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## NEWS OF WEEK IN RALEIGH LETTER

Baraca-Philathea Convention Celebrates Silver Jubilee; Rev. M. F. Ham One of Speakers

### CONVICT IS REWARDED

(By M. L. Shipman)

Raleigh, N. C., June 15.—The capital city of the State has the past week been the Mecca of the Baraca and Philathea Bible classes of North Carolina, while in administration circles the debit balance in the State's general fund has advanced a step higher and "ways and means" have been provided to handle the situation temporarily. The Attorney General rules on the question of flogging convicts, the State Highway Commission received bids for the construction of a number of road projects, the Governor rewards the heroism of a colored prisoner and other events of interest make up a weekly period with little of outstanding significance to relate.

The annual convention of the Baraca-Philathea Bible classes of the State was in session here from Thursday until Sunday night. It was the organization's Silver Jubilee and the delegates were pronounced in the conclusion that no previous convention afforded more interest or pleasure. The local committee under the direction of John D. Berry, had planned well and found no difficulty in providing for the comfort of all who came either as guests of the convention or representatives of the hundreds of Bible classes throughout the State. The convention was honored by the presence of Marshall A. Hudson, of Syracuse, New York, founder of the first Baraca Class in 1898. Other notable speakers were: Robert N. Simms, founder and teacher of the first Baraca Class in North Carolina twenty-five years ago; W. N. Everett, Secretary of State, who delivered an address of welcome; Evangelist M. F. Ham, of Kentucky; Dr. T. A. Robertson, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. The visitors were given a sight-seeing trip over the city on Friday afternoon and banqueted the same evening. All business sessions of the convention were held in the auditorium of the Tabernacle Baptist church.

The Council of State has authorized the State Treasurer to borrow around \$19,000,000 from the First National Bank of New York \$9,000,000 of which is to be borrowed against the general fund on long term notes bearing 4 1/2 percent interest to take care of the deficit. Two short term notes of \$5,000,000 bearing interest of 3 1/2 percent are to pay notes previously issued in anticipation of school building bonds to be issued as a part of the \$20,000,000 provided by acts of the General Assembly. These notes mature in January, 1926.

The Attorney General's office decides that county convict camps are not subject to the regulations of the State Prison Board, one of which forbids the flogging of prisoners. This opinion was prompted by a charge of Judge Sinclair in the Nash Superior Court to the effect that flogging in county convict camps is forbidden by an order of the State Prison Board. Two guards of the Rocky Mount convict were convicted of beating a prisoner to death and sentenced to twenty years each, and "extenuating" circumstances brought out in the evidence resulted in the legal interpretation by the State Department of justice.

The State Highway Commission received 103 bids on twelve road projects during the week. Approximately \$2,000,000 is to be expended on thing like 100 miles of road around fifty miles of water.

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## Selma Kiwanians Play Here Today

The Selma Kiwanis Club will play the local team of the same organization here on the school diamond a return baseball game this afternoon. It will be remembered that last week the local Kiwanis team defeated Selma on their grounds 18 to 9, and in the first game of the season for the Smithfield team. There were plenty of laughs then, and they are to be expected this afternoon, too.

## NEW PASTOR IS INSTALLED HERE

Rev. Chester Alexander Installed As Pastor of The Presbyterian Church Sunday Evening

An installation service was held at the Presbyterian church here Sunday evening, Rev. Chester Alexander, of Chester, S. C., who recently graduated from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., being installed as pastor.

Rev. W. B. Sullivan, of Raleigh, presided. A very appropriate sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. Adams, of Roxboro. After reading a portion of the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, he announced his text: "Jesus Christ came to seek and to save that which was lost." During the course of his sermon, he urged the young pastor to study to show himself "approved unto God," and not unto his congregation. He dwelt particularly upon the duty of the members of the church in witnessing for Jesus Christ, and on their responsibility to seek the lost and not wait for the pastor to do it all. "Many of you," he said, "can reach some whom your pastor cannot reach, and he can reach some whom you cannot. Work with him and help him."

Rev. Mr. Carson, of Durham, delivered the charge to the pastor and Hon. E. B. Crow, of Raleigh, charged the congregation.

Rev. Mr. Alexander has been preaching here since the Seminary closed in May and has very favorably impressed all who have heard him. He is also pastor of Oakland church. The installation service was held at Oakland Sunday afternoon.

ment of Education presided over the annual conference of school supervisors and county superintendents in the Hall of the House of Representatives during the week. Addresses were delivered by Superintendent Allen, Mr. Brogden and others interested especially in the development of rural schools. The reaction to this meeting is expected to be improved class room instruction, scientific tests and measurements and proper administration and adaptation of a general course of study. Greater efficiency all along the line is anticipated.

Sawyer McIver, serving a term on the roads of Lee county, was allowed to leave the camp to aid in rescue work at Coal Glen following the recent mine disaster, showed conspicuous bravery in risking his life to aid others, and is now a free man. He had been convicted for driving an automobile while intoxicated, had served a good portion of his term, and Governor McLean decided to reward his bravery with freedom. McIver was an experienced miner and did not have to be told what to do on his arrival at the scene of the disaster.

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## KENLY GRADUATES EIGHTEEN PUPILS

Rev. J. M. Daniels Preaches Commencement Sermon; Dr. Brewer Delivers Literary Address

### EDGERTON MEDAL GIVEN

Kenly June 13.—Kenly High School commencement marked the closing of the most successful year in the history of the school, when 18 seniors were graduated.

Commencement opened on Sunday morning with the baccalaureate sermon by the Rev. J. M. Daniels of the St. Pauls Church of Goldsboro.

On Wednesday evening the music recital under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Gunn was given. The ease with which the pupils performed revealed the careful training and untiring effort which marked the work of that department during the year.

Thursday evening ushered in the crowning event of the entire commencement. The class play written and directed by Mrs. Beulah Bailey Woolard surpassed all preceding exercises in style, in originality, and in presentation. For several years Mrs. Woolard has dramatized the class day exercises in unique form with local touches, which has preserved many historical facts and experiences of each class through its entire career.

The Junior Class carried the traditional daisy chain through which the seniors stately marched, led by their mascot, little Wallace Reid Watson, to the platform, beautifully decorated in their class colors, orchid and pink. The class motto, "Launched but not Anchored", was the keynote of the play.

Act I found the Senior class on the campus making final preparation for their departure on life's sea, when an old historian appeared and presented them with a life-sized book from which he read their class history and portrayed the different periods of their life.

Act II found the class ready to sail on their Class Ship out on the Sea of Life. This scene depicted very clearly the trials each must face upon Life's Storm-Tossed Sea. With the aid of the class spirit of courage and perseverance, there loomed up before the class of 1925 a bright and glorious future.

Act III revealed the class on an island where they met the witches of prophecy who revealed the future of each member of the class. The Last Will and Testament was read, and in reality a set of maps, the parting gift of the class of 1925, was presented to the school and accepted by Mr. G. T. Whitley, the superintendent.

Friday morning at ten o'clock, the graduation exercises were held, a splendid address was delivered by Dr. Charles E. Brewer, president of Meredith College, in which there was a persistent effort on the part of the speaker to encourage the seniors to use their native endowed personalities for service in the world.

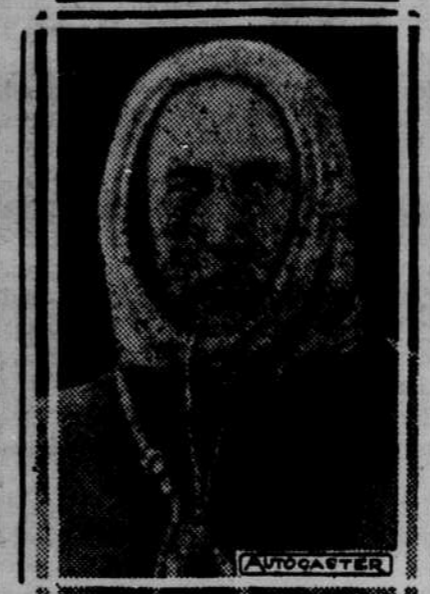
Miss Mary E. Wells then presented certificates to the 33 pupils of Kenly High School out of the 35 seventh grade pupils who took the county examinations. Irene Edgerton and Sylvester Bass made an average of 94 2-5 percent, the highest average made in the county examination. Sixty percent of the Kenly pupils were on the county scholarship honor roll.

Seventy-five pupils were awarded a certificate for being neither absent nor tardy during the school year. A reading certificate was presented to each pupil in the grammar grades who read four books and to each high school pupil who had read six books in addition to supplementary reading. Eighty-three pupils received this award.

A new feature of commencement was the awarding of the Edgerton Memorial Medal for the best all-round student, emphasizing scholarship, during the four-year high school course. This medal is given by the children of the late Charles William Edgerton in the memory of his leadership in educational work in

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## Amundsen



Captain Roald Amundsen, veteran Norwegian explorer, thrilled the world May 21, when he "hopped-off" in an airplane from Kings Bay, Spitzbergen, for the North Pole—a distance of 700 miles or 8 hours flying time. Two planes were in the expedition.

## NEWS ITEMS FROM CITY OF BENSON

Rev. M. F. Ham To Speak at Tri-County Singing Convention on Fourth Sunday

Benson, June 12.—Mr. Harold Graham, of LaGrange has opened a new cash and carry store on Main street, opposite the moving picture show. We welcome Mr. and Mrs. Graham to our town. At present they are living in the Dixie apartments.

Misses Alma Wilson, Mabel Johnson and Chellie Royal gave a picnic supper Monday evening at Stewart's Pond in honor of Miss Gladys Benton who celebrated her 17th birthday. Those present were Misses Louise Parker, Sarah Duncan, Annie Lee Denning, Mabel Johnson, Chellie Royal, Alma Wilson, and Messrs. Joe Dunn, Emery Southerland, Hiram Rose, Glenn Brady, Dalton Stewart, Roy Allen, Laurie Cavanaugh, Vaden Williams, William Boone and Bradley Denning.

A big day is planned for Benson on the fourth Sunday in this month. Rev. Mr. Ham, who is conducting a revival in Smithfield, will deliver the address at the annual meeting of the Tri-County Singing Society. The convention will be held at the usual place on East Main St. The program committee consists of Henry Shaw, Henry Slocum and Alonzo Parrish.

The town of Benson is proud of its orchestra. It is composed of the following young men: DeLeon Britt, Marshall Woodall, Robie Porter, Marshall Whittenton, Edgar Wall, Mack Barbour and William Boone. These young men are very much in demand. The town already feels that it could not get along without its orchestra. They are asked to play on every occasion.

At the Kiwanis luncheon Tuesday evening, Rev. Jack Ellis, of Raleigh, was the principal speaker. The club had as its guest, also, Mr. Jeter, president of the Raleigh Club. Henry Shaw was in charge of the after-dinner program, which was a most interesting and enjoyable one. Attorney L. L. Levinson and Jessie M. Britt were welcomed into the club as new members.

Mr. Andrew Slocum of Fayetteville was here Sunday.

Friends of Mr. John Turlington will be glad to know that he is improving at the Cumberland General Hospital in Fayetteville.

Mr. Myriel James of Asheville has been spending several days with Dr. and Mrs. W. T. Martin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Hall of Raleigh spent Sunday with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hall.

Mrs. Russel Bryant has returned after a week's visit in Wilson.

Mrs. A. Parrish and Mrs. Jessie T. Morgan spent Saturday in Raleigh.

Mrs. W. R. Strickland left Tuesday night for Asheville and Old Fort to visit relatives and friends.

Mr. Kenneth Cavanaugh of Stovall, is spending a couple of days in the city with his parents.

Miss Margaret Peacock spent sev-

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## Sunday Great Day In Ham-Ramsey Revival

### Gleaned

—from—  
 MR. HAM'S SERMONS

It takes afflictions to make most people religious or spiritual.

The people try to resist the truth by imitating it.

If you live for this world you will lose the next one.

Men of this world may be careless of their conduct, but God's people, never.

The persons the devil is after are God's people, that they may bring reproach on God and his grace.

Abraham lived by faith, Lot by sight. That is the difference in a Christian and a man of the world.

If you serve the Lord because you expect a reward, you are serving for hire.

The most dangerous man in the world is the man who professes to be a Christian when he is not.

The only power that can deliver you from the love of this world is the love of God.

You put your preacher in an ice box and then cuss him because he doesn't sweat.

The devil was never more skillful in imitating and counterfeiting than today.

The hardest thing in the world to do is to try to serve the Lord when you don't enjoy it.

Nine times out of ten, your cases of trouble can be traced back to booze.

The only man who will have eternal glory is the one who will give up this world and temporal glory for God.

You can't just sit down and get the love of this world out of your heart. If you love the Father, you will not love the world. The man who loves God will not fall in love with this world.

The man who has seen the new Jerusalem can't fall in love with this world. The best city on earth will not compare with God's city.

The man who can be fooled and deceived by the riches of this world has not seen the riches of the next world.

There is but one thing that can fill your soul with satisfaction and peace and that is the indwelling of the Lord Jesus.

Some of you people give a bundle of old clothes to a missionary and then live in exaltation of righteousness for a whole year.

If all the money spent in Johnston County by you folks, even you church members, for liquor and booze were put into the Lord's treasury, there isn't a church in the county that would be behind.

More money is being spent in this country for sports and pleasure than has been spent in any country since the downfall of Rome.

If the money spent in this country for booze and tobacco in one year were stacked up in one dollar bills it would reach forty-five miles beyond the moon.

How do I know you drink bootleg liquor? I have a nose. Your breath is saturated with it. Hang some of you old soaks up by the heels and you

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Three Thousand Hear Sermon Sunday Night On "Why I Believe There Is a God"

### TESTIMONIALS ARE GIVEN

The climax of the Ham-Ramsey revival so far was reached Sunday night, in point of numbers in attendance, and in the message of the hour delivered by Mr. Ham to fully three thousand persons upon the subject: "Why I Believe There Is a God." The preacher characterized this sermon as his "infidel" sermon, and his words were aimed at those who might not believe in the existence of God or who were skeptical. A wonderful exposition of his subject was packed into a usual length sermon, but he spoke very rapidly, using more words to the minute than the average listener had been privileged to hear before.

"We may be just as certain that there is a God," said Mr. Ham, "as the disciples and apostles were certain," and he proceeded to show that the fact of God is established by the material universe, the Bible, the history of the Jewish race, and the miracle man, Jesus.

He scoffed at the idea of teaching in our schools the theory that the world was once a nebulous mass which "somehow" got to whirling in space, little particles flying off and also whirling in space until the entire solar system was formed. He said if he were teaching geography when he came to that part he would laugh and tell his pupils some fool had been writing.

Material evidences on all sides prove the existence of a God who created this wonderful world. "I do not have to see an auto-maker," said the preacher, "to know that there was one. The auto itself is evidence enough. I do not have to see a watchmaker to know that he existed. The watch itself speaks for him. Nobody but an infinite God could have made such a wonderful world, with everything arranged with such mathematical accuracy. The snowflakes, intricate but every one different, the leaves on the trees made with mathematical precision, yet no two alike, the planets moving on such schedule time that the coming of a comet may be foretold to the hour and minute, are all evidences that a Supreme Being created the Earth. The Bible itself is another proof to anyone not already prejudiced, that God is God. "Man would not have written the Bible if he could, and could not if he would," stated Mr. Ham. He then recited facts about the Bible that prove its inspiration from God. Men in different ages, covering a period from 1400 B. C. to 96 A. D., men in different places, in different stages of life wrote the books of the Bible, and yet each is the complement of the other. Continuity of theme is expressed from Genesis to Revelation, and of all the thousands of manuscripts discovered since the King James version, not one has discredited a single truth in the Bible. Not a single scientific blunder has been discovered in this wonderful library; not a single historical mistake can be cited. In proving this last point, he read prophecy after prophecy from the Bible, and then from Meyers General History, a text book used in the schools, he read where the prophecy had been fulfilled.

"The man that knows anything about the Bible never criticizes it," said Mr. Ham. "I've been trying for twenty-five years to find one reason for not being a Christian, but have failed." The preacher then reviewed briefly the history of the Jewish race, showing how prophecies concerning it have been and are being fulfilled. "All these predictions and prophecies could not have been an accident," he said. He closed his discourse with the fact of Jesus Christ. The birth of Christ, his death and resurrection foretold three hundred years before

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