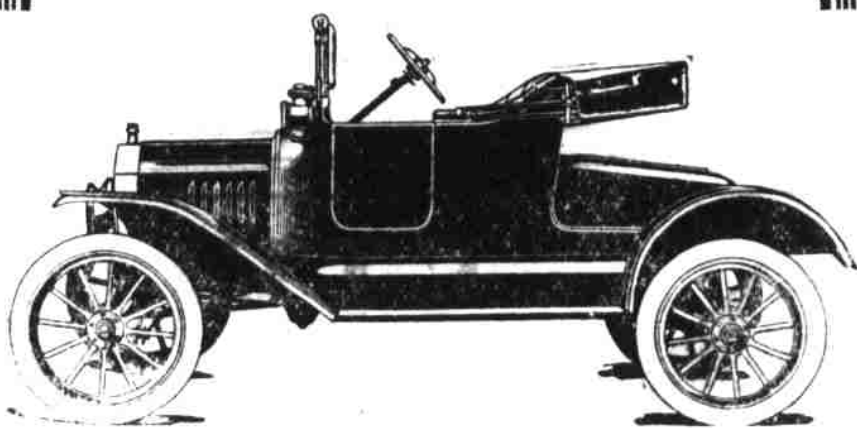


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**ANDREW JACKSON**

The father and mother of Andrew Jackson came from Ireland and made a settlement on the famous Twelve Mile Creek, Lancaster county, S. C. After the death of the father of the family the widow and two fatherless sons moved to the house of her brother-in-law, George McKimie. Here on March 15, 1767, Andrew Jackson was born. The McKimie house is still standing, or was a few years ago. This house stands on the North Carolina side of the line near the old Waxhaw churchyard.

That Andrew Jackson is a North Carolinian is affirmed by several careful historians and one Mr. Parton. In particular, has made a careful investigation upon the subject and affirms that Jackson was born about a quarter of a mile from the South Carolina line, or in other words, in the place mentioned above.

The Jacksons were very poor—extremely poor. The schooling of the three boys was, therefore, not of the best. In fact, Andrew Jackson saw the beginning and ending of his schooling in the first few years of his life. His mother had entertained hopes of educating him for the ministry but the Declaration of Independence was written when Andrew Jackson was but nine years old and the Revolutionary War came on to destroy all calculations.

It is understood, then, that in view of the very limited education he had had the advantage of, it is not surprising that his biographers have had no end of trouble apologizing for, and condoning his mistakes in orthography and grammar. One biographer remarks: "He sometimes spelled the same word three different ways in the same letter." But in extenuation of this it is later added that "in the last 40 years of his life his mistakes did not average more than five to a page."

It is hardly possible that Andrew saw service in the Revolutionary War, though some historians assert it as a fact. That he came into contact with the British soldiery is not to be doubted and one event in his life left with him an undying hatred of all things British. A detachment of British troops stopped at Jackson's home one day and after destroying every thing in the house the commander of the troops ordered young Andrew to clean his boots. This the lad refused to do in no uncertain terms. Angered, the officer struck him on the head with a sabre leaving a scar Andrew Jackson carried a lifetime. The elder brother being requested by the officer to perform the service and refusing likewise, was struck. The blow killed him.

Jackson at the age of about twenty years got a license to practice law, but how is the mystery of the question as his preparation for this profession, from all accounts, seems to have been drinking, gambling, racing, chicken fighting and everything else but studying law. He then lived in Salisbury.

Jackson later was caught by the tide of emigration sweeping westward and we next find him as Solicitor for the Western District. It was a difficult job, frontier country as that district then was, but Jackson was successful in his management of it.

While in the Western District Jackson boarded at a Mrs. Doneison's in Nashville and while here he met her daughter, Mrs. Lewis Robards, who was divorced from her former husband. Jackson married her and their married life was ideal. She lived to see her husband triumph at the polls in his fight for the Presidency but died before his installation into office.

After Tennessee had become a Territory, Jackson was appointed District Attorney, shortly afterwards he became a member of the Lower House of Congress and finally United States Senator. This position he resigned without ever having made a speech in the Senate or casting a vote. After his Senatorial services were thus abruptly ended he was elected a judge of the Supreme Court of Tennessee. His business affairs became very much involved, however, and he retired to his country home "The Hermitage."

He would doubtless have lived there contentedly, since his tastes, strange as it may seem in this fery-headed man of action, were domestic. The orders in council and Embargo Acts of the British, however, brought war and Andrew Jackson, who was a Major-General of Militia, proceeded with the men of his division to Natchez. These men he shortly dismissed since their services were then not required. Shortly afterwards he was called upon again to suppress an uprising of the Creek Indians. This was a brilliant victory and made him a national figure. He was made a Major-General of regular troops and ordered to Mobile. After several encounters with the British he proceeded to New Orleans, which town was then being threatened by a large British force. On December 23, 1814, Jackson attacked them and

drove them back. Skirmishing continued until January 8, 1815, when the great engagement took place which has gone down in American history as the Battle of New Orleans. The British were decisively defeated. It was a great victory for Jackson. His force was not to be compared to that of the British in equipment, number or fighting condition. Add to this that the town of New Orleans, largely foreign in population, was then under martial law by Jackson's orders to prevent an uprising.

Retiring again to "The Hermitage" after the war, he was again called out to fight the Seminole War in Florida. Afterwards, Spain ceding Florida to the United States, Jackson was made governor of the new province.

In 1824 he was a candidate for President. In this campaign the election was thrown into the House and John Quincy Adams was chosen. Jackson, however, defeated him in 1828 and held the office of President two terms. That they were history making epochs is well known. Jackson's fight against the Bank of the United States is the only interesting chapter in the History of American Finance. His fight against nullification is also one of the signal events of his administration. The U. S. Bank was a gigantic institution, with headquarters in Philadelphia, a capital of \$35,000,000 and branches all over the country. Jackson said it was a monopoly and therefore should not be allowed to exist. And he saw to it that it did not in this matter. The bank was chartered in 1823. Congress passed an act to recharter, which Jackson promptly vetoed. The Senate passed a resolution of censure upon him. Meanwhile Jackson had withdrawn the United States deposits from the bank and distributed them among several State banks, and this doomed the U. S. Bank for good.

Jackson's paper on Nullification is one of the most able papers of his administration. In fact, it is the power that kept South Carolina good until 1860.

In 1837 Jackson retired from the presidency and went back to the rest and quiet of "The Hermitage."

Jackson was one of the most interesting characters that ever entered the White House. That he was, notwithstanding, an able, fearless, consistent statesman can be truthfully said. That he was consistent is evident from the fact that replying to his wife's frequent importunities to join the church, he replied: "You know what a President must be, and what a Christian should be. No man can be both." After retiring from politics Jackson, true to his promise, professed religion.

I mention only one other thing. It was Jackson who gave us that expression O. K. It was in this manner: Upon some bill which Congress submitted for his approval and signature, he wrote the words "Oll Korrect," with his usual rules of spelling, it will be perceived.

He died in 1845. Some historians are of the opinion that the election of Jackson was a mistake, that he wrought more evil than good. I can not see it. He was all American. Though he had scant respect for the usual forms and ceremonies of life, he had a deep well of good common sense. He had an abiding faith in the American people and an understanding of the principles of Democracy. He was honest and just and sincere. Though he was swayed at times by personal enmities towards men, and through that into opposition to certain doctrine, he never allowed it to carry him into opposition which he believed unjust. There were grave faults in his character, weaknesses hardly to be excused. They can only be admitted but may it not be said in extenuation that his greatness of character could bear some weaknesses surely, as he was human, and that the good he did still lives?

**All in 12 Hours.**

Charlotte Observer. Only recently Gastonia was a little bit proud of the feat of building a tabernacle in 12 hours or less. It has now improved on that stunt by organizing a complete cotton mill in the same length of time. There are many towns that can build a house in 12 hours, but there are not so many that can organize a cotton mill in a day.

**Have It; Don't Want It.**

Charlotte Observer. "The Republicans," says The Burlington News, "howled for a primary law for this State until the law was passed and now they are busy denouncing it." Of course. And if the primary had proved the popular institution that had been expected, these same Republicans would have been elbowing the Democrats out of the way in order to get to the front as primary shouters.

Charles Mace, the Burke county wife murderer, was sentenced by Judge Henry Lane in Burke Superior Court Friday to 30 years in the penitentiary.

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**CLOSING OF LINWOOD**

THE YEAR HAS BEEN A SPLENDID ONE

Commencement Exercises Close Today—Number of Graduates—Some Interesting Facts About the Faculty and School—Will Be Better Equipped for Large School Next Year—Prospects Brightest Ever—President Lindsay Is Ably Assisted.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LINWOOD COLLEGE, May 15. — On Wednesday night, May 10th, beginning at 8:30 o'clock Miss Juliet Earle Pollard recited extracts from one of Louis Joseph Vance's novels, "The Fortune Hunter". The selections read were "The Fortune Hunter", "He Meets the Heiress" and "How He Finds His Real Fortune". Miss Pollard put so much expression in this extended recital that the audience appeared to think that it was the most fascinating recital ever given at Linwood. Miss Pollard has won the expression medal by this single reading.

Friday night an oratorical contest was held, the program being as follows: Duet by Misses Rowan and Bowman; chairman's address by Prof. R. H. Holliday; "War and Peace" by J. L. Shannon; "Labor and Success" by Mr. C. G. Castles; "Life and Aspiration" by Mr. L. B. Falls; "How Success is Won" by W. E. Isler; "The Road to a Young Man's Future" by Mr. L. R. Niell; duet, "My Love", by Misses Hanks and Torrence; decision of committee with Rev. C. K. Bell, of Kings Mountain as chairman. The latter presented the gold medal, given by Dr. J. G. Hord, of Kings Mountain, to Mr. L. R. Niell. Honorable mention was given Mr. J. L. Shannon.

Saturday night there was an excellent recital by the music, voice and expression departments.

At 11 o'clock Sunday morning the baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. A. S. Rogers, of Rock Hill, S. C., who delivered an able and admirable discourse to the students. Sunday night, Rev. Dr. W. W. Orr, of Charlotte, delivered the address before the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A.

Class day exercises were held this afternoon at 4 o'clock. The entire program was good. At 8 p. m. a play entitled "Brook Farm" was acted in grand style and the audience felt that it was worth all the cost to see it.

The graduating exercises will be held tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Seven graduates will be awarded the A. B. degree. They are Annie Gertrude Hooks, Mary Virginia Knox, Gladys Azile Pressley, Sue White Mills, Georgia Burns Reid, Lois Isabelle White and P. S. White. Certificates will be awarded to the following: Margaret Monica Alexander, John White Bigham, Lila Gertrude Boykin, Irene Brown, Charles Guy Castles, Lois Corinne Clement, L. Butler Falls, Grady C. Ferguson, W. Elam Isler, Anna Lota McLeod, Juliette Earle Pollard, Mollie Rea Schneider, Rebecca Martha Walker, Wilma Craig White and L. R. Niell. Three of Miss Laura Plonk's expression class will receive diplomas, namely, Mr. Leonard Ross Niell, Miss Juliette Earle Pollard and Mr. Judson Lingle Shannon.

Linwood feels proud of the splendid record she has made for the past two years since she became a co-educational institution. The faculty is one of the best in this section. Headed by Rev. A. T. Lindsay the college is making great progress. Prof. R. H. Holliday is one of the best teachers in the two Carolinas. He is one of the hardest workers on the faculty and has had several years experience teaching in various parts of South Carolina. Prof. J. Russell Minter, a young M. A. graduate of Davidson, is also a very brilliant teacher. Miss Laura Plonk, of Kings Mountain, and a graduate of Lenoir College and the Curry School of Expression, Boston, is another live wire. Miss Annie Rowen, of the music department, has kept alive the musical talent at the college for the past three years. Miss Stella Bethune has greatly developed the vocal talent. Mrs. Dendy, lady principal, has been here only one year but

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has won many friends. Miss Caldwell has been at the head of the art department and has taught some history and logic besides. Miss Maggie Gamble, head of the primary and intermediate departments, has rendered valuable assistance in teaching the younger students and day pupils and has endeared herself to many.

Next fall Linwood expects to have the best college in this section with the exception of Davidson and Erskine. Her standard will be higher, her equipment better and there will be several additions to the faculty. Linwood expects to fill every dormitory to its capacity and has already the prospect of having the largest attendance in the history of the institution.

**Cherryville Chat.**

Correspondence of The Gazette.

CHERRYVILLE, May 11. — The commencement exercises of the local schools came to a close Monday night after a very successful school year in every particular. On last Thursday night the literary address was delivered by Hon. C. F. McKesson, of Morganton, who based his address on a verse of the Scripture found in the Old Testament, "Thou shalt eat of the fruit of thy ways." The speaker translated the word "ways" to mean habits, and delivered a very thoughtful address. On Friday night was held the recitation and declamation contest in which five girls and four boys entered. The recitation medal was won by Miss Blanche Dellinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David P. Dellinger, and the declamation medal was won by Mrs. Doras Rudisill, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Rudisill.

On Saturday night the commencement play, "Farm Folks", was given in four acts by the high school which was greatly enjoyed by the crowd that filled the auditorium.

Sunday night the commencement sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. J. L. Caldwell, president of Queen's College, Charlotte. His theme was, "The School Boy That Made Good." Basing these words on the life and character of Daniel, the subject was presented in a three-fold way. First, we must be clean, second, we must be studious, and third, we must have a right relation with God and be given to prayer.

The oratorical contest, in which four high school students participated for the Torrence-Morris medal, was held Monday morning and Mr. Ezra Moss won, his subject being, "The Land of the Sky."

Monday night the graduating exercises were held, at which time 51 students received certificates of award for being present each school day for the past year. In this connection it is worthy of mention that Ralph McLurd, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. P. McLurd, has not missed a single day from school in five years.

The graduating class this year was the largest in the history of the school, numbering 28, 10 girls and 18 boys, and perhaps the largest class of any high school in the State on a basis of enrollment. Following are the names of the graduates: Misses Carrie Howell, Edna Roberts, Pearl Beam, Lela Kendrick, Connie Ballard, Pauline Harrelson, Vinnie Ford, Margaret Harvey, Jennie Harvey and Hettie Homesley; Messrs. Paul Stroup, Cletus Carpenter, Brice Gates, Lester Sipe, Victor Stroup, Thomas Stroup, Yates Beam, Vance Sellers, Henry Dellinger, Floyd Mauney, Hunter Rudisill, Guy Sipe, Dewey Dellinger, Graydon Harrelson, Lloyd Beam, Hunter Carroll, Charles Warlick and Ezra Moss.

The newly elected town board was sworn in Tuesday night and is as follows: Mayor, E. L. Webb; aldermen, Ward 1, D. P. McLurd; Ward 2, T. E. Summer; Ward 3, A. L. Houser; Ward 4, N. B. Kendrick; city clerk, W. C. Hicks. Immediately after being inducted into office a brief executive session was held and business transacted as follows: U. Craig Niell was elected chief of police in place of A. B. Sweatt, who was not a candidate for re-election; C. P. Whitehead was re-elected superintendent of water and lights; L. C. McDowell was re-elected school commissioner from Ward 2; A. H. Huss school commissioner from Ward 3, in place of A. L. Houser who was elected alderman, and M. L. Mauney school commissioner at large in the place of E. McNeely.

Miss Elsie Roberts, who has been teaching at Alexis for the past three years, left Tuesday for Altamont, where she will teach a summer school.

Hurst and Howard Lindsay, aged 12 and 9, were drowned Friday in a pond in which they were swimming at Roanoke, Va.

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