

SECRETARY COLBY MAKES ADDRESS AT UNIVERSITY OF N. C.

Governor Bicket Presents 150
Diplomas To Graduates
Of University.

MANY VISITORS ATTEND THE CLOSING EXERCISES

Chapel Hill, June 16.—Secretary of State Bainbridge Colby's address, closely listened to by a crowd that filled the huge sweep of Memorial Hall, this morning, was the climax of the 125th commencement at the University of North Carolina. Following him, Governor Thomas W. Bicket presented diplomas to more than 150 students, the largest number that has graduated in the history of the University.

The commencement exercises today brought to a formal close what oldtimers at Chapel Hill said was the biggest commencement they had ever seen. For four days, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and today, the seniors, alumni, students, and many visitors had enjoyed a round of last meetings, reunions, festive gatherings, and had listened to addresses on nearly every possible subject. And after the last diploma had been presented the commencement dances, attended by the largest number of visiting girls the town has ever seen, started in Swain Hall with an orchestra brought from the Waldorf-Astoria to furnish the music and with decorations that had turned the huge dining hall into a beautiful ball room.

The baccalaureate sermon by the chancellor, Samuel B. McCormick, of the University of Pittsburgh, ushered in the commencement. Dr. McCormick speaking from Hebrews 11:40 pleaded for his hearers to withstand the present day attack on all existing institutions and urged the understanding and sympathy of the American people toward other nations as the only basis for universal peace. The annual Y. M. C. A. sermon, at twilight, on the campus, under the Davie Poplar, was preached by Dr. W. D. Moss, of the Chapel Hill Presbyterian church.

The big gathering of alumni, chiefly from ten returning classes, was one of the largest reunions Chapel Hill has known. The classes of 1860, '70, '80, '90, '00, '05, '10, '15 and '19 sent back many old boys, from the Confederate veterans of 1860, coming back for their 60th reunion, to the youngsters of last year, only one year out in the world. Walter Murphy, '92, speaker of the lower house of the general assembly, presided at the annual alumni luncheon, and the talks were made by Major E. J. Hale, '60; Dr. R. H. Lewis, '70; Thomas H. Battle, '80; ex-Judge S. C. Bragaw, '90; J. O. Carr, '95; W. S. Bernard, '00; W. T. Shore, '05; D. B. Teague, '10; R. G. Fitzgerald, '15; and Luther Hodges, '19.

R. D. W. Connor, president of the alumni association, presided at the business meeting, at which President Chase made the principal address. Great interest centered around the presence of six alumni from the class of 1860, Major W. A. Graham, of Raleigh, Major Hale and Charles T. Haigh, of Fayetteville, Capt. John R. Thorpe, of Rocky Mount, Thomas W. Davis, of Raleigh, and R. A. Bullock, of Henderson. Of the 93 members of this class, 92 served in the Confederate armies, 27 were killed in action, and 15 are still living.

FIRE DOES BIG DAMAGE TO HART COTTON MILLS

The fire alarm called the fire departments to the Hart Cotton Mills and to Princeville last evening. Lightning started a fire in the mill at Hart Cotton Mills, doing an approximated damage of between \$1,500 and \$2,000, it was stated this morning by insurance men. In Princeville the kitchen of one of the residents was completely destroyed.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY.

The regular meeting of the Girls' Friendly Society will be held tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. Jas. Pender at 8.30 o'clock.

ALASKA WOOD PULP ATTRACTS CAPITAL

Requests For Information Being Received by Alaskan
Publicity Bureau.

Juneau, Alaska, June 15.—Requests for information are being received by the Alaska Bureau of Publicity from capitalists in all parts of the country who are interested in pulpwood timber, mill sites and water power, presumably as a result of the recent intimation that the department of agriculture is about to propose 30 or 35 year leases to those desirous of engaging in the manufacture of pulpwood.

The Tongass national forest, comprising about 15,000,000 acres, approximately one-sixth of which is heavily timbered and abundantly supplied with mill sites and water, is the subject of many inquiries. Those who have closely observed the awakening of interest in the pulpwood industry in Alaska are of the belief that the elimination of the "cash in advance" and "year to year" system of leasing timber lands will result in the development of a great paper-making industry, which they are confident is bound to attract attention to other natural resources of Alaska which have long awaited the touch of capital.

Born, A Girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Pennington, a nine-pound girl.

TEXAS TO ESTABLISH THE FAMILY FARMS

Plan To Check Exodus From
The Farm To The City
Is Launched.

Tyler, Texas, June 16.—A movement to establish "family farms" in East Texas as a means of checking the exodus from the farm to the city has been launched by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The "family farm" means a farm that can be tilled by a family without hired help and one equipped with a modern farm home. More than one thousand persons have written that they desire to acquire such a farm home as outlined by the East Texas Chamber of Commerce, and the organization is now seeking to organize companies in each of 50 East Texas counties to supply these homes, arrange better living conditions and better markets.

LOCAL BRIEFS

A crowd of the young people are out for a picnic at Nobles Mill this evening.

Boy Scout Troop No. 1 leaves tonight for the straits near Beaufort, for a ten days' camping trip.

Just as a warning to auto drivers, the chief of police advises that they park their cars only upon the right-hand side of the streets, that they use two lights, and obey the dimmer and speed laws.

The fans from both Tarboro and Williamston saw one of the best umpired games of the season at the fair grounds yesterday. Monday afternoon President Fowden of the Williamston club said he would back Umpire Duffy Taylor against any other man in the circuit as among the best and squarest of umpires that could be found, and yesterday's game proved Mr. Fowden's statement. Duffy was on the job from the first ball pitched to the close of the game, playing his position as an oldtimer, and covering the entire field, being ever present where he would be able to make his decisions correctly, whether close or otherwise. If we can, we should keep Taylor on the job for the entire season.

A little tree, in front of the post-office was struck by lightning during the storm last evening.

BUSINESS WOMEN MEET.

The Business Woman's Club met in regular session for routine business matters last night with a large number present. No especially important matters were discussed.

CROP OUTLOOK FOR JUNE PERPLEXING

General Flow Of Farm Boys
And Girls To City Causing
Much Trouble.

Raleigh, June 15.—Suppose the farmers of the South were to stop work (not strike) and refuse to produce more food crops until they were paid prices commensurate with what they are having to pay for necessities (not luxuries). Of course they are too "American" to do that, but the results are leaning in the same direction. The boys and girls are leaving the shelter of their farm parents for the brightly lighted town attractions and prices where they will be largely free of the early to rise and early to bed hours where no ready money of their own is available.

The United States official agricultural outlook as announced by the cooperative crop reporting service shows that the June average condition of all crops of the nation is 10 per cent below that of a year ago, and five below the 10 year average. Then draw your imaginary boundaries to the 13 Southern states and it will be found that the average of all crop conditions is 88 per cent compared with 99 per cent for the remaining thirty-five northern and western states.

Then consider the prices of American farm products. Meat animals are selling at 20 per cent lower than a year ago, while the present June crop prices are from 24 to 40 per cent higher than they were one to two years ago. Contrasted with this are the farm labor costs of about twice what they were. Most of the manufactured farm implements and farm necessities are proportionately higher.

Town Ideas of Farm Life.

A recent conversation with a city dweller revealed the idea that the farmer's living expenses are negligible. "Why doesn't he grow his pork off kitchen waste? His chickens are merely consuming wasted materials about the place. His fruit is being borne without working, and his fuel is plentiful for the mere cutting. So consequently all he sells is velvet." Then again a farmer had difficulty in saving his fruit from the joy riders from the city, those who constantly passed by and were attracted by the rich colors. He was called "stingy" and "sorry" because he would not let them freely eat their fill, and fill their autos and go rejoicing and forgetting, and all this free from any outlay.

Grain Acreage Decreased.

Then here comes the North Carolina wheat forecast. The acreage is greatly reduced, although the yield promises to be good. But who is to harvest it? And the harvesting has to be done at a certain time or else it is likely to suffer or be a loss. No six or eight hour day for the farmer at this period. Then too the oat acreage shows a decided decrease for each of the past three years.

Comparative Crop Values.

The annual bulletin for the crop reporting service which has recently been issued shows that North Carolina wheat brought a return of \$19 per acre. Rye was \$21; oats, \$25; corn, \$42; cotton, \$118; sweet potatoes, \$130; and tobacco worth an average of \$305 per acre to the farmer. Do you blame him for decreasing his grains and increasing the cotton and tobacco? Wheat occupies nine per cent of the crop acreage of the state and returns to the farmer 2.3 per cent of the total crop value. Tobacco has 6.2 per cent of the crop area and made last year 25 per cent of the state's crop value. Can you blame the planter for doing what seems but fair to him?

The fruit outlook is extra good this year, and it will be the opportunity to can large quantities for future use. The grower who pruned, sprayed and thinned his fruit this year is the one who will have profited most. The soft rot on peaches is rather prevalent on overloaded trees. The cotton conditions throughout the southern states about June 1 was the lowest on record. The late and unfavorable spring seasons have been bad on its development. The present hot nights are recent rains will help greatly to revive all crops.

A. F. L. CALLS UPON CONGRESS EXCLUDE ASIATIC IMMIGRATION

Montreal, June 16.—The American Federation of Labor today called upon the United States Congress to cancel its "gentlemen's agreement" with Japan and absolutely exclude all Japanese and other Asiatic immigration. Declaring that a band of "irresponsible agitators" were attempting to discredit the recognized organizations, the federation today condemned the recent railroad strike.

TODAY'S NEWS OF TARBORO 20 YEARS AGO

How Many Are We?

Just now those who take an interest in such matters are speculating and guessing as to the population of this town and suburbs. The enumerators will give out no information because they are not permitted to.

Capt. Thomas H. Gatlin, who is generally very level-headed on such matters, puts the population at 4,500, as follows:

Tarboro in corporate limits, 2500.
Princeville, 600.

Farrar, 700.
West Tarboro, 300.
North Tarboro, 100.
East Tarboro, 300.

This is within 200 of the total population of the township ten years ago. If approximately correct, the population of the township will exceed 6,000, an increase of more than 25 per cent in ten years. The population of Tarboro proper in 1890 was 1,920.

The increase of 600 is the largest for any ten years in the town's history. If to this could be added the population that has settled on the west side from the river to the Rocky Mount branch of the Coast Line, the increase would be remarkable for such a slow going state as this.

The indications now point to much larger growth for the next ten years. The new knitting mills will add many to the population, while the projected improvements to be begun in the fall will send the population booming up.

If any reader believes that he has more reliable figures than those given, he will please present them.

A Runaway.

C. B. Keech, his sister, Miss Daisy, and Miss Pattie Shaw, of near Macnair's crossing, last evening on their way to an ice cream party, met with a serious accident, which prevented their attending the party. One of the horses, which Mr. Keech was driving, fell and broke the tongue. This frightened both horses and they ran. Miss Shaw sprang from the vehicle and was bruised some. Miss Keech seeing her friend leap out, did likewise, and was badly bruised on her neck, back and hips.

Jim Jenkins, fortunately came up and picked her up where she was lying on the roadside unconscious. She was taken into a neighboring house, where she slowly regained consciousness. Later on all were brought to town. Today Miss Shaw is only a little sore, while Miss Keech suffers much pain. Dr. J. M. Baker, who was called in, says she is not seriously injured.

Mr. Keech remained in his vehicle and was not injured. One of the horses was hurt slightly.

NEW MEXICO FORMS WOOL GROWER CLUB

Plan To Eliminate Middlemen
And Increase Returns To
The Sheep Men.

Albuquerque, N. M., June 16.—The Wool Growers' Cooperative Association of New Mexico has been formed for the purpose of eliminating middlemen and increasing the returns to the sheep men. It is the intention this year to concentrate in a warehouse in Chicago, for grading and selling to spinners, as much of the wool clip as is pledged to the association. When the association is considered as permanently established and is sufficiently strong financially, arrangements will be made for one or more bonded warehouses in this state, where the wool will be graded, and sold.

Sheep men say at present the wool passes through the hands of from 2 to 5 persons after the grower sells it until it reaches the man who will make it into cloth.

New Mexico's wool clip this year will, it is estimated, amount to 18,000,000 pounds. Growers have already pledged 3,000,000 pounds to the association.

Tarboro plays Hobgood-Scotland Neck at Hobgood tomorrow.

PINETOPS TO HAVE AUTOMATIC PHONES

Equipment Has Arrived And
Will Be In Working Order
In Near Future.

The Carolina Telephone and Telegraph Company has received equipment for the installation of the automatic telephone service at Pinetops. Though other cities in the state are to install this equipment, Pinetops is the first to receive the equipment. Work on the installation of the service will begin at once, and within the very near future Pinetops will have a "be-your-own-central" service. This means that when the service is had no one can be cussed out except the operator, and the operator will be the person making the call.

The equipment was on its way to Pinetops at noon today, and from all reports it is believed the service will be in working order before even the most optimistic would believe it to be possible.

PROHIBITIONISTS WOULD BAR GOVERNOR COX

Washington, June 16.—The prohibitionists will ask the Democratic National convention to adopt a plank for the rigid enforcement of the 18th amendment and enforcement act, and which will "present a solid front against Governor Cox," Wayne Wheeler, general counsel for the Anti-Saloon League, declared today.

Wayne Wheeler said Governor Cox was the "last hope of the wets in their program for nullification," and that "his record makes him an impossibility if national prohibition is to be effectively sustained and enforced in the United States."

A CARD OF THANKS.

To the white and colored citizens of the town of Tarboro. We wish to extend to you our heartfelt thanks for your speedy response to our call on yesterday when we had an unexpected fire on Church street, at the residence of R. H. Watson, one of our oldest citizens; his kitchen was lost, but by your efforts his house and furniture were saved, which means much to the fire insurance company and still more to Watson at his present age. Fire and flood tides should bring labor in close communion with capital without force. Capital can exist without labor for a long period, but labor can not exist without capital for a moment.

Signed: Owen James, citizen and taxpayer in the town of Princeville.

A LETTER FROM HOBGOOD.

The Southerner received the following letter this morning, which is wish-explaining:

Wish to call your attention to inclosed circular advertising our next four games, between Hobgood-Scotland Neck and Tarboro and Greenville; and while you will note Hobgood is recognized on the hand bill, we notice you people never recognize us in your writings as to standing of each team, etc., as information beg to say Hobgood is financing one-half the team known as Hobgood-Scotland Neck; in fact, we have two home boys playing on this team and was first invited into this league and later got Scotland Neck to take half of the team. Also wish to say we have boys supporting our half this team who are no slackers but come up with the credit and honors to Scotland Neck, and if allowed to continue will am afraid throw up the sponge. It is not done only thru your paper and would ask that you please, in showing your writers; show as outlined in inclosed circular. Thanking you very kindly for same, I am, with good wishes, yours very truly, E. P. Hyman, manager Hobgood B. E. Team.

THE LEAGUE COUNCIL MAY POSTPONE ANSWER TO PERSIA

London, June 16.—Forecasts of the reply of the League of Nations Council to Persia's request for intervention against the Bolshevik aggression, would announce the postponement of any final decision which is borne out by an official announcement made at a public meeting of the council today.

U. D. C. HOLD FINAL MEETING OF SEASON

Flag Day Celebration Program
And Report of Activities at
Congress, Features.

The final meeting of the Miles Harvey Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, for the season was held Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. M. Parks. Mrs. W. O. Howard, the regent, spoke of the Continental Congress, which she recently attended as a delegate from this chapter. The treasurer made a good report of the chapter's finances. A most interesting letter was read from Miss Reba Bridges, who is still in the Y. M. C. A. service overseas. After the business was finished the following program was rendered celebrating Flag Day:

Allegiance to the Flag.
American's Creed.
Prevention of Desecration of the Flag, Mrs. C. M. Parks.
Etiquette of the Flag, Mrs. James Pender.

Selection from Speech of Secretary Daniels on Flag Day, Miss Susie Foxhall.

Selection from Speech of Secretary Colby delivered before Elks, who celebrated Flag Day, by Mrs. Frank Fowell.

Poem, Tricolors, Mrs. J. L. Bridgers.

After the program, the hostess served delicious refreshments.

FRISCO PROMISES BEST OF WEATHER

U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast
Necessity For Warm Clothes
During Convocation.

San Francisco, June 16.—Folks who associate national conventions with torrid temperatures, lightweight suits and lattice-work underwear had better disillusion themselves, if they are coming to the national convention here, according to the United States weather bureau. All sartorial effects should include fairly heavy inner and outer clothing and a light overcoat.

If the weather "runs true to form" smart westerly winds, carrying penetrating chill, will blow in off the Pacific and cool afternoons and cooler evenings will be the order. The last phase will be assisted by fogs in the afternoon.

The bureau believes it will be good convention weather, with plenty of opportunity for the average orator to warm up without looking like a bundle of wet wash. If the usual hectic parades for the candidates are staged toward the end of the afternoon, there need be no shedding of coats, collars or galluses.

But, the weather bureau said, unless a man seeks to keep warm by his enthusiasm alone; he had better come prepared.

Lightning Strikes Garage.

Lightning yesterday evening struck the garage of Mr. W. J. Eason, about 12 miles from Tarboro, badly damaging the building. Other farmers around Tarboro state that the lightning was heavy in their sections, and that a number of trees and other foliage was struck during the storm.

Herding Wants Vacation.

Washington, June 16.—With no fixed engagements today, Senator Harding hoped to make some progress toward clearing up the accumulation of his senatorial work in preparation for a vacation within the next few days. He has not decided where he will go.

Student Shoots First Brother.

Hanover, N. H., June 16.—Henry Maroney, of West Bedford, Mass., a senior at Dartmouth, was shot and killed during a quarrel in a fraternity house today. Robert Meads, of LaGrange, Ill., a junior, was arrested and admitted the shooting, saying he had been drinking and claimed self-defense.

LOS ANGELES LEGION TO FIGHT THE H. C. L.

Campaign For 12,000 Members
Of American Legion To
Fight High Prices.

Los Angeles, Calif., June 16.—A plan to enlist 12,000 American Legion members in Los Angeles in a campaign to reduce the high cost of living, under the direction of the city markets bureau was recently given out by Mayor Meredith P. Snyder.

The mayor said he proposed to close the city's chain of markets to the sale of produce which has gone through the hands of middlemen.

Farmers in surrounding territory, under the proposed system, would be invited to send their produce direct to the markets and aid furnished to do so if the city if necessary.

"The success of this plan would depend upon there being an immediate sale of the products," the mayor continued. "To that end we intend to lay our plans before the two local posts of the Legion and ask the members to help secure customers. The result, I am confident, will be that the farmers will get much better prices and the consumers will get better food at less cost than they do now."

The mayor has appointed Sterling S. Boothe, formerly major of the 160th infantry, U. S. A., city market commissioner to work out the project.

BRANCH BANK AT LEGGETTS WILL OPEN MONDAY, JUNE 21

The Farmers Banking and Trust Company will open their branch bank at Leggetts, Monday, June 21. This branch will be a great convenience for the people in that community, and the spirit to give service is much appreciated.

MINNESOTA CITY IS QUIET AFTER NIGHT OF BIG MOB ACTIVITIES

Duluth, Minn., June 16.—Normal conditions are restored today on the Duluth business streets, over which a mob of five thousand surged last night, sweeping aside all police power, seizing three negroes held in connection with an attack on a white girl, and lynching them. When two companies of national guardsmen arrived today they found only the battered police station and the littered streets as visual evidence of the mob activity.

Available records show only one previous lynching in Minnesota, but this is not confirmed in official circles. A white man is said to have been lynched twenty years ago for attacking a girl.

200 MINERS KILLED.

Tokio, June 16.—Two hundred miners were killed in an explosion at a coal mine on Yezo island today.

FIRE CAUSES BIG LOSS.

Rockland, Maine, June 16.—Fourteen buildings in the business district of this city were burned today at a loss of \$600,000.

PERSONALS

—Miss Adelaide Hargraves, who has been visiting Miss Miriam DeBerry, returned to her home at Lexington, this morning.

—Mrs. Randall Pope, of Henderson, is the guest of Mrs. Henry Bryson in this city.

—Mrs. W. S. Clark has returned from Wrightsville.

—Miss Mary Bourne has returned from Virginia Beach.

—Miss Catherine Bourne is home from Salisbury, where she taught school.

—Mrs. Robert White, of Camp Bragg and two daughters are visiting Mrs. Bragg's mother at Hills.

—Scotland Neck had a number of citizens at the game yesterday rooting for Williamston.

—Mrs. Myrtle Burns and little son Harry are visiting relatives this week in Enfield.

—Mrs. Perry Pitt and little daughter Marian Wright, left today to visit Mrs. Pitt's aunt, Mrs. J. H. Highsmith, at Roper.