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Young Graduates Get Certificates

Seventh Grade Pupils Hold Graduation Exercises in School Auditorium; Address by Rev. Chester Alexander

The seventh grade graduation exercises at the local school were held yesterday morning at eleven o'clock in the school auditorium. At the appointed hour the fifty-eight graduates singing "Vive L'Armour" filed into the auditorium, the girls marching down one aisle and the boys down the other to the stage where they sat in two groups. Baskets and bowls of daisies, the class flower, and green potted plants were used effectively as stage decorations.

William Norman Holt, president of the class, presided and after a few remarks introduced Rev. J. D. Bundy, pastor of the Methodist church, who led in prayer. The welcome address was made by James Robert Sanders and Ione Powell gave the class poem. After the class song, written by William Norman Holt, had been sung by the class, the president introduced Rev. Chester Alexander, of the Presbyterian church, who made a brief address to the graduates. Two things he urged the boys and girls to do— not to forget how to work, and to begin early to cultivate friendships. We are living in an age when there is machinery to eliminate almost every kind of labor," he said. "The day of living by 'the sweat of the brow' has passed, but do not depend too much upon machinery. Machinery takes drudgery out of life but there are some things that machinery cannot do. He urged the boys and girls to remember that they had a real work to do in the world. "To be a real success in life and leave an impression on the hearts of those about you, you must cultivate friendships. Don't be snobs. Don't grow up with the idea that life's chief end is to be merely charming and polished," he warned. "That is a shallow life. Remember that if you would make your lives count you must be real, serviceable men and women. You are here to do some work in the world."

Miss Mary E. Wells, county supervisor, made a report of the county examination, giving the names of those making the best grades. The highest grade was made by Mary Smith, her average being 98. James Bundy came second with an average of 97. Due to the large number of papers to be tabulated in a short time, the list of those making 90 or above on the examination was not complete yesterday. This list will appear in an early issue of the Herald. The highest average for the year was made by Mary Smith. Her average was 96.6. The next highest was made by James Robert Sanders, his average being 95.92.

Attendance certificates were presented by Supt. N. C. Shuford. Owing to an influenza epidemic during the winter and an unusual amount of sickness in the school during this school year, only five pupils received certificates. These were: Evelyn Rose, Elizabeth Scher, Mavis Strickland, Paul Johnston and James Robert Sanders.

The presentation of the seventh grade library to the sixth grade was made by Adele McGreggor. The valedictory address by Mary Smith closed the program. Those receiving certificates were: Joseph Abdalla, Carson Cawley, Rudolph Daughtry, Frederick Davis, John K. Davis, Joseph Martin (Turn to page four)

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to the one deciphering their name and presenting a copy of this paper to the Herald office, we will present a free ticket to the Victory Theatre. Tickets must be called for before the following issue.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER
Gus Martin deciphered his name last issue.
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A KNEE HIGH FIELD OF CLOVER



YIELDS TWO TONS TO ACRE.—Mr. A. J. Price, of Selma, Route 2, in the center of a field of crimson clover, which when recently cut averaged two tons of hay to the acre. The home of Mr. Price appears in the background.
Mr. Price planted cotton in the field after the clover was cut. On an acre which he plowed under to enrich the land, he planted corn. Mr. Price believes in raising food and feed crops and then cash crops. Too long have farmers depended on cotton and tobacco for their living. When diversified farming is generally adopted, special sessions of Congress to talk farm relief will not be necessary.

W. T. Bost Speaks Farm Women To Go To College

Fifteen Graduates Receive Diplomas; Six Boys Have Perfect Attendance Record For Year; Class Day Exercises Wednesday Night

"The laws of God and the laws of man are not limitations upon one's freedom, but are endowments," declared Mr. W. T. Bost, Raleigh newspaperman, in the commencement address which he delivered at Meadow high school yesterday morning upon the theme, "Lawmindedness." The way one looks at a law has all to do with its effectiveness. One may disobey a law entirely, or he may submit to it though not in sympathy with it, or he may be master of the law instead of letting the law master him. In the physical realm, a burnt hand is an example of a broken law, but there is a higher law that makes fire a most useful agency under control. Health laws may be broken and one may become a health anarchist, or one may be the master of his body. In the realm of flying, the law of gravitation has become the master of the air, and heavier-than-air aeroplanes are guided by heroes of the air like Lindbergh.

Then there are laws of the intellectual world. One can think lawlessly as well as act lawlessly, and the speaker urged the members of the graduating class not to be afraid of intellectual laws. He urged them to think through the problems that would confront them and not to be satisfied until they had reached the right conclusions.

Then there is the law of taxation. One man refuses to list his taxes, hides from the tax list any property that he may possess, becomes a tax anarchist. Another lists his taxes but values his property just as low as his conscience will let him. Still another lists his whole property at its true value and pays gladly. That man has become the master of the law of taxation. He knows that in return he gets good schools, good clothes, protection, universal education.

Mr. Bost was given a most tentative hearing by a large crowd that almost filled the spacious auditorium of the Meadow school.

The exercises yesterday began at eleven o'clock with the singing of America by the audience. Rev. L. A. Johnson pronounced the invocation, after which an instrumental solo was played by Miss Clyde Lee. After Mr. Bost's address, Mr. A. G. Glenn, principal of the school, delivered the diplomas to the fifteen members of the graduating class as follows: Delma Adams, Lynn Adams, Kermit Blackman, Rossie Blackman, Woodrow Blackman, Thelma Boyette, Gladys Godwin, Rena Jernigan, Lola Johnson, Myrtle Lee, Mammie Morris, Howard Williams, Ila Williams, Cleo Wood, Velma Wood.
A distinctive thing about the six boys in the class is that all six have a perfect record during

Regular Session Recorder's Court

Local Court Disposes of Heavy Docket of Criminal Cases on Tuesday and Wednesday of This Week

The following criminal cases were tried and disposed of in Recorder's court here on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week:

Fam Lawhen entered a plea of guilty to a warrant charging simple assault and prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Ben Stephenson, aged 27, a white farmer, pleaded guilty to operating a car while intoxicated and in a reckless manner. He was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. He was also ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during the next 90 days.

Alex Stencil, who was convicted of possession of still outfit and beer, was sentenced to the roads for four months. He is to be discharged at the end of 90 days provided the cost is paid. He gave notice of appeal.

Herbert Brown entered a plea of guilty to operating a motor vehicle under the influence of whiskey and was fined 50 and taxed with the cost. The defendant was ordered not to operate a motor vehicle again in North Carolina during the next 90 days.

Russell Lee was in court charged with the larceny of cotton seed in the value of \$20 or less. He was sentenced to the roads for six months, the sentence to be suspended during good behavior and upon the payment of the cost.

Frank Stewart, charged with violation of the prohibition law, was not convicted.

Hunter Stephenson was found guilty of possession of whiskey and of being publicly drunk and disorderly. He was fined \$50 and in default thereof he was committed to jail and assigned work on the county roads for four months. He is to be discharged at the end of 90 days provided the cost is paid.

Jethro Beasley was found guilty of possession and transportation and was sentenced to the roads for four months. The sentence is to be suspended upon the payment of the cost and a fine of \$75 and further suspended during good behavior.

B. H. (Herbert) Creech was charged with assault. Not guilty.

Rosa New, R. I. Braswell and B. W. Stanley were convicted of prostitution. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of half the cost each as to R. I. Braswell and B. W. Stanley. Rosa New was sentenced to jail for a term of six months and assigned work as the sheriff sees fit. Capias is not to issue unless the defendant is found in Johnston county after ten days from this date.

Albert Strickland, aged 35, a white farmer, was in court on several counts. He was charged with operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated, assault with auto, possession and transportation of whiskey, and was convicted on all counts. He was sentenced to the roads for six months and taxed with the cost. He is to be discharged at the expiration of four months provided the cost is paid. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost on a count charging operating a motor vehicle without proper license tags.

Jim Moyden and Robert Hamm were found guilty of larceny of meat valued at less than \$20. Each is to be discharged at the end of 60 days provided the cost is paid.

Henry Howell, charged with resisting officer, was found not guilty. He was convicted of assault and was fined \$50 and taxed with the cost. He took an appeal to Superior court. On a count charging violation of the prohibition law he was not convicted.

Johnnie Capps was found guilty of simple assault. Prayer for judgment was continued upon the payment of the cost.

Herbert Coley, colored convicted of possession and transportation, was sentenced to the roads for four months. He is to be dis-

Double Birthday Celebration Sun.

Family Connections Surprise Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley With Gifts and Birthday Dinner

Double Birthday Celebration.
PRINCETON, May 30.—On Sunday morning, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Whitley of near Princeton, were very much surprised to note the arrival of so much company all at one time, especially when they had not sent out any invitations and were not prepared to entertain 23 children, including children, grandchildren, daughters and sons-in-law, directly connected with the family. However, the suspense was not for long, as happy birthday greetings were soon ringing from all parts of the spacious grove and yard. As soon as the crowd was recognized, one could see and appreciate the fact that regardless of invitations or preparations these good people believed and lived the 23rd Psalm, where it says: "The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want." For each guest was given the usual joyful and loving welcome that comes only from hearts that have not kept concealed in it the divine love of Christ, but who let it radiate through their lives and implant it into the hearts of others.

After the greetings and the welcoming, the honorees were led into the room and seated beside the bed which was covered with many beautiful and useful presents. At the conclusion of this, it was hearing the time for dinner; therefore the guests began to carry in from their cars, boxes, baskets and bundles and this, added to the usual dinner of the home, made a very sumptuous and appetizing sight to behold. Seeing this table loaded as it was, they could in truth continue the Psalm with a slight change: Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of my loved ones. (Not in the presence of mine enemies). Thou anointest my heart with joy, My soul runneth over with thanksgiving. Two tables were placed together making a space of about 4x20 feet covered with all kinds of good things to eat, and in the center was located elevated above everything else a beautiful cake bearing the following: "Father 72, Mother 66— Birthdays respectively, May 22nd and June 4."

The only sad feature of the day was encountered when it came time to part for the day. However, each and every one parted with the one sincere wish, that all might be spared and permitted to enjoy many, many more just such occasions.

ATTENTION WORLD WAR VETERANS

George Ross Pou will furnish the fish and Bernice Jones will furnish the bread for an outdoor fish fry to be had at Holt's Lake near here on Tuesday afternoon, June 4 at six o'clock. There will also be a helping or two or onion slaw and other delicacies. All ex-service boys and girls are cordially invited to be present and to partake of the things which will be spread.
H. V. ROSE, Commander Pouparrish Post.

Dr. Atkinson in Selma.

Selma, May 30.—The faculty and students in the Selma schools were given a delightful surprise on Tuesday morning when Dr. Wade H. Atkinson and a group of musicians which he had brought with him from Washington, D. C., entertained during the period for chapel exercises. Dr. Atkinson spoke briefly and the musicians rendered several very enjoyable selections. Selma is Dr. Atkinson's old home town and a warm welcome always awaits him. He was enroute to Corbett-Hatcher where he delivered the annual commencement address.

charged at the end of 60 days provided the cost is paid.
Will Futrell was fined \$10 and taxed with the cost for possession.

18 YEAR OLD EVANGELIST HERE



CONDUCTING MEETING.—Evangelist W. H. Carter, pastor of a Free Will Baptist church in Sampson county, said to be the youngest pastor in the State, began a series of revival services at the old Baptist church near the old cotton mill site, Sunday, May 26. Services are held each evening at 7:45 o'clock. Evangelist Carter is a native of Selma. He was converted at the age of 12 and began preaching soon afterward. For two terms he was a student of Holmes Bible and Missionary Institute at Greenville, S. C.
Evangelist W. H. Williams, also a native of Johnston County, is assisting in the revival services.

Honor Mrs. Hartly Johnston To Have On Her Birthday Full Time Agent

Fifty Gather For Family Reunion at the Home of Mrs. L. B. Hartly; Surprise To Honoree

Pine Level, Route 1, May 30.—Last Sunday fifty of Mrs. L. B. Hartly's relatives and friends gathered at her home to celebrate her forty-sixth birthday by giving her a surprise birthday dinner. All the family was aware of the secret except the honoree, who having been notified the week before that she would have a little company on Sunday, prepared her Sunday dinner early that morning.

By eleven o'clock a number of Mrs. Hartly's relatives and friends had arrived and she still did not think that it was all about, but she started to prepare mere dinner because she knew she did not have half enough to feed such a crowd. Imagine her surprise when the guests would not let her start a fire and told her what they had gathered for.

They all quickly repaired to the home of her son, Mr. R. B. Hartly nearby, where a table had already been prepared, the shade being more suitable to have the dinner outdoors.

After all arrived at the home of her son a large tub of lemonade was made and then the honoree was asked to be seated in the living room and the birthday cake with its forty-six candles, which was baked by her sister, Mrs. H. B. Watkins of Goldsboro, was presented to her by her two grandsons, Masters Warren and R. B. Hartly, Jr. Following this came the guests with a number of useful and attractive gifts. Mrs. Hartly opened and admired her gifts and then in a few well chosen words she thanked all present for remembering her in such a delightful way.

Dinner was immediately spread on the table. It consisted of all kinds of good things to eat. Thanks were returned by Mrs. Hartly's son, Mr. J. D. Hartly. The afternoon was spent in conversation by the older people and games for the younger set. As the sun was sinking low, the guests departed wishing Mrs. Hartly many more happy birthdays.

Those present on this occasion besides the immediate families, were: Mesdames W. H. Bridgers and children, Sidney Bridgers and children, of Selma; H. B. and Frank Watkins and little son, Harold, of Goldsboro; Mr. and Mrs. I. Strickland and family, of Seven Springs; Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Warrick and Misses Hettie Nell

J. B. Slack Will Begin Duties June 1st; Civic Clubs of County Sponsors

Johnston county is to have a full-time farm demonstration agent in spite of the fact that the county board of commissioners failed to make an appropriation for this work when a delegation appeared before the commissioners at a recent meeting. One thousand dollars in cash had been raised by citizens of the county to help maintain this work. Last Monday evening representatives of those who had contributed to this fund from Kenly, Benson, Selma, Smithfield, and some of the outlying districts met to decide upon further plans for farm demonstration work and the result of the meeting was that a contract was made with Mr. E. W. Gaither, district manager of farm demonstration work, to put on a full time county agent. Mr. J. B. Slack, of Benson, who has been the tri-county agent for Johnston, Harnett and Sampson, was selected as the county agent, and Mr. Slack has accepted the work. Beginning with June 1 Mr. Slack will take up his full time duties. His office will be located in the building occupied by the Young Motor company.

It was decided at the meeting Monday evening that a county Council Advisory Board from the civic clubs of the county be organized with representatives from each of the clubs, namely, Kiwanis at Smithfield, Benson and Selma; Rotary at Clayton; and Lions at Kenly. This committee will be a part of the county agricultural advisory committee which Governor Gardner is asking that each county appoint, this last committee to be composed of two representative farmers from each township in the county. The appointment and formation of this committee was left to a committee as follows: J. D. Massey, of Selma, chairman; Alonzo Parrish, Benson; J. W. Stephenson, Smithfield; Swade Barbour, Clayton; P. H. Etheridge, Kenly; with J. B. Slack ex-officio member. This committee will be formed at an early date in order that a meeting of the whole advisory committee may be held to name delegates to the state agricultural advisory committee to meet in Raleigh July 24.
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Hicks and Lowie Mazingo, of Raleigh; Mr. Smith of Rosewood; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pilkington and family, of the Creech section; Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Toler and family, and Miss Nellie Mazingo, of Tees Chapel.

Dr. Atkinson At Corbett-Hatcher

Delivers Commencement Address; Certificates Given to 7th Grade Graduates; Other Exercises

"How are you going to make Johnston county boys healthy on tobacco worms and boll weevils?" was the question which Dr. Wade Atkinson, of Washington, D. C., propounded to his audience as he delivered the commencement address at Corbett-Hatcher school Tuesday morning. He then proceeded to tell his friends and former neighbors that if they would have well fed children, they must raise plenty of food on the farms—chickens, hogs and a good garden.

He told the children gathered in the spacious auditorium of the Corbett-Hatcher school that they could be whatever they wished to be. He cited men from North Carolina like Gordon Battle who left his native state and is now one of the big corporation lawyers of New York. He cited men from Johnston county like Dr. W. E. Dodd and Dr. Herman Hoover, who have attained eminence at the University of Chicago and New York University respectively, and are also authors of note. He cited men from O'Neals township like Dr. Elmore Earp now of Baltimore, and Cronje Earp who holds a professorship at the University of New York, who have attained success in their lines of endeavor. What these men have done others can do, and Dr. Atkinson urged the children before him to take advantage of every opportunity for an education.

At the conclusion of Dr. Atkinson's address, Mr. R. L. Fitzgerald, county auditor, delivered the medals and prizes which had been won in a recitation and declamation contest on Monday afternoon. These awards are given each year by Dr. Atkinson, who is never happier than when doing something for those of his native community. The winner of the recitation medal was Hazel Pittman, and of the declamation medal, Avery Lamm. A prize, a silver pencil, went to the second best in each contest, these being Lola May Johnson and Robert Bailey.

Following these awards, Miss Nonie Johnson, principal of the school, presented the certificates to the seven seventh grade graduates, as follows: Olie Brown, Bessie Hatcher, Roland Creech, Clara Starling, Betsy Stallings, Wilbert Parrish and Bedford Bailey. One certificate for perfect attendance was awarded, this going to Leone Johnson.

Miss Johnson then read some interesting facts concerning the seventh grade examinations which had been sent from the county superintendent's office. It was announced that Bessie Hatcher with a grade of 93 had made the highest average on the seventh grade examination from Corbett-Hatcher. Olie Brown came second with an average of 85. The highest grade made in arithmetic was 85 made by Bessie Hatcher. In English the same grade, 92, was made by Olie Brown and Bessie Hatcher. In geography, Bessie Hatcher made 100. Roland (Turn to page four)

Aunt Roxie Opines

By Mc—

There are two bad things fer de human race iz de dezines uv yo' inimies and de mistakes uv yo' frens.

Aunt Roxie Opines

