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Princeton Finals Friday Evening

W. T. Bost Delivers Address on Democracy; Diplomas Delivered To Large Senior Class

Mr. W. T. Bost, Raleigh newspaperman, was the commencement speaker at the finals of the Princeton school held in the high school auditorium Friday evening. "Democracy" was the subject of Mr. Bost's address. The public school system of North Carolina, declared the speaker, is the highest expression of democracy. He made the point that in any government besides a democracy it is necessary to have intelligent leadership. In a democracy it is necessary to have intelligent followers. He traced the history of governments, comparing governments from the time of the Middle Ages with governments in the Old Testament. Democracy as expressed in the public school system of North Carolina, stated Mr. Bost, is also the highest expression of Christianity. He denied that the schools are not religious. He stated that they are the most religious institutions we have outside the church.

After the address diplomas were awarded to twenty-two full graduates and two certificates were given. Those receiving diplomas were: Alpheus Arthur, Juanita Arthur, Edmund Braswell, Ida Campbell, Eldridge Creech, Rosa Daughtry, Archie Edwards, Mammie Edwards, Melvin Gardner, Katie Lee Hamilton, Hilda Holt, Margaret Kempe, Zettie Kormegay, Lillian Lano, Christine Massey, Robert Peedin, Ransom Pollard, Elwood Rose, Roger Rose, Mildred Rowe, Lester Sasser and Flora Thompson. Certificates went to Bruce Brewer and Flora Thompson.

Friday morning exercises were rendered by all of the grades from the first through the seventh. There were forty-two seventh grade graduates from the Princeton school and three from the Royal school. These were awarded certificates by Miss Mary E. Wells, rural supervisor of schools. Those making the highest average on the seventh grade examination were Thelma Holt with an average of 94, Lillie Mae Hood and Clarence Pate with an average of 90 each.

The class day exercises by the senior class took place Wednesday evening at which time a very enjoyable program was rendered.

STRUCK BY HIT AND RUN DRIVER IN CLAYTON SAT.

Mr. J. J. McHoney, of Boston, Mass., a traveling salesman, was hurt by a hit-and-run driver in Clayton Saturday night about 9:30 o'clock. Mr. McHoney thought he had a punctured automobile tire and got out of his car to investigate it. While out of his car an automobile struck him but did not stop to find out what the consequence was. Mr. McHoney had his left leg broken and was brought to the Johnston County Hospital here where he is resting as comfortably as could be expected.

Family Reunion.

On July 4 there will be held a family reunion at the Heptys Jordan old place. Friends and relatives are invited to come and bring well filled baskets. Come and enjoy the day.

GEORGE JORDAN.

ATTEND THE Old Maids Convention at the courthouse Friday evening, June 7. Auspices of Circle 2, M. E. Missionary Society. Admission 15c and 25c.

Tantalizer

There are exactly enough letters in the line below to spell the name of a person in Smithfield or Johnston County, and to of 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.

Arthur Calais deciphered this name last issue.
TODAY'S TANTALIZER
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WILL ADDRESS B&PW FEDERATION



MISS EMILY R. KNEUBUHL, executive secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, will address the State B & P W Federation at Hickory on June 15. The 10th annual convention begins on June 13, and representatives of 25 clubs in all parts of the state will be present. Miss Kneubuhl, during the past six years, has spoken in 27 states.

Successful Ending Present Picture Of Selma School Of Dr. J. J. Harper

Dr. Harold D. Meyer, of the State University, Delivers Literary Address; Medals and Prizes Awarded

SELMA, June 3.—Friday evening marked the closing exercises of probably the most successful commencement of an equally successful school term. Various exercises had been under way for a week beginning on Friday evening, May 24 with Miss Mildred Perkins' music recital. On Sunday following the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. Howard G. Rondthaler, president of Eisenberg held in the school auditorium instead of on the lawn on account of inclement weather, which was a little disappointing to the class.

The oratorical and reading contest was held on Thursday evening and was well attended. The climax of the entire program was the splendid address by Dr. Harold D. Meyer from the Department of Sociology, University of North Carolina. Dr. Meyer was known to a number of people in Selma and community and consequently every seat was taken and standing room was at a premium. His remarks were addressed directly to the members of the graduating class but his entire audience received inspiration and help from the gripping message.

Diplomas were presented to the graduates by Mr. George F. Brietz and the following medals awarded by Dr. I. W. Mayerberg: best all-round girl student, Eunice Batten; best all-round boy student, E. V. Deans, Jr.; orator's medal, Billy Aycock; reciter's medal, Louise Stallings; essay on Citizenship, Margaret Moring; essay on Jealousy, Carlton Blackman; Noble reading prize, Alma Shirley; highest scholarship from the Selma cotton mills, Myrtle May Sewell.

Mrs. Charles Davis Returns Home. Mrs. Charles Davis has just returned home from Paris, France, where she has been studying art at the Academie Colarossi and private lessons under Professor M. H. Morisset for the past few months. Mrs. Davis landed in New York May 20 aboard the S. S. Leviathan, accompanied by her sister, Mrs. W. A. Brown, and niece, Miss Blanche Margaret Brown, of New York.

Dr. Poteat Speaks To Graduates Here

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday Night By Rev. W. A. Slant- bury; Miss Daisy Young Wins Edwin S. Pou Medal

The graduation address by Dr. H. M. Poteat of Wake Forest College, and the awarding of diplomas to thirty-six seniors last night brought to a close the commencement exercises of the Smithfield high school.

After a very fine address by Dr. Poteat, Superintendent N. C. Shufford presented diplomas to thirty-six graduates. This class has had its entire four years in high school under the supervision of Mr. Shufford and his remarks were particularly appropriate as he awarded the diploma.

Smithfield school is the winning of the Edwin Smith Pou medal, given each year to the senior making the highest scholastic record during four years of high school, by Hon. and Mrs. E. W. Pou in memory of their son, Edwin Smith Pou, who made the supreme sacrifice for his country in the World War. This year, Miss Daisy Young, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Young, was the winner of this medal. She made an average of 93.4. Miss Rebecca Royall was a close second with an average of 93.2. Miss Young gave in a charming manner the valedictory address, while Miss Royall was salutatorian.

The honor rolls read last night will appear in Friday's issue of the Herald.

On Sunday evening, Rev. W. A. Slantbury, pastor of Duke Memorial M. E. Church, Durham, delivered the baccalaureate sermon. The service, which was held in the Methodist church was attended by a large crowd. The theme of the remarks made by Mr. Slantbury was running the race of life well. He emphasized the value of undertaking the race, the value of endurance, the value of a goal. The ministers of the town participated in this service. Special music was rendered by the choir, an anthem, "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" being rendered as one selection.

The class day exercises were held Friday night in the school auditorium. The stage was converted into a garden scene lighted with Japanese lanterns, and the exercises represented a reunion of the class in 1939. During the course of the garden party selections were rendered by Bill Joe Austin, and solos were sung by Walter Lassiter and Elvin Johnson. Before the close of the party the exercises of the class of 1929 were given again. The class history was read by Corinne Ellington and the class poem was given by Dixie Johnson. The prophecy by Mattie Lee Grimes created much amusement and interesting gifts, real and imaginary, were bequeathed in the last will and testament by Winfield Lyon. Gifts suited to the individual taste and disposition were presented to each of the thirty-six seniors by Margaret Aycock. The class song written by Bill Joe Austin was sung by the group with Mr. Austin playing the accompaniment. After the exercises athletic awards were announced by Coach H. L. Blankenship. The program was well rendered and was enjoyed by an audience that filled the auditorium.

Before the program began, gifts were presented to Supt. N. C. Shufford and to each of the high school teachers, and a song was sung to N. C. Shufford, Jr., class mascot.

After the exercises Friday night the seniors were entertained by Bill Joe Austin at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Austin.

A Cracked Dome is Worse. Mrs. Shimmerpate, just back from Europe, said to Mrs. Beantrough: "I just couldn't bear looking at the ruins in Italy. They made me homesick for my husband." "Homesick for your husband?" "Yes, you know, Henry has fallen arches."

THREE VETERANS LEAVE FOR CHARLOTTE

Yesterday morning three Confederate veterans from Johnston county met at the courthouse for the trip to the Confederate reunion which is being held in Charlotte this week. These were: William Massengill, Ransom Batten and D. F. Adams. They were accompanied to Charlotte by Mr. R. L. Pittman of Kenly who will stay during the convention and take special care of these old veterans, all of whom are over eighty years of age. In spite of their many summers, as they departed for the reunion, their forms were straight and their step was lively as they anticipated marching to the music which will be furnished by the United States Marine Band. The States Marine Band. The County Commissioners are bearing the expense of transportation to Charlotte. Each veteran was also given five dollars for spending money.

C. E. Younger Is Drowned In Lake

Tragedy Occurred Saturday Afternoon While on Picnic With His Family; Funeral at Residence in Selma

A most distressing occurrence was the drowning of Mr. C. E. Younger of Selma which took place Saturday afternoon about five o'clock at Holt Lake, three miles south of Smithfield. Mr. Younger, with his wife and three children, Billie, Kenneth and Faye, and the family of his brother, had gone to the lake on a picnic. Mr. Younger was in bathing, and was said to be a fairly good swimmer. He was seen by other swimmers to be struggling in water which was only about seven feet deep, and two girls went to his assistance. The alarm was given and Verney Peterson, who is one of the operators of the lake, plunged into the water and in the briefest possible time brought the body to the surface and placed it on the diving platform, where resuscitation methods were begun at once. Physicians were summoned, but all efforts to revive him failed. Whether his drowning was caused from cramp or from a heart attack is a matter of conjecture.

News of the tragedy spread rapidly and cast a gloom especially over the town of Selma where he had lived for several years and was held in the highest esteem. He was public-spirited and was identified with the best movements for the community's uplift. He was at one time scoutmaster. Loyal and devoted to his family, friends and church, he will be sorely missed. He is survived by his widow and three children and by his father and mother and several brothers and sisters.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence in Selma on North Pollock street Sunday at one o'clock. Rev. D. F. Waddell, pastor of the Presbyterian church, was in charge of the obsequies. The remains were then taken to Burlington, his former home, where interment was made in the family plot.

OLD MAID'S CONVENTION FRIDAY NIGHT

Circle No. 2 of the Methodist Missionary Society is sponsoring the Old Maid's Convention which will be given in the courthouse on next Friday evening at eight o'clock. A number of spinsters of the town has agreed to take part and the convention is expected to mark wonders in the matrimonial market in Smithfield. A small admission fee will be charged.

Mr. W. A. Brown, of New York, will be the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. Charles Davis, for some time. Mr. Brown is a former resident of Smithfield and has lived in North Carolina all his life until a few years ago when he made his home in New York. Now he is anxious to return to "The Old State" and is trying to choose the most desirable place to locate.

Turn Down Home Work 2nd Time

Co. Commissioners Again Turn Deaf Ears To Plea of Women For Home Demon- stration Work; Women Will Try To Raise Funds

About seventy-five men and women appeared before the county commissioners in session here yesterday and once more asked that the home demonstration work be retained in Johnston county. At a meeting held in the latter part of May a delegation of around 100 women representing the home demonstration clubs in the county made a plea for the work at which time the commissioners took the matter under advisement and at a later meeting informed a committee from the County Council that the work would be discontinued after July 1. Not satisfied with this attempt to keep the work in the county the women made a second effort yesterday, but with like results so far as the county board of commissioners is concerned.

The delegation went into the commissioners room soon after the commissioners assembled yesterday and Miss Gladys Davis, president of the 4-H club girls council, stated the purpose of their presence. The chairman of the board is reported to have stated at this time that it cost about fifty dollars per day for the county commissioners to meet and that the ladies were taking up their valuable time. He reiterated the fact that the board had made its decision in regard to the home demonstration work and would not change.

In spite of this statement quite a number rose to their feet and made a plea for the work to be kept. Mr. E. E. Barfield of Bentonville made a strong speech in favor of the work, giving his own experience as to the help he had received from the agent in raising chickens. Others who spoke were Miss Ruth Jones and Mrs. J. L. Peedin, but it was left to little Miss Mabel Brown, daughter of County Treasurer S. W. Brown, of Four Oaks, to furnish the finest piece of oratory that the commissioners had the privilege of listening to. The little girl appeared to be not more than twelve years of age, but she is an ardent advocate of the 4-H club girls work. Her speech to the county commissioners yesterday was in substance as follows:

"I am quite small to speak before such an important board as this; but not too small to ask for things I want and for things I really think I need. You have heard the quotation, 'A little child shall lead them', and I do hope it may be true in this case, for I want to be able to lead you to see as we see and when I say WE I mean the whole membership of the 4-H clubs in Johnston county.

"I am here to represent the club of Four Oaks. We have a TURN TO PAGE TWO

PAUL TURNER TO BE AT FOUR OAKS FRIDAY

The Pou-Parrish Post of the American Legion is showing activities along several fronts now. A fish fry is planned for tonight at Holt's Lake near this city, to which all ex-service men of the World War and all ladies who participated in the great scrap are invited.

On Friday night, June 7th, the post is expecting to entertain the public by a second concert to be given by Paul Turner, the Mystery Man of the State Prison. The noted singer will appear this time in the town of Four Oaks in the public school auditorium. The Four Oaks String Band will also take part in this concert.

The concert to be given at Four Oaks is for the benefit of the post but fund. There has been a building committee appointed by the post commander and several sites are now under consideration by this committee.

Brutal Murder Of Respected Negro Man And His Wife

Sues Tunney



Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty of Fort Worth, Tex., is suing Gene Tunney for alleged breach of promise. She asks \$500,000.

Co. Welfare Supt. Is Elected Again

Mrs. Thurston Is Recommended by County Welfare Board; C. A. Corbett Also a Candidate

Mrs. D. J. Thurston, who has been superintendent of Public Welfare of Johnston county for the past five years, was re-elected to this position at a joint meeting of the county board of education and the county board of commissioners held here yesterday afternoon.

Three names were before the boards at the meeting yesterday, those of Mrs. Thurston, Mr. C. A. Corbett of Selma, and Mr. H. F. Hutchens of Selma. It appeared, however, after consideration that only two, Mrs. Thurston and Mr. Corbett were properly endorsed by the county welfare board, and only these two were voted on.

The vote resulted in the re-election of Mrs. Thurston at the same salary with necessary traveling expense.

The county welfare board, which is composed of Miss Mattie Pou, chairman, Mr. Preston Woodall of Benson, and Dr. E. A. Hocutt of Clayton, in addition to the endorsement of the two candidates, made a special recommendation for the re-election of Mrs. Thurston, which reads as follows:

"Realizing the nature of most of the business which is handled in this office, we desire to express to you our conviction that at this time, this business can best be transacted by a woman.

"Our experience and observation, since we have been connected with the public welfare work in Johnston county, causes us to believe that the most important features of this work, have to do with children and women, and we earnestly believe that all other qualifications being equal, an efficient woman can solve these many problems with greater benefit to all persons concerned, than any man.

"We have matched Mrs. Thurston's conduct of the welfare work, and it meets our hearty approval.

"We hereby add our endorsement to her application for re-election.

"We endorse the application of Mr. C. A. Corbett, but regret that his age and lack of more definite training in public welfare work, is somewhat of an obstacle.

"As our County board of Charities and Public Welfare is required by the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare to recommend for special consideration, the applicant whom you consider best qualified for the work, we recommend the reelection of the present incumbent, Mrs. D. J. Thurston."

Marvin McLeod, Negro Who Was In Employ of Ennis, the Slain Man, Is Held In Jail Charged With the Crime

One of the most brutal murders ever perpetrated in Johnston county occurred last Thursday, when Ira Ennis, a 60-year-old negro of Clayton township, together with his wife who was also advanced in years, were slain in cold blood on their plantation not far from Little Creek. Marvin McLeod, a young negro in his twenties, who had been in the employ of Ennis, and Arthur McCoy, another young negro of the same community, were arrested Saturday in connection with the killing and placed in jail to await a coroner's trial which took place yesterday. The verdict of the coroner's jury was that Ira Ennis and wife came to their death at the hands of Marvin McLeod and he is now being held in jail without bail for trial at the June term of criminal court which convenes on June 24. Sufficient evidence to hold Arthur McCoy was lacking and he was discharged by the coroner's jury.

The bloody affair took place on Thursday but no report of it reached Sheriff Fitzgerald until late Friday when he immediately instituted a search for Marvin McLeod who was found to be absent from the Ennis home and McLeod was arrested about noon Saturday by Deputy Sheriff J. O. Hinton. An hour later the other negro was also arrested. McLeod is a man of low mentality and stammers so badly that he can hardly be understood, but he told a story which placed the guilt on McCoy rather than himself.

According to the story he told the officers, he and Ennis plowed in the same field until noon. In the afternoon they made two trips together to a nearby still and drank liquor. About night McLeod went over to see McCoy and a plan was made to do the murder which followed. All three of the men went to the still and got more liquor and upon returning to the house McCoy took the gun and went over into a field where the old man was staggering about trying to remove some roots out of his field. McCoy fired five times at the old man and then buried him in the field under some brush. Then he went to the house and took the axe from the woodpile and went into a room where the wife of the dead man was seated by a lamp. With the axe he made quick work in the murder of the woman. The two negroes then, according to McLeod, put the dead woman in the back compartment of an old Ford roadster and tried to make their escape from the community, intending to throw her body in Neuse River near Smithfield. The gas soon ran out and then they took the body of the woman and hid it in a hole where a tree had been uprooted. Here they parted company. They robbed the dead man and got two dollars in

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Aunt Roxie Opines By Mc—

"We have matched Mrs. Thurston's conduct of the welfare work, and it meets our hearty approval.

"We hereby add our endorsement to her application for re-election.

"Two bad things for de human race iz de dezines uv yo' inimias and de mistakes uv yo' frens."

