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JOHNSTON COUNTY NEEDS:
County Farm Agent
Better Roads Feeding Highways
Equal Opportunity for Every
School Child
Better Marketing System
More Food and Feed Crops

\$2.00 PER YEAR

Class of 46 Goes To High School

Seventh Grade Certificates Presented At Special Exercise Friday Morning

For the first time special promotion exercises were held at the graded school here Friday morning when forty-six pupils of the seventh grade were promoted to the high school department.

Those present were given a cordial welcome by Ellen Borden Broadhurst, after which Ralph Fitzgerald led a scripture lesson and read in prayer.

The chief feature of the occasion was the presentation of the certificates, the following being those promoted to the eighth grade: Waistill Averis, Fred Blackman, John Boyett, William Bradley, John Dail, Ralph Fitzgerald, Sam Honeycutt, Norman Johnson, Wade Jones, Bill Norton, Thornton Patterson, Clifton Ragsdale, Wilmer Ryals, Howard Snead, Albert Woodley, Sam Hodges, Felix Stoddy, Sam Hodges, Bluma Adams, Nell Broadhurst, Ellen Broadhurst, Lucy Baker, Dora Creech, Elizabeth Coates, Ruth Dart, Vera Ennis, Alice M. Ennis, Louise Edgerton, Caroline Fuller, Nellie Hood Grimes, Dorothy Hooks, Violet Jordan, Mary Lee, Anna E. Lee, Frances Massey, Esobel Morgan, Lucile McLemore, Esther Myatt, Ruth Lassiter, Mattie Phillips, Rachel Peterson, Eva Smith, Virginia Sanders, McNeal Winstead, Minnie McGregor, and Maude Hinton.

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AUNT ROXIE SAYS
By Me--
I didn't no how many frens I had till I got sick n' how few till I went into polly ticks.

Gives Message to Youth



In a recent interview Dr. Charles W. Eliot, 92 year old President Emeritus of Harvard University, said: "If I had the opportunity to say a final word to all the young people in America it would be this. Don't think too much about yourself. When all you can think about is yourself you are in a bad way!"

Benson School Comes To Close

Fine Address Delivered By Dr. Jas. E. W. Cook -- Twenty-Four Medals Are Awarded

Benson, June 7.--The Benson High School commencement came to a close Thursday with a very fine address delivered by Dr. James E. W. Cook, of Greenville. Dr. A. S. Oliver introduced the speaker. Mr. J. F. Woodall delivered the diplomas to the fifteen graduates. Mr. J. W. Whittenton gave and presented twenty-two medals. Mr. Whittenton offered a medal in each grade and section to the best all round student in the grade or section.

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Big Crowd Hears Sermon At School

Rev. Euclid McWhorter Delivers Baccalaureate Sermon Before Twenty-Eight Graduates Sunday Evening

The words of Paul: "I have not been disobedient unto the heavenly vision," constituted the text of the commencement sermon delivered in the school auditorium on Sunday evening by Rev. Euclid McWhorter, pastor of the Methodist church of Wilson.

The twenty-eight members of the graduating class occupied front seats reserved for them, taking their places as the first hymn, "Come Thou Almighty King," was sung. Rev. S. L. Morgan, pastor of the Baptist church, offered prayer after the song, and Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of the Methodist church, read the scripture lesson. A choir composed of singers from the various church choirs of the town rendered two inspiring anthems entitled: "Open the Gates of the Temple," and "Send Out The Light."

Mr. McWhorter's subject might be termed "Visions and Dreams," and his words were most appropriate to the occasion. He reviewed the great men of the Bible who dreamed dreams and saw visions--Noah, Abraham, Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Peter, John and Paul. But greater than any in this galaxy of dreamers he placed Jesus who saw the Supreme vision.

And said Mr. McWhorter, it is most important that every boy and girl, every man and woman, get a vision of Jesus. Three visions are essential to the successful life: a vision of Jesus, a vision of one's self, and a vision of the world. Things are here for us to see but many have eyes and see not, and ears, and hear not. The speaker illustrated this thought by calling attention to the fact that since the morning stars sang together Neuse River has run its placid course through North Carolina and the Indians bathed and fished in its waters but nothing more. It took a man of vision to harness its water and turn mills, and light cities. Gold was in California for ages but it took a man with trained vision to open up its mines.

It is through us that God must see the world. It is through man that God must love the world. It is by our strong arms that God must lift the whole universe to higher things. Mr. McWhorter closed with an appeal to the young people especially to catch such a vision that God's purpose through them may be fulfilled. It is by not being disobedient to the visions that one has, that larger visions come.

Recitation-Declamation Contest
For the first time in a number of years, a recitation and declamation contest was held Thursday evening at the high school auditorium in which ten high school boys and girls participated. Twenty-six started out in the contest but by various elimination contests the number was thinned to 10 who competed for medals offered by interested citizens of Smithfield. Hood Bros. offered a medal for the best declaimer and Mrs. W. M. Sanders for the best reciter. Mrs. A. R. Wilson who has conducted an expression class here this year was responsible for the contest, which was well received by a large audience. Those taking part were Misses Cora Creech, Gladys Johnson, Mary Dobbin Sanders, Dixie Johnson, Ila Lee Brady and Alma Lee and Messrs. Corbin Young, Willis Stevens, Percy Pittman, and Durwood Creech. When the judges rendered their decision Miss Ila Lee Brady and Mr. Willis Stevens were declared the winners. Miss Brady gave "The Little Newsboy," and Mr. Stevens, "The Flag Maker."

Friends of Mr. Ralph Burgess were sorry to learn of the death of his mother, who died suddenly in Winston-Salem last week. Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Canaday attended the funeral of Mr. J. T. Alderman in Raleigh Thursday.

SELMA HIGH ORGANIZE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
The senior class of the Selma high school organized the first alumni association that has ever been in the Selma high school on Tuesday morning, June 2. The following officers were elected: John Broadwell, president; Eunice Temple, secretary; Walton Debnam, Louise Slaughter and Alma Eason, assistant secretaries.

Five Johnstonians In Senior Class

This County Well Represented In Graduating Class at Wake Forest

Johnston county had a special interest in the commencement exercises at Wake Forest this year, five young men receiving degrees there from this county in a class of 98. Those having this honor are J. R. Parrish of Benson, M. D. Hill of the Sanders Chapel section, R. E. and C. B. Earp of the Thanksgiving section and Joe Ellington of this city. Mr. C. B. Earp had the distinction of winning the A. D. Ward medal in the oratorical contest. Four young men from the senior class are chosen each year by the faculty for this contest. Mr. Earp's subject was: "Our Thought-World."

Quite a delegation from Johnston was present at the graduating exercises Friday as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Earp, Alonzo, James, Bertie and Elsie Earp, W. G. Earp, Miss Julia Grant, Sim Grant, of the Thanksgiving section; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Earp, Misses Elizabeth and Hilda Earp, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Earp, of Selma; Mrs. Earl Smith, of Clayton; Mrs. Allie Creech, Ruby and Yates Creech of Bethany; Myrtle Bailey, Marcus Bailey, Eloise Bailey and Lillie Mae Eubanks of the Corbett-Hatcher section; Miss Gladys Beck of Four Oaks, Mr. and Mrs. Columbus Smith and Miss Minnie Lee Garrison of this city, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Ellington, recently of this city but now of Raleigh, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Hill and Leon Hill of the Sanders Chapel section.

Too Many Counties
In all the widespread endeavor to reduce or shift the tax burden, one near-at-hand means is being overlooked. County government, particularly in the agricultural sections, is one of the largest absorbers of tax money. But has anyone questioned the need of so many counties, each with its separate outfit of officials and buildings to be maintained at public expense?

Why, for instance, should there be 161 separate county governments in Georgia--one for each 19,000 persons--for the people to support? Or 114 in Missouri? Or 105 in Kansas?

There is no present-day reason, of course, except local pride and political pottage. The automobile and other forms of modern transportation and communication have removed the need of having county seats at frequent intervals for accessibility's sake. In fact, the present apportionment of counties is a relic of horse-and-buggy days. County government can function over double or more the area it could when most counties were projected.

Industry and farming have realized the economy of larger units. Under the fire of public criticism the Federal Government is combining or eliminating various bureaus to cut down costs. But local government, the nearest to the taxpayer, is allowed to remain exempt from these money-saving changes.

Yet a reduction in its costs offers a surer and more substantial return to the taxpayers of agricultural sections than most of the most distant reforms being advocated. In an Iowa farm county, taken at random, the salaries and expenses of officeholders along with the maintenance costs of county buildings ran up to \$66,903, last year. These same items came to \$47,939 in a North Dakota county and to \$43,750 in a Nebraska county.

A reapportionment and reduction in the number of counties would be the biggest tax-saving reform that could be undertaken in a majority of the states.--Country Gentleman.

Williams Won In Solicitorship Race

Carries All of The Five Counties Comprising The Fourth District

In the race for the solicitorship in the fourth North Carolina district composed of Johnston, Wayne, Harnett, Lee and Chatham counties, Clawson L. Williams carried all of the five counties over his opponent, Paul D. Grady. A dispatch from Sanford claims for Williams a majority of 5,000. The vote in Johnston county in Saturday's primary gave Williams 1875 votes and Grady 1379.

The unofficial returns from each township are as follows: Clayton, Grady 231; Williams 250; Cleveland, Grady 21; Williams 8; Pleasant Grove, Grady 24; Williams 23; Elevation, Grady 40; Williams 16; West Banner, Grady 141; Williams 83; East Banner, Grady 13; Williams 12; Meadow, Grady 82; Williams 159; Bentonville, Grady 22; Williams 57; Ingrams, Grady 19; Williams 138; Boon Hill, Grady 9; Williams 114; Pine Level, Grady 19; Williams 44; Beulah, Grady 250; Williams 11; O'Neals, Grady 72; Williams 26; Wilders, Grady 36; Williams 166; Wilson's Mills, Grady 42; Williams 61; Selma, Grady 112; Williams 293; Smithfield, Grady 311; Williams 373.

Corbett-Hatcher
We are glad to report Master Clarence Phillips has returned from Rex hospital and is doing nicely.

Miss Patience Moore and Clyde Atkinson and Misses Eddie Moore and Atkinson of near Glendale, spent Saturday night with Mr. and Mrs. Worley Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Hatcher and daughter, Hazel, spent Sunday in Zebulon with their father, Mrs. J. B. Bailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Whitley, of Wilson, were visitors in this community Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Bailey has returned from a visit to Smithfield and Selma with relatives.

Misses Nellie, Bertha, Bessie and Myrtle Hatcher spent the week end in Dunn with Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hatcher.



West Point Athletic Stars Graduate
Graduation will rob the U. S. Military Academy at West Point of five star athletes. The Academy's loss will be the Army's gain, as they will receive commissions as 2nd Lieutenants. (L to R) Harry Baxter of Chester, Pa., football. Prentice Yoemans, of Syracuse, N. Y., lacrosse. John Kosma, Passaic, N. J., basketball. R. P. Reeder of Ft. Monroe, Va., baseball. F. F. Scheffler of Alpena, Mich., hockey.

JOHNSTON DEMOCRATS NAME A GOOD COUNTY TICKET

Lee S. Overman Is Named For Senate
Contest For Sheriff Is Close; J. M. Turley Leads Grimes by 149 Votes

Re-nominated by Big Majority Over His Opponent R. R. Reynolds
Senator Lee S. Overman, candidate for renomination to the United States Senate on the Democratic ticket received a splendid majority over Robt. R. Reynolds of Asheville in Saturday's primary. According to the unofficial returns from fifty-eight of the hundred counties only sixteen of which were complete Overman received 71,779 votes and Reynolds 45,468. Returns from Buncombe county showed that Reynolds got a fine vote in his home county, rolling up a vote of 6,920 against 2,911 for Overman. The same thing happened to Overman in his home county, Rowan voting for Overman against Reynolds by approximately five to one. His vote in his home ward precinct was more than his opponent received in the entire county.

Johnston county gave Overman a good majority, his vote in the county being 2,170 while Reynolds received only 1,114.

Senior Class Day Exercises
Friday evening the Senior Class Day exercises delighted a large audience in the high school auditorium. The stage had been converted into a woodland scene by means of pine trees and other shrubbery and a camp fire was the center of attraction as the twenty-eight graduates gathered for a farewell picnic. When the curtain rose the seniors were singing with well blended voices: "In the Evening by the Moonlight," and colored lights produced a very charming effect. This farewell gathering was made the occasion for having the class history, the class poem, the last will and testament, and the class prophecy read by those who had been given this honor Miss Ellen Patterson was historian; Miss Ila Brady, poetess; Miss Louise Parrish, lawyer; and Miss Irene Stephenson, prophetess. The farewell gifts were most amusing as they were dispensed with ready wit by the gifterian, Miss Delia Ellington. At the suggestion of the class president, Joe Honeycutt, the picnic broke up with the singing of the class song which had been composed by Miss Ila Brady. The arrangement of the scene was made by two members of the class, Misses Lunette Barber and Irene Stephenson.

To Give Illustrated Lecture
Rev. W. T. Dart, of New York city, who is spending a few days here, will give an illustrated lecture on Australia at the Baptist church Tuesday evening. Mr. Dart was born and reared in Australia and he has a large collection of pictures of scenes in this interesting country. The lecture is free and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Little Miss Janice Lee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Ira Lee, is improving after an illness.

Re-elect Narron Secretary of Fair

Will Make Special Effort To Have Good Fair This Year; No State Fair

The Board of Directors of the Johnston County Fair Association met yesterday morning in the courthouse and re-elected J. A. Narron as secretary of the fair. There was a full meeting of the board and it was decided to borrow money and pay off the outstanding indebtedness, and make one more supreme effort to make ends meet next year.

For various reasons interest in a fair has not been at a high pitch for some time, but there was a disposition on the part of the directors not to stop until they can show a clear balance sheet. Next fall there will be no state fair and a special effort will be made to stage the best one possible in Johnston county.

Plans for some changes were discussed, which will be made known in due time. The attractions last year including a fireworks program were commended as perhaps the best of any fair yet held in Johnston, and the same high standard will be striven for again.

Work will be started at once on the premium list and as soon as possible it will be placed in the hands of the folks who wish to exhibit.

Visit Western North Carolina
Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Calais and little son, Bill, left yesterday for Western North Carolina, to see their son, Arthur, who is in school there. Mrs. Calais expects to spend several weeks there.

THE MAN WHO WINS
No matter what the game he plays, He puts his whole heart in it; No matter what the odds, he stays-- To lose the prize, or win it! He doesn't snuffle when he's beat-- Whatever the play, he dares it, And if he goes down to defeat, He grins, and gamely bears it!

He always takes a "sporting chance," And mostly plays for pleasure; He's in the lists to hurl his lance, And carry off the treasure! But if he fails to land the prize, He doesn't stop to rue it, He starts again, and bravely tries To win--if he can do it!

He plays the game, and plays it fair, And sticks until the finish; Sometimes he loses by a hair-- But does his "grit" diminish? Not on your life! He never stops; The prize--some day he'll win it, And he's the kind of man who "cops" From life--the best that's in it! --James E. Hungerford.

Johnston county reports the finest hay crop ever produced in that county. Barley, oats and vetch did it, say these growers.

The larger poultry growers of Alamance county will ship 40 cases of first quality eggs each week, leaving the local market to be supplied by the smaller producers.

Tom Tarheel says most successful farmers in his neighborhood have a pride in their calling.

A Tantalizer
There is exactly enough left the name of a person in Smithfield, and if the right one decipher their name and will present it to The Herald office, we will present them with a complimentary ticket to the Victory Theatre. You must bring copy of this paper in order to secure ticket. naglehrmat Miss Blanche Woody recognized her name in last issue.