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JUNIOR - SENIOR RECEPTION HELD ON FRIDAY NIGHT

Large Number Of Well-Wishing Friends Present To Cheer Young Folks

Music For Occasion By Masonic Orchestra

The Reception Was Held In The Former Show Rooms of The Barnes and Holliday Co.—Building Beautifully Decorated—High School Will Graduate Twenty-Five This Year.

Cheered on by a large number of well-wishing friends, the Junior Class of the Dunn High school Friday evening staged the most enjoyable reception in the history of the school, when its members entertained the twenty-five members who this year will graduate.

Nothing was lacking to make the occasion a fitting one to spend as young folk on their way to the larger duties of life. From 8:30 to midnight there was a continuous round of toasts to the classes and their friends and the Masonic orchestra, led by Robert Johnson, added to the enjoyment by giving the best musical program heard in Dunn for many days.

The reception was held in the former show rooms of the furniture department of the Barnes & Holliday Company on Broad street. The big building was decorated in the colors of the high school, and presented a gala scene indeed. Never according to N. A. Townsend, had building in Dunn looked so good.

Hannibal LaPayette Godwin, Jr., son of the former congressman from this district, delivered the welcoming address. He was followed by the following toasts:

Toast to the Seniors—Bruce Crombie.
Response—Carl Wilson.
Toast to the Maecens—H. W. Carr.
Response—Mrs. Harper Holliday.

Toast to the Faculty—Mrs. J. W. Carr.
Response—Mr. Bann.
Toast to the School Board—Margaret Pope.
Response—Mr. Clifford.

Toast to the Town—Emma Lee Smith.
Response—Mr. Townsend.
Toast to the Seniors—Annie Bell Noel.
Response—Mr. Shipps.

Toast to the Cadets—W. G. Carr.
Response—Ruth Young.
Toast to the Orchestra—Leamon Reardon.
Response—Orchestra.

In the senior class of this year there are twenty-five young girls and boys—the largest number ever to have graduated from the local schools. They are:

Jno. Oates Harris, Bracon Parker, James Fernal, William Pearce, Orren Dowd, Carl Wilson, Edward Hodges, David Clifford, Hector Jones Arthur Hobbs, Allen Lee, Charles Sinner.

Eleanor Grimes, Mildred Shell Bessie Massengill, Ruby Crockett, Bessie Wilson, Ruth Young, Lucile Creel, Kathryn Butts, Emily Newberry, Eleanor Hatcher, Emily Gravham, Lillian Eason, Elizabeth Davis.

There are twenty-six members of the junior class. They are:

Hannibal Godwin, Jr., Leamon Reardon, Henry Skinner, Delmas Baggett, Bernard Baggett, Rudolph Wilson, Bruce Cromatic, Henry Newberry, Edgar Carr, Gayton Smith, Gibson Cook, Benjamin Cooper.

Christine Thompson, Ida Men Mathews, Margaret Pope, Margaret Dardon, Kathryn Tow, Maudie Smith, Elizabeth Draughton, Lilla Ezell, Annie Belle Noel, Ruby Pope, Adele Rowland, Mary Leo, Emma Lee Smith, Emily Butler.

PET BULL DOG BURIED IN SIXTY DOLLAR COFFIN

Carrboro, N. C., May 11.—A pet bull dog owned by Dr. Burke Lloyd, following its death here last week was buried in a handsome little casket that cost \$60.

Savannah, Ga., May 11.—Two unidentified men entered the Morris Plan Company Wednesday at five o'clock, bound the cashier and escaped with \$1,500 in cash and several thousand dollars in liberty bonds.

The first live bull weevil officially reported to Franklin Sherman, State Entomologist, was found near Aberdeen in Moore county by Dr. E. W. Lath. Another was found on April 20 at Dunn in Harnett County and another on April 24 at Aberdeen.

MULE KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Was Struck By "Lightless" Car—Driver Abandoned Car And Escaped

A mule owned by June Byrd of Sampson county, and driven by Raymond Brown, was so badly injured when struck by a Ford automobile on the Dunn-Benson highway, one mile north of Dunn, Friday night that it was found necessary to kill him. The left front leg of the mule was broken in several places and he received other bruises and lacerations. He was buggy to which the mule was hitched and the Ford car was demolished.

The car belonged to Hubert Wilkins of Dunn, though it has not been learned who was driving it. The driver ran as soon as the accident occurred and has not yet been apprehended. Mr. Wilkins reported to the local police that his car had been stolen Friday night. The automobile had the appearance of a "whiskey car." A broken jug and a quart bottle, which carried the odor of whiskey, were found in the car, which was abandoned by the driver.

The accident occurred about 9 o'clock. The car was being driven without lights and was on the left side of the road when it struck the mule, according to Brown, who was rendered unconscious as a result of the collision. However, his injuries were not of a serious nature.

Did you ever wear a collar that didn't fit? Think how much worse off is a mule or horse with a collar that is too large or too small.

WILLIAM BETHUNE FREED BY JURY

Young Sampsonian Found Not Guilty By Wake County Jury

William Bethune, of Clinton, a student at the University of North Carolina, was acquitted by the grand jury of Wake county, which required just 40 minutes to reach its verdict. Bethune, who was driving a Packard, was charged with killing Robert C. Chappell, driver of a Ford with which the big car collided at right angles on a Raleigh street several weeks ago.

The accident in which Chappell was killed also resulted in the death of William Naylor, of Raleigh, who was in the rear seat of the car driven by Bethune. The young Sampsonian was indicted separately for the death of both Chappell and Naylor, but only the case involving Chappell was pushed.

The verdict of the jury was greeted with much applause, and Judge Cranmer severely rebuked women spectators, going so far as to threaten punishment. The trial lasted for three days, and was attended by a large crowd, including a number of women.

Sentiment in Raleigh was largely with Bethune, according to press reports, and a large delegation from his home town and county attended the hearing. The general feeling was that the accident was more or less unavoidable on the part of either Bethune or Robert C. Chappell, deceased.

Young Bethune, who is a senior at the State college, is the son of L. A. Bethune, a prominent banker of Clinton.

RICH HAUL WAS MADE BY SHERIFF

Large Still And Much Beer And Whiskey Captured Last Week

RICH HAUL. What might be termed "a rich haul" was made by Sheriff J. W. McArthur and his deputies Friday and Saturday. The haul Friday consisted of a 150-gallon capacity copper whiskey still and 7,000 gallons of beer, while that of Saturday consisted of 124 gallons of whiskey ready for the market.

The still was found near the home of Frank Truelove, who lives near Spout Springs, in the western part of the county. The whiskey was found buried in Truelove's field, not far from his home. The still was a modern outfit, according to the officers, though it was not in operation when located.

Truelove was away from home Friday when the officers captured the still. He was at home Saturday, however, though as a swift-footed speedster he outmaneuvered the officers and made good his escape.

How prosperous the people look who drop in from out-of-town!

MISS CHRISTINE THOMPSON



Miss Thompson is one of Dunn's most popular young girls. She was crowned Queen of the May Festival held here by the Camp Fire Girls the first of May.

MARKED IMPROVEMENT IN BANK CONDITIONS

Washington, May 13.—A marked improvement in commercial activities throughout the United States was shown in reports from National Banks on the bank call of April 3, Comptroller Dawes of the currency declared today in his first public statement since taking office.

Amounts on deposit with correspondent banks and Federal reserve banks, Mr. Dawes said, show a reduction, although loans and discounts increased. A reduction was shown in balances due to correspondent banks and bankers and demand deposits including United States government deposits, with an increase in bills payable and rediscounts.

A balancing of these facts, Mr. Dawes declared, gives strong indication of greater business activity and shows to an extent the increasingly rapid turnover of money in use by all lines of commerce and industry. The total resources of 8,300 national banks were reported to be \$1,763,311,900 since the call of March 19, 1922.

MARCH WAS RECORD MONTH FOR FORD CARS

"More people want Ford Cars than ever before," J. W. Thornton, local Ford dealer said today. "Fifty thousand more Fords were sold at retail in March than in any one month in the history of the Ford Motor Company, according to word from Detroit. The March sales totaled 179,764 Cars and Trucks."

"For a whole year sales have been running over 100,000 a month bringing a total of 1,429,979 Ford Cars and Trucks into use in the United States alone since April 1, 1922."

"Here in the Charlotte Branch Territory of which this city is a part, the March sales were 9690, a big increase over last year for the same month. The demand for the Ford is just as great proportionately right here at home as it is anywhere else in the country."

"The Company is now operating on the greatest manufacturing schedule in its history, so there are more Ford Cars being built than ever before and improvements in all the different types make the Ford the best it ever has been."

"And Ford Cars are now easier to obtain than ever before because of the new Ford Weekly Purchase Plan which makes it possible for more families to have a car. Father, mother, sons and daughters all can participate in the Plan and it is rather surprising the number of families who are taking advantage of it so as to enjoy the pleasures that come with automobile ownership."

THOMASVILLE YOUTH TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Thomasville, May 13.—Roy Elledge placed a Smith and Wesson revolver to his right temple this afternoon at 2 o'clock, and fired a bullet into his head, dying in a short time. He was 17 years old and a son of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Elledge, who live on Highland street. The young man was in an upstairs room at home when the tragedy was enacted, but no one has been able to assign his motive for the act. Roy was a member of Heidelberg Reformed church and Sunday school and was an employee of the Thomasville chair company.

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BISHOP RONDTHALER AT OAK RIDGE FINALS

Nat Townsend, Of Dunn, Deliver. Annual Address.

Greensboro, May 13.—Bishop Edwin Rondthaler, of Winston-Salem, of the Moravian church, preached the sermon to the graduates of Oak Ridge Institute this morning, the beginning of commencement exercises of the school. It was a strong sermon, and it was heard by a big crowd of visitors as well as the Oak Ridge students. Bishop Rondthaler urged the young men to stand firm, to stick for worthy aims and to strive for the best citizenship.

Last evening at 8 o'clock N. A. Townsend, of Dunn, delivered the annual alumni address. Again there was a big crowd of visitors. The exercises will continue through Tuesday, when diplomas will be presented to 44 young men, and certificates from the commercial department will be given 37 others.

Monday will be featured by class day exercises in the afternoon and the annual debate between the societies in the evening. The debaters are Duncan Morton, of Charlotte, J. B. Gillic, of Spray; T. S. Shinn, of Norwood and R. L. Connell, of McLeansville.

YACHT AVALON SEIZED WITH CONTRABAND STUFF

Wilmington, May 13.—75-foot yacht Avalon was seized near Wrightsville beach tonight by Sheriff George C. Jackson and county authorities following the information received that the vessel had a large quantity of liquor aboard.

But a few quarts of the precious liquid was salvaged by the sheriff's posse, as it is alleged that the captain of the vessel upon noticing the approach of the sheriff threw practically all wet goods on hand overboard. The captain of the vessel, whose name is not known, and who could not be seen tonight, is believed to be a local resident.

How near Wrightsville beach making efforts to salvage the liquor alleged to have been thrown overboard by the yacht crew.

NO CHANGES IN TOWN EMPLOYEES

All Old Employees Re-Elected By New Board—Elected A Town Auditor

The personnel of the town employees was not changed in the least by the recently elected town fathers at their first meeting last evening.

However, there is one addition to the corps, W. E. Baldwin having been elected town auditor. The auditor was elected at the suggestion of B. M. Brewer, commissioner from the fourth ward. He is to receive a salary of \$15 the month, and must audit the town's books quarterly.

The old officers re-elected by the new board are: Town clerk, H. A. Parker, salary \$150 the month; town treasurer, H. B. Taylor, salary \$15 the month; chief of police, B. A. Rowland, salary increased from \$125 to \$150 the month; night policeman W. F. Nippert, salary \$125 the month; superintendent of streets, N. B. Bass, salary \$125 the month; superintendent of water and chief of fire department, L. U. Bizzell, salary \$150 the month; town attorneys Clifford & Townsend; health officer, Dr. H. C. Turlington, salary \$15 the month.

R. M. Warren was elected mayor pro tem. The election of a recorder vice-recorder, solicitor and public health nurse was deferred until the next meeting of the board on next Monday evening. The board will meet twice each month. The first and third Monday nights, as heretofore. The various committees will also be named by Mayor J. L. Wedd at the meeting next Monday evening.

They mayor and commissioner were sworn in by U. S. Commissioner E. Lee just prior to the opening of the meeting last evening. As has been stated in The Dispatch, the present board is made up of two new and two old members. The two new ones holding over are, E. M. Warror and P. A. Lee, while B. M. Brewer and W. B. Thompson are the new members, succeeding Miss Goldstein and W. H. Newberry.

A farmer in Pitt County built a sweet potato house at the suggestion of the county agents two years ago. This spring he has sold 300 bushels of potatoes in the town of Ayden at \$1.25 per bushel and is selling about 200 bushels more for holding at \$1.50 per bushel. His neighbors who seventy-five cents per bushel

THE DUKE SCHOOL CLOSING THIS WEEK

Program Started Saturday Evening And Will End Thursday Night

Duke, May 14.—The closing exercises of the Duke graded and high schools were begun last Saturday evening with the primary children presenting their part of the program, which included the reading of "Tom Thumb" and several other numbers. All the children showed the evidence of having been well trained and the presentation of each part was as well rendered as if it were grammar children instead of the tiny tots. The audience, too, seemed to thoroughly enjoy the program and repeatedly voiced their approval.

The annual spring recital of Miss Mabel Woodworth's music class was held tonight (Monday), with her pupils presenting their selections in a way which clearly shows that they had had the benefit of good training for the past several months.

On Thursday night an opera, "Snow White," is to be given by the grammar grades. The closing night of the commencement comes Friday when the high school presents two one-act farces entitled, "Love and Lather," and "Who's Crazy Now." These are said to be full of laughter and will be a treat for those who come out.

During the intermission between the plays, Principal Thomas W. Sprinkle will award the scholarship medal and present certificates to a large number of students. He will make various announcements of which will be of great interest to parents and pupils likewise.

Mr. Sprinkle is completing his third year as the head of the Duke school and under his regime the school has grown by leaps and bounds.

Ways in response to placards posted over town calling upon the people to attend Sunday school and church and honor Mother in that manner. A special service was held at the Methodist church, with the pastor, Rev. H. L. Davis, choosing as his text: "Yonder goes someone's Mother." He drew a very vivid picture from it and delivered a sermon which touched the hearts of his congregation.

Following the Sunday school services Sunday morning, a Christian Endeavor Society was organized at the Presbyterian church by the members of the school. S. J. Clark, Jr., was elected president; F. M. McKay, vice-president and J. F. Lynch, secretary and treasurer. Different committees were chosen to co-operate in the work of the society. It is the aim of the organization to promote the work of the church and to also train its young element in order that they may take the interest in the church's work and to build a foundation for their Christian work in later life.

Miss Ssine Robertson, of Emporia, Va., is spending several days here the guest of her sister, Miss Francis Robertson.

Frederick and Philip Thomas, of Durham, were week end visitors here.

J. Milton Holmes and sisters, Misses Vera and Katy, of Benson, spent the week end here with relatives.

Mrs. C. H. Miller and daughter, Jean, returned from an extended visit with relatives in northern Virginia and Washington, D. C.

Duke lost to the Athletic Supply Team of Raleigh, last Saturday by the score of 6 to 5. The game was replete with thrills and to erratic work upon the locals part caused defeat. Jones, the local hurler was knocked from the box by the visitors in the sixth canto and was succeeded by Turlington, who fared little better than his predecessor. Athletic Supply played consistent ball afield and hit Williams and Robinson of the Athletics punched the agate out of the park for a round trip ticket, which materially aided their team to snatch the victory by a splendid margin.

WILL COST \$100,000 TO REPAIR BROKEN DAM

Hops Mills, May 13.—It is estimated that it will take \$100,000 to replace the dam of Mill No. 1 which broke last Sunday, letting loose a flood of water.

have potatoes to sell from the bank are letting them go at from fifty to \$1.50 per bushel.

TWO KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Two Sisters Killed And Two Brothers Injured When Train Hits Car

Henderson, May 13.—Mrs. W. G. Coleman, 47, and Miss Mamie Fleming, 43, steps of near Mason, were killed shortly after 8 o'clock this afternoon at Middleburg, six miles north of this city, when a Southeast Air Line northbound freight struck a small sedan automobile in which they were riding.

Their two brothers, R. D. Fleming and Thomas Fleming, riding with them, were seriously but not fatally injured, the former, who was driving the car, suffering a fractured knee and one and bruises about the hands and head and the latter a broken shoulder, injuries to his back and other minor bruises.

Mrs. Coleman was killed instantly while Miss Fleming lived more than an hour, but was unconscious. The two brothers were brought to a hospital in this city, where it was said their injuries were not regarded as fatal. The automobile was completely demolished, being struck along the trunk for some three hundred yards.

R. D. Fleming, who was able to converse with friends, said his engine stalled as he drove upon the track, the rails protruding about three inches above the level of the road crossing, and blocking the car as it drove down. His witness said it was impossible for the engineer to stop his train before striking the car. Fleming said he did not know a train was approaching until his car had stalled.

FIFTY DOLLARS OR SIX MONTHS

Negro Picked To Bear Also Carried A Full Line Suits Merchandise

Recorder E. L. Gowen yesterday on the charge of carrying a pistol. If he fails to raise the \$50 and indications are that he will, he must serve six months on the county roads as a substitute for the fine.

Edwards was arrested Saturday night at Tipton's camp, when it was learned that he had in his possession a large supply of silk hosiery shirts and other expensive wearing apparel. After his arrest it was found that he had a pistol in his pocket.

A suit case filled with high-priced ladies' clothing, including several pairs of silk hose, found in the negro's possession, is thought to have been stolen goods, though it has not yet been claimed by any of the owners of stores which have been robbed in Dunn or near by towns during the past few months.

It appears that a band of organized robbers have been working through this part of the State of late, and it is thought by the local officers that Edwards is a member of the band.

Workers of the State College and State Department of Agriculture find that good pure bred sows have larger litters, which grow rapidly into pork, use less feed per pound and gain more in doing so.

The worst advertisement Dunn has—is its hotel.

DUNN NEGRO SHOT FRIDAY NIGHT

Sam McNeill Given A Close Call By Cumberland County Negro

Sam McNeill, negro, who shines shoes at Langley's barber shop, was shot and dangerously wounded while attending a school closing at Green Acorn, in Cumberland county, Friday night. The bullet from a 38-cal. five pistol entered McNeill's right breast and lodged in his left shoulder. The shot was fired by Claud Price, another negro, according to McNeill. Price has not been arrested.

The shooting followed an argument about a seat, it is said. While the wound is considered serious, McNeill now appears to be well on the road to recovery. The negro whom it is alleged fired the shot lives in Cumberland county, and appeared to be drinking at the time of the row, according to McNeill.

We never saw a panhandler who 's smokin' a pipe.

CHANGE IS MADE IN PRISON PROBE PLAN FOR STATE

Governor Morrison Assumes Full Responsibility of The Investigation

Attorney General And Solicitors To Assist

Governor John E. In Ready To Take Action And Forward With Investigation—Withdraws Former Request Of Board of Charities and Welfare To Make An Investigation

A change in the plans for the investigation of the prison system in North Carolina was announced Friday by Governor Cameron Morrison.

The governor withdrew his recent request for an investigation of State and county prisons by the State board of charities and public welfare and announced that he would assume full responsibility for the inquiry himself. His plan as announced is to personally supervise and direct a survey to be conducted in co-operation with the attorney general, the district solicitors and grand juries.

The governor's statement, announced after a long conference with the council of state officials, together with his letter to the head of the board of public welfare:

"I have decided to assume full responsibility for the investigation of prison conditions in the State.

"The sentiment of the public upon this matter has created my attention, and I am ready to proceed vigorously to consideration of the whole question and to take action. The responsibility is upon me, and I think my power is ample under the present law, and I have decided to withdraw my request to the board of charities and public welfare for assistance in the matter.

My letter to the board of public welfare has not given the reasons for reform in the present institutions which its importance required, and I was under the impression that the legislation enacted during the administration of Governor Bennett, when the entire subject was up for consideration, is satisfactory to the people.

"If, when I have finished what I contemplate doing about the matter the public is not satisfied with results, then other agencies may take the situation in hand.

"I have decided that until the next general assembly meets, the responsibility is ultimately mine, and I propose to discharge my duty the best I can. I ask the public to withhold results before indulging in criticism.

"I am thoroughly in accord with modern and progressive thought upon the subject of prison reform, and, under the law as it is now written, I am satisfied the whole system can be put in modern and up to date shape, if it is not now in such shape."

Letter to Mrs. Johnson

Governor Morrison's letter to Mrs. Johnson follows:

"My Dear Mrs. Johnson: I desire to withdraw my request for an investigation by your board into prison conditions in the State. I have decided that my own official responsibility about this matter is greater than I had at first realized. I have, therefore, determined to assume full responsibility in the matter and to take far reaching action without delay.

Your board, under the law, can only make a report to me for submission to the next general assembly or for my guidance and assistance. I have decided that I do not desire a report from you for the purpose of influencing my own action, and as the general assembly will not meet for some time, I am unwilling to wait until that time for action.

"I have been giving serious study to the whole subject and feel that I have both the legal power and the disposition to take action in the premises.

"Circumstances are such that I really think your investigation and report would embarrass me rather than aid me in the course I have firmly fixed my mind upon.

"I am thoroughly in accord with modern and progressive thought upon the subject of prison reform and, under the law as it is now written, I am satisfied the whole system can be put in modern and up to date shape. I am going to exercise all the power I have, and I am quite sure it is sufficient to bring this about.

"Very truly yours,"

"CAMERON MORRISON"