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## FARMVILLE GRADED SCHOOL CLOSES

Below We Give a Full Account of the Closing Exercises of the School, Which Marked One of the Most Successful Years in its History

Last week marked the completion of another year's work of our High School, beginning on Tuesday evening with the Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. B. F. Huske, of Newbern. He spoke along lines of moral and mental preparedness, their benefits and power, citing his audience to the wonderful dynamic force that comes from an abiding and unwavering faith in the great things of life. Too much emphasis can not be placed on this vital factor in a person's life, it being really the top-root of success, mentally, materially and spiritually. All of these grand ideas Mr. Huske developed in his usual magnetic way, and it is a theme that should take a firm hold on all of us.

On Wednesday evening the Music Class, under the training of Miss McGee, presented the following program:

- Chorus—"Come Where the Lilies Bloom,".....Thompson
- Duet—"Waltz,".....Miss May Jones and Elizabeth Fields
- "Joyous Pessant,".....Schumann
- Trio—"Valse,".....Streabog
- Quartet—"Lullaby,".....Helen Askew and Addie B. Tyson
- "Butterfly,".....Merkel
- "My Love Star,".....Ganschals
- Duet—"First Regiment March,".....Kelly
- Duet—"Poet and Peasant,".....Suppe
- "Mocking Echoes,".....Schmoll
- Trio—"Military March,".....Spaulding
- Impromptu C sharp minor.....Reinhold
- a. Valse Chromatique.....Godard
- b. Romance.....Print

All of her pupils displayed knowledge and ease as a result of the careful attention given them. Miss Ethel Bynum received the medal given for efficient work during the school session. Following this was the presentation of certificates and diplomas. Never before has a diploma been given from the school for a four years' course in the High School, Misses Marguerite Christian and Margaret Jones receiving them. Minnie Thorne, Mary Barrett, Willie Murphy and Lawrence Mays were given certificates.

Thursday morning the Macklefield band furnished music on the school ground and the names of those awarded certificates for perfect attendance were read, numbering 45. Then those averaging 90 and being neither absent nor tardy were given as follows: Sarah Newborn, Donald Lovelace, James Lovelace, Edna E. Lewis, Willie Bundy, Claude Joyner, Mandy Watson, Edwin Wilkinson, Sammy Bundy, Lucy Anne Hansgan, Jack Johnson and Arthur Jones.

Then came the dinner hour, when to use the term, "a growing town" would not at all exaggerate the quantity and abundance of the long rows of tables—laid out with chicken, cakes, sandwiches, salads, etc.,

delightfully prepared and served, and plenty of them. It is true there was a large crowd but there was a big dinner too, so each one was plentifully served. At 3:30 the Disciples church was filled with people to hear the Hon. T. W. Bickett, and the only regret is that more could not hear the grand address he delivered. Taking as his subject, "Educational Preparedness," he at once proved himself equal to the theme and stirred within one greater ambitions and ideals for ourselves and our State. He said the training that is effective today is that which brings knowledge to see and grasp opportunity. He argued that it was not the college education a man so much needed as the training along lines in keeping with his vocation; for instance, the farmer needs agricultural development and knowledge. The word education, he said, didn't appeal to him as covering the meaning of the term. Solomon didn't use it in any of his "Proverbs," rather choosing the word "train," emphasizing the value of it upon youth particularly.

Following up this line of argument, he then made application as to individuals responsible for developing the wonderful possibilities of our grand old State. Streams and lands lie undeveloped at our doors, he said, and with the proper equipment of knowledge we could rise to untold power and strength as a State by simply taking its natural wealth and using it. He believed we could easily become a world power in the production of cotton.

In conclusion, he used the heroism of the Titanic victims as a fitting and impressive illustration of the greatness of training. He said, Anglo-Saxon blood had conquered and ruled the world and it was that under the power of a trained mind which inspired Major Butt to stand with composure and face death for others. So must it be with us here in our State. Given the strength of our blood and educational preparedness, the future can only tell what we may become as a people.

We would like to say right here that such splendid ideas as Mr. Bickett unfolded should lead us to a closer study of our State's history, its resources and possibilities. We passed a little kiddie on the street this week and it looked up into our face with such a wistful and expectant look that it reminded us of the time when we were young and felt hurt to the quick because "grownups" did not give us a cheery greeting. Ever have the same thing happen to you?

The national wealth of the United States is estimated at the colossal sum of \$188,000,000,000. And yet we would jolly well like to see the color of a few million of those subscription dollars that ought to be in our pocket.

## LOCALS AND PERSONALS OF INTEREST TO FARMVILLE AND SURROUNDING SECTIONS

Mrs. Ben Joyner spent Friday in Wilson.

Mr. Julius Turnage spent the week end in Farmville.

Mrs. E. B. Barefoot visited her parents here last week.

Mr. Henry Turnage, of Four Oaks, spent Saturday here.

Mr. Stewart Carr, of Norfolk, Va., spent Saturday in town.

Miss Martha Carr was in town last week for treatment of her eyes.

Mr. and Mrs. Van Edin, of Rocky Mount, are visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. James White, of Durham, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Jones.

Mr. Lester Barrett is home from Wake Forest where he has been attending school.

Mrs. Bernice Moore left for a visit to her parents in Raleigh, N. C. Sunday afternoon.

Attorney N. B. Grantham, of Rocky Mount, paid Farmville a professional visit Monday.

Mrs. J. I. Morgan and son spent a part of last week with relatives and friends in Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Harp, of Wilson, are in town.

Messrs. Tom and Sidney Lee spent the week end in Farmville. Friends are glad to see the former much improved from recent illness.

Mrs. B. S. Sheppard, Mrs. Jasper Shackelford, Mrs. Ed. Warren, Mrs. W. C. Askew, and Miss Tabitha De Visconti attended the Episcopal Convocation in Kingston, Sunday.

## Questions To Decide

### Constitutional Amendments the Farmers Should Support.

Four useful amendments to the Constitution of North Carolina are to be voted on at the November election, and we hope farmers in both political parties will make up their minds to support them. No taxation amendment is now up for consideration as was the case two years ago, so as in the need for taxation reform.

The first of this year's proposed amendments to the constitution thought entitled "Restricting Local, Private and Special Legislation" should really be entitled "An Act to Enlarge Local Self Government." The plan is simply to give the people of the counties authority to settle for themselves hundreds of matters about which they are now compelled to wait on the legislature for action. The second amendment is "To prevent delays in trials by providing emergency judges," a provision which would save the state and its citizens from loss of time and money when sickness prevents a regular judge from holding court. The third and fourth amendments would prevent special charters to corporations, cities and towns, but would provide instead a general law for all such charters, thereby making "equal rights to

Civil Court is in session in Farmville this week.

Among the teachers leaving for their several homes this week were: Misses Stringfellow, Elzey, Childen, Davis, Cox, McGee, Kelly and Bridgforth. Misses Jennings and Perry will conduct summer school here.

Wherever in this issue we publish in full the financial statements of the Board of Commissioners of Pitt county for the year ending December 6, 1915, showing how and where the county's money is being spent.

Mrs. Pascal S. Boyd and children of Mooreville, arrived in town just Thursday afternoon, spending a few days here with relatives. They left Saturday for New Hill to spend some time with Mrs. Boyd's mother, Mrs. J. D. Dail.

The two furniture firms in town in respect to consolidate their business in one concern are proud of these two splendid looking stores as they have and are sure that the future will still greater improvements progress with the strength of the united.

Those who went to the old man of lives who have followed the call of the mail order man; it will protect you against the increasing encroachments of the powerful catalogue houses that are strangling the commercial life of this community every day in the year.

The business man who fails to advertise is playing right into the hands of the mail order houses; he is making of himself an actual aid to the catalogue houses in their efforts to entice the business of this community away from the local firms and into their own clutches; he is unconsciously becoming an active agent in the commercial disintegration of the town. For the Mail Order Man Never Ceases to Advertise. Together we can win back the trade that has drifted away from you; alone, neither of us can accomplish anything. Gipping the pennies causes the loss of many a dollar. How is it with you? Are you for the dollar or the penny?

How many times have you noticed the bloom on the cheek of the maid from the farm? It is not artificial—no, indeed. It is the result of a clear mind, of right living, of the red blood that flows in a healthy body made stronger and better by associations with the green fields and fresh air of the country. When you see the bright eye and the lined cheek of the country maid, just thank your stars that we have such girls in this country, for posterity will write their story in the years to come.

The farmer of today is a man of brains and the greatest evidence of this is the fact that he is not always blowing about it.

The Spring Withered the Heart of Sumner Better Than the Weak Old people who are feeble and young people who are weak will be strengthened by the spring water of the healthful life of the country.

For County Commissioner Due to the solicitation of my many friends throughout the county, I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination for County Commissioner subject to the action of the Democratic Primary.

McD Horton.

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Deliver Out Material, Build Up System The outstanding feature of the new system of delivering out material is the fact that it is a system that is built up on the basis of the healthful life of the country.

## Protect Your Home

You are anxious to curb the activities of the mail order man in our local territory.

So are we. You cannot accomplish this result alone and single handed. Neither can we.

The business men cannot curtail his encroachments without the aid of the press, and neither can the press make much headway without the co-operation of the business men of this town.

Are you ready for a general "get together" movement? It is for you to give the word. We have been ready for a long time, just patiently waiting for the time to come when the business firms would come to realize that the mail order man is literally sapping the life out of the commercial enterprises of this town, steadily absorbing, day by day, the business that rightfully belongs to you.

The business end of a loan-gun is a powerful argument, because it will halt any man.

A judicious use of the advertising pages of this paper is of even greater weight, because it will appeal to the intelligence and common sense of many men.

A reasonable sized advertisement in The Enterprise every week will cost you very little money. In return it will yield in profits many times its cost; if you are not sure of this, you can try it for a few weeks.

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## North Carolina Grows

It does any citizen of the State good to get about over it and learn what its people are doing, to get first-hand knowledge of the North Carolina of 1916, which is going forward in the things which go to make a great State in a more rapid degree than ever in the past.

There was an index of this growth to be found in the great host of people who assembled in Charlotte on Saturday to take part in the celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and that they might see and hear President Woodrow Wilson. They tell us that fully a hundred thousand visitors greeted the President, and that it was a welcome of the most enthusiastic kind which was showered upon him and his wife. That so great a crowd of North Carolinians gathered so quickly is typical of the new blood coursing through the veins of the State.

An increasing population, little hamlets grown to flourishing towns, towns which have gone forward to the class of Southern cities, better homes in city, town and country, better stores, better conditions in many ways; these are found in the churches, the homes, the schools, the factories, everywhere, and to mark the way forward of the State. It is

it makes a North Carolinian feel good to realize to what heights the State is rising.

Those North Carolinians who have opportunity should visit the various sections of the State. They would be lifted to loftier heights of patriotic purpose of service for the State by the very sight of what has been accomplished in the past quarter of a century, even the past ten years, and the opportunities for the accomplishment of greater things.

North Carolinians should know North Carolina for knowing it they can do better work for its increased prosperity. And knowing it this day is to know a State which is making progress by leaps and bounds.—News and Observer.

## Unhappy Father

It makes Poor Father's spirit sad, when he comes home at night, to hear the kitchen stove's so bad the fire won't stay alight. To hear of forty thousand traps he really ought to buy, although he's so in debt, perhaps the knowledge makes him cry. His daughters say it's a disgrace the dolls they have to wear; "ashamed to travel any place, we surely are," they swear. The housewife says the parlor rugs aren't worth as many cents; she needs new vases and new jugs, in which to keep her ferns. New chairs, new dishes and new spoons are all in great demand; the cook is running out of prunes, and has no lard on hand. What wonder Father's tired and pale? He can't sit down to read, for he must hear the endless tale of "things we really need." What wonder if he feels retail, when age comes on apace, and knows that from this world, grief he pretty soon will close? He sighs, when o'er the sunset sea he's ready to take wing, "Oh, grave, where is thy victory, oh, death, where is thy sting!"

—Cochran With Mason.