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CLASS DAY PROGRAM PLEASE LARGE CROWD

Honor Rolls; Certificates, Monograms and Music Prizes Awarded.

The Class Day exercises of the graduating class of the high school here took place Wednesday evening, the auditorium being crowded with friends and relatives of the young graduates, who were not disappointed in the program of the evening. This was the first class to hold their exercises in the new building, and it set a pace for beauty and uniqueness that will be hard for future classes to live up to. Instead of the usual way of presenting the class-prophesy, last will etc., with the aid of one of the high school teachers, Miss Evelyn Wilson, these papers were by means of a profusion of pink Dorothy Perkins roses, the class flower, was converted into a scene from fairyland. The auditorium was darkened and lights thrown upon the stage gave a tableau effect. As soon as the curtain was drawn, a page in the person of Milton Parker announced the approach of the Queen of '23. Then entered Miss Ruth Brooks, as queen attended by eight tiny fairies, who escorted her to her throne amid the roses. These little fairies, with their gossamer robes of pink, (Misses Dorothy Hooks, Nell Morgan Broadhurst, Mary Ellen Lawrence, Elizabeth Kasey, Elizabeth Pierce, Adelaide Pierce, Ruth Rose and Mildred Edmundson) then danced a fairy dance until the queen sent them to bring in the spirits of lavender and white. These spirits proved to be members of the graduating class, the girls wearing long lavender robes in Grecian style, and the boys wearing white robes draped in toga effect. When these had made obeisance to the queen the page announced that a mortal from the class of '23 desired entrance. Accordingly Mose Godwin, president of the class made his appearance making an appropriate speech to the assembled spirits of his classmates. The queen called for the following, information concerning the class. The history was given by Mary Avera; Statistics by Gilbert Grady; Last Will and Testament by Alton White; Phrophecy by Edna Coates; Presentation of gifts to teachers and the announcement of a gift of shrubs planted in the early spring to the school, by Beatrice Matthews; Characteristic gifts to classmates, by Sarah Patterson; Class song, by Leone Sanders. The program closed by the singing of the class song by Miss Sanders, the entire class joining in the chorus.

All of these papers showed originality and wit, often calling forth laughter and applause from the audience. Both the class and Miss Wilson are to be congratuated upon the splendid execution of the program.

The second part of the program was devoted to the reading of honor rolls, and the presentation of prizes, certificates, monograms, letters etc. by Supt. Thos. H. Franks. The music prizes given by Miss Margaret Newell, who has just closed her third year's work here as music teacher, were awarded to Sarah Adams and Cornelia Lynn for playing the best in the recitals. Sarah Adams played in the senior recital and Cornelia Lynn in the junior recital. The winners in these contests are to be congratulated for the entire music class acquitted themselves with credit.

Other honors awarded were as follows:

Certificates in Typewriting
Ronald Keen 48 (words net per minute), Donnell Wharton 39, Leo Ennis 38, Gilbert Grady 37, Lawrence Stancil 36, Worth Boyette 35, Elmer Lassiter 34, Sarah Patterson 34, Leland Parrish 33, Mary Louise Turner 33, Mary Avera 30, John Caudill 30, Tiden Honeycutt 30, Beatrice Matthews 30, Cornelia Powell 30.

Basketball—Stars and Monograms
Stars—(Boys) Delma Brown, Eugene Caudill, Mose Godwin (Capt.), Raymond Stephenson (Mgr.); monograms, John Caudill, James Hill Leon Hill, Frank Skinner, Norwood Holland, Clarence Stephenson.

Stars—(Girls) Mary Avera, Ava Wellons, Sarah Patterson; monograms Maude Meacham, Juanita Woody, Nell Meacham, Leone Sanders.

Baseball Monograms—1923
Marvin Adams, Nick Avera, Delma Brown (mgr.), Eugene Caudill, Mose (Continued on page 4)

DE VALERA GIVES UP LOSING FIGHT

Irregulars Told To Cease Armed Resistance; Means End Of Bloodshed

Dublin, May 28.—Captured documents made public today by the Free State government show that Eamon De Valera and his chief of staff Frank Aitken, have definitely ordered a cessation of active hostilities by the Republicans, adding that "the republic cannot longer be defended successfully by your arms."

The statement emanating from De Valera comes as a quick change of attitude on the part of the republican leader and is regarded in Free State quarters as proving the effectiveness of the government's campaign. Scarcely more than a week ago, in a communication sent to the Associated Press, he declared that the "one sided truce" could not continue indefinitely but this brought no response from the government to a definite end.

There will be no formal surrender of arms, but the order by Aitken that they shall be dumped is almost the equivalent, for arms dumps are easily discovered by the Free State patrols. It is believed the Republicans now are likely to concentrate their effort upon the election campaign, believing that their chances of influencing the voters are greater with the cessation of the armed campaign and attacks on property.

Definite abandonment of the state of war is expected to prove embarrassing to the government, whose imprisonment and military measures have up to this time been legally justified by the decision of the courts that they were necessary to the campaign against the Irregulars. No immediate large releases of prisoners, however, are probable.

Issued under date of May 24, the document reads:

"Soldiers of liberty! Legion of the Red Guard!

"The Republic can no longer be defended successfully by your arms. Further sacrifices on your part would now be in vain and continuance of the struggle would be unwise in the national interests.

"The military victory must be allowed to rest for the moment with those who have destroyed the republic. Your efforts and sacrifices and your dead comrades in this forlorn hope will surely bear fruit. You have saved the national honor and kept open the road of independence.

Laying aside your arms now is an act of patriotism, as exalted and as pure as your valor in taking them up."

In issuing this document for publication, the Free State government also gave out one of similar purport definitely calling off all armed revolt, signed by Frank Aitken, Republican chief of staff. The latter document says:

"The arms with which we have fought the enemies of our country are to be dumped. The foreign and domestic enemies of the republic have for the moment prevailed."

BABY FALLS FROM SECOND STORY; SUFFERS NO INJURY

Thomasville, May 30.—At the home of D. E. Moore, the 6-months old son of J. M. Blair, fell from the second story window to the ground, a distance of 16 feet, and seemed to be unhurt. Dr. Hobgood was called and took the child to an X-ray machine in High Point to be positive that there was no internal injury resulting and satisfied himself of this fact.

POINCARÉ IS GIVEN VOTE OF CONFIDENCE

Paris, May 29.—Any doubts as to the solidity of Premier Poincaré's position were set at rest tonight when the chamber of deputies by a majority of 438, expressed confidence in him and his government and voted him the money needed to carry out his policy in the Ruhr.

Only the extreme left voted against the premier. His other critic did not even resort to the common practice of abstaining, but added their vote to the premier's triumphant majority.

Mr. G. E. Thornton left yesterday for Davenport, Iowa, where he will visit his son, Mr. Everett Thornton. He expects to be away about ten days.

HON. CLAUD KITCHIN DIES AT WILSON

Had Been in Bad Health for Sometime; Funeral Today at Scotland Neck.

News reached this city yesterday afternoon of the death of Congressman Claude Kitchin who has been quite ill for several days in a Wilson hospital when Congressman Pea received a telegram informing him of the sad occurrence and appointing a member of the Congressional Committee to attend the funeral which will be held this afternoon at five o'clock at Scotland Neck.

The Wilson Times yesterday carried the following concerning his passing:

"The death of Hon. Claude Kitchin, which occurred at 6:14 this morning at a local hospital, where he was brought a short while back for treatment, removes from earth one of America's greatest statesmen, and most beloved citizens of North Carolina, a man of whom the people of Wilson county were very fond.

Surrounded by members of his family Mr. Kitchin peacefully fell asleep, and his gentle spirit was wafted to the God who gave it.

Ever since the stroke of paralysis Mr. Kitchin has fought manfully to regain his strength, and has been under the care of a number of specialists. All the time however he has continued to serve his country and constituency with the same vigor as of old, ever looking forward to the time when he would be his former self when on many a forum he challenged the enemies of democracy, and stood for the high ideals of citizenship and statesmanship which ever imbued his soul.

Mr. Kitchin has served this, the second North Carolina district, since 1900 when he redeemed it from Republican rule, defeating the negro George White.

His brilliancy in debate and his untiring energy in behalf of the people of his district and state, soon made him famous, and marked him as a leader of men, and therefore a leader of the party.

Under the Wilson administration when the Democrats were in power he was given an opportunity to display his genius, and his career as Chairman of the Ways and Means committee and as leader of the House are known to all men. He has been prominently mentioned as Speaker of the House and also as the leader of the party for the high position of the nation's chief executive.

Mr. Kitchin bore his illness with great fortitude and was hopeful to the last. He was so confident of recovering and of his return to Washington at the opening of Congress that he would not allow his wife to make any disposition of their Washington residence."

SAYS OUTLOOK INDICATES SHORT COTTON CROP

St. Matthews, S. C., May 30.—The American Cotton Association in its first monthly crop condition report says the condition on the cotton crop on May 23rd was 65.5 per cent, and 14 days late. The labor shortage is placed at 19 per cent. The government's condition report on May 25, 1922, of the cotton crop was 69.6 per cent.

Seventy-five per cent of all counties reporting show weevil infestation heavy to light, fifty per cent reporting heavy infestation.

The 1923 cotton crop enters the month of June badly handicapped from a number of causes, the most serious being the continued exodus of farm labor, unfavorable climatic conditions and heavy weevil infestation. Without decided improvement in these adverse conditions the balance of the season, another short American crop is inevitable, the report says.

JEWS WOULD OPPOSE FORD FOR PRESIDENT

Atlantic City, May 28.—A resolution opposing the nomination of Henry Ford for President, and stating that if he is nominated his election will be fought by the entire Jewish race, was up for consideration today before the United States grand lodge, Order of B'Rith Abraham in convention here.

Morris M. Green, of New York, was nominated for grand master.

WANTS NATION TO HELP PREVENT WAR

President Harding Speaks at Memorial Services; Pays Tribute to Dead.

Washington, May 30.—Standing in Arlington Memorial amphitheatre and facing the wooded slopes where rest thousands of the war dead of the nation, President Harding today uttered a prayer that the United States "do its full part toward making war unlikely if not impossible."

"We have already proven that we can have less armament," the President declared, "let us strive for the assurance that we shall have none of war."

Scarcely had the applause from those assembled in the great national cemetery for the annual Memorial day exercises died away when the chief executive coupled with his prayer the hope that should war again come to America "we will not alone call to service the youth of the land * * * but we will draft every resource, every activity, all of wealth, and make common cause of the nation's preservation."

He denounced the "conscienceless profiteer," who in all wars "has put the black spot of greed on righteousness sacrifice."

Several minutes passed before the applause which greeted this pronouncement allowed Mr. Harding to continue and then he asserted:

"It will be a more grateful nation which consecrates all to a common cause, and there will be more to share the gratitude bestowed. More, there will be a finer conscience in our war commitments and that sublimity of spirit which makes a people invincible."

The prayer and the hope were the high points in the President's address, delivered at exercises which in their impressiveness and spirit had many parts of the land. The President was accompanied to Arlington by Mrs. Harding who sat in a box to his left during the exercises. Gathered in the marble amphitheatre were a scattering of survivors of the Civil war, hundreds of veterans of the war with Spain, and many more of those who participated in the world war, including their commander-in-chief, General Pershing.

The setting was as impressive as the exercises. The amphitheatre was draped in flags and the hills of Arlington under an overcast sky were in the deep green of spring. Just outside the amphitheatre the tomb of the Unknown Soldier was buried beneath a mound of flowers, and the President before returning to the White House placed a wreath upon it and stood for a minute at salute.

Mrs. Harding visited the cemetery an hour before the exercises in the amphitheatre and at services held under the auspices of the Disabled American veterans assisted in the planting of an American elm, turning over the earth around the tree with a trench shovel which had been used in France. At the request of Mrs. Harding, no advance notice had been given of this ceremony and only a few were present.

The President in voicing the prayer that the United States do its part to make war impossible recalled how two years ago he had stood at "at Hoboken pier among 5,000 dead in their flag-draped coffins." There "was death in war's unheeding allotment, corridors of sorrow and sacrifice so far as the eye could see, and grief that no human soul could appraise," he said, and added:

"Under the spell of the great sorrow which gripped my heart, I said then and repeat now, 'It must not be again! It must not be again!'"

Amplifying the prayer with declaration which many interpreted as referring to the proposal for American membership in the world court, he said:

"I believe it to be a God-given duty to give of our influence to establish the ways of peace throughout the world. We cannot guarantee, but we can promote the peaceful adjustment of disputes, we can aid in the establishment of the agencies of peace, we can be influential in committing the world to the triumphs of peace, and make hateful to humankind the spoils of war."—Associated Press.

BAPTISTS IN FAVOR OF SOME SORT LEAGUE

Northern Convention Also Calls On the People to Spread Prohibition Doctrine.

Atlantic City, N. J., May 30.—An urgent call for the United States to enter some form of international league for peace and an indorsement of the federal enforcement of the prohibition law, featured the closing sessions Tuesday of the northern Baptist convention. After an address by Roy A. Haynes, federal prohibition commissioner, the delegates voted to send a telegram to President Harding commending the President and Commissioner Haynes for their "non-compromising stand for prohibition enforcement." They also adopted resolutions pledging obedience to and enforcement of the 18th amendment and calling upon Congress to keep liquor off vessels flying the American flag.

"In view of this crisis in prohibition," said another resolution, "we urge our people to unceasing effort in behalf of temperance education both in the use of temperance lessons and by the dissemination of facts showing the beneficent results of the prohibition law." They indorsed a resolution of its social service committee that Baptist ministers be more active to prevent family disputes, separation, divorce and voted for a campaign to insure "clean motion picture films."

THE ANNUAL VOCAL UNION AT BENSON

Elevation Choir Wins Silver Loving Cup; Six Choirs Participate.

The annual vocal union was held in Benson Wednesday, May 30th, in the George Benson grove. Six choirs were present and participated in the program. The singing which is always considered splendid was perhaps at its best on this occasion, it being necessary to ask some of the choir sing an extra song before the judges could decide upon the winner. The decision was finally made in favor of Elevation and that choir was presented with the silver loving cup which is given to the best choir every year. The Duke choir won it last year.

The crowd gathered in the grove about ten o'clock, and after the various choirs had found their places the singing began. Each was allowed three songs before noon when a sumptuous dinner was spread on the grounds. After dinner each choir sang three more songs, then after a few extra songs, Elevation was pronounced the lucky one. The following choirs took part in the day's program:

Johnson Union, led by Mr. R. E. Thomas.
Duke, led by Mr. Gore.
Banner Chapel, led by Mr. Raynor.
Benson Grove, led by Mr. Stewart.
Beulah choir, from Kenly, led by Mr. Stancil.

Elevation choir, led by Mr. Creech.
It was estimated that more than three thousand people were present on this occasion and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

QUIT WHEN FLAG OF DIXIE IS FORBIDDEN

Louisville, Ky., May 30.—Twenty-four veterans of the war between the states refused to march in a joint Memorial day parade here today when the chairman of the committee on arrangements, a union veteran, refused them permission to carry the Stars and Bars of the Confederacy at the head of their column. The veterans came from the Confederate home at Pewee Valley, near Louisville, upon invitation, they said, of a committee to participate with veterans of other wars in the exercises. The roster shows they enlisted in Texas, Kentucky, Virginia, North Carolina and Georgia. The youngest is 75 and the oldest 90. Col. C. L. Daugherty, commandant of the Confederate home, spokesman for his comrades, said they desired to carry the flag for sentimental reasons, but, denied the privilege, they declined to participate.

Whatch your label and renew in time.

DR. E. C. BROOKS HEADS STATE COLLEGE

A. T. Allen To Succeed Dr. Brooks as State Supt. of Public Instruction.

Announcement was made Monday of the voluntary resignation of Dr. W. C. Riddick, who for the past seven years has been president of the State College. His resignation has been accepted and the presidency will be offered to Dr. E. C. Brooks, now State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who will accept the position.

Dr. George F. Zook has made a survey of State College and has submitted plans for reorganization on a departmental basis—a thing Dr. Riddick has wanted done and Dr. Riddick will be transferred to the department of engineering as dean. This department of the college is said to have been closest to the heart of the retiring president.

Dr. Brooks will be succeeded in office by Mr. A. T. Allen, Director of Teacher Training of the State Department of Education. Mr. Allen is said to be well fitted for the place. He is an honor graduate of the University of North Carolina and has taken additional training at Columbia University. He has served as principle of the Statesville high school, superintendent of the schools in Graham, and superintendent of the schools in Salisbury. Mr. Allen recently accepted the presidency of Cullowhee Normal, in Jackson County, and expected to take up his work this summer.

As to the change at State College, the News and Observer has the following editorial:

"Dr. Riddick is a master in mathematics and engineering and that department under his lead will be attractive to an increasing number of young men. He is a man of ability and the college has made giant strides during his term as president. It is fortunate that he is to remain with it in the large expansion begun under his term as president.

It is understood that the presidency will be tendered to Dr. Eugene C. Brooks, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. His selection will be widely approved and his acceptance will gratify many thousands in North Carolina. After his graduation at Trinity and later as professor in that institution and director of public education, he succeeded Dr. J. Y. Joyner as State Superintendent of Public Instruction. His record in that office has been characterized by great executive ability and vision which has been translated into notable achievement. He is a native of Lenoir county and spent his youth on a farm, knows by practical workings the needs of farmers, and will devote his ability and zeal to the carrying out and broadening the great program of the State College. It has before it a future that promises big things for improved and diversified agriculture and industry in North Carolina."

FISHING PARSON GETS SIXTY GALLON STILL

Rocky Mount, May 28.—Rev. J. W. Kinchele, pastor of the First Baptist church, is known far and wide as a fishing parson, but never until last Saturday with all his fishing, had the preacher caught a still. Now he has a sixty gallon copper distilling apparatus to his credit.

The "catch" occurred while Rev. Mr. Kinchele and G. D. Modlin, also of this city, were casting for bass in Bellamy's lake in Halifax county. The parson's line was given a sudden jerk and he thought that he was in for a scrap with a regular whale.

The "catch" refused to be reeled in or to budge one bit. Whereupon the two fishermen rowed to the place where the bait was caught and pulled up the big still which had been hidden under the water and in which Mr. Kinchele's hook had become fastened to the surfar.

The preacher brought his "catch" to police headquarters, and it is now on exhibit here. The captured still brought just as big a smile to the preacher's face as any fish that he has ever landed.

Panama, May 28.—The Panama tolls Sunday were \$136,000. This was the first time they had expected \$100,000 for a single day. Twenty-five ships passed through the canal, including the Cunard liner Samaria, which is completing around the world trip.