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## SCHOOL CLOSSES AT WILSON'S MILLS

**Dr. Newman of Elon College Makes Literary Address; Other Exercises.**

The commencement exercises began at Wilson's Mills High school Tuesday evening with Class Day exercises as follows:

Piano Solo ..... Miss Newman  
Welcome ..... Joseph Barbour  
Essay ..... Maude Tomlinson  
Oration ..... Wilson Uzzle  
Duet ..... Maude Tomlinson and Robert Uzzle

President's address ..... Joseph Barbour  
Class History and Prophecy .....  
..... Robert Uzzle  
Class Poem ..... Talbot Godwin  
Last Will and Testament ..... Wilson Uzzle  
Valedictory ..... Thel Smith  
Class Song ..... Class  
Presentation of Diplomas ..... Superintendent H. B. Marrow.  
Benediction.

Wednesday at eleven o'clock the literary address was delivered by Dr. N. G. Newman of the Department of Philosophy of Elon College, after which certificates were presented to eleven seventh grade graduates.

Dr. Newman's address was a splendid exposition of the purpose of one's life, a subject especially fitting to discuss before high school graduates. He began by asking three questions as a basis of his remarks: From whence came I? For what am I here? Whither am I going. According to Dr. Newman, it makes no difference from whence man came whether from a monkey or a clod of dirt, and as to whither he goes need not worry man so much provided he has answered the second question, "For what am I here?" This question is one everyone must answer. Everyman and woman must ask, "What is my job and how can I perform it?" God has placed man in a complex world, with the opportunity to become great by solving unsolved problems. Dr. Newman called to the attention of the young graduates numerous unsolved problems of the day—problems which concern industry, disease and international relationships, which are a challenge to the young generation. He pointed out that the only way to solve these problems is to discover what God's plan is. There is no such thing as thinking out a human plan. The problems of life must be worked out according to the divine plan. He illustrated this thought by telling how Brunel, the distinguished engineer, whose greatest engineering triumph was the Thames tunnel completed in 1843, got his plan for making the tunnel from God. When human ingenuity had been exhausted and the task seemed hopeless, Brunel, one day happened to watch a worm burrow in a tree. He became fascinated, and finally took the worm and studied it under a microscope. The result was a machine fashioned after the worm's head which was successful in tunneling the Thames. The divine plan was here all the time waiting for man to discover it. A better known illustration of this thought cited by Dr. Newman is the aeroplane. Man worked for ages on a flying machine and finally by studying the birds the aeroplane was perfected.

The conclusion which the speaker drew home to his hearers was that the purpose of education is to bring forth a race of people which can solve problems which have never been solved. He discussed three factors in education—the home, the school and the church—upon which rests the answering of the question "For what am I here?"

When the speaker had finished, it was the opinion of most who heard him that seldom have Wilson's Mills people been privileged to hear so fine an address.

The commencement exercises came to a close Wednesday evening when a play: "The Dust of the Earth" was presented by high school pupils.

Marshalls for all the commencement occasions were: Ola Beaty, chief; Gladys Turnage, Charles Wilson and Millard Parrish.

A bottle consigned to the sea off the coast of Japan by the navy department of the Japanese Government April 13, 1921, was found on the shore at Tillamook, Oregon, not long ago. It is 4,700 miles from Oregon to Japan in a direct line.—Dearborn Independent.

## LOCAL UNITS TOBACCO COOPERTIVES MEET

**Prominent Speakers at Four Oaks and Hopewell; R. B. Whitley Director.**

Johnston County, with a majority of its 39 local units of the Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association in session, set the pace combined effort for cooperative marketing last Friday, when President George A. Norwood, of the association and director J. Y. Joyner, formerly State superintendent of Public Instruction, were greeted by enthusiastic audiences of farmers at two points in the county.

Four Oaks local, the banner unity of Johnston county, with 90 members gave a warm reception to Dr. Joyner, who said, "In my 17 years of service with the State in the emancipation of our children by education, as I saw the mothers toiling in the fields to eke out a bare existence, I realized that a far greater problem was before the 82 per cent of our population composed of the farmers. I am glad of the opportunity to have a hand in this great movement."

Taking as his text the words of Chief Justice Clark in the recent decision of the Supreme Court of North Carolina, upholding the contract of the tobacco cooperative, Dr. Joyner pointed out why "the cooperative system is the most hopeful movement ever inaugurated to obtain justice for and improve the financial condition of the farmers." Stating that the association had added from 30 to 50 million dollars to the pockets of the farmers in three states, he pointed out that it has helped to increase the price of tobacco in three states over last year fully 20 per cent in spite of the fact that a much larger crop was raised in 1922 than in 1921.

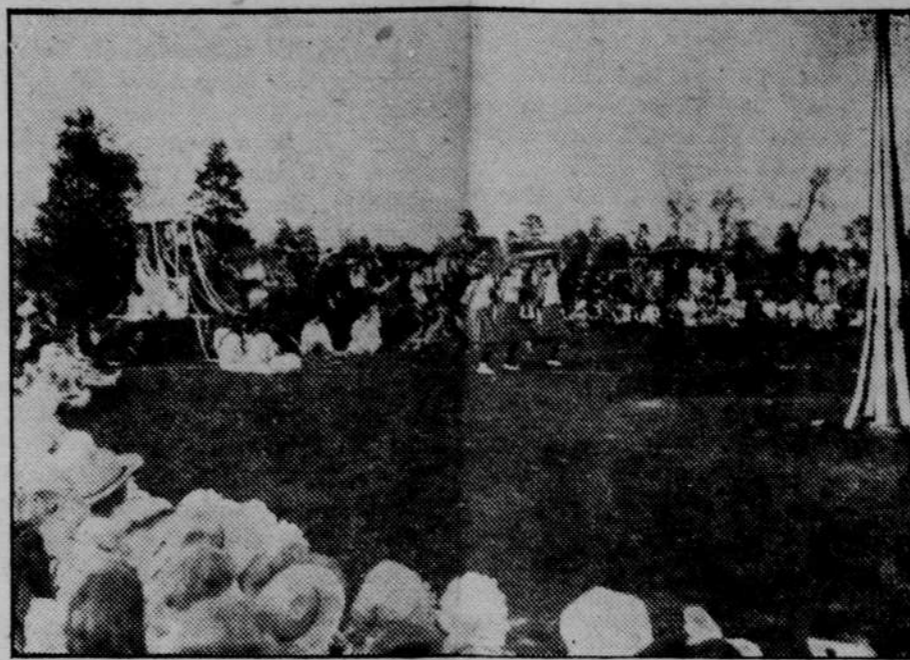
Dr. Joyner stated that the most important recent development of the association was the growth of local organizations which has greatly aided in increasing the membership from 65,000 to 89,000, have assisted in collection close to \$60,000 damages from contract breakers and by almost weekly communication with headquarters of the association, have assisted in shaping its policies and congratulated the farmers of Johnston county especially, upon having perfected such a number of strong and loyal locals.

President, George A. Norwood, of the tobacco association addressed an enthusiastic meeting of the members at the Hopewell School local last Friday. President Norwood said, "A farmer does not know the price of his crop unless he has organization, and unless we organize we will always remain on a wage basis." Pointing out that cooperative marketing said that by this means the farmer will be able to carry the excess of a crop over, thereby saving the loss that has always resulted from dumping and maintaining an even and reasonable price for his labor.

R. B. Whitley of Wendell, director of the tobacco association from Johnston and Wake counties for the past season was the first of the directors chosen by the electoral delegates whose selection became known at Raleigh headquarters by the arrival of certified returns. Mr. Whitley's reelection was accompanied by a vote of thanks from the delegates, expressing appreciation of the valuable work he has given to the building up of the association during the past year.

Incomplete returns up to Monday noon indicate a complete change in the directors elected by the membership of the old belt of North Carolina. The new directors elected in Western Carolina are Clyde P. Harris, of district 7, who succeeds S. T. Peace; C. T. Hall of Woodville, Person county, who succeeds E. G. Moss of Oxford; G. R. McQueen of Lake View who succeeds Southgate Jones of Durham; R. H. Montgomery of Reidsville succeeding J. W. King of Greensboro to the directorate of 11th district, and A. S. Spear of Booneville, Yadkin county who succeeds A. L. Bunker, as director of the 12th district. Most of the newly elected directors are distinguished as strong dirt farmers and have been very active in the affairs of the cooperative association during the past twelve months.

Messrs. Moss and Southgate Jones of Oxford and Durham respectively



View of the May Day Festival Given by the Students of Selma Graded School Friday, May 4th, 1923

## DISORDERS OCCUR IN PROVINCES OF CHINA

**Authorities Making No Attempt to Ransom Captives From the Bandits**

Washington, May 16.—Advices from the Peking legation to the state department today reported a series of disorders in various sections of China and declared there was no indication of having had negotiations between the brigands and Chinese authorities over the release of American and other foreign citizens held at Shantung. The department today made this statement:

"Early in the morning of May 13 a band of men attempted to rob a bank in Tongshan. Since it was feared that an attempt might be made to loot railway property the company of American troops who were stationed there prepared for action. Fortunately the necessity for this did not arise.

"On the night of May 13 a small village near Peitaiho was held up by bandits who looted the salt revenue office and several shops.

"The diplomatic corps in Peking on the morning of May 16 decided that because of the unsatisfactory nature of reports from Lincheng the dean of the diplomatic corps should ask the Chinese government the reason for the failure of the negotiations. The dean should also ask for exact information as to what the Chinese government has done and is doing. The Chinese government should also again be reminded that the sanctions would increase progressively as each day elapsed.

## CHILD KILLED BY AUTO. W. H. BOND, RALEIGH, HELD

Raleigh, May 15.—H. W. Bond young printer, who was arrested early today charged with running over with an automobile and killing John McKee Horton, five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Z. V. Horton, here last night, was still in jail this afternoon, having been unable to furnish \$1,000 bond.

Bond did not stop the automobile after it struck the child, according to the police. The little boy died a few minutes after reaching a local hospital. Bond told the police he was too frightened to stop. He was arrested at the union station, where he had taken some friends to a train, six hours after the accident.—Associated Press.

A total of 1434 rat tails were turned in by the children of 11 schools in Chowan County as a result of a "Kill The Rat" campaign put on by County Agent N. K. Rowell.

Doctor: How did your husband take pneumonia?

Dovey Dawson: Doctah, he bought hisself a diamond shirt stud.—Life.

requested to lay down the extra burden of work entailed by their duties as directors which they have so faithfully carried out in the first year of the association's activities. The thanks of the growers go to them as well as to the other retiring members whose free gift of time and thought has greatly aided the association in its first and most difficult year. Indications from Eastern North Carolina, from Virginia and South Carolina are that there will be little change in the personnel of the directors from most of the 22 districts in which the 89,000 members of the association reside.

## STRAWBERRY CROP WORTH A MILLION DOLLARS

**A Wilmingtonian Saw The Sight Of His Life At Chadbourne Recently**

During one day this week, fifty five refrigerator car loads of strawberries were shipped from Chadbourne to New York, Philadelphia and other northern markets. Mr. R. O. Hanson, of Wilmington, who spent Wednesday at Chadbourne, says that he saw the sight of his life as an onlooker at the strawberry shipping station there. It was a unique spectacle close to Wilmington, and yet very few people of this city have ever beheld it. They have never been at Chadbourne during the busy season when luscious strawberries were being sold for spot cash and moved north by the train load. Mr. Hanson witnessed growers and buyers carrying on transactions which involved a cash outlay of \$40,000 during the morning hours of the day. The recipients of the cash were berry growers of the Chadbourne section.

A moving picture of a strawberry marketing day at Chadbourne would be great. Early in the morning auto trucks, automobiles and vehicles of every description arrived with peak loads of crated berries, and the anticipation of the growers and the eagerness of the scores of buyers to bid for North Carolina's delectable berries makes an exciting scene, while the rumbling of cars being shifted into position for icing and loading adds to the din made by screeching locomotives making up solid train loads of berries. When the long trains of berries are ready to go, the throttle of the locomotives are pulled open and northward they go on the fastest schedule precious freight ever was carried. The berry trains stop only at Rocky Mount to change engines and re-ice the cars; from there they rush to New York and northern destinations without stop. Strawberries, picked in North Carolina today are eaten in New York tomorrow.

The deposits of the two banks at Chadbourne volume up hourly and daily during the berry season, and that has been specially the case this season, because berries have brought a fancy price since the first crate was sold at Chadbourne. Of course there are other markets in Columbus county and in other berry growing districts of other counties, and it is believed that the value of this season's movement will amount to more than \$1,000,000.—Wilmington Star.

## MENRY FORD BUYS BIG GARNET QUARRY IN N. H.

Boston, May 15.—A plant for the quarrying and finishing of garnet for use in the automobile manufacturing industry will be erected almost immediately on the 200 acre property near Danbury, N. H., recently purchased by the Ford Motor Company, it was learned here today. The site is declared to be one of the best in New Hampshire and approximately \$600,000 was involved in its purchase from the Garnet Grit Company of this city.

Nathan C. Harrison of this city, who acted for the Ford Company in the deal said tonight that the company planned to mine and ship the garnet to Detroit in its rough state until the plant here is completed.

He that loves not lives not, and he that lives by the Life cannot die.—Raymond.

## FLOOD AND FIRE SWEEP HOT SPRINGS

**Property Loss Is Over a Million Dollars; One Life Reported Lost.**

Hot Springs, May 15.—Hot Springs, its business district swept by flood and flame, tonight was slowly recovering from the effects of the storm which late yesterday sent a torrent sweeping down from the mountainside leaving in its wake a trail of destruction, which, in monetary loss, is estimated well in excess of a million dollars.

Store fronts smashed, bath houses wrecked and debris strewn about tonight stood as mute evidence of the fury of the elements.

Earlier reports that there had been heavy loss of life were not verified when a check was made today by city officials and newspaper men.

**Hotel Is Largest Loss.**

Destruction of the Marquette hotel by fire caused one of the largest individual losses. The building with its furnishings was valued at approximately a quarter of a million dollars. In addition to the Marquette hotel a dozen or more store buildings, almost an entire block, were laid waste by the flames.

Tonight a company of Arkansas national guard was on duty patrolling the area wrecked by the storm and fire.

While Hot Springs was cut off from wire communication with outside points last night and early today, many stories of heavy death loss were spread. Some placed the toll at 17, while one said that 50 persons had been killed. Immediately on restoration of wire service to the stricken city, the fact was quickly established that there had been no deaths, and that the number of injured would be small.

**Two Airplanes Arrive.**

The first of two airplanes carrying representatives of the Associated Press landed here early tonight. A plane which started from Muskogee, Okla., with representatives of the Muskogee Phoenix, an Associated Press member, made the trip in one hour and 20 minutes.

A second airplane carrying an Associated Press representative from Kansas City landed about an hour later.

While the property loss will be heavy, only one person so far was reported seriously hurt. Mrs. Katie Christanson was caught in an automobile when the flood swept down from the mountains and engulfed Central avenue, the principal business street in the city, and was in a hospital tonight, her skull crushed. Physicians said her chances for recovery were slight.

Reports received here from Benton, Ark., stated grave fears were felt for the safety of farmers in the Saline river valley south of Benton. The Saline rose swiftly last night. Efforts were being made this afternoon to communicate with farmers in the river bottoms.—Associated Press.

## DR. GRADY READ AN EXCELLENT PAPER

The Wilson County Medical Society held its regular monthly session Thursday evening at 6:30 in the grill room of the Cherry Hotel. A delicious supper was served. The grill room was unusually attractive with its decorations consisting of a profusion of Spring flowers.

The regular routine business was disposed of in the usual way. There was only one paper for the evening. This was a paper on "Medical Ethics" and was read by Dr. J. C. Grady of Kenly. It was a most interesting as well as instructive paper and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. Dr. Grady was well versed on his subject. His paper was discussed by Drs. P. P. Lane, H. B. Best, W. S. Anderson and I. W. Lamm.—Wilson Times.

The violin once belonging to Paganini, the father of violin technique, is kept in the Palazzo del Municipio in Genoa. The violin is a product of the master craft of Joseph Guarnerius del Jesu. With three broken strings, it lies in a silk-lined box, in a large room, where the sunlight seldom enters.—Dearborn Independent.

## GEORGE J. GOULD PASSES IN FRANCE

**One of America's Greatest Financiers; Developed Estate of Jay Gould.**

Mentons, France, May 16.—George Jay Gould, the American financier, who had been ill at Cap Martini, near here, died at 3 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Gould was stricken with pneumonia at his villa on March 20. For several days his condition remained critical, but he then rallied and on April 3 was said to be out of danger. Three weeks later, however, he suffered a relapse and on May 3 took a turn for the worse.

The end came peacefully. Mr. Gould's wife and two children were at his bedside.

George Jay Gould, financier and railroad man, succeeded to the leadership of the famous Gould family upon the death of his father, Jay Gould, December 2, 1892.

In addition to assuming responsibility, as trustee and executor, for the \$80,000,000 estate left by his father, he carried on and expanded the great railroad holdings of the latter, and within a few years during which he applied the lessons learned from the elder Gould, he became one of America's foremost railroad financiers. The 6,000 miles of road left by Jay Gould grew into more than 20,000 miles under the management of his son, while the many investments in other huge enterprises, including the Western Union Telegraph Company, also were largely managed by the principal heir.

George Jay Gould was born in New York City February 6, 1864, the sixth in line of descent from Major Nathan Gould, or Gold, the original ancestor, who came from the South of England in 1646 and settled in Fairfield, Conn. While many of Nathan Gould's descendants attained eminence in Colonial affairs and through service in the Revolutionary War, it remained for Jay Gould to become the first financier.

The Gould family fortune dates from 1860, when Jay Gould, a partner in his father's hardware store in Delaware county, New York, bought for ten cents on the dollar a controlling interest in the Rutland and Washington railroad, a little bankrupt line running between Troy, New York, and Rutland, Vt. Young Gould, in addition to selling hardware, had studied surveying in his spare time, and took an interest in railroad building as a result of these studies.

Two years after purchasing the road, Jay Gould had succeeded in extricating it from financial difficulties, whereupon he sold it at 120 the interest originally acquired at ten. This was the first feat of that generalship which, over and over in later life, made him the foremost railroad developer of his time.

George Jay Gould, even when quite young, showed an inclination to follow in the footsteps of his father. He received a thorough education from private instructors, and subsequently entered Columbia University, but was not graduated.

After a tour of Europe, he became a clerk in the Western Union office, where he developed such an aptitude for detail that he soon became the assistant of his father. George Gould was at his desk ten hours a day, and often remained long into the night, learning the business which, when he became its vice-president a few years later, operated more than a million miles of telegraph wires.

This apprenticeship prepared him for the responsibility devolving upon him when Jay Gould died.—Associated Press.

## DR. E. Y. MULLINS AGAIN HEADS BAPTIST

Kansas City, Mo., May 16.—Dr. E. Y. Mullins, of Louisville, Ky., was unanimously re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the opening session of the 75th annual meeting here today.

The secretary reported to the convention that 10,103 delegates were entitled to seats. He said 2,004 had enrolled prior to the opening of the session and that others were expected.

Watch your label and renew in time.