

Judge Winston Will Make Address To Graduates At Closing Exercises Tonight

Exercises Will Be Held At City Hall; Eight Graduates

Judge Francis D. Winston, of Windsor, will make the commencement address to the graduating class of 1926 of the Williamston High School at the city hall tonight. He will speak instead of Hallet S. Ward, who was mentioned in Tuesday's paper.

The judge has been heard on many an occasion in Williamston, but he has never made a commencement address in this city. He comes well known, however; and, as usual, he will be heartily welcomed to our town.

One of the best-known after-dinner speakers of the country, he is equally well reputed as a speech maker, and the school officials feel that they are particularly fortunate in securing such a gifted speaker so close at home.

The graduating class, composed of Misses Lucile Hassell, Ruth Manning, Mary Melissa Andrews, Marguerite Cooke, Elizabeth Gurganus, and Truliah W. Page and Harry Barnhill and Cecil Taylor, will receive their diplomas.

The following seventh-grade pupils will receive certificates of graduation from the elementary to the high school: Pauline Ballard, Mary Alice Dunning, Josephine Harrison, Gladys Gurganus, Ruby Gurganus, Norma Perry, Ollie Marie Robertson, Grace Whitely, Garland Bennett, Charles Bowen, Herbert Cowing, Jr., Hewitt Edwards, J. H. Saunders, Jr., Cullen Stalls, Malcolm Simpson, Johnnie Edmondson, Edward Cox, Ralph Taylor, and Julia Ward.

Honor pupils will receive special mention and certificates of attendance and attainment will also be given.

Sunday Program at Christian Church

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—W. C. Manning, superintendent.
There will be no church service, as the pastor will conduct his regular service at Maple Grove.

Juniors Present School With Flag and Bible

The Junior Order will present a Bible and American flag to the graded school this afternoon. The flag raising will take place on the school grounds at 5:30. Hon. Lyn Bond, of Tarboro, will make a short address.

Correction in Tax Sale Advertisement

In the advertisement of land to be sold for unpaid taxes, which ran in Friday's and Tuesday's papers, there were two people advertised through mistake. The Hassell Gln Co., in Hamilton Township, and E. B. Roebuck, of Robersonville had paid their taxes through banks but had not been credited in the collector's office.

H. T. ROBERSON,
Sheriff.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Woolard, a son, yesterday, May 13th, in Baltimore. Mr. Woolard left last night for Baltimore, where he will spend some time with Mrs. Woolard, who is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. McCloskey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Godard, Mrs. J. H. Saunders, Mrs. J. S. Rhodes, and Mrs. S. R. Biggs motored to Richmond today and will return tonight.

FOR SALE: NICE TOBACCO
plants. Enough to set 20 acres by Monday. J. Frank Weaver.

STRAND THEATRE

SATURDAY

Fred Thomson and
Silver King in
"ALL AROUND
FRYING PAN"

Sennett Comedy

"SECRET SERVICE
SANDERS"

Show Begins 7:30
TWO SHOWS

Blind Man Does His Farm Work Well

Mr. E. Hoyt Manning, of Griffins Township, who is totally blind, having lost both eyes at a saw mill, one about two years ago, the other three months ago, has not lost his grip on life, which many people might have done under such circumstances. Instead, he does things well. He sets tobacco in the field just as well as men who can see. He works on a transplanting machine, which requires very careful handling. The machine requires two men, and Mr. Manning is able to select his plant, get it in place ready to put in the ground while the other man plants; then when his turn comes to set his plant he is ready and gets it done as quickly as he did before losing his eyesight. He does many other jobs on the farm nearly as well as before, but he had to train himself slowly to get accustomed to his lost sense.

Here is a young man who was sore at heart over his misfortune, yet he did not nurse his troubles but went to work and is making the best of things. Life is a great measure what you make it, and such examples as this young man is setting should help us to make it something worth while.

MAKES REPLY TO LOST WILL CLAIM

Widow of Judge George Brown, of
Washington, Answers Claims
Of His Relatives

Washington, May 13.—Mrs. George H. Brown, widow of Judge Brown, today filed in the office of the clerk of superior court her answer, through her attorneys, Judges James S. Manning, of Raleigh, and Harry McMullan, of this city, emphatically denying the allegations in the petition filed by A. D. MacLean and others, collateral relatives of Judge Brown, in which these collateral relatives seek to set up an alleged lost will of Judge Brown.

The answer is quite a lengthy legal document and indicates that the widow of Judge Brown will contest to the fullest extent the efforts of the petitioners in that proceeding to set up what they claim was another will of Judge Brown, as well as the caveat proceedings in which these parties seek to set aside the will of Judge Brown which has been offered for probate by his widow.

No Copy of Alleged Will
Mrs. Brown in her answer to the petition to set up an alleged lost will says "that there is not set forth in the petition any copy of the alleged will which is claimed to have been lost, that no such paper was in existence at the time of the death of her husband, Judge Brown, that she had never seen such a paper and had never heard that any such paper had ever existed until she was so advised by A. D. MacLean shortly after the funeral of her deceased husband, that at this time Judge Brown's kinsman presented to her what he claimed was a letter from Judge Brown, written from Asheville, N. C., in August, 1924, which stated 'of course you will regard this letter as strictly confidential and destroy it. Do not file it.'"

Mrs. Brown further answers that if Judge Brown had ever written such a will as claimed he had revoked it by destroying it, or in some other manner, as he had a perfect right to do.

Based on Confidential Letter
She further alleges that the attempt to set up such alleged lost will is based upon the confidential letter of Judge Brown to his nephew, which contained a request for its immediate destruction, and that such letter contained no mention whatever of any devise to her old family servant, all of which, she says, was alleged to have been in the supposed lost will, for purposes of assisting such collateral relatives in their efforts to destroy and set aside the will of Judge Brown which was filed for probate, and for their own enrichment and financial advantage.

She further alleges that her deceased husband was willing and content that such beneficiaries as should be bestowed upon their faithful family servant should be at the hands of herself and not his collateral relatives.

Turkey Dinner At
Old Mill Inn Sunday

A turkey dinner with all the accessories will be served at the Old Mill Inn Sunday. These dinners are becoming famous over this section, and Mr. Lilley is receiving patronage from visitors from other towns as well as from Williamston.

WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

May 16.—"Abraham and the Strangers."—Gen. 18:1-8, 16-19.

By C. H. DICKEY

"Be not unmindful to entertain strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." This Scripture from the New Testament harks back to this passage in Genesis. It has reference to the heavenly visitors found in this lesson.

The same visitors, from the same source, can come with such varying message to different people. To Abraham they brought the good news that he and Sara were to have a child in their old age; but to the people of wicked Sodom the news that their city was to be destroyed.

And so it is, the Scriptures are a stumbling block to some; to others they point the way to eternal life. To some Christ means complete deliverance; to others only condemnation. The same strangers went to Sodom who had been with Abraham, but what a difference in the message which they delivered.

It is noteworthy here that Abraham was in such close contact with the Lord that he was informed as to His purposes. Abraham had a vital interest in Sodom now; Lot and his family dwelt there; also he had once brought back the captives who had been taken from Sodom.

The purposes of God are not always hid from His friends. Friends tell other things. And God tells Abraham His purposes here.

A problem was raised here in Abraham's mind. A problem that has worried many others since that day. It was this, "Why do the righteous have to suffer with the wicked?" Abraham could understand why Sodom should be destroyed, because of its wickedness; but he could not understand why all the people in it should have to pay the penalty of the wicked. Surely, if a few righteous people could be found, God would not destroy the city for their sakes. So, starting with 50 righteous men, and coming on down to 10, God promises that if that many are found He will not destroy the city. They were not found.

When this question rose in Abraham's mind, he fell back upon his confidence in God. He said, "Shall not the judge of all the earth do right?"

This is a wonderful thought-provoking question. It carries with it a mighty anchor for the troubled soul.

There are problems, perplexities, difficulties over and again in which we can not understand. But we must not always assume that we can understand. Neither must we assume that man always sees as God sees. In the hour of perplexity, we can believe, with Abraham of old, that the Judge of all the earth is going to do right.

This belief arises from our confidence in Him. From what we know of God, both historically and experimentally, we must believe that He will always do right; do right in His dealings with us, both now and in the great hereafter.

This question of Abraham's, rightly comprehended, is worth much to any honest person who has his difficulties. We do not know why God has done this or why He has failed to do that; but we can believe that He will do right.

This confidence in Him, this outgrowing belief in His righteousness is worth its weight in gold when the moment comes that we can not understand.

Federation Meeting Tonight Postponed

On account of the Williamston High School closing exercises to be held at the city hall Friday night, the regular weekly meeting of the Laymen's Christian Federation will be called off.

This organization will meet at the Methodist Church Sunday afternoon, May 16, at 2 o'clock. From there they will go in a body to the home of Mr. Henry Rawls, where they have accepted an invitation to hold a service. It is earnestly requested that every member of this organization be present and on time. Every auto owner please bring your car to the church. Everybody invited. Come.

H. B. HOLLOMAN,
President.

P. S.—If you are a Christian, you are a member.

Messdames J. G. Harrison, Henry Harrison, Mary Manning, and Will Wynne and Ira Harrison motored to Henderson yesterday to visit Mr. Jim Nicholson, who is very ill at his home there.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Purvis a son, J. H. Purvis, Jr., Sunday, May 9th, 1926.

Mr. W. C. Manning spent yesterday in Norfolk.

Mr. Calloway, general manager of the Phillips Fertilizer Co., was a business visitor in town yesterday.

FIREMENS MEETING AT ROBERSONVILLE

Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association Had Enjoyable Meeting Tuesday Night

Tuesday night was the regular time for the meeting of the Eastern Carolina Firemen's Association, and according to appointment the firemen from the dozen towns represented in the association met at the Robersonville Graded school building, where they found a brass band to greet them and a large number of the leading citizens of the town.

In fact, the citizens of Robersonville responded more heartily to the visiting firemen than has been done in any other town in which the meeting has been held.

President Brown being absent, W. C. Manning, of Williamston, vice president, presided over the meeting.

Mayor Cox, of Robersonville, welcomed the visitors, and P. S. B. Harper, of Kinston, responded on behalf of the visitors.

Several matters of importance were taken up; among them the firemen's compensation in case of personal injury. Also the firemen's benefit insurance.

Ayden and Belhaven, both asked for the next meeting. The invitation of Ayden having been standing for some time, it was decided to accept that invitation, the meeting to be held in July.

Advices Farmers to Get Hail Insurance Now

Mr. Leslie Fowden, of the Security Life Insurance Co., is carrying an advertisement in this issue reminding the farmers of the county of the danger of hail storms at this period. Injury to tobacco from hail was more prevalent in June than in any other month last year, but May hail storms often destroy entire crops, and, as Mr. Fowden points out, it is as cheap to insure your tobacco the day it is planted as it is a month later.

Episcopal Church Services Sunday

Rev. C. O. Pardo, Rector
Sunday after Ascension Day
9:45 a. m.—Church school.—Mr. N. Cortez Green, superintendent.

11 a. m.—Morning prayer and sermon.
3 p. m.—Holy Trinity Mission.
8:00 p. m.—Evening prayer and sermon.

There will be an important meeting of the Y. P. S. L. Sunday night at 7:30 in the Church. All the young people of the parish between the ages of 12 and 21 years of age are urged to be present.

Few Cases Tried in Recorder's Court

The recorder's court Tuesday had few cases on docket and none of any importance.

The cases against Nathan Staton and Kader Brown, being of minor importance, were not pressed.

In the cases against Solomon Mobley and Roy Leggett, for disturbing religious worship, sentence was suspended upon payment of the costs. They plead guilty to disturbing the Holiness congregation Sunday night while they were in service. Both defendants were intoxicated.

Dick Stephenson and Willoughby Andrews were charged with larceny and receiving. Stephenson was adjudged guilty, but Andrews was acquitted. Stephenson was fined \$50 and costs, but when he appealed was placed under \$100 bond.

A case of seduction filed against Living Good Modico was continued until June.

Methodist Program For the Next Week

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.—E. P. Cunningham, superintendent.
Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 8 p. m.

Junior Epworth League, 2:30 p. m.—Miss Emma Robertson, superintendent. Preaching services at Holly Springs at 3:30 p. m., after which the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.

Woman's Missionary Society, Monday afternoon, 4 o'clock.—Mrs. W. C. Liverman, president.

Senior Epworth League, 8 p. m. Monday, Mrs. J. W. Watts, Jr., superintendent.

We are glad to be able to report that Mrs. C. H. Dickey, who underwent an operation for appendicitis yesterday at the Washington Hospital stood the operation well and is getting along very nicely.

Mrs. S. S. Lawrence and little daughter, Daisy, will leave Sunday for their home at Richmond after spending several weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Manning.

HERBERT HOOVER TURNS SPADEMAN



The Secretary of Commerce turns up first spadeful of dirt at ground breaking ceremonies for emergency hospital on the grounds of the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition in Philadelphia. The exposition will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of American Independence. At the cabinet member's right is Mayor Kendrick of Philadelphia. The hospital will be conducted by physicians and nurses from the Philadelphia General Hospital.

BRIGHT PROSPECTS FOR BIBLE SCHOOL

Faculty Ready for Work; Children Enthusiastic; Will Start Monday Morning

With the faculty all ready for work, and the children enrolled for the course, Williamston's community Bible School will hold its opening session at the public school building Monday morning.

The children are enthusiastic about it. One little girl told this writer that she had a vacation planned in another State; but that when she found out there was to be a Bible School, decided that she had rather stay home and attend it.

It is well for the people of Williamston to remember that the faculty is serving without compensation. That they are doing this work for Williamston's children without money and without price.

This being true, everybody should support the school to the utmost. The school authorities have been very gracious in lending us the school building with its equipment. The children are anxious to get started. It looks like a big success.

It is thought that this is the first school of its kind to open in North Carolina this year.

A few things to remember: It costs nothing to enroll in the school; the age limit is five to thirteen; there will be only morning sessions. The school will only run two weeks this year.

Any child not yet having enrolled will please see Miss Emma Robertson.

Postal Employees to Have Picnic May 31

All postal employees of Martin, Pitt, and Beaufort Counties will have a basket picnic at Riverside Park on May 31, which will be a legal holiday this year, since Decoration Day, May 30, comes on Sunday. Monday will be celebrated instead.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General or some representative from his office will be present.

The Post Office Department finds these meetings very helpful they serve as good training to the postal employees who have not had the best opportunities for training, as well as building up a stronger service organization, which is doubtless the most complete human machine in the world. To make it do its best, every man in the Washington district, postmasters, railway mail clerks, post-office clerks, rural carriers, city carriers, and the man who takes the little cart from the post office to the train and back every day, rain or shine, must work together.

These regional picnics are for the purpose of bringing all the post-office forces together on one common plan; that they may know each other better.

Many Planning to Hear Bob Reynolds Saturday

A large number of people from all sections of the county expect to hear "Bob" Reynolds speak at the Hamilton school closing Saturday night. Mr. Reynolds is a candidate for United States Senate and is opposed by the present Senator, Lee S. Overman.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Moore, a daughter, Susan Elizabeth, last Friday, May 7th.

CAR OVERTURNED BY TRANSPLANTER

Son of Parmele Man Slight Injured Last Night In Collision Between Ford and Transplanter

Last night about 8 o'clock, Mr. Crisp, of Parmele, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carson and their two sons, also of Parmele, was driving his Ford touring car on the Washington road, coming toward Williamston when he ran into a transplanter and the car was overturned. The transplanter was being drawn by a mule and cart, driven by Jeff Aushon and belonging to J. G. Staton. The accident occurred in front of Kelvin Grove.

None of the occupants of the car were hurt except little W. H. Carson, Jr., who was hurt on the head and hip, but it is thought the injuries are not of a serious nature. The little fellow was also covered with cylinder oil which ran out of the overturned car.

The party was returning from below Washington, where they had been on a fishing trip. It was raining, and Mrs. Crisp did not see the transplanter. Her car and the machine were so entangled that they were not extricated for about three hours.

Mr. G. H. Harrison carried Mr. and Mrs. Carson and children to Parmele immediately after the accident.

More About Crippled Children's Clinic

The clinic for crippled children, which will be sponsored by the Greenville Kiwanis Club, under the direction of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare and the State Orthopedic Hospital, will be held in the basement of the Methodist Church in Greenville on May 20th. Dr. O. L. Miller, surgeon of the State Orthopedic Hospital, will be there to examine the children. Doctors from the seven adjoining counties have been invited to attend the clinic, and a number have signified their intention of being present. Reports from the doctors and welfare workers in the adjoining counties indicate that a number of children from other counties will be taken there on that occasion.

As stated in a previous announcement, this is to be a diagnostic clinic to examine children and file their papers for admittance to the State Orthopedic Hospital, if they are found in need of treatment and are not feeble-minded. Both white and colored children will be examined at the clinic.

The first announcement was in error about the date. This clinic will be held on Thursday, May 20th. It is hoped that every person interested in crippled children under 16 years of age, either white or colored, will put them in touch with the time and place and use their influence in getting them there at that time.

Bridge on Norfolk Route Is Opened

In the presence of thousands of Virginians and North Carolinians, the new concrete bridge over Nottoway River, between Franklin and Murfreesboro, replacing Smith's Ferry, was formally opened to traffic at 11 o'clock yesterday morning.

The bridge links the concrete highways of Tidewater and Southside Virginia with North Carolina. The latter State has not yet provided a hard-surfaced road on its side of the line a short distance south of the structure, but assurances are given that the work on the Murfreesboro road north to the boundary will be speeded up.

Governor Hyrd and an official party, including H. G. Shirley, chairman of the State Highway Commission of Virginia, were in attendance. Governor McLean could not be present, but he was represented by Lieut. Governor Long and highway officials of North Carolina. There were probably 7,000 visitors in Franklin, where ceremonies were held in the school building.

Messrs. Clayton Moore and W. A. Cherry attended from this city.

Mr. Moore says it was about the finest celebration of its kind he had ever attended. The arrangements for entertaining such a large crowd were complete in every detail and the Franklin people were the souls of hospitality.

Home Demonstration Agent to Arrive Soon

The County Home Demonstration agent is expected to arrive the last of this month or the first of June, so Mrs. Jane McKimmon and Miss Pauline Smith informed the president of the Woman's Club of this city when she saw them in Asheville at the recent convention.

Mrs. McKimmon says she is a wonderful woman, one of experience and personality. She will graduate from Peabody this month and will come here soon after her graduation.

to assist and work with the organization committee throughout the sign-up campaign.