed "soap suds" it seems that Felder and Daugherty swallowed sweet wind as their fee.—News & Observer.

SPEAKING AT FOUR POINTS MONDAY

Well-known Speakers Will Discuss Cooperative Marketing

Another campaign is now being waged in Johnston county to sign up farmers for co-operative marketing. On Monday, May 29, four meetings will be held in the county at which Mr. G. A. Norwood, President of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, Dr. J. Y. Joyner, former State superintendent of public instruction, and Mr. T. S. Ragsdale, a local tobaccoist, will speak. These men have toured the whole tobacco section of Eastern North Carolina making speeches in behalf of cooperative marketing, and will have an argument well worth hearing. Ladies are especially invited to be present at these meetings. The schedule for Monday is as follows:

Princeton at 9:30 a. m.
Selma at 11:30 a. m.
Four Oaks at 3:00 p. m.
Smithfield at 8:00 p. m.

On the next day, Tuesday, which is Memorial Day and a legal holiday, the stores of this city will be closed, and a number of the merchants and business men will spend the day helping to get signers for cooperative marketing. Those undertaking the movement are in earnest, and desire the cooperation of all citizens in getting a big crowd out to hear the speakers on this subject.

HANDSOME GIFT FOR GREENSBORO COLLEGE

Miss Debnam, of Selma One of the Graduates this Year; Mr. Daniels Delivers Address.

GREENSBORO, May 23.—Commencement exercises came to a close at Greensboro College this morning with the presentation of diplomas to 47 young women and the delivery of the annual address to the graduating class by Josephus Daniels, of Raleigh, former Secretary of the Navy. At the conclusion of his address the Odell Memorial building was presented to the college through the board of trustees and a portrait of Mrs. Mary Jane Odell, in whose memory her husband, J. A. Odell, made the gift, was unveiled.

The spacious auditorium of the Odell Building was filled with people, many of them from other cities of the State, friends of the graduates and of the college. An impressive program was rendered. The college is the institution of the Methodists of North Carolina.

Mr. Daniels made a powerful appeal to the young women to play their part in the world, determined to better conditions, to fight against evil in public life, and while making a better world through participation in public affairs by means of the ballot, to keep the same holy fire burning on the home altar that their mothers and grandmothers did. A larger vision demands our thought, he declared, and he made the young women "Godspeed and beg you to take a big broom and sweep out the trash men have left in public life."

His address was inspirational in nature, he advising the young women not to pay any attention to those who would have them "be practical" but "listen to the voices of your dreams, follow those voices; they will lead you right."—News and Observer.

Among the graduates with the bachelor of science degree was one young lady from Johnston County, Miss Alta Debnam, of Selma.

WM. G. McADOO, JR. WEDS MRS. MOLLIE FERGUSON

NEW YORK, May 22.—William G. McAdoo, son of the former secretary of the treasury was married at the Municipal building today to Mrs. Mollie Tackaberry Ferguson.

The bride, who said she was born in England, was divorced last March from Armour Ferguson of this city. Both gave their ages as 27.

The ceremony, performed by Deputy Clerk McCormick, was witnessed by Francis H. McAdoo, brother, and Mrs. Nana McAdoo Wohrenschildt, sister of the groom.

COUNTY AGENT GOES STATE JOB, RALEIGH

Mr. Kirby Is Succeeded By N. B. Stevens as Farm Demonstration Agent

The people of our town and county, and especially those interested in Farm Demonstration Work, will learn with interest that the County Agent, Mr. Sam J. Kirby, has resigned his work in Johnston county and has accepted a position as assistant State Agent with headquarters at State College in Raleigh. Mr. Kirby came here a little more than two years ago from State College where he was assistant in club work. Now as assistant State Agent he will again have charge of the club work and will assist in the administration of the Demonstration work in the state. Mr. Kirby went to Raleigh yesterday to begin his duties, but will not move his family until a later time. As County Agent, Mr. Kirby has done a good work among us. He has lent his energies to putting over the Co-operative Marketing plan and part of the success it has attained in Johnston is due to his efforts.

As Mr. Kirby leaves the county, he leaves the Farm Demonstration work in good hands, his successor being Mr. Needham B. Stevens. Mr. Stevens is not unknown in the county. He comes here from Raleigh but he is a native of our neighboring county, being a son of Ex-sheriff Stevens, of Wayne. He is a nephew of Judge W. S. Stevens of this city. He is a graduate of State College being a classmate of Mr. Kirby. He has been in Farm Demonstration work several years having been County Agent for two years in Halifax county, and two years in Washington county. He was also District Agent for the Eastern District, which included Johnston County, for one year. Being well qualified and with experience in the work, the Farm Demonstration work in the County should go forward under the direction of Mr. Stevens.

MASONIC TEMPLE FOR BEAUTIFUL CAPITAL SITE

Order Plans Magnificent Building on Nine Acre Tract in Northwest Washington.

WASHINGTON, May 25.—(Capital News Service.)—In the very heart of the most exclusive and beautiful residential section of northwest Washington, D. C., lies the "Dean tract" of land, nice acres in extent, covered with magnificent trees, and the most coveted and eagerly desired piece of land in all the District of Columbia. It was recently purchased by The Women's Foundation to preserve it from real estate aggression.

Now the tract has been sold to the Masonic fraternity of the District, which will erect upon it a temple to cost one or more million dollars. The land was purchased for a consideration understood to be \$900,000, and is amply large enough to permit the erection of several temples should such be found desirable.

Civic authorities are loud in their praise of The Women's Foundation, which declined to permit the beautiful park to be cut up into building lots or disposed of to anyone for any purpose whatsoever until a pledge was made to preserve for the city the majority of the magnificent trees which grow upon the land.

When the plans as made are realized, the Nation's Capital will have something seldom or never seen in fraternal buildings—a great temple adequately and completely surrounded by broad lawns and wooded areas. Some of the most magnificent buildings in the world are in America, it is pointed out, and among the most beautiful are several with no foreground or background, the wonderful Pennsylvania Railroad station in New York city, the Woolworth Building and the City Hall in Philadelphia being cases in point.

To Entertain Sans Souci Club.
Mrs. E. W. Pou will entertain the Sans Souci club next Tuesday afternoon at four o'clock at the residence of Mrs. H. L. Skinner. Members please notify the hostess as early as possible if they cannot be present.

NEWS OF INTEREST IN TOWN OF KENLY

School Closes Today; Priscilla Club Entertained; Personal Items

KENLY, May 23.—Revival services will be held in the Kenly High school auditorium beginning on June 1st continuing ten days. Rev. H. W. Rhodes will conduct the services. Services will be held in the morning each day at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 8:30 o'clock. Everybody is especially invited to attend.

The people of Kenly gave the Free will Baptist minister, Rev. E. Poston a pious Monday night, which was very bountifully given and in which Mr. Poston graciously returned thanks for being treated so generously.

Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Holden and daughter, Miss Lucile Holden, are on a visit to relatives in Chatham county.

Miss Lillian Edgerton has returned home from Greensboro where she has had charge of a school for the past school year.

Miss Inez Edgerton is on a visit to friends in Greensboro, High Point and Winston-Salem.

Miss Lucile Holden has returned from Lenoir College.

Miss Mildred Darden has returned home from G. C. W., Greensboro.

Quite a number of the Kenly people attended the Shriner's meeting in Kinston last week.

Rev. J. F. McDuffie, of Chapel Hill, will hold services here Sunday morning and evening at the First Baptist church.

The community betterment association held its regular monthly meeting Monday afternoon at four o'clock in the Presbyterian church.

Mrs. A. G. Tiner is on a visit to relatives in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Alice Stott, Mr. L. F. Windbourn and Miss May Stott, from Raleigh, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. G. High.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden and daughter, Miss Mildred Darden, spent Tuesday in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Price spent the week end in Smithfield, the guests of Mrs. Price's mother, who is very ill.

Mr. L. F. Windbourn, Mrs. A. J. Broughton and Miss May Stott spent Sunday afternoon in Wilson.

Mr. C. C. Finch, Mr. and Mrs. K. D. Morgan spent Sunday afternoon in Bailey.

Miss Beulah High, of Lucama, is visiting Mrs. K. D. Morgan this week. The graduating exercises of the Kenly High school will take place on the morning of the 26th, next Friday. On Friday night the exercises will consist of a music recital.

Mrs. A. J. Broughton entertained the Priscilla club at her home Tuesday afternoon from four to six o'clock. A salad and ice course was served by Mrs. Broughton and Miss Beulah High. The guests included: Mesdames W. T. Bailey, J. G. High, K. D. Morgan, R. A. Turlington, G. B. Woodard, P. D. Grady, F. A. White, L. C. Wilkinson, L. Z. Woodard, C. F. Darden, J. T. Barnes, A. J. Broughton and Miss Beulah High from Lucama.

There will be services at the M. E. Church next Sunday by the pastor, Rev. J. E. Holden.

Misses Fannie Mae Batts and Blanche Ferrell, of Wilson, were guests of Mrs. J. H. Alford Sunday.

Holds Up Teller and Takes Money

High Point, May 24.—Grady Ferguson, well known Randleman white man, today entered the People's bank of that place and aiming a revolver at the head of the teller, told him to keep quiet while he picked from the counter \$400 in cash and escaped through the rear, according to a story told High Point officers by Claude Newlin, teller of the bank.

Ferguson, according to reports, told Newlin that his wife was in ill health and that he needed the money. Immediately after the holdup the authorities were notified and a search was instituted for Ferguson, but he had not been apprehended tonight.

Ferguson's wife is a patient in a High Point hospital, but attaches said the alleged bandit had paid her entire hospital bill. Bank officials assigned that as one of the reasons for the robbery.

COMMENCEMENT AT SELMA BEGINS 30TH

Hon. Josephus Daniels Will Make Address; Dr. J. K. Pfohl Delivers Sermon

Beginning on next Tuesday night the closing exercises of the Selma Graded School will take place in the new building which is just about completed. There will be placed on exhibit in each of the class-rooms exhibits of the work done in each of the grades and will be open for inspection during the day from nine each morning until twelve each day beginning Wednesday. It is the earnest desire of the children that their parents and others interested come in and inspect these exhibits.

On Tuesday night at 8:15 will be given an Operetta by the children in the first five grades of the school.

On Wednesday evening at 8:15 an Operetta will be given by the children of the Junior and Senior High School.

Thursday evening at 8:15 there will be held a contest between the young ladies of the high school for a medal given to the best essayist. At the same time there will be a contest between some young men of the high school for a medal given to the best declaimer.

Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock the Class Day exercises of the Class of 1922 will be held in the auditorium.

Friday night at 8:15 Hon. Josephus Daniels will speak to the graduating class. Diplomas will be delivered to them and Certificates of promotion from the Grammar to the High School will also be delivered. Also certificates for perfect attendance will be awarded.

On Friday night at 8:15 there will be held the annual recital of the Music and Expression Departments.

On Sunday at 11 o'clock the Baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. J. Kenneth Pfohl, of Winston-Salem.

We especially call attention to the address by Mr. Daniels, ex-Secretary of the Navy and the sermon by Dr. Pfohl. Both are fluent and eloquent speakers and will have great messages for the people.

WILL START FLIGHT AROUND WORLD TODAY

Two British Aviators Plan To Hop Off From Croydon Flying Field at Noon.

LONDON, May 23.—In an attempt to fly around the world by air, two British aviators plan to hop off from the flying field at Croydon at noon tomorrow. The aviators, Major W. T. Blake, of the Royal Air Force, and Captain Norman MacMillan, expect to complete their trip in two months.

The route lies through France, Italy, Greece, Egypt, Mesopotamia, India, Eastern China, Japan, thence via the Aleutian Islands to Alaska, through the United States to New Foundland and across the Atlantic via Greenland and Iceland to Scotland.

The record making trip was first visualized by Sir Ross and Sir Keith Smith, of Australia, but the latter abandoned his plans when his brother was killed in a preparatory flight.—Associated Press.

General Wood Is Safe

Manila, P. I., May 24.—Leonard Wood, Governor-General of the Philippines is safe after being missing 36 hours in the yacht Apo, following a typhoon, according to word received here today. The yacht was reported to have taken refuge on an island near Mindoro, where the Governor, accompanied by his wife and daughter, had gone Saturday on an inspection trip.

Since the typhoon keen anxiety had been felt for the safety of General Wood and his family. The Apo is a small yacht and vessels generally in the vicinity of the Island of Mindoro were driven helplessly before the storm. For two days efforts to reach the Apo were unavailing.

Always a Delight.

Ever notice how few people complain of being hoarse when requested to sing their own praises?—Philadelphia Record.