

JUDGE WINSTON TO MAKE ADDRESS

And Class of '21 Largest and Livest in History of School, Will Receive Diplomas On Thursday Night

Judge Francis D. Winston, orator and statesman, who calls the little town of Windsor home, but who is known all over the State and much farther, will deliver the commencement address in the high school auditorium Thursday night.

This has been without doubt the biggest and best year in the history of the Elizabeth City schools and commencement has been a fitting climax to the year, with immense crowds attending the exercises each time, and it now remains for the people to show the Class of '21 on Thursday night how really interested in their achievements they are and at the same time to enjoy the address by this noted son of Carolina which is sure to be pleasing in delivery and worth while in thought.

There is no admission charge on Thursday night and the public is most cordially invited to be present promptly at eight o'clock, when the exercises will begin.

The Seventh Grades will receive their diplomas Thursday morning in the auditorium, and the honor cards will be distributed in the various rooms.

With the graduating exercises and address Thursday night commencement comes to a close. Prof. Sheep will go to Chapel Hill, where he teaches in the Summer School, and preparations will go on through the summer for improved conditions in the schools for the fall session.

Is Col. Meekins After Bench Job?

Rumors From Washington Are That Elizabeth City Man Is Already In Race

(Special Washington correspondence to News & Observer)
Washington, May 30.—To higher heights would Col. "Ike" Meekins, of Elizabeth City, be elevated, if the reports that have had a start here are to be relied upon. Now holding the position of general counsel for the Allen Property Custodian, his position such that in the absence of Allen Property Custodian Miller he becomes the acting custodian, the Pasquotank man is said to have his eyes upon the bench. In short, it is said that Col. Meekins has let friends know that he desires to be the successor to the late Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, Ashley M. Gould. While the position he holds now is a good one, with a nifty salary, Col. Meekins regards a life tenure of a judgeship as a far better proposition, and he is, therefore, not alone having his eyes upon the position, but his hands are reaching out after it. And as Col. "Ike" is a hustler, we may expect him to get very busy in his pursuit of the judgeship.

With Col. Meekins in the race, North Carolina has two entries, the first entry heretofore announced being J. J. Britt, of Asheville, one-time Congressman and one-time Third Assistant Postmaster General, who was also an entry in the race to succeed to the position vacated by the death of Judge Pritchard. Whether either of the North Carolinians will have a look in depends upon whether President Harding will go out of the District of Columbia to pick a man.

CRISP HEADS CLOTHING RELIEF FOR NEAR EAST

Manteo, June 1.—B. G. Crisp is County Chairman of the Near East Relief Clothing Campaign for Dare County and has named Saturday, June 4th, as Bundle Day for the county. He urges all who can contribute old clothing to this worthy cause to have their contributions in his hands by next Saturday. Mr. Crisp made an earnest appeal for donations at the close of the morning session of Superior Court Tuesday.

ROTARIANS LEAVE TODAY FOR SCOTLAND

New York, June 1.—Eleven hundred members of Rotary Clubs sailed today to attend the International Association Convention in Scotland.

SHOWS GRANDCHILDREN WHERE MADE FIRST DOLLAR

Auburn, N. Y., June 1.—John D. Rockefeller today showed his grandchildren where he earned his first dollar.

Seventh Grades Pleased Crowd

Operetta Presented By Class of '25 Was Delightful Success Tuesday Night

The high school auditorium was packed Tuesday night when the Seventh Grades presented "Princess Chrysanthemum," an operetta, replete with pleasing music, colorful costumes and harmonious stage settings.

The solo parts were surprisingly well rendered by the young girls and boys who took the leading parts, but it was the harmony of color, rhythm and song of the entire performance that most pleased and impressed the audience. Every dainty moonbeam and each little sprite of the night added a charm and grace that was indispensable to the success of the operetta and demonstrated delightfully the meaning of "team work" that grownups like to talk about, but that it takes the little people to really put across.

The entertainment was but another evidence, too, of the ability of Miss Hattie Harney, principal of the Grammar School, and of the teachers, Miss Linda DeLon, Miss Martha Elliott, and Miss Ethel Jones, who assisted her in the training of the children through the year and for the commencement operetta.

RED MEN WIN IN CLOSE GAME

Score Was Three to Two in Tuesday Afternoon's Baseball Game

The Red Men defeated the Elks Tuesday afternoon by the score of 3 to 2. The game was quickly played, it being about the fastest of the season, yet the cool weather seemed to take all the pep out of the players of both teams as well as the spectators. The closeness of the score fails to indicate the listless playing of both teams.

Elks Field Badly

The Elks' infield was very much off form. With one out in the first inning, Lowry singled, stole second and advanced to third on Evans' throw to catch him off second, the throw going to left field. Higgins walked. Davis hit a fast grounder to Reid, who threw wide to first base, Lowry scoring. Beveridge let Perry's grounder go through him, Higgins and Davis scoring.

Lowry Hitting Star

The Red Men only made four hits off Evans, three of which went to Lowry. The other hit was made by Ferrell. The Elks made three hits, two of which could have been handled by fast work. Reid, Henderson and Hinton garnered the trio of singles for the Elks.

Both Pitchers Good

Both Woodley and Evans pitched a good game. After the first inning, when one hit, one base on balls, and three errors netted the Red Men three runs, Evans had a comparatively easy time using his slow curve ball almost entirely. Woodley's speed was of good advantage as the day was a trifle dark and he was never in danger. Whenever a man got on base for the Elks, Higgins would get him on an attempted steal. Higgins gave a good exhibition of base throwing, throwing with deadly accuracy, while Henderson, for the Elks threw just the other way. And now there is rejoicing in the camp of the Red Men.

Score by Innings:

	R. H. E.
Elks	1 0 0 1 0 0 0—2 3 3
Red Men	3 0 0 0 0 0 x—3 4 3
Batteries—Evans and Henderson; Woodley and Higgins. Struck out by Woodley, 6; by Evans, 7. Base on balls off Evans, 2. Wild pitch—Woodley. Umpires—Wright and Traenkle. Time of game—1:05.	
STANDING OF LEAGUE	
Elks	8 3 .727
Red Men	6 6 .500
Cubs	3 8 .273

DISTRIBUTE FOOD TO MINERS' FAMILIES

Birmingham, Ala., June 1.—The Federation of Labor today distributed over 23,000 pounds of meat and 5,000 pounds of meat among miners' destitute families.

LIST YOUR TAXES

On account of the delay in receiving the Township tax books, the time for listing your taxes has been extended until June third inclusive. By order Chairman Board of County Commissioners.

CHAS. CARMINE, County Tax Supervisor.

WAGE CUTS ARE MADE BY BOARD

Declining Living Costs and Lowered Wages in Other Industries Influence Decision For General Decrease

Chicago, June 1.—Wage reductions ordered by the Railroad Labor Board today resulted from a combined hearing involving railroads which filed petitions to cut the wages of one or more classes of employes. The hearing began on April 18 and the labor and railroad representatives were each granted one week to present their cases. The final date for submitting evidence was set for May 16, and the board has been at work constantly since that date.

Reduction in the wages of laborers in other industries and the declining costs of living were set forth by the railroads as the basis for their plea for lower wage scales. The winter slump in business materially hastened action in the endeavor to cut down the country's railroad payroll and many railroad officials declared before the board that their roads would be in the hands of the receivers unless immediate relief was provided.

The campaign for lower wages was begun in February when Brig. Gen. W. W. Atterbury, vice president of the Pennsylvania lines, first demanded the right to hire unskilled labor at the rate prevailing in each road's territory. Gen. Atterbury brought his demand to the board during the hearing on rules and working conditions, which the board has not yet disposed of. At the same time Gen. Atterbury demanded immediate abrogation of the national ship crafts agreements which, he declared, would further reduce the railroads' labor bill by \$300,000,000.

The board, however, took no action on the demands at that time and it was not until the following month that distinct wage cases came to the board's attention. The Erie Railroad and the New York Central Lines then took steps toward a reduction by presenting the matter to their employes. No agreement was reached, however, and the disputes finally reached the labor board.

Provisions of the Transportation Act of 1920 require that before any dispute is referred to the Labor Board, both employes and employer shall have made a sincere effort to effect a settlement. In case no agreement can be reached, the case may be referred to the board by one or both parties. The board then summons the disputants and holds a hearing at which both sides are given opportunity to present their arguments.

Following their hearings, the Erie, which had already put a reduction in force, was ordered by the board to restore the former rates and the New York Central was denied permission to make an immediate reduction, pending a hearing of the merits of the dispute. Defeat of the efforts of both roads to cut wages was then the signal for a deluge of cases which began to pour into the board's offices. Realizing the futility of attempting a separate hearing on each dispute, the board combined all the cases for the hearing which resulted in today's decision.

After only one day's deliberation, the board made public a resolution on May 17, stating that prevailing conditions justified a readjustment downward and that a new wage order would be issued on or about June 1, to be effective July 1. The decision, however, is not as comprehensive as that which granted the \$600,000,000 wage increase to railway workers on July 20, 1920. Reductions under today's decision will be effective only for the classes of employes named by the railroads which filed disputes prior to April 18 and which appeared in the hearing beginning on that date. The increase last year affected all so-called Class 1 roads, including nearly 200 of the larger rail systems of the country.

A new hearing will be begun June 6 to include all disputes filed with the board between April 18 and June 6 and a speedy decision is anticipated in the new case, members of the board stating that today's decision would set a precedent for subsequent decisions.

Under the Transportation Act, seven factors are prescribed for consideration in determining "just and reasonable wages" of railway employes. The board's wage increase decision declared all these factors had been given consideration and that the rates established were continued on Page 4

There will be a game of baseball this evening at 5:30 on the West Main street diamond between the Cubs and Elks.

TROOPS RUSHING TO QUELL RIOT

Seventy-five Dead Reported—Whites and Blacks Wage Battle Across Railroad Tracks in Oklahoma Town

HAS DECLARED MARTIAL LAW

Oklahoma City, June 1.—Governor Robertson declared martial law in Tulsa, where a race riot is raging. The police chief told the Governor that seventy-five persons were killed.

Tulsa, Okla., June 1.—Six whites and 50 negroes are reported dead and there is a heavy list of wounded.

Ten square blocks of the negro section are burning. Two thousand negroes have been rounded up and placed under guard. State troops have arrived.

Tulsa, Okla., June 1.—Fifteen dead are already reported as the result of a race riot here, said to have begun when armed negroes surrounded the jail where a negro alleged to have attacked a white girl was placed.

Armed whites gathered and the riot is continuing with whites and negroes facing each other across the railroad tracks and firing continuously. Troops are rushing to the scene.

Five Men Killed Ten Others Injured

Washington, June 1.—War Department is waiting the report of investigators sent to Aberdeen, Md., where the explosion of an aerial bomb yesterday killed five men and wounded ten others.

First Installment Paid Through U. S.

New York, June 1.—The first installment of the German reparation payment to the Allies was made through the United States amounting to \$35,000,000 and was placed in the reserve bank here.

WOULD ABOLISH POOL

New York, June 1.—Abolition of the baseball pool will be one of the chief objects of organized baseball according to Judge Landis, baseball commissioner.

INVESTIGATE REPORTS EXCESSIVE FEES CHARGED

Washington, June 1.—The Department of Justice will investigate reports that wounded war veterans are being charged excessive fees by law firms when seeking advice on obtaining government assistance, it is indicated by Acting Attorney General Goff.

AMBASSADOR JUSSERAND AT UNIVERSITY VIRGINIA

Charlottesville, Va., June 1.—America is one of the leading nations in the vanguard of civilization as regards learning and discoveries, declared the French Ambassador Jusserand, at the University of Virginia centennial celebration.

ROB BANK MESSENGERS

Minneapolis, June 1.—Two men in an automobile today held up messengers of a bank here and escaped with \$16,000. The bank is located directly in front of police headquarters.

HUMORIST WINS DERBY

Epsom Downs, Eng., June 1.—Humorist won the English derby here today.

STRIKE BEGINS IN CHARLOTTE

Charlotte, June 1.—The strike of textile mill workers was begun throughout North Carolina today when members of the local establishments all walked out.

ATTACK RESIDENCE O'BRIEN

Dublin, June 1.—Armed men today attacked the residence of Edward O'Brien, wounding one person.

Big Program For Life Savers Meet

Surfmen Here June 28-29 Will Give Thrilling Demonstration of Life Saving Methods Used in Service

With a two-hour program that eclipses anything of the kind ever before pulled off here, the Twenty-Second annual meeting of the Surfmen's Mutual Benefit Association at Elizabeth City on Tuesday and Wednesday, June 28-29, promises some real thrills for sport lovers, and a genuine good time for everybody.

HUGE TENT IS GOING UP TODAY

Everything Fast Being Made Ready For Elizabeth City's Seven Joyous Days Of Chautauqua

The big tent for Elizabeth City's 1921 Chautauqua arrived Tuesday night, accompanied by a crew, and is being erected on the High School grounds, thus guaranteeing that everything will be in readiness from the opening of Chautauqua Friday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

The two young ladies who will serve as Junior leaders for Chautauqua here this year have also arrived and are arranging the preliminary details of the pageant which will be presented on Chautauqua closing day.

W. Ben Goodwin, chairman of the ticket-selling committee, stated Wednesday morning that season tickets for Chautauqua have been selling fast, and that, from the reports he had received from various guarantors, he believed that the guarantee had been oversold already. Those who fail to buy season tickets before settlement is made with the Chautauqua advance agent Thursday morning will be unable to secure them, as the sale of such tickets will then immediately be discontinued.

Any who have been unable to get tickets elsewhere should see W. Ben Goodwin at his office in the Hinton Building at once.

SENATOR CALDER TO SPEAK HERE

For Opening Address of North Carolina Building and Loan Convention on Night of Tuesday, June 14.

Assurance was received Tuesday by W. Ben Goodwin, secretary of the Albemarle Building & Loan Association, from Senator William M. Calder, of New York, that the latter will be here to deliver an address on Tuesday night, June 14, the opening night of the 1921 convention of the North Carolina League of Building and Loan Associations. The people of this city and section will be the guests of the association at Senator Calder's address, which will be delivered at the County court house at eight o'clock, immediately after the speeches of welcome and the responses to them.

Plans are fast being perfected for the entertainment of the convention, and the tentative program includes a boat excursion down the Pasquotank River, an automobile ride over the new brick-concrete road to Weaverville, and a banquet under the auspices of local business men's organizations.

The Building and Loan League convention will bring to Elizabeth City a group of leading business and professional men from all parts of North Carolina, representing particularly the banking, real estate and insurance interests of the State, with their wives and families in many instances. It is specially urged that the people of the city co-operate with the latter races are the leading mirth-provoking features of the day's activities.

Besides the above races there will be swimming races in which a number of expert swimmers will vie for the championship of the Life Saving Service; a duck race in which a number of ducks released in the river will be chased by the swimmers; a tilting race between canoes, armed with long poles, and bent on capsizing the boats of their opponents; a tub race, with the contestants sailing in tubs, and desperately paddling with their hands in an effort to worst their adversaries. The latter races are the leading mirth-provoking features of the day's activities.

Oliver F. Gilbert, Dr. J. D. Hathaway and M. P. Hite, members of the entertainment committee for the big celebration declare emphatically that there will be no delays in the program; that it will begin promptly at the hour set; and that it will be snappy throughout.

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