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DR. POTEAT'S FAILURE TO ARRIVE ALONE MARRED SPLENDID PROGRAM

Otherwise Commencement Was Most Successful Ever Held Here Whether Judged By Ex- cellence Or Interest

The Commencement exercises of the Elizabeth City Schools came to a close last night in the High School Auditorium with the presentation of High School diplomas and medals.

Dr. William Poteat of Wake Forest who was to have delivered the literary address was at the last minute prevented from coming by sudden illness in his family.

Diplomas Presented

Diplomas were presented by Mr. I. M. Meekins, chairman of the Board of Trustees, to the following graduates: John Henry LeRoy, Roger Beauegard Hayman, Alvin Lloyd Midgett, Ida Frost Owens, Bessie Lee Richardson, Mary Ruth Ward, Mattie Zome White, Aubrey Gurkin McCabe, Whitford Wesley Woodley, Esther Crawford Woodley, Otto Heath Boettcher, Wesley Earle Chesson, Ruth Gester Cooke, Mildren Hlens Commander, and Pearl Elizabeth Hughes.

The Salutatory was delivered by Henry LeRoy and Miss Mildred Commander who were valedictorians. The exercises were opened and closed with prayer by Rev. J. L. Cunningham, pastor of the First Methodist Church. The class song composed by Miss Alma Midgett and set to music by Roger Hayman, was sung by the Senior Class and choruses were rendered by the High School.

High Schools Medals

Miss Catherine Albertson, principal of the High School presented the D. A. R. Medal, which was won by Ida Owens of the Senior Class, and Attorney J. Kenyon Wilson presented the U. D. C. medal, won by Katherine Jones.

Miss Owens' essay was written on the subject "The Life of John Harvey," and Miss Jones' "The Life of Zebulon Vance." Miss Jones was the winner last year of the D. A. R. Medal with her essay on "Flora MacDonald."

Mr. Spragins Speaks

Seventy one Grammar School graduates received their certificates of promotion into the High School Thursday morning. Superintendent S. H. Spragins making the presentation address. Mr. Spragins spoke as follows:

"Boys and Girls:—

"It is indeed a great pleasure to me to present to you these certificates of promotion from the grammar school to the high school, and I wish to congratulate you on your successful completion of the long course of study that you have followed for the past seven years. Ever since the day that you entered the first grade, you have been acquiring the rudiments of an education—those things that the leaders of human society have decided are absolutely necessary for one to possess. It is to follow intelligently the humble walks of life.

"You are now ready to fill a place in society, but it is a lowly place. If you wish to fill a higher place in life you must go on with your education and finish the high school course.

The value of a grammar school education in dollars and cents is less than that of a high school education. The difference in monetary value between a high and a grammar school education is the equivalent of \$12,000.00 capital, invested at 5 per cent for a period of 65 years. Now you have been studying and concentrating and the applications this year secure you the income each year and the total income. So you see that it is highly important that you secure a high school education. If you look at the matter from a

money value view. If a high school education is worth so much, how much greater than this most a college education be?

"There is a value in high school education that rises far above a monetary value. The things are youth's land of promise. The 'Land of Promise' was the value to the Jews not in its mere possession but in its possibilities. So, the period of youth is valuable to you only insofar as you make the most of it; and the way to make the most of it is to prepare yourselves to fill the highest places in the gift of human society and to enjoy the world's knowledge and its accomplishments—art, music, literature, history, science, and mathematics. Acquire a knowledge and appreciation of the higher things in life. Don't live in the foot-hills and the fog of life. Did you ever climb to the summit of a high mountain, and look out on the valleys and low-lying lands below? Have you ever seen from the mountain peak the sun-rise and the sunset? The scenery is grand. I promise you that if you will but climb to the summit of your spiritual possibilities, your outlook on life will be no matter in what physical condition grand noble and sympathetic, and you may find yourselves. You will always see God. Remember these words: 'The measure of a man's life is the well-ascending of it, and not the length.' And these words: 'So his life has flowed from his mysterious urn a sacred stream, in whose calm depth the beautiful and pure Alms are mirrored; which, though May hover round its surface, glides in light, and takes no shadow from them.'"

Interesting Program

The salutatory was delivered by Morgia Bell Carr and the valedictory by George Modlin. The exercises were opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Ashby, rector of Christ Church.

An instrumental duet by Elizabeth Kramer and Helen Williams, solos by Mamie Snowden and Millie Pool, a hoop drill by Miss Elliott's class, recitations by Norman Trueblood and Oscar Gregory, a tambourine drill in Spanish costume by Miss Harney's class and songs by the school were a very interesting part of the program. The class song, composed by Oscar Gregory, was sung by the Seventh Grade.

A Bible was presented to Elsie Griffin for the greatest improvement in writing and to William Garrett for the greatest improvement in scholarship. Both of these students were from Mrs. Pearson's room.

Mrs. Ferebee's room was distinguished for the best work in the Palmer method of writing during the year and was presented a beautiful picture by the Superintendent.

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The Conquest of the Arctic



DR. WIRT.

Covering three years of life, adventure and exploration in the lands bordering the Circum-Polar sea, with Eskimos for companions and dogs for heroes, Dr. Wirt's discoveries and explorations parallel in many respects those of other arctic travelers, but his interpretation of Eskimo life and the story of his dogs are absolutely unique.

His flight during the long night of an arctic winter in quest of relief for his sick, ice imprisoned companions; the almost human intelligence of his dogs; the Igloo village never before visited by white men; the strange customs, fetich dances and heathenish orgies of the Eskimo; the treachery of false guides; the awful silence and loneliness; the auroral splendors; his study of arctic bird and animal life; the escape from wolves; the attack of a whale while at sea in an open kayak and the final escape—all this and much more combine to make an unusually fascinating lecture.

LITTLE FOLKS ENJOY JUNIOR CHAUTAUQU

Chautauqua goes last year, and especially the Junior Chautauquans have not forgotten the fun of seeing themselves in moving pictures on the second of the Seven Joyous Days.

The picture will be made again this year and everybody should look out for the parade on opening day and get in the pictures. The pictures will be taken as the parade marches down Main street on opening day and will be shown on the screen at Chautauqua on the first or second night.

Mr. R. E. Carels is the official Chautauqua photographer who takes the pictures, develops and shows them. Such quick work is possible because of especially improved photographic devices and the skill of the Chautauqua photographer.

Junior Chautauqua will meet at the close of the first afternoon's program, and all children are invited to stay.

"Junior Town," the very successful plan of last year, will be used again. The children will elect their own Law and Order, Health, Clean-Up and Make Good Commissioners. Many new features have been added.

The children of Junior Town will present on the last day of Chautauqua a bright new play, "Uncle Sam's Experiment." Uncle Sam himself will be in it.

New songs, written especially for Junior Chautauqua, new games, new stories will be used this year. There are badges for the Commissioners, membership pins for all, and gold pins for fourth-year members. On opening day the children should bring the pins received each preceding year.

The age limit is from six to fourteen, and Chautauqua urges the children to earn some money and buy their own tickets.

The Superintendent of Chautauqua this year is Mr. Cook of Vicksburg, Miss., one of the most experienced Superintendents on the circuit, and one of the most successful.

It has been very prominently connected with the Boy Scout movement in the South, and is intensely interested in all that contributes to the development of the life of the boy. He will lecture upon "Literary Suggestions" and will speak especially of Lanier, Kipling, Emerson

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NEW MARKETING FACILITIES WILL PROMOTE TRUCKING INDUSTRY

And Farmers By Proper Organization Can Further Objects of New Bureau. Mass meeting Monday

W. R. Camp, Chief of the Division of Markets of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, who is here for a few days looking after the establishment of the Federal Market News Bureau here, last night gave this paper the following interview:

It would be well for business men as well as farmers, who are interested in the prosperity of Eastern North Carolina, to consider how our neighbors to the north, have forged ahead as a great trucking section.

Virginia has become one of the largest trucking sections of the U. S. North Carolina has like favorable conditions of soil and climate for truck crops. So far however, our trucking has been rather scattering, few growers making a specialty of truck.

One of the great factors in the development of the trucking industry in Virginia has been the success of its two great organizations of growers. Virginia has two of the largest growers organizations in the United States, the Southern Produce Company of Norfolk, doing a business of eight million dollars a year, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, doing a business of five million dollars a year. There is only one larger organization in the United States, namely, the California Fruit Growers Exchange, which did a business of \$120,000,000 in the last 9 years, or over \$20,000,000 for the last year.

The Eastern Shore of Virginia Produce Exchange, which has furnished a model for our Carolina Potato Exchange, has developed the very best markets for the Irish and Sweet potatoes, strawberries and cabbage grown by its members. It has its own agents in several of the largest markets of the country, and 95 per cent of its potatoes are sold by wire F. O. B. It actually distributes potatoes as far west as Denver and its Red Star Brand is known and dealt in on the Pacific Coast. All this is made possible through its splendid system of inspection, which insures a uniform pack. Buyers all over the United States know what they are buying when they order the RED STAR brand.

North Carolina has yet to develop a reputation for its potatoes. Its sweets are sometimes bought and resold as Virginians on the Chicago market, because Virginia has the lead on us in reputation.

Last year, the Carolina Potato Exchange organized by the Division of Markets, made an excellent beginning. For the first time in the history of the state Carolina potatoes were quoted on New York for 50 cents per barrel above Virginia potatoes.

Generally our digging season has been made unduly short because the trade has preferred graded stock from Virginia as soon as it comes on the market, rather than the ungraded stock from North Carolina. With the uniform pack the Exchange last year found its agents in Northern markets held up prices and as a result a more profitable season with a longer digging period was made possible. This year, the plan is to establish new branches of the Exchange in Jarvisburg, Poplar Branch, and at other points in Pasquotank or Camden Counties where

no names should be scratched on the ballot.

GIANTS OF DEEP CLASH IN NORTH SEA

German and British battleships clashed in a great engagement in the North Sea on the afternoon yesterday and what is believed to be an all night fight followed.

The British admit the loss of the battle cruiser, Queen Mary, and the invincible; the British Defense and Black Prince twelve destroyers sunk. One cruiser, the War disabled.

The English claim that the German losses were heavy but the official report from Berlin declares that the German losses were no more than one battleship, one cruiser and protected cruiser and a few destroyers.

RECEIVED NEWS DEATH OF NEPHEW

Mrs. Walter Homan received news yesterday of the death of her nephew, Mr. Ralph Davenport, of New Bern, from pneumonia. Mr. Davenport was about thirty five years of age and a very popular young man in his home city.

MASS MEETING LAST NIGHT

An unsigned call for a mass meeting at the court house last night brought out a fair crowd of voters and one candidate—W. L. Cohoon, who discussed his record in the Senate two years ago.

His speech was largely the same as made at Weeksville last Saturday.

\$500 takes finest roadster in Norfolk. Car cost \$3300 in 1912, and is in guaranteed condition. Easily worth \$1000, but goes on quick sale for first \$500. Address Palmer-Singer, Norfolk, Va., P. O. Box 54, Phone Norfolk 1514. Sat morn

the output justifies the additional expense of field inspection.

All potato growers of Pasquotank County should be at Elizabeth City, Monday at 10 A. M. to consider the feasibility of organization for this county.

Through the efforts of the Division of Markets of the North Carolina Agricultural Experiment Station, the Office of Markets of the U. S. Dept. of Agriculture is going to co-operate with it and furnish this part of the state with a daily telegraphic news service on the shipments of potatoes from all competing sections and of the prices of potatoes on each of the leading markets.

This service is for producer and shipper equally. Individual farmers' associations or buyers.

The headquarters of the Telegraphic Market News Service have been established in Room 318 Hinton Building.

All business men of this section as well as farmers should give both this service and the Potato Exchange its united support, as the development of this industry will greatly increase the general prosperity of the community and enable it to henceforth keep pace with its competitors.