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Two Full Days In Recorder's Court

Several Important Cases Were Continued Until Next Tuesday, June 8

The Recorder's Court disposed of the following criminal actions here last Tuesday:

William Heath, white, plead guilty to possessing whiskey, and prayer for judgment was continued upon payment of costs.

Ed Peacock and Gus Eason, negroes living near Smithfield, were found guilty of an affray and each was fined \$25 and the cost was divided between them.

Millard Neal and Charles Williams were convicted of an assault and got a \$25 fine and the costs. Montie Wall, a white man of Upper Johnston, was before the court charged with abandonment. He plead guilty and was released upon payment of costs.

W. F. Webb, a white man of Banner township, was up for general misbehavior and peace-breaking. He was found guilty and from the judgment of the court he took an appeal to the Superior Court. Bond of \$200 was required. Frank Norris was indicted for cursing on the highway and making threats, all of which grew out of an altercation with W. F. Webb. The court also imposed a fine in his case from which he took an appeal. His bond was fixed at \$200.

Several other important cases on the criminal docket were continued until next Tuesday. Court was in session here Wednesday for the trial of civil actions.

UNIQUE EXHIBIT AT HOOD BROTHERS

bett-Hatcher section, was in the Miss Myrtle Bailey, of the Corcity Saturday and showed us a unique exhibit which had been sent to the Corbett-Hatcher school by Dr. Wade Atkinson, of Washington, D. C. The exhibit included Jewish shewbread used in religious ceremonies; Greek Easter bread which was decorated with Easter eggs colored pink; Superior Dutch cheese made in a round shape with a pink coating from Rotterdam, Holland, and New York cheese made in pineapple design. These articles which are a real curiosity are now on display at Hood Brothers.

Makes Talk at Prayer Service

Rev. W. T. Dart, of New York, who is spending a few days with his family here, made a very interesting talk at the Baptist church Wednesday night during the prayer meeting service. Rev. Mr. Dart, who is a native of Australia and has traveled in almost every country in the world, told of some of the customs in different countries. He urged his hearers to be true to Christian teachings and to live their religion. In speaking of the low esteem in which the church is now sometimes held he said, "The trouble is not with the belief of the church but with the practice of its members." They so often claim to believe one thing when their lives show another. Mr. Dart based his talk on the sixth chapter of Ephesians and his message was practical and convincing.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS—



My ole man is in bed agin because he tried to ride a cross cut saw on a bicycle.

Heads Big Corporation



After 23 years of service, starting as office girl, Miss Mary Dillon becomes President of Brooklyn Soro Gas Co. Years ago upon her promise not to marry she was made manager, but higher promise freed her from her pledge. She no barrier to success says Mr. Dillon.

Four Oaks Garage Is A Total Loss

Fire Destroys Building and Fifteen Used Cars Stored In It; Some Insurance

Four Oaks suffered a fire loss early Wednesday morning when the garage and storage house of W. Jesse Stanley was burned. The fire was discovered about 2:30 o'clock. About fifteen cars, all of which were second hand, were stored in the garage. The building was owned by Charlie Woodall. The loss is estimated at about six thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance.

Mr. Stanley is the Chrysler dealer for Johnston county. He recently moved his headquarters to Smithfield, but still operated this garage at Four Oaks.

FATHER OF MR. ROSCOE BASS DIES AT LUCAMA

Wilson, May 31.—Nathan Bass, a prominent farmer and business man of Lucama, and for years president and director of the Lucama Bank and an ex-member of the Legislature, died at 1:10 this afternoon following a stroke of paralysis April 19th.

A CORRECTION MADE

Selma, June 3.—Tuesday's News and Observer carried the following concerning the senior exercises at Salem College:

"Monday afternoon the senior masque was given in the lower college campus, it being an original play, composed by Miss Miriam Brietz, of this city. The theme was kept a secret and was not revealed until unfolded before the audience."

Miss Brietz is a Selma girl, who has won distinction in each year of her college course. Along literary lines her work has been outstanding, having won several worth while prizes in journalistic contests.

The people of her home town are proud of her attainment and would appreciate having this correction made.

A CORRECTION

In our last issue we stated that Mr. and Mrs. Alex Green had purchased a bungalow in Brooklyn on Davis Street and had moved there. This was an error. Mr. and Mrs. Herndon Alexander, their son and daughter, made the purchase and have moved here from Dunn. Mr. and Mrs. Green are still residing on South Third Street.

Selma Schools Come To Close

Dr. W. McWhite Preaches Baccalaureate Sermon and Dr. E. W. Knight Delivers Literary Address

Selma, June 3.—The 1925-26 term of the Selma schools came to a very successful close Tuesday evening, June 1st. The commencement exercises were enjoyed by large and attentive audiences at each program. The baccalaureate sermon Sunday evening by Dr. W. Mc. White of the First Presbyterian Church at Raleigh, made a profound impression on his hearers. From Matt. 16:18 and 24:25 he took his text. "Heaven and earth shall pass away but my word shall not pass away; and I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

He admonished the graduating class to pay no heed to the false doctrines, false prophets and heresies that were causing so much unrest. Said he, "Voltaire prophesied that in 100 years Christianity would be swept away. Tom Paine said that in 50 years the Bible would be out of print, yet, last year more copies were printed and sold than any ten of the most popular books for the last ten years. It will do to live by and it will do to die by."

Monday evening featured the oratorical essay and reading contests, which were conceded to be the best in years. Announcement of the winners was made by Mrs. Geo. D. Vick and Dr. I. W. Mayerberg.

Tuesday afternoon the seventh grade program was especially interesting and thirty boys and girls were made happy when Miss Mary E. Wells, county supervisor, presented their certificates and urged them to keep on through high school and college with the same fine spirit that they had shown in the elementary school.

The literary address Tuesday evening was the real feature of the commencement exercises. The speaker, Dr. Edgar W. Knight, of Chapel Hill, was introduced by Mr. H. B. Marrow, of Smithfield, superintendent of the Johnston county schools, in a few well chosen words.

Dr. Knight's address was a simple, direct appeal to the graduating class to face real conditions in North Carolina as they are, and as they go out into the world, to make those conditions better. He cited the wonderful advancement made in North Carolina during the years that these boys and girls have been in school. The sacrifices made by their parents and the work they have done, have given them the modern school buildings, the longer term and better equipped teacher. The world must move forward now on the feet of these young people.

Dr. Knight has recently returned from Sweden and Norway where he studied the school systems of those countries. He says the contrast is great; there they have no natural advantages, they make them, and he finds them highly efficient. Here, we have unbounded resources, but the climate, perhaps, has made us a bit lazy. He cautioned his audience not to blame the climate too much. He related one experience of going into a laboratory in the basement of a school in Sweden where he found a trained nurse teaching the young girls the care of infants. This branch of our education is neglected or ignored in North Carolina for infant mortality is very high, approximately 10,000 dying annually under the age of two years, of preventable diseases.

Following the literary address, Dr. Geo. D. Vick presented the certificates and diplomas and Dr. I. W. Mayerberg awarded the prizes and medals as follows:

Essay medal to Miss Mary Evelyn Parker; Reciter's medal to Miss Alma Lee; Orator's medal to John Walton Blackman; the Dr. R. J. Noble \$5.00 gold piece for

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SMITHFIELD YOUNG LADY SPONSOR "YACKETY YACK"

A coveted honor has come to one of our Smithfield young women, who has been chosen as sponsor this year for "The Yackety Yack," the State University annual. A copy of this most attractive publication has found its way to our desk, which bears the following imprint in gold letters on the front cover—"Margaret Alice Wellons."

Turning a few leaves we find a full page picture of this young lady, and a few leaves more we find a likeness of the editor-in-chief, Mr. A. C. Summerville, whom we congratulate upon more features than one of this splendid edition. Miss Wellons is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wellons of this city. She graduated last year from Salem College and for the past term has taught seventh grade at Wendell to which position she has been re-elected, but declined in order to accept fourth grade work in the local school.

"The Yackety Yack" has other interest for Smithfield and Johnston county this year. Two members of the senior class featured in the annual are from this county—Edward Patterson of this city and Herman Wellons of Selma. Another member of this year's class is William Gordon Weeks, Jr., of Rocky Mount, who is known here this being the native home of his mother, who before her marriage, was Miss Mattie Woodall.

POURS KEROSENE ON FIRE; SUFFERS SEVERE BURNS

The Division of Safety Education of the North Carolina Insurance Department quotes the following from a special from Oxford, appearing in the leading daily newspapers of the State a few days ago:

"Following severe burns received Monday afternoon when she threw a quantity of kerosene oil into a wood stove to start a fire, Maggie Miller, age fifteen, died at the Marie Parham Hospital early yesterday."

The Division of Safety Education sends out vast quantities of safety literature to the schools of the State when schools are in session, and safety bulletins to the newspapers of the State when schools are closed. It also furnished posters to all interested in putting them up, and yet occurrences like this are daily features of news. The toll of human life that carelessness is taking in North Carolina, is truly appalling.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY TO MEET

Mrs. N. C. Shuford, president of the local American Legion Auxiliary, requests us to announce that the auxiliary will hold its regular meeting tonight at eight o'clock in the commissioners room of the courthouse. All members are invited to be present.

Meadow Club Meets

The Meadow Community Law and Order League met in regular session last Saturday night. Mr. T. L. Hudson was appointed chairman pro tem in the absence of the regular chairman, Mr. Pridgen. Mr. F. H. Brooks of Smithfield, who had accepted an invitation to address the club, failed to attend the meeting. The following program was rendered:

Music.

Speech by Mr. A. G. Glenn, principal of Meadow High School.

Speech by Mr. Larry Wood, of Benson.

Lecture on the duties of the League, by Mr. W. V. Blackman.

Recitation by Miss Ludie Lee.

Music.

Announcements.

The League voted thanks to the Meadow high school faculty for their service and cooperation during the past year, and also voted unanimously a recommendation to the Meadow school board for their re-election to teach again in this community next year.

The executive committee with the program committee will meet on Saturday night, June 12, at the school building, at eight o'clock. The program for the next meeting will be announced later. These meetings are held the last Saturday night in each month.

Jr. Order Gives Bible And Flag

Meadow School Has Impressive Program; Commencement Exercises Today

Benson, Route 2, June 2.—The Meadow Literary Society had a picnic at Stewart's pond on Friday afternoon, May 21. A delicious picnic lunch was enjoyed by all.

On Monday afternoon May 10, the Junior Order of Benson presented the Meadow High School with a Bible and flag, with the following impressive program:

Address of Welcome, Miss Mary E. Wells.

Presentation of Bible, Rev. J. E. Blalock.

Acceptance of Bible, Rev. P. A. Pridgen.

Presentation of Flag, Mr. H. C. Renegar.

Acceptance of Flag, Mr. A. G. Glenn.

The program was interspersed by patriotic songs by the school. The school has been busy practicing for commencement which began on Thursday evening, June 3, with the recitation and declamation contests from the high school department. This morning at 11 o'clock the literary address will be delivered by Hon. John R. Baggett of Lillington. After this a picnic lunch will be spread. The seventh grade graduation exercises will take place in the afternoon. This evening, the grades will give their exercises, which closes the commencement.

The honor roll for the seventh month follows:

First grade, A: Golden Parker, Cedric Smith, Harvey Parker, Jarvis Adams, Harvey Adams.

Second grade: Eloise Lee, Garlon Parker, Ambrose Lee, Helen Flowers.

Third grade: Alda Adams, Hazel Morgan, Gladys Altman.

Fourth grade: Ella Johnson, Dora Moore, Ethel Parker.

Fifth grade, A: Jack Hudson, Melba Hudson, Ila Johnson, Lettie Barefoot.

Sixth grade, B: Annie Adams, Alene Johnson, Laverna Langston.

Seventh grade: Marvin Johnson, Garland Smith, Golda Mae Lee, Retha Adams.

Eighth grade: Delma Adams, Kermit Blackman.

Ninth grade: Annie Belle Hood, Anna Margaret Lee.

Tenth grade: Inez Johnson, Matilda Johnson, Preston Johnson, Bessie Lee, Ludie Lee, Elmon Smith, Celeste Wood.

PARENT-TEACHERS SPONSORS CONCERT

The Parent-Teacher Association has arranged for a concert to be given here next Friday night, June 11 in the high school auditorium by sixteen children under twelve years of age from Raleigh. Miss Dolores Crozier, physical culture teacher, has charge of the program. Popular prices will be charged. This entertainment has just been given in Raleigh under the auspices of Christ's church.

PICTURES SHOWING AUSTRALIA AT CHURCH

Rev. W. T. Dart will show a large number of pictures of Australia and other parts of the world tomorrow night at the Baptist church. He is a specialist in the use of a stereopticon. He is a native of Australia and on a visit home a few years ago he secured a large number of the finest pictures. While here for a day or two the Baptist congregation arranged for him to have the use of a stereopticon, that they might be able to see his pictures and have him tell of his travels. It will be a free lecture and everybody is invited. The hour is 8 o'clock.

Just before going to press we were told that Mr. Dart had been called to Winston-Salem. However, he is expected back in time for the lecture tomorrow evening. If he returns in time, the church bell will ring before the lecture begins.

Finals Over At Princeton School

Band Concert Sunday Was Splendid Success; Large Number Visitors

Princeton, June 2.—The finals of the Princeton High School began Sunday, May 23, with the baccalaureate sermon which was preached by Rev. W. P. Watkins, pastor of St. John's Methodist church of Goldsboro. Rev. Mr. Watkins preached on "The Foundation Stones of Life." He urged the seniors to take these foundation stones of life and build upon them a character which would enable them to overcome all the problems of life. He introduced his sermon by saying that the greatest problems which the young people have to face today are the problems which have been handed down to them by their forefathers.

The class day exercises were held in the school auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 26. The stage was beautifully decorated as a woodland scene with the class flower, the pink rose. The background was made of pine trees and other native shrubs. Thursday evening a play, "And Home Came Ted," was presented by the high school.

The commencement address was delivered by Rev. Chester Alexander of Smithfield, Friday evening at eight o'clock. His subject was "True Manhood." He emphasized the fact that young people today must take a militant attitude toward the evils around them if they are to become strong men or women. There were nine members of the graduating class as follows: Ernest Overman, Earl Watson, Carlyle Woodard, Emma Pearce, Mildred Snipes, Mildred Pearce, Pluma Gurley, Ruth Massey and Helen Hardee.

The band concert in the auditorium last Sunday was all that could be desired. Rev. C. H. Cashwell was at his best and for twenty minutes more than nine hundred people from many different towns listened with attentive ears to one of the most interesting short sermons ever delivered in this vast auditorium. One distinguished gentleman from another county made the remark that those people assembled in that auditorium were nine hundred of the best citizens in four counties, and that you don't often get that number of people from different counties assembled in one place. The members of the band seemed to pour out their soul into the music for directly in front of them attired in snow white was the Queen of the concert, Miss Inez Gardner, a living picture of youth and beauty an inspiration even for angels to look upon.

YOUNG MAN IS HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Ragsdale were called to Wilson Saturday when Mrs. Ragsdale's father received a message that his son, James R. Edmundson, had been seriously injured in an automobile accident in Tennessee. Mr. Edmundson is a senior at McCallie School, Chattanooga, Tenn. The accident happened Friday morning near Knoxville. Mr. Edmundson's injuries consist of a fractured skull and hip and also a broken collar bone. Dr. Edmundson, his father, of Wilson, left at once and is now at his son's bedside. The latest report states that unless complications arise Mr. Edmundson is expected to recover.

The young man is a nephew of our townsman, Mr. E. S. Edmundson. His sister, Mrs. Ragsdale, will remain in Wilson until her father's return home.

Reunion at Barefoot's Memorial

A family reunion will be held at Barefoot's Memorial church four miles east of Oak Forest church on the first Sunday in June in honor of Mrs. N. G. Barefoot. Relatives and friends are especially invited to attend and carry well filled baskets. Services will be held at eleven o'clock in the morning and Sunday school at three in the afternoon. The public is invited to attend.

Heads New Hospital



Dr. W. J. B. Orr, Surgeon in charge of the Johnston County Hospital was born in Currie Pender county. After finishing high school he took a business course in shorthand and bookkeeping and was a clerk in the A. C. L. general offices in Wilmington. Later he was in the general merchandise business in the western part of the state. He then went to the University where he got his academic work and first years in medicine, graduating in medicine at the University of Maryland, at Baltimore. He interned at Mercy Hospital in Baltimore, George Washington Hospital at Washington D. C., the University Hospital, Baltimore, and was then Resident Surgeon at the Bay View City Hospital, Baltimore. After leaving Baltimore he was surgeon for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad at their hospital in Rocky Mount. He left there two years ago, spending the summer at Mayo's Clinic in Rochester, Minn., just before coming to Smithfield to locate.

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Dr. Hilley Makes Address At Kenly

Twenty-Two Members Of Senior Class Get Diplomas and Certificates

Commencement exercises of Kenly High School began Sunday, May 23, with the baccalaureate sermon preached by the Rev. Chester Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Smithfield.

On Wednesday evening the music recital was given under the direction of Mrs. J. J. Edgerton assisted by Miss Bess McIntyre. The splendid program attested careful training on the part of those in charge and persistent work of those on the program.

On Thursday evening the annual class day exercises were held under the direction of Miss Eccie Cox. The unique manner of presenting these exercises was especially good. The rose chain was carried by the Juniors in double file and the seniors marched through led by their mascot, Master Jimmy Grady. The president's address was given by Mr. Willie Woodard after which the class history was most attractively presented. Miss Louisa Coleman, class historian, appeared as queen of the seasons. Seated about the queen on her throne were sixteen small fairies in groups of four, each group representing one of the four seasons which in urn, represented the four years of high school. The class came out and heard their history read.

The next outstanding feature was the prophecy. The setting which represented the "Gateway of Dreams" was lovely in every detail. The prophetess, Miss Elizabeth Woodard, appeared in the Gateway of Dreams and was greeted by the moon maiden, Miss Celeste Edgerton, and Pierrot, the clown, Mr. Joe Pittman. The moon maiden by the touch of her magic wand, revealed to the prophetess the future of each member of her class. As a name was called this particular member passed through the gateway as he or she would appear later on in life. Quite a number of professions was represented showing that each mem-

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Wilson's Mills School Closes

Finals Began With Commencement Sermon Rev. Chester Alexander of Smithfield

Wilson's Mills, June 2.—The first number of the commencement program was on Sunday, May 23. Rev. Chester Alexander of Smithfield delivered the baccalaureate sermon in the high school auditorium. Special music was rendered by the choirs of the local churches.

The high school play of Thursday evening, May 27, was a credit to Miss Margaret LeMay, the director, and to the pupils who took parts. The play given was "The Little Clodhopper," by Walter D. Hare. Ruby Dodd as Julia Elliot, Carroll Stephenson as Septimus Green, Glenn Woodall as Olan Gump, and Elgie Price as Mabel Juliette Bean, won applause for frequent intervals. Outstanding parts were taken by Imogene Madsen, Mabel Barbour and Clarence Batten.

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Mr. W. G. Wilson presented diplomas to Imogene Murray, Lloyd Batten, the first graduates of the Wilson's Mills accredited high school.

The contributions from the grades were creditable, amounting which were a number of choristic recitations, drills, etc.

A few days before closing the high school pupils entertained the high school faculty very delightfully at a supper given at Heron Lake.

At the last meeting of teachers and pupils Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Womack served the entire school with delicious ice cream.

The local committee has re-appointed the following teachers to their same positions for another session: Mr. Nathan Womack, principal; Misses Margaret L. May, Jennie Barnes, Harriette L. son, Mrs. Nathan Womack, LeRoy Kistler, Mrs. Lula Uzzle, Evel Wilson and Atwood Sloan. Truly loss from the present faculty was Mrs. Carl K. Parrish who has moved to Asheville.

Perfect attendance certificates were presented to the following who were neither absent nor tardy during the year: Ray Cass, Lloyd Batten, Myamie Youngblood, Ola Day Uzzle, Ellen L. A. B. Lee, Ruby Lee, L. Lee, F. Jones, Jr., Rachel Lee and W. C. Creech.

Public officers who do their duty are sure to obtain the opposite of evil doers and their sympathizers. Therefore every voter wishes the law enforced should stand by the officials who are posed by the lawless element. News and Observer.

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Miss Jos Gordon recognized her name in last issue.

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