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COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES GOOD

Programs Given Last Week Enjoyed by Large Crowds—Exercises Most Extensive Ever Attempted Here

(S. S. S. Literary Society.)

The commencement exercises of the class of '26 of Franklin high school were had during the last week in May. Every night a large audience was present and the exercises were a credit to both the town and the school. They were more varied and extensive this year than ever before and next year we hope to make them even more so.

On Friday night, May 23, Miss Mattie Angel's music pupils gave their annual recital. There was a large crowd present and all of her pupils did unusually well. The program was enjoyed by all and it was an appropriate beginning for one of the most brilliant commencements Franklin has ever known.

On Sunday night, Mr. Grice preached the baccalaureate sermon in the Methodist church. The church was artistically decorated and the choir, composed of members of the schools' Glee club, sang some beautiful and inspiring hymns. Mr. Grice preached an interesting sermon to all, but especially to the graduating class did he give some excellent words of advice that they will do well to remember.

On Wednesday afternoon the children of the elementary grades gave a field day program, the main features being the May pole dance, the flag drill and the garland drill. Wednesday night the teacher-training department had their graduation exercises. Mr. M. D. Billings gave them as interesting talk and greatly complimented Miss Burch on the wonderful work she has accomplished this year. A Tom Thumb wedding, arranged by the teacher-training class was very cleverly presented and shows what these young teachers are capable of doing.

Thursday afternoon the declamation and recitation contest was held in the auditorium of the school. Owing to a misunderstanding about the time, only a few were present. Tim Crawford and William McGuire won the medals offered for the best recitation and declamation. Thursday night the grammar grades gave an entertaining program, consisting of plays, drills, songs and dances. A large crowd was present and the children did remarkably well.

On Friday night the seniors had their graduating exercises and received their diplomas. Thirty-three were in the class. Dr. Cunningham, of Duke University, was the speaker of the evening and everyone enjoyed his interesting address. The daisy chain, held by the sophomores for the seniors to pass through, was picturesque and added much to the beauty of the exercises.

Betty Sloan was Salutatorian. Lois Ferguson gave the class history. Frances Paul the class poem, Bill Higdon the class prophecy, Elizabeth Barnard the will and William McGuire was Valedictorian.

The medals and pins won during the year were presented. The Laniers win the pin for publishing the best school news during the year. This ended the commencement exercises and everyone felt that the past year had been a most successful one in the history of our school.

FLEET SCROGGS HONORED

Fleet H. Scroggs, of Canton and the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, by being voted the most popular member of the senior class in the School of Pharmacy. He has been a consistent student and has been highly respected both in his work and as a leader and has won many honors.

Mr. Scroggs was appointed as assistant in pharmacy at the beginning of this school year and has been serving with Professor J. G. Board, who is secretary of pharmacy in the university. Mr. Scroggs is eligible for the entire state board examination having served his apprenticeship and will receive his Ph. G. degree in June which is a few days prior to the state board examination.

Besides being one of the best students in the senior class, he is a member of Acacia fraternity, Kappa Psi fraternity, president of U. N. C. A. Ph. A., secretary and treasurer of the class, most popular member of class, assistant in pharmacy and Master Mason.—Waynesville Mountaineer.

FRANCE HONORS AMERICAN DEAD

Paris, May 31.—The memory of American soldiers, doughboys who found their last resting place in the beautifully green, spick and span Suresnes cemetery under Mount Valerian outside Paris, and other places in France set aside for them, were honored today by rich and poor alike.

Old and young of all classes braved heavy rain squalls to decorate the graves of America's dead. Beside the superb wreaths of La France and Jacqueminot roses and other classic flowers from the government, from the city of Paris, the French army and the general council of the Seine department, were modest bouquets of familiar poppies and other simple posies of the field and garden laid on individual graves by the trembling hands of mothers and sisters of French dead. They modestly bore out the keynote of the speech of General Nollet, in behalf of the government at Suresnes to the effect: "France does not forget."

Eight hundred French school children sang "The Star Spangled Banner" as Suresnes and helped to lay flowers on the soldiers' graves. Military honors were rendered by a detachment of marines from the cruiser Pittsburg, a detachment of the famous French marines from the dreadnaught Paris, crack republican guard Cuirassiers, a regiment of infantry, with band, a squad from the Paris post of the American Legion and a troop of Boy Scouts.

French Tribute

General Nollet reviewed the "glorious days of Chateau Thierry and Belleau Wood," which, he said, "revealed to the common enemy that a new force had entered the field and must henceforth be reckoned with. That force was as great as the sentiment which inspired it; it was noble."

"I want personally, as well as officially, to render due honor to the self-abnegation of the boys lying here who made that force great, who used it to liberate France."

Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, and Benjamin H. Connor, president of the American Chamber of Commerce, spoke after General Nollet.

At the end of the ceremony, the American marines fired a volley over the graves and the 1,500 mounds, already beflagged with American and French colors, were decorated with flowers by the French school children.

The ceremonies at Belleau Wood, Bony, Seringes, Thiocourt and Romagne and at Waerghem in Belgium, were equally impressive.

Vice Admiral Roger Welles, of the U. S. S. Pittsburgh at Belleau Wood; Colonel John Bond, U. S. A., spoke at Bony and William Phillips, American ambassador to Belgium, was the principal speaker at Waerghem.—Charlotte Observer.

Bee Specialist Coming

All who are interested in learning more about bee keeping are requested to meet at the court house at 10 a. m. on June 10th for the purpose of organizing a Bee Keepers' Association. Mr. C. L. Sams, specialist in bee-keeping, is expected to be present to assist in the organization and to discuss bee keeping and make demonstrations.

Macon county is a splendid place for bees with the planting of more sweet clover on the farms and the protection of the forests from fires, it should improve.

If the farmers do not keep enough bees to take the honey flow, they may expect bee keepers from other sections to bring numbers of colonies of bees to Macon county just as has been done in Rabun county Georgia.

Meetings on Nantahala

County Agent Arrendale, with B. W. Bleckley and J. D. Kelley, agricultural agents of the Southern Railway Agricultural Development Service are holding five meetings in Nantahala township on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

PROSPERITY THROUGH POWER

The day is approaching when practically all the hard manual work of the United States with its 118,000,000 people will be done by electricity, and done far more swiftly and cheaply than human labor could accomplish. These benefits, and greater ones which lie in the future for America, are due to the energy and vision with which a few leaders have grasped and solved the problem of power supply on a national scale.—H. S. Harmsworth, Pub., London Daily Mail.

WORK STARTS ON HOTEL GROUNDS

Work Started Monday On Clearing Site of Gal-Zak Hotel—Rapid Progress On Road to Summit.

Tremont Park, Inc. has a large force of hands at work grading the road to the top of Tremont mountain, the site of the proposed \$250,000 Gal-Zak hotel. This work is progressing rapidly. Monday several men were placed at work digging up the trees on the site of the hotel preparatory to doing the necessary grading for the foundation. The road to the top of Tremont will be 30 feet in width. It leaves highway No. 28, two miles west of town and will wind up the south side of the mountain to the summit.

The corporation has leased for office space the lobby and dining room of the Hotel Franklin. Electricians are now engaged in rewiring both rooms to meet the needs of the officials and clerical force. Tables, comfortable chairs and rugs will be placed in the dining room for the convenience of those who will have business relations with the company. Office furniture and equipment have been ordered and will be installed on arrival.

C. B. Mallonee of Murphy, Died May 22 of Paralysis

Commodore Barney Mallonee, 76 year old, prominent and well known Murphy citizen, died of paralysis at his home in East Murphy Saturday afternoon, May 22. Mr. Mallonee had been in failing health for the past several years. Last November he suffered a stroke of paralysis, and since then had been confined to his bed. Again last Wednesday night he suffered a second stroke, which left him totally paralyzed. All that loving hands and the science of medicine could do was done, but in vain. The end came quietly Saturday afternoon at five minutes till 1 o'clock, and he crossed the Great Divide without regaining consciousness.

Mr. Mallonee was born in Franklin, N. C., and moved with his family to Murphy and Cherokee county about twenty-eight years ago. He was a member of the Methodist church having been converted early in life, and on a number of occasions before losing consciousness, he expressed hope in Christ.

He was well known throughout this entire section, and lived to see his children occupying responsible positions in the social and business life of the community and county.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. H. Rhinehart, at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, assisted by Rev. E. C. Gargy, of the Presbyterian church and Rev. T. L. Sasser, of the Baptist church. Interment was in the Sunset cemetery. The following were the pallbearers: active: Sid Pendley, T. W. Axley, H. D. Barnett, J. W. Davidson, Harve Elkins, Efton Christopher, Neil Davidson and C. W. Bailey. Honorary: R. B. Ferguson, Will Bryson, J. M. Barnett and Fred More, C. B. Hill, local funeral director was in charge.

The large number of sorrowing relatives and friends who gathered to pay their last respects, and the many beautiful floral offerings were tributes to the high esteem in which Mr. Mallonee was held.

He is survived by his wife, two sons and five daughters: E. C. Mallonee, of Murphy, and J. A. Mallonee, of Peachtree; Mrs. J. G. Greene, and Misses Carrie, Lyda and Bessie Mallonee, of Murphy. One brother and one sister: E. S. Mallonee and Mrs. Lizzie Shields of Franklin; and a number of grandchildren.—Cherokee Scout.

SERVICES AT ST. AGNES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. E. J. Pipes, rector. Services as follows: Holy Communion (except first Sunday of month), 8:00 a. m. Church school, (R. D. Sisk, superintendent), 10 a. m. Morning prayer and sermon, 11 a. m. Vespers, 5 p. m. First Sunday of month Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Holy days, 10 a. m. The St. Agnes Guild meets at the rector's the first Thursday of each month. The tennis court and playground is for the use of the whole community. We want you to make this church your home.

Things of Interest at The Methodist Church

On May 30th at the Methodist church the morning service opened with one of Miss Margaret Rogers' beautiful organ preludes—Consolation by Mendelssohn, and immediately preceding the sermon by the pastor, Rev. B. C. Reavis, Mrs. Dick Hudson sang in her own sweet way, "There Is A Land Mine Eye Hath Seen."

Mr. Reavis preached a very timely and encouraging sermon on "A Praying Church," taking the short text: "When They Had Prayed."

He read the story of how Peter and John were imprisoned and commanded not to preach any more in the name of Jesus. The Priests and Pharisees adding, also, threatening "and how the church fleeth to prayer," and the changed conditions on account of this praying church. Mr. Reavis said: "Prayer always changes things," and that what we needed most of all today was a praying church. He said that this story was about a real church and a real people and God was just as ready to answer the prayers of his church today as then. He mentioned some of the results brought about by prayer in this church.

First, as a result of prayer they were filled with the holy spirit which is the birthright of every child of God, but which too often remains unclaimed.

Second, they were filled with courage and spoke the word of God with boldness. He cited the story of when Elisha prayed that the "young man's" eyes be opened that he might see the hosts of God surrounding him to protect him from his enemies he was changed from a cringing coward to a fearless man of faith. He also mentioned the boldness and courage through prayer of the spies who were sent to explore the promised land, and the discouraging report of those who had not put their trust in God.

Third, through prayer this church caught a vision of Stewardship.

In this connection he spoke of how much we needed today to realize that we were God's Stewards, that nothing that we possessed was really our own—We ourselves belong to God, both by right of creation and redemption.

Fourth, this church became a united church through prayer. He said this was necessary for the spiritual prosperity and even life of any church.

Fifth, this church became a church of great power and grace. He said prayer made people attractive—that the closer we live to God through prayer and the more we become like Jesus, the more beautiful and attractive we become. That Christian character shines forth in the face, it straightens the bent form and lends sweetness to the voice.

Mr. Reavis then gave a very earnest exhortation that as a church we be much in prayer, that we, too, may be filled with the holy ghost, that we might be a church of courage and boldness, testifying for Jesus at all times, and in all places, that we might realize our responsibility as Stewards of God, that we might be a strong, united church and a people so full of the grace of religion that we would attract others to desire the "beauty of holiness."

The pastor being absent in account of a call to preach at Weaverville college commencement, and attend the District Conference at Bethel church, there was no preaching service Sunday evening, but the Epworth league held a very interesting meeting at that hour with Miss Charlotte Conley as leader. The subject was "Character Building" and was very well handled by the young people of the league.

Senior Class Entertained

On Tuesday evening, May 25, the senior class and a few others were delightfully entertained by Miss Betty Sloan at her home, Sunnyside Farm. The house was decorated with a profusion of spring flowers. The fun began with a treasure hunt which led the guests to most inaccessible places, and at the end of each string was found a "sucker" dressed to represent a senior in cap and gown. "Slick" McCollum, in the role of a waiter, seemed perfectly at home in the "Menu" game and served "shampane," "gum-bow" and other dainties with all the grace of perfect training. Mr. Sam Franks turned the pages of time back 40 years and was a boy again "just for tonight."

After several hours of wholesome fun, a delicious course was served. Along the "outside" guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Sam Franks, Miss Phipps, Miss Moezley, Mr. Moss, Mrs. Jim Cook, Mrs. Kinnebrew, Miss Callene Crawford, Mrs. Smith Harris and Mr. and Mrs. Will Sloan.

\$125,000 PLANT FOR FRANKLIN

Virginia Interests to Build Creosoting Plant Near Station to Cost \$125,000—Work to Start in 10 Days.

It was announced here Monday that Virginia interests will erect a creosoting plant near the station at Franklin at a cost of \$125,000. According to present plans work on this plant will begin within 10 days. When completed the plant will treat cross ties, poles, piling and all timbers going in exposed construction. In addition to the local supply to be treated, it is expected that ties, poles, piling, etc., will be shipped to Franklin from all points on the Tallulah Falls Railway and possibly from other points. The plant will be located on the east side of highway No. 28 between the end of the railroad and the Indian mound.

It was not announced who has the contract for building the plant, but those in charge will no doubt send a trained crew of men here for that purpose.

Sunday School Convention at Salem Proves Success

The regular fifth Sunday meeting of the Franklin Circuit Sunday School Convention was held at Salem May 30. A large crowd was in attendance and an interesting and helpful program was rendered with the result that everyone had an enjoyable and profitable day.

The program started promptly at 10 a. m. with songs rendered by the Olive Hill Singing class. The opening prayer and address of welcome were delivered by Mr. A. W. Jacobs.

One of the feature numbers of the program was a splendid address by Rev. A. S. Solesbee on the subject "God." Rev. Solesbee's address was to the point and well worth traveling many miles to hear. All who did not hear this masterful address by Rev. Solesbee, have every reason for regret.

Doctor Hunter, president of Collo-Whice, delivered a powerful address on the subject, "The Other Fellow." It is to be regretted that every man, woman and child in Macon county did not hear this address. Dr. Hunter always says something worth listening at and he was at his very best on this occasion. Macon county and especially those present at Salem Sunday are to be congratulated in being able to hear an address by an able speaker like Dr. Hunter.

At the 12:30 hour a bountiful and delicious dinner was spread beneath the oaks by the good ladies. The president wishes to take this opportunity to thank the good ladies for their cooperation in making the day such a splendid success.

In the afternoon C. C. Poindexter, president, delivered a short talk on "Myself." After this talk reports and discussions were had.

Much of the success of the occasion was due to the many beautiful songs sung by the singing class from Olive Hill, Mr. John Dalton and his class and Mr. Oscar Corbin and his class. These songs were sandwiched between the other numbers on the program and added harmony to the occasion. The president wishes to thank these singers and all others who joined to make the day worthwhile.

The next meeting of the Convention will be held the fifth Sunday in August being the 29th day. The place of this meeting will be announced later.

John Thomas in Trouble

Mr. John Thomas is to be tried soon by a jury of his peers for keeping a scrub bull. Uncle Bragg Higdon, while perfectly willing to manage John's campaign for sheriff, says he absolutely refuses to defend John on such a serious charge. It is Uncle Bragg's opinion that John will even find great difficulty in procuring the services of lawyer. Judge Bettah Stock will preside and in a previous case of this kind he sentenced the culprit to feed and milk scrub cows for 20 years which in the end amounted to a fine of \$12,004.67. This trial will take place at the creamery on June 12th. According to reports John has been frantically interviewing his friends on Ellijay, and especially the good ladies of that section, with a view to persuading some of them to serve on the jury.