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SCHOOL CLOSED HERE LAST WEEK

Commencement Exercises of Franklin School, Held May 18-23, Were Most Successful Ever Held Here.

A large congregation assembled in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning, May 18th, to hear Rev. A. J. Smith deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Franklin High School. The choir was composed of students of the school, who sang "Lovely Appear" by Gounod. Mrs. Smith Harris sang "The Lord Is My Shepherd." Miss Margaret Rogers was organist for the service.

Mr. Smith took for his text I Corinthians, IX, Chap., part of the 16th verse: "For necessity is laid upon me," delivering one of the most forceful sermons ever heard in Franklin.

Tuesday evening the Junior-Senior reception was held in the school auditorium. Two delightful one-act plays were given. These were followed by the presentation of tiny gold and white diplomas to the Seniors. They were found to contain fortunes written in verse. After several games, gold and white cream and cake were served.

Wednesday evening the grade exercises were given in the presence of a large audience. The wee folk furnished the most pleasant entertainment. The folk dances, recitations, songs, play, and May pole dance were most attractive.

The Senior play, "Good Evening, Clarice" was most successfully presented to a large and interested audience. It was a splendid production.

Friday afternoon the Seniors held their Class Day Exercises and Tree Planting at the school house. The class president, Mr. George Johnston, was salutatorian; Miss Eunice Cunningham was class historian; Mr. Paul Carpenter was class prophet; Miss Carolyn Rogers was class poet; Miss Daisy Siler was class testator, and Miss Emily Kingsbery was valedictorian. The class president made the speech of dedication at the Tree Planting, after which the class sang "The Ivy Song" while he planted the ivy, "symbol of love of the class of '24."

The graduating exercises were opened by the invocation, by Mr. Pipes, Friday evening. A chorus of girls sang "Come Follow Me." The address was delivered by Mr. H. Babcock, of Elon College. He made a strong appeal for education, urging the members of the class to continue their efforts.

Rev. A. J. Smith presented the scholarship prizes, first prize going to Miss Betty Sloan, whose yearly average was 95 7-8, and second to Miss Lois Ferguson, whose yearly average was 95 5-8.

Rev. J. Q. Wallace presented twenty-nine seventh grade certificates. Mr. M. D. Billings presented teachers' certificates to the following students of the Teacher Training Department:

Blanche Cabe, Elizabeth Deal, Marguerite Fulton, Milton Hauser, Katherine Hunnicutt, May Hunnicutt, Anne Siler, Daisy Siler and Pauline Snyder.

Supt. W. H. Crawford, before awarding the High School diplomas, read a telegram of congratulations from Miss Bertha Grey Gallman. He also read an announcement of a gift of \$200 to the school from the graduating class. The class expressed the desire that this be used to purchase History and English reference books for a school library.

The following students received diplomas:

Clyde Arrendale, Dave Blaine, Harriet Brendle, Lily Calloway, Paul Carpenter, Margaret Cozad, Eunice Cunningham, Elizabeth Deal, Milton Hauser, May Hunnicutt, Katherine Hunnicutt, George Johnston, Robert Johnston, Emily Kingsbery, Grace Moore, Paul Newman, Carolyn Rogers, Annie Laurie Siler, Margaret Siler, Frederick Sloan.

After the graduating exercises the Seniors and their sponsors were most delightfully entertained by the class president at a buffet supper in his home. Two delicious courses were served, after which, in the gold and white dining room, favors were given to the guests. This was the most pleasant class meeting of the year.

STATE TO BUILD 1,400 MILE LAWN

Shoulder Along North Carolina's Paved Roads Will Be Set in Grass as Part of the Maintenance Plan.

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—Beginning as soon as seed enough can be found for the business the North Carolina Highway Commission will become the proprietor of the biggest lawn in the State, being approximately 1,400 miles long and twenty feet wide, according to plans approved by Commissioner Frank Page and directed to be put into effect immediately. The work has already started in the Fourth District, and is ready to begin in other districts.

The "lawn" will be sowed along the shoulders of the 1,400 miles of paved roads in the state system, the ten feet of soil on either side of the paving being set in some tough grass that will resist erosion, and not be hurt by automobiles that leave the paving in passing or for other causes. It is believed that the entire program will be well under way before the end of the summer, and much of the mileage completed.

Primarily the plan is to simplify the problem of maintaining the dirt shoulders of the paving slab. Trouble has been experienced everywhere in keeping a smooth surface on them, due to the fact that traffic leaves the pavement, and a heavy rain will score them badly. The grass will save the washing out of the shoulders, and in a large measure prevent the rutting of the shoulders by the tires of automobiles that leave the pavement.

Bermuda grass will be used, since it offers the greatest resistance to weathering and to traffic. Where it is possible the sodding will be done by transplanting, but in some instances the seed will have to be sown. The work will begin at the outer edge of the shoulder and work in toward the paving, and when the grass is fully set, an almost impenetrable mass of roots will be in the way of washing or traffic burdens.

Scenically the completed work will add immeasurably to the appearance of the roads. Instead of the miles of red dirt alongside the paving there will be a well kept plot of grass. In places where the roads have cut through embankments, honeysuckle vines will be set to stay the progress of erosion. Plans for setting trees along the roads have been urged upon Mr. Page, but he maintains that they will add nothing to the utility of the roads, and the state would not be justified in using the people's money purely for decorative purposes.

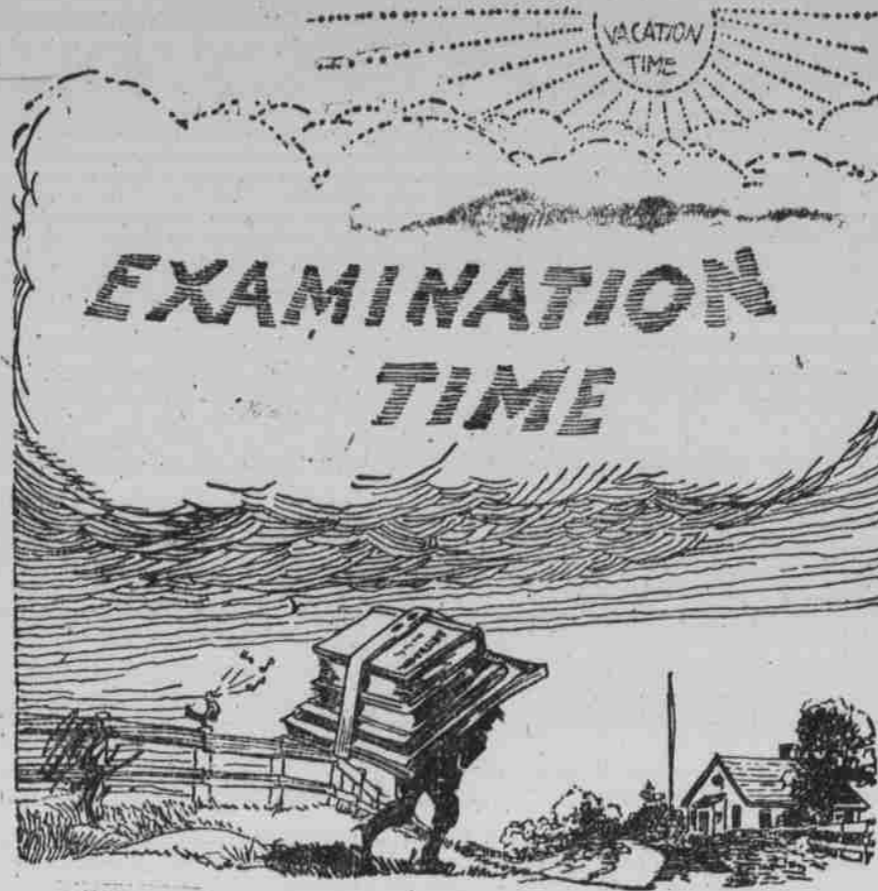
Don't Pull Fodder, Plant Hay Crops Now

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—"Many sermons, articles, letters and other speeches both written and spoken have been directed at the practices of pulling fodder and cutting corn tops; but, it is useless to preach on this subject in the late summer or fall," says E. C. Blair, extension agronomist for the State College of Agriculture. "It's too late then. At that time the farmer generally has his last chance to provide sufficient feed for the coming winter and rather than do without, he saves it from his corn crop. For that year, therefore, he is compelled to take the tops and fodder or else hire a shredding outfit and in most cases that is out of the question. This, then, is why provision for hay and roughage should be made at this season of the year."

Mr. Blair states that by August or September it is easy to realize the advantage of a mowing machine over the bare hands as a gatherer of roughage. The proper time to give the matter consideration is while there is yet time to plant hay crops. If enough hay is grown for livestock, then the fodder and tops will not be needed. Soybeans and cowpeas may be planted now and will make from one to two tons of nutritious hay per acre. Sudan grass, sorghum and the millets all yield heavily on good land. Some farmers may find it convenient to plant a hay crop after wheat, oats or rye and still others may replace part of the corn crop with a planting for hay.

At other times of the year red clover, alsike clover, Japan clover, sweet clover, alfalfa, vetch, oats, rye, barley, wheat, grasses and many other crops might be used for hay.

Cloudy and Unsettled



NEW MACHINE OF DEATH INVENTED

Diabolical Death Ray May Be Instrumental in Winning Next War—Invented by Englishman.

London, England, May 24.—A diabolical "death ray," irresistible force that may win the next world war, was sought by two nations today, while its inventor, Grindell Mathews, wavered between loyalty to his country and a tempting offer of financial support from across the channel.

Mathews is an Englishman, but the lukewarm attitude of the labor government toward his ray, which slays at great distances, made him turn to France for assistance in perfecting the invention.

He started partnership with a Frenchman named Royer, at Lyons. There is no reason to doubt the French government's interest in Royer's share in the enterprise. Before it was too late, however, Mathews' country called him.

Naval and military men of England urged so vigorously that the "death ray" be investigated that the government agreed to a conference.

Mathews conferred today with Sir Geoffrey Salmond at the air ministry, and is understood to have arranged for a demonstration of the death ray on Monday. In the meantime, Mathews let it be known that he would accept a French offer forthwith unless the British government assists with further experiments.

While he guards jealously the secret of the ray, Mathews talks freely enough of its possibilities.

"It can kill humans, or wreck an airplane, up to a distance of six or eight miles," he said. "It cannot sink battleships approaching the coast, but it can put their machinery out of commission."

"A line of forts a few miles apart, each equipped with the ray would be complete protection against an enemy air fleet, which could be brought down in flames."

"I do not believe the ray is effective at a greater distance than ten miles," the inventor added.

Rocky Branch Locals.

We have been having some pretty weather for the past few days, and everybody is busy planting again.

Mr. Jay Gibson was visiting on Iotla last week.

Miss Olive Poindexter was the guest of Mrs. Sol Jacobs last Sunday night.

Mrs. John Baldwin was visiting her daughter, Mrs. Gene Jacobs, last Monday.

Mrs. Walter Angel has been very sick for the past week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

We were deeply grieved last Thursday morning to hear of the death of Uncle Henry Raby. We will miss him, but our loss is his eternal gain. He was laid to rest at the Iotla Methodist cemetery.

The many friends of Iotla were glad to welcome Mrs. Annie McKay and little daughter Virginia back again. BLUE EYED DAISY.

HOW MUCH FOOD FOR EVERY COW

How Much Food will It Take For One Good Dairy Cow for One Year? Is Question Asked by Dairymen.

Raleigh, N. C., May 26.—How much food will it take for one good dairy cow for one year? This is a question many prospective dairymen would like to know. J. A. Arey, dairy extension specialist for the State College of Agriculture, answers the question for North Carolina conditions but he bases his figures on the amount it will take for next winter in order that those dairymen who have not done so may make their plans now for growing as much of the necessary food as possible this summer.

Mr. Arey says, "Now is the time to plan for profitable milk production next winter. This can be done if each owner will produce for his cow, 1 1-2 tons of legume hay, 15 bushels of corn, 10 bushels of oats, and 3 tons of stock beets or corn silage."

"If this amount of food is grown for each cow and 300 pounds of cottonseed meal and 300 pounds of wheat bran purchased, where they are not grown on the farm, and fed in connection with these feeds, together with pasture and some low protein roughage, a balanced ration may be supplied throughout the year."

Roasting Ears With Butter.

Raleigh, N. C., May 24.—No vegetable is more tempting than a nice plate of roasting ears well cooked, served with good fresh butter. If one is afraid he will burn his fingers, the corn may be cut from the cob and cooked in that way.

In order to have this fresh corn for the table daily, repeated plantings may be made until the first of August, suggests R. F. Payne, extension horticulturist for the State College of Agriculture. Two of the varieties most commonly used in this State for roasting ears are Norfolk Market and Trucker's Favorite. However, neither of these varieties is the best as they are not in the sweet corn group. Once sweet corn is used, Mr. Payne states that the taste for other varieties is permanently lost. Two of the best varieties of sweet corn are Country Gentleman and Evergreen.

"Any soil well adapted to field corn will grow good sweet corn," says Mr. Payne. "Sod soil that has been turned is best. It should be thoroughly prepared, well manured and fertilized. A good high grade fertilizer applied at the rate of 1,000 to 2,000 pounds per acre will give good results. Cultivation should be given frequently throughout the entire growing season."

"Sweet corn should be planted about 2 inches deep in rows 3 to 3 1-2 feet apart and 2 1-2 to 3 feet apart in the row. Three or four grains should be put per hill."

"Do not neglect to make frequent plantings. Always remember that the surplus can usually be disposed of locally at a good price."

MR. J. H. CANNON DIES IN CLAYTON

One of the Foremost Citizens of Our Neighboring Georgia County Passed Away Last Week.

Clayton, Ga., May 23.—"Mr. Cannon is dead." Swiftly, but laden with a breath of sorrow, the news was spread abroad, Wednesday evening just as the day was dying, that Henry Cannon had quietly passed away at his home at the Blue Ridge Hotel.

For days, loved ones and friends had lingered near, hoping to hear that he would be able to overcome his physical weakness, but very little hope was held out on account of his weakened condition caused from acute Bright's disease and a deranged heart.

Mr. Cannon was fifty-two years old at his last birthday and a native of Rabun County. He was born and reared near Wiley, at the old Cannon homestead.

Thirty years ago he was married to Miss Celia Phillips, of South Carolina, who survives him. He was the eldest of a large family of children and leaves, besides his mother, four brothers, Walter, Charlie, Frank and Jabel, and four sisters, Mesdames Sallie Thompson, Ed Norton, L. Neville and Annie Ussery.

Eleven children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Cannon, all of whom are living except Mrs. J. C. Justus. Those living are Mrs. Isie McCurry, Miss Maud, Horace, Gervise, R. E., Mildred, J. H., Jr., Jimmie, Chleo, Carrie Belle, and four grandchildren, Ola, Caroline, Junior and Melba McCurry. Probably the highest tribute paid the deceased is the great number of folks who linger near and with one accord acclaim, "He was my friend."

Mr. Cannon was a man of the people, who knew and loved his neighbors and no doubt had accommodated more people than any man of his day, for it was his custom to help every worthy cause that came to his attention. It is said of him that he would buy anything that a farmer brought to town and offered for sale, even though he did not always profit thereby, he loved to help those who tried to help themselves.

Eight years ago he identified himself with the Baptist Church and since that time has been a potent factor in the church affairs of this town and community. One of the last of his business transactions was to subscribe five hundred dollars toward the purchase of a lot on which to erect a new Baptist Church.

Mr. Cannon was one of the most progressive citizens of the county and had implicit faith in the future of Clayton and Rabun County, as is evidenced by his having recently rented his store room to some parties who wanted to enter business here, and erected for himself a new store room. Just a few days ago he was heard to remark that if he lived he intended to cover the Blue Ridge block with business houses just as fast as he could build them.

Though a man of large business affairs he was never too busy to attend the minutest affairs of family and friends.

He loved his friends, was devoted to his family and devoutly worshipped his Creator.

The funeral and interment will be at the Baptist Church Friday afternoon at two o'clock, in charge of the local pastors, Revs. J. W. Kesterson and R. P. Ethridge.

Words fail with which to express the sympathy that goes out to his devoted companion and children. Only an All Wise Providence knows best.

May his children grow up in his footsteps and be a blessing to the community as has been their honored father.—Clayton Tribune.

North Carolina Sends Delegate to National Holstein Convention

North Carolina breeders of Holstein cattle will be represented at the 39th annual convention of The Holstein-Friesian Association of America at Richmond, Virginia, June 4th, by Tom Pemberton, of Greensboro. Thirty-eight states and one Canadian province have elected 148 delegates to attend this meeting, the first to be held in "Dixie" by the National Holstein Association.