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EXCELLENT THREE NIGHT COMMENCEMENT

Program Marks Close of a Great School Year in this City.

(By J. J. Wade)

The Dunn Graded Schools came to a close Tuesday night with the Commencement address by Mr. D. F. Giles, Superintendent of Wake County Schools, and a resident of Raleigh. This too, marked the close of a three-night excellent Commencement program, Sunday night being used for the Commencement sermon, and Monday for the Class exercises.

On Sunday night Rev. Joel Snyder pastor of the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, delieverd the Commencement Sermon, and delivered it well. His talk was based on the foundation of the careers of the rising Seniors, the successes, failures, disappointments, achievements, to be made by the class of '17. Delivering it in his own distinct and impressive mode of oratory the Pastor satisfied the anticipations of a church crowded and overflowing with a sermon that deserved great credit for its real merit. Surely, a more suitable pastor could not have been elected to deliver the sermon that was designated to impress hundreds of hearts with its sheer worth.

On Monday night the Class Day exercises were held. This always is a particular feature of a Commencement program and this year it was carried out unusually well making it for Dunn Graded an even more important part. Despite inclement weather and torrents of rain the exercises were well attended and though the crowd was not, by any means, what it would have been had the weather permitted, a great many people heard with proud hearts the achievements that crowned sons of Dunn High School delivered. The exercises opened with the Class song, an impressive introduction to all the other excellent departments of the program. The Class song was pretty, well written, and it seems that the Seniors of '17 are great singers judging from the way they delivered this song of several tunes, and scattered with sad farewells.

The President of the Class, Girard Wilson, then delivered the Salutatory address. His talk was well planned, interesting, and informative, and the handsome President of the Class of '17 showed that though our school was defeated in both debates this season, that after all there were some real orators in the school.

The Class Historian, Miss Lela Strickland, next gave, in an interesting manner, the entire History of the Class to the large audience. She pictured from the beginning to the end, the struggles, the battles, the joys, the sorrows, of reaching the distinguished attainment.

Miss Novella Reardon, another ambitious Senior, next gave the crowds the complete statistics of her class. Beginning with Lewis Adley, better known as "Doc", she tore into parts the character and department of each Senior's life. Her delivery was good and though the heavy rains proved a great handicap the whole audience listened and were well pleased with the humorous and witty sayings that this girl told on her own class. Certainly before she got through every member of the Class of '17 had a small smile playing about his or her dignified brow, while some even carried deep red blushes. Ah!

The Senior Class next united and paid tribute to the '18 Seniors, now better known as Juniors, singing a pretty song, well composed and equally well dedlivered. But the song carried little sympathy to the young Juniors and what little it did carry was of the cold-blooded nature.

The Class Poet demonstrated some of the '17 talent and delivered a dramatic and flowery Class Poem. The rain seemed to descend its hardest at this junction, much to the sorrow of the whole audience. The Poem showed signs of talent while its deliverance was unusually good.

The next number of the exercises was prehaps the most artistically planned of all the parts and was well arranged. Miss Hallie Lewis, Class Prophet, was pictured as a lady traveling, having her grip by her side waiting in the waiting room of some large Union depot. She was seen to buy a daily paper from a passing newsboy, well impersonated by William Wade, and immediately in devulging the contents of the paper she pictured all the members of the Green and White Class. Dated in Smithfield, for instance, she saw where Mr. Lewis Adley was editing the Herald of that city. Every member was outlined perfectly and although some of her prophecy may never come true it will long be remembered how neatly and beautifully this part of the Class Exercises of '17 was carried out.

The Last Will and Testament was read by Mr. Wade Pridgen. Everything willed was of acute interest, some in earnest, some in great humor.

The third song was then delivered by the Graduating Class, this too being a home-composed piece by the Seniors of '17.

Mr. Norwood Pope, another graduate, now delivered that which was assigned to him, a dramatic oration "Defeat or Victory." Norwood demonstarated full power of great orating and delivered his oration well. He used good gestures and spoke very impressively.

Just before the conclusion came the feautre of the entire program, delivered by Miss Ruth Cashwell,—the Valedictory. It marked a rushing conclusion and was the bright light of the whole affair. The way Miss Cashwell delivered it—plainly distinctly, vividly, and with a display of great talent, was superb. Coolly she reached the center of the stage and with little effort, without a falter, without a break, she emphasized it so fully and clearly that the whole house was mystified and rendered the utmost pleasure in what was going on. Surely such a Valedictory, coming just before the concluding farewell song delivered in such an imposing manner, was to leave and did leave great memories in the hearts of the pleased audience of the class of '17; and a memory that will stand the test of time, no matter what may come, nor what may go.

After the Valedictory the closing song came. Sung to the tune of "Good Bye, Girls", the song carried a note of sadness, yet victory. And with a "Good Bye, Girls, Good Bye Boys, Good Bye Folks, We're through," nine happy, yet, somewhat sad Seniors, closed the exercises.

Tuesday, the last night, the Commencement Address was delivered, Diplomas and Bibles, presented, and all the Senior's honors were displayed. Mr. Lockhart made a short introductive talk presenting for the audience's approval, Mr. D. F. Giles, a well known North Carolina Educational booster and Superintendent of Wake County Schools. His knowledge of the pupils needs in Education of the state is unlimited and a better man to speak would have been hard to secure.

His speech was not long and dry but short and snappy; it was only about thirty minutes long, in accordance with the request of the Commencement supervisers. He told the good of Commencements, what cooperation it incurred. He spoke of educational improvements, of men who went forward and men who addled the bag, and of men who held back. He spoke on measurements of a child's character, what defects it contained, what should be strengthened, and what should be let alone to grow. And for nearly every point he gave a humorous, yet practical example. His speech was impressive, to be remembered long.

After a delightful instrumental solo Mr. J. C. Clifford of this city presented the Diplomas. His presentation was short, to the point and with practical instruction.

Hardly had the Diplomas been given when the six marshals accompanied by two assistants, with neat D. H. S. arm bands in the Senior colors on their figure, came to the stage overladen with a perfect fusilade of fragrance and beauty; of worth and nicety all round. Every Graduate received many and beautiful flowers, numerous and various presents. It seems that the class was a round favorite to all.

With the presentation of the bibles in an attractive and artistic way, rent, with beautiful oratorical phrases, Rev. J. M. Waters made a most encouraging speech to the Graduates for their Commencement in life. After giving great instruction to the Seniors, Mr. Waters gave every one a neat Bible, accompanied by a pretty verse from God's word. He said the benediction and School was over, commencement was over, life was just beginning for the Nine.

The Graduates who were honored by this three night program were: Lewis Franklin Adley, Ruth Louise Cashwell, Hallie Amanda Lewis, Mabel Pearsall Lynch, Elbert Norwood Pope, Alexander Wade Pridgen Novella Herman Reardon, Lawrence Girard Wilson and Lela Strickland. Every one has averaged good grades and the DISPATCH extends its hearty good wishes, and confusive congratulations to the young men and women who have accomplished so much, and who are NOW so well fitted for Life's golden future.

NOTICE.

The ladies the Presbyterian church are endeavoring to get hold of a large amount of old paper in order that additional church funds may be raised. They have designated Friday as the day on which to collect this old paper, magazines, books, etc., and if you have any on your premises which you would like to give them notify any member of the church and they will have it called for Friday. The ladies will appreciate your co-operation.

CHILD DIES AT GOLDSBORO

Goldsboro, May 5.—Little Mary Suggs, died in this city Thursday following an illness of only a few days. Mr. and Mrs. Suggs recently moved to Goldsboro from Benson where the remains were taken for burial.

TO MEET MAY 19TH

The Harnett County Clover Club and Community Fair at Coats Unite.

On Tuesday May 1st, a number of citizens interested in the Harnett County Clover Club and Community Fair at Coats met and decided to combine the two organizations this year.

It is hoped that no one will loose interest in the clover work because we are not meeting this year.

Quite a bit of clover was killed by the unusually cold wave in February; but this should not kill the interest in this great winter legume and spring grazing crop.

Last year, in the Community Fair there was much stress put upon fine hogs, cows, horses, sheep and chickens; but nothing said about improved men. This year the baby show will be added to the fair. There will be a valuable prize offered for the best developed baby under two years of age. There will be competent judges for this contest, and the mothers will be instructed as to the good points and weak ones about her baby.

The President is in receipt of a list containing prizes offered for new articles in the fair. It is earnestly hoped that a number of other friends interested in a better rural life in Harnett County will send to the President a list of articles that ought to be exhibited.

All business managers and directors, as well as any one interested in the community fair at Coats, are requested tomeet at Coats School building on Saturday, May 19th, at three o'clock to lay plans for the fair next fall.

OWEN ODUM, President
OSCAR S. YOUNG, Sec.Treas

ERWIN PARK FORMALLY OPENED FRIDAY NIGHT.

Large Crowd Present In Spite of Disagreeable Weather. Many Attractions.

Duke, May 5.—The Erwin Park held its annual opening Friday night. Mr. W. A. Erwin of West Durham, after whom the Park was named had been invited to make the address, but for some reasons was unable to [illegible] ing weather the park was full of people enjoying all its attractions. Probably the most attractive feature of the evening was the open air motion picture show. Everything had been decorated with a patriotic taste, the lights alternated in colors red, white and blue. The band made music for the occasion using many patriotic selections. One piece on the program was composed by Mr. William Jolly, local director of the band and named Chief of the Tribe. Since the park closed for the winter many new attractions have been added. Among them is a complete set of gymnasium apparatus, six beds of canna, many swings for both grown and young people. A baby monkey was also born whilethe park was closed. There has also been a loss. One of the deer died. The buck was found dead one Sunday morning. With a permanent care taker, and a specialist to instruct the children in their play and gymnasium exercises each afternoon, and the older people at night the park will be even more attractive than last year.

Extensive arrangements have been made for the celebration and decoration of the soldier's graves at Chicora May the 10th. This is the site of the battle of Averasboro and many of the confederate soldiers are buried there. Exercises will begin at three P. M. with the decorating the graves. The band from Duke will furnish music.

MOTHER'S DAY AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

On next Sunday, May 13 Mother's Day will be observed at the First Baptist church. At the close of the Sunday School lesson the T. E. L. class will have some special exercises in commemoration of the day. At the preaching hour the pastor will preach on The Place of the Mother in the Kingdom of God. Everybody cordially invited. It is requested that each one whose mother is living wear a colored flower. If the mother is dead that the flower be white.

W. R. CULLOM.

THE THING YOU MUST HAVE

The thing you must have to state with is a job which interests you more than anything else in the world; a job which is full of variety and action; a job which is your life and play; your present and your future. If you haven't a job you must get one.—Thomas A. Edison.

They Don't Have to Be Told

Anybody familiar with the recent history of the Republican party knows without being told that T. R., is the ablest man in the country when it comes to creating a division.

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DUKE JR. O. U. A. M. ENTERTAIN

Interesting Program—Other Items of Local Interest.

Duke May 7.—The [illegible] order of Jr. O. U. A. M. entertained their wives and friends Saturday night May the 5th at the auditorium. The speakers for the occasion were Rev. W. L. Maness subject "To Live for Others." Rev. S. J. [illegible], "Wanted a Man." John H. [illegible] royal subject "Why the Jr. Order prefers The Bible and Flag in public schools." L. E. Stancil, "Some things the Jr. Order is doing." E. S. Yarborough subject, "Serving the Nation at Home and at the Front." The program was interspersed with patriotic music by the band, also several patriotic quartetts were sung by Messrs. [illegible] B. Peebles, L. G. Bullard, G. R. [illegible]ham, and J. W. Lockmann. Refreshments were served in three courses and the general good feeling of patriotism coupled with the feeling of brotherhood prevailed.

Rev. W. L. Maness, pastor of the Methodist church announced Sunday that revivial services would begin at his church May the 13th and would run ten days. Rev. G. [illegible] Autry will assist in the services.

In the history of Duke there has never been a finer lot of gardens than is to be found here now. Every family has under cultivation all available land around the house and many have additional gardens on the out edge of town; and the beauty of the situation is that they are being kept in excellent shape, well worked and are very productive.

Mr. Archie Woodworth who for some time has been with the Durham and Southern office, left Saturday night for Portsmouth to accept a position with the S. A. L.

AMERICAN GENIUS WILL FREE SEAS OF U-BOATS

Washington, May 5.—Hope is brightening that American inventive genius has found the way that may lead to freedom of the seas from German submarines.

A conference of unusual importance was held tonight at the home of Secretary Daniels. It was called in order that high officials of the navy might go over with [illegible] of the inventions [illegible] ments that are in prospect.

"They believe they are on the right road," Mr. Daniels said. "They believe they are going to turn out something worth while. There will be more experiments. Further than that I do not care to say."

Other officials declared the submarists were coming down to "brass tacks"; that the period of searching out after every suggestion was passing, and that definite crystallization of the work upon which the foremost American experts have concentrated was certain to come soon.

W. L. Saunders, chairman of the consulting board, lead the representation of scientists.

Reports also were available tonight from Thomas A. Edison, who is at work on a somewhat different line of investigation.

No intimation has been given as to the nature of the experiments.

PREPARED FOR HARD TIMES

Savings Accounts and Careful Habits To Tide Operatives Over Long Period.

Duke, May 8.—A recent conversation with many of the operatives of the Erwin Cotton Mills Co., develops the fact that the operatives are well fixed to meet the unprecedented conditions and high cost of living now stating us in the face. During the Fall of last year they received substancial increase in their wages. Immediately after Christmas they received a very liberal share of the profits of the company. The people planted gardens early in the spring and now Duke has the finest lot of gardens to be found in Harnett County. Last week the mill provided a specialist to teach all its operatives the practice of economy in buying food stuffs and using same in the most scientific as well as the most economical manner. On Monday evening May 7th the operatives received a surprise by being paid ten percent increase on their regular wages and this was called a "War Increase" to assist the people in meeting the present unusual conditions, and with the understanding that it be continued no longer than the present high prices of food stuffs continue. The superintendents, overseers and office force do not share in this increase, but rejoice that the people have received this increase. These material benefits coupled with the many attractions for the pleasure and comfort of the Duke people add to their happiness and they are continually rejoicing that they have such liberal and warm people to work for. The thirty new houses under contract are rapidly being completed and occupied to the comfort of many. The new ball ground located on Linden avenue is in shape and the grand stand will soon be completed.

NAME OF PUPILS PROMOTED

Dunn Graded School 1916-1917

Promoted to Second Grade

David Bialock, Willie Goodman, Eula Tart, Ronald Conner, James Cromartie, Melba Hunt, Hugh Jernigan, Marion Rouse, Jack Russell, Bunk Smith, Herman Strickland, Herman West, Billie Primrose, Russell Johnson, Hugh Warren, Mary Lovie Floyd, Isabell Altman, Ruth Bell, Lois Bell, Ire Hudson, Millie Lee, Margaret Lucas, Marie Pope, Blanche Stewart, Louise Johnson, Doris Gardner, Eva Mae Williams, Mary Bell Bass, Fanie Godard, Helen Naylor, Lois Cannady, Ernestine Cullom, Millie Adams, Elsie Baggett, Inez Pridgen, Opal McCorquodale, Retha Truelove, Robert Dozier, John Watson, Arthur Tart, Herman Carr, Walton Lee, James Morgan, Glenn Warren, Lee Nedden, Robert Taylor, Ray Alphin, Robert Lee Guy, Leola Boyd.

Promoted to Third Grade

Charlotte Hatcher, Minnie Lucas, Louise Hudson, Elizabeth Townsend, Merle Owens, Annie Phillips, Annie Dove Wilson, Maude Surles, Randall Butler, Rhodes Wilson, Maude Williams, Vito Cannady, Mary Denning, Virginia Mitchell, Thelma Weeks, Ernest Baggett, Frank Bailey, James Driver, Hugh Godwin, John Hargrove, William Huttenback, Pylet Jernigan, Vance Kiddle, Henry Surles, Worth Stewart, Henry Whitehead, Allie Baggett, Dallas Royals, Garland Johnson, William Temple, J. C. Andrews, Rhodes Baggett, William Bass, Farquhard Best, David Cashwell, Darius Ennis, Herman Hodges, Troy Honeycutt, Lon Jackson, Thomas Corbett Lloyd, George Moore, James Newberry, Addison Norris, Joe Price, Asher Raynor, George Skinner, Curtis Smith, Willie Smith, Thad Young, Dorothy Conner, Kate Godwin, Carrie Hodges, Marie Johnson, Vara Lee, Elizabeth Moore, Evelyn Parker, Aline West, Ruth Wood.

Promoted to Fourth Grade

Millie Adams, Rachel Aycock, Margaret Baggett, Robert Britt, Bernice Carr, Frank Kelly Cullom, Sam Dowd, Herbert Holland John Ingram, Bruce Jones, Festus Jones, Maggie Joiner, [illegible] Enoch Pugh, [illegible] Rowland, Mary Surles, Nettie May Strickland, Jeanielee Stewart, Maggie Tadlock, Ruth Temple, Vernon West, Carrie Young, Jack Cooke, Jack Culp, Romulus Dowd, Howard Ennis, Cortellyou Jones, Coleman Pridgen, Homer Snead, Fulton Strickland, Granville Tilghman, Russell Warren, Ethel Bell, Mary Draughon Bessie Hobbs, Mildred Jones, Sarah Frances Lee, Ruby Minshew, Sarah Purdie, Grace Saiges, Marie Stewart, Thelma West, Annie Yount, May Smith.

Promoted to Fifth Grade

Magdalene Smith, Adelle Rowland, Margaret Pope, Georgia Monds, Mary Lee, Vara Hodges, Neva Godwin, Nora Etheridge, Frances Cullom, Maggie Butler, Pauline Bell, Clyde Baggett, Henry West, Rupert Wade, Dorsey Turnage, Garnold Phillips, Harry Newberry, John Bullnite Lee, Preston Lee, Robert Jernigan, Burt Holland, Nathan Fleishman, Lester Coats, Edgar Carr, Spencer Adams, Nellie Summerlin, Lucile Surles, Maggie Raynor, Ella Primrose, Annie Bell Noel, Lucile Minshew, Leata Hunt, Velma Hoff, Rosalie Goldstein, Marguerite Gardner, Lillian Ezell, Elizabeth Draughon, Jannie Dozier, Marie Cullom, Nellie Barbour, Emily Butler, David Wilson, Clarence Lee Tart, Prentice Stokes, Hector Maynard, Eugene Johnson, Malcom Hodges, Edwin Grantham, Hannibal Godwin, Barnabas Cashwell, Gordon Bell, Alton Bass, Louise Deaning, (Conditioned).

Promoted to Sixth Grade

Walter Raiford, High Bialock, Benjamin Cooper, David Clifford, Bruce Cromartie, Frank Dozier, Edward Hodges, John Coates Harris, Arthur Hobbs, Thomas Jackson, Hector Jones, Alton Naylor, Annnie Naylor, Henry Norris, Orie Pope, Albert Poplin, Lemon Reardon, Lee Roke Stewart, Henry Sumner, Carl Wilson, Joe Ballance Wilson, Carrie Alphin, Blanche Bell, Amber Bass, Mary Cashwell, Orie Lee Ennis, Florence Griffin, Eleanor Hatcher, Kathleen Holland, Maggie Lucas, Ruth Jackson, Lucile Owen, Ruby Pope, Mildred Shell, Eva Smith, Cathryn Tew, Lillie Williams, Elsie Warren, Revie Wilson, Ruth Young.

Promoted to Seventh Grade

Dora Bledsoe, Ruth Culp, Emily Grantham, Bettie Mclaughlin, Lucy Pope, Louise Pridgen, Bertha Westbrook, Madeline Hodges, Robert Godwin, Purdie Lee, George Snead, Paul Strickland, Lucile Aycock, Ruby Crockett, Elsie Godwin, Rachel Lee, Emily Newberry, Mary Pollin, Lillie Surles, Elizabeth Young, Odie Butler, Allen Lee, Ralph Moore, Oscar Strickland, Worth Wade, Florence Holliday, Oma Cannady, Jesse Lee, Mack Wilson, Gibson Cooke, Leslie Lee, Alfred Buffin, Irene Coats, Lewis Jeffreys.

Promoted to Eighth Grade

Lois Aycock, Mary Bailey, Mary Baggett, Agnes Bell, Ovelia Britt, Florence Cooper, Julia Howard Reaves, Elizabeth Thompson, Margaret Wade, Della Yount, Thomas Hood, Cooper Jackson, Henry Jackson, Pat Jones, William Johnson, Jack Jordan, Fulton Lee, Tyrus Naylor, Carlyle Rowland, Houston Smith, Jack Stewart, Egbert Sutton, Ottie Warren, Charles Skinner, Marion Jernigan.

Promoted to Ninth Grade

Eva Cole, Grace Crockett, Jessie Holliday, Reva Jernigan, Annie Matthews, Ferrell Moore, Gertrude Price, Iris Pugh, Lillian Stephenson, Nicent Warren, Linwood Pridgen, Lee Honeycutt (Conditioned) Susan Lila Godwin (Conditioned,) Annie Lee, (Conditioned), George Grantham, (Conditioned).

Promoted to Tenth Grade

Eula Ennis, Marjorie Godwin, (Conditioned), Lucile Howard, Whylma Naylor, Irene Parker, Louise Pope, Eloene Pope, Lottie Stephenson, Beulah Temple, Ezra Griffin, Zebulon Guy, T. V. Smith, Jr.

Promoted to Eleventh Grade

Westry Battle, Wildmere Cook, Mattie Johnson, Sallie Naylor, Myrtle Naylor, Mabel Naylor, J. J. Wade, Oliver Warren.

The following pupils, having been neither tardy nor absent a day during the year, were awarded certificates for punctuality and regular attendance:

Rhodes Baggett, Thad Young, Lucile Aycock, Elizabeth Young, Oddie Butler, Ralph Moore, Lela Aycock, Edgar Carr, Mary Draughon, Rachel Aycock, Bernice Carr, Elizabeth Townsend, Revie Wilson, Bruce Cromartie, Leamon Reardon, Annnie Naylor, Ezra Griffin, Zeb Guy, Eloese Pope, Elizabeth Draughon, Ines Pridgen, Ivan Bailey, Robert Jernigan, Louise Pridgen, Ruth Culp, Susan Lee.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

The following real estate transfers have been recorded by Register of Deeds W. H. Fancett since last week.

Floyd Mills to North State Railway Co. right of way, consideration $10.

Martha C. Raynor to R. L. Godwin lots lots in Dunn, consideration [illegible]

Simon Williams to G. E. Lee 12 lots in Dunn, consideration $1,000.

Chas. Ross and wife to J. O. Sutton, G. K. Sutton, and W. K. Sutton 37 acres in Lillington township, consideration $100 and other considerations.

R. L. Godwin, commissioner to J. M. Lee 1 lot in Dunn, consideration $5,000.

C. J. Smith trustee to Sallie C. Norris one lot in Angier, consideration $550.

Cary Lumber Co. to J. P. Dixon 157 acres in Black River township, consideration $2,779.

E. F. Young, commissioner to Jno. A. Tutlington 25 acres in Grove township consideration $1200.

Willie Johnson to W. T. Hockaday 30 acres in Lillington township, consideration $1,505.

Mrs. J. B. Long, to Ava D. Long, Ida Bula Long and Edna K. Long heirs of Robt. C. Long 20 1-4 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration $1 and other valuable considerations.

Mrs. J. B. Long to S. Long, 21 1-4 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration $1 and other valuable considerations.

Mrs. J. B. Long to Arch M. Long 21 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration $1 and other valuable considerations.

Mrs. J. B. Long to Mrs. Mollie J. Goodwin 20 1-4 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration $1 and other valuable considerations.

Mrs. J. B. Long to Mrs. Flora M. Johnson 20 1-4 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration $1 and other valuable considerations.

J. W. Fitzgerald and W. E. Baggett to C. A. Barnes 84 acres in Neill's Creek township, consideration $6,500.

R. L. Godwin to D. C. Shields 1 lot in Dunn, consideration $150.

SAMPSON COUNTY HOLDS ANNUAL SCHOOL FINALS

Crowd Overflows Fair Ground Grand Stand Where Exercises Are Held.

Clinton, May 6.—The seventh annual county commencement of Sampson county was held at Clinton Friday. The exercises were held at the fair grounds. The audience was seated in the grandstand, which has a capacity of 2,000. It was practically filled and quite a number of people were still on the outside. The work of the rural elementary school of the county without examination was a record-breaker. One hundred and thirty-nine diplomas were issued, representing 28 schools of the county. Certificates of promotion from the fifth to the sixth grade were issued to 127, and from the sixth to the seventh grade were issued 109.

The annual address was delivered by Prof. H. E. Austin, of the Greenville Training School. He gave a very practical, forceful and appropriate message.

The school exhibits were very interesting and reflected credit on the schools represented. One of the schools winning a prize for the best exhibits and for the best work done was a one teacher school out in the rural district taught by Miss Florence Boyette.

The diplomas to the graduating pupils were happily delivered by Hon. Henry E. Shaw, solicitor of this district, whose speech to the pupils was timely and well received.

Another new feature in this year's program was the impromtu essay contest. In the county preliminary competing pupils were allowed 30 minutes in which to write an essay. The winners were Miss Lucy Owen, Salemburg, and Miss Rebecca Hines, Clinton. The boys winning were: Percy Royal and Vaden Jackson Salemburg.

The declamation and recitation contests were held at the Clinton graded school building in the evening. Gold medals were presented to the successful competitors in these contests. The presentation speech was made by Hon. H. E. Shaw.

WINDSTORM SWEEPS A PATH THROUGH SAMPSON

Although Barns, Trees, Fences and Houses Are Destroyed, No Lives Are Reported Lost.

Fayetteville, May 5.—A windstorm exhibiting all the characteristics of a cyclone swept a path 200 feet wide through Sampson county yesterday, playing many freakish tricks as it went, but occasioning no loss of human life as far as known here. When it passed Orange postoffice, 30 miles from this city, at 2:30 in the afternoon, the storm lifted a barn from over a cow, leaving the bovine uninjured, and dumped the building on a flock of geese. It headed straight for the house of a prominent farmer of the Orange neighborhood, but within 10 feet of the dwelling, swerved and went down the road, carrying all the trees along with it but leaving the house untouched. At least one house was blown down and several thousand dollars worth of timber destroyed. Seven large oaks were up-rooted on one place and pine five or six feet in circumference were frequent victims. About the only trees left in the path of the storm were saplings or near-saplings.

The storm is described by old residents as the worst that has ever occured in the section, the only blow to approach it which the oldest inhabitant could bring up, having been about 30 years ago. When coming it made a noise like a train and presented the appearance of a house. sented the appearance of a black cloud about the width of a house. It came from the southeast and disappeared in the northwest, picking up trees, barns, fences, stumps, stables, fodder, buggies, and pretty nearly everything in its way. The bottom rail of more than one fence was taken out of the ground, and posts of wire fence were pulled up. One man who had four telephone lines in his house lost them all.

EMPLOYS A SPECIALIST.

Duke Mills Employs Miss Cheatham to Instruct in Economic Cooking. —Other Items.

Duke, May 4.—To aid their operatives in living more economically and to reduce the cost of living as much as possible, The Erwin Cotton Mills Co. have employed the services of Miss Cheatham of Durham, a specialist in economic cooking, to give special courses along this line to all who will accept. Miss Cheatham is already in town and will begin her classes Monday morning. The course will consist of five lessons of two hours each day at which time the members of the classes will be instructed in the economic buying as well as the preparation of the food. Three classes will be held each day and not over eighteen members will be permitted to join one class. As fast as one class completes the course another will be organized until the entire town has the benefit of the instruction.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the baby monkey a recent arrival at the Erwin Park. Strange to relate father monkey was so cruel to his offspring that it was necessary to put him in a cage separate from mother and baby monkey. The mother handles her baby with much jealous care and there certainly seems to be something human in her actions and treatment of her young one. Already she is teaching it to climb the rope, and do many other similar stunts.

Rev. S. J. Becker the new pastor at the Baptist church is this week conducting a special series of services to revive the members of his church, and explains that he is not trying to reach the unconverted but will hold a series of meetings later on for that purpose.