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ISSUED TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS

'T WAS A GREAT DAY AT THE COUNTY SEAT

SIXTH ANNUAL COUNTY SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT — A LARGE CROWD GREET THE EXERCISES MEDALS AWARDED TO SEVERAL CONTESTANTS.

DR. RONDTHALER'S FINE ADDRESS

Last Saturday was a great day in the moral, social and educational life of Rockingham County. The sixth annual county commencement of the public schools of Rockingham was held at Wentworth. It was a day of delight. The weather was ideal. A soft April sunshine gave the air that thrill and life-giving healthfulness that made one for the time forget war and dream of peace and educational power. The public school system of the State and county means equal opportunity. It means that every child shall have the chance to come in daily contact with a teacher of character, ambition and power—to be taught orderly, right living, and to be law-abiding and energetic.

But to go back—the crowd at Wentworth was larger than at any of the five previous commencements.

The music for the occasion was furnished in splendid style by the Reidsville Booster Band, with Mr. Jas. W. Dilworth as the competent leader.

Promptly at ten o'clock the immense crowd, standing, led by the band, enthusiastically sang "The Star Spangled Banner."

The invocation was delivered by Rev. Thomas Glenn of Stoneville, and it was a prayer of uplifting thought, beautifully expressed.

The address of welcome was delivered by one of the smallest students at the commencement—Master Thomas Williams, Mountain Oak School—and he did it nicely.

The two spelling contests were greatly enjoyed and warmly contested. The first were contestants in the county spelling contest for elementary schools:

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| Rose Merritt, | Norman Butler, |
| Franklin Adkins, | Pearl Duke, |
| Bessie McCollum, | Blanche Mitchell, |
| Mae Hensley, | Annie Stone, |
| Ethel Dawson, | Alma Marshall, |
| Forister Pruitt, | May Drumler, |
| David Purcell, | Alice Pike, |
| Urma Haynes, | Alice Albert, |
| Annie Hudson, | Mary Wall, |
| Fenrietta Reid, | Merritt Sharp, |
| Elmer Jarrett, | Fred Smith, |
| Pink Stone, | Ruth Stanfield, |
| Ottis Kooztz, | Lelia Dix, |
| Ollive Vernon, | Edith Haynes, |
| Cassie Roberts, | Robert Gunn, |
| Raymond Trent, | Lee Dye, |
| Tom Williams, | Ivey Moore, |
| Nancy Price, | Zena Strader, |
| Era Brown, | Brooksie Minter, |
| Ailen Pruitt, | Floyd Griffith, |
| Floyd Griffith, | Helen Price, |

The winner in this contest was Miss Cassie Roberts of Ellisboro School, Madison township, who was called to the rostrum and handed the prize. The other contest was the High School Spelling Contest in which the following participated:

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| Mary Barnes, | Bruce Settle, |
| Lena Holland, | Wilma Williams, |
| Leah Hodges, | Mae Young, |
| Frances Barham, | J. W. Wright, |
| Zilmon Dye, | Pearl Knight, |
| Ruth Humphreys, | Susie Knight, |
| Emma Barnes, | Julius Middleton, |
| Nabel Lemons, | Broodes Pearman, |
| Obel Clark, | Marjorie Pearman, |
| Frances Reid, | Mattie Young, |
| Craven Smith, | Hazel Sharp, |
| Violet McCollum, | Helen Glenn, |
| Ha Turner, | Thelma Glenn, |
| Branson Price, | Hontas Belton, |
| Margaret Fulcher, | Grace Fagge, |
| Lorris Hopper, | Ruth Vernon, |

Mr. Thomas F. Humphreys conducted this contest in the grand jury room and nearly all the day was consumed, and finally it was agreed that the five dollars be divided between the three who remained in the contest to the end as follows: Miss Katie Knight of Gold Hill; Miss Annie Purcell of Sharon, and Miss Hazel Sharp of Ellisboro. It will be noted that Ellisboro School is sending spellers.

The oral and quick written arithmetic contest was, by request, conducted by Miss Lucy D. Hall, and the prize, a \$5.00 gold piece, was awarded Master Hermon Smith of Reed's School.

At 11:30 o'clock Dr. Howard Rondthaler, president of Salem College, was presented in pleasing style by Mr. C. O. McMichael to the great audience and for one hour Dr. Rondthaler delivered an address which for facts masterfully marshalled, wisdom couched in splendid phrase and patriotism portrayed in the style of the great President Woodrow Wilson, has

WOMAN JAILED FOR RETORT TO GERMAN

A well authenticated incident which occurred recently during a German court martial in Belgium has just become known in Paris. M. Paul Terlingen, burgomaster of Rixensart, appeared before the court charged with shielding a wounded Frenchman, for which he was condemned to twelve months' imprisonment. His daughter, Baroness de Coninck, a young married woman, whose husband is at the front, was present at the hearing. A German officer sat down beside her, saying, "I believe, madame, I have met you before." Baroness de Coninck replied: "You are mistaken. I don't know you, sir." The German persisted, saying, "Perhaps I am mistaken, but you greatly resemble an English woman whom I knew well." "Evidently you mean Miss Cavell," retorted the baroness. For this answer she was sentenced to one month in prison.

never been equalled in this county. Any listener who disagreed with Dr. Rondthaler must have felt like Everett Hale's "Man Without a Country." The address was unsurpassed and the great throng cheered the finished scholar repeatedly.

The first contest was the girls' recitation contest, participated in by the following named: Hassie Lindsey, Mary Elmore, Blanche Mitchell, Pearl Williams, Estelle Baughn, Della Young and Mae Hensley. The judges in this contest were Mrs. P. D. Watt of Reidsville, Miss Emma Carter of Stoneville and Prof. C. M. Beach of Spray, and after the recitations, Prof. Beach in a few well selected words presented the medal to Miss Pearl Williams of Mt. Oak School, giving honorable mention to Miss Blanche Mitchell of Wentworth High School.

The next contest which elicited great interest was the boys' declamation contest, the following named participating: Leroy Shaw, Fred Smith, Joseph Bondurant, Willie Hicks, Dewey McCollum. The judges of this contest were Supt. T. Wingate Andrews of the Reidsville Graded Schools, Mr. J. W. Bennett of Reidsville, and Mr. H. J. Penn, mayor of Stoneville. Supt. Andrews in presenting the medal to the winner, Master Willie Hicks, of the Wentworth High School, paid a pretty tribute to the spirit of unity now existing between the various schools of the county, and he predicted greater days for Old Rockingham and her splendid school system.

The "Thrift" contest evoked much interest and Representative Jesse L. Roberts, delivering the handsome medal said the Judges, Messrs. Scott Fillman, banker; Junius Bennett, farmer; Robert Harris, Jr., manufacturer; J. H. Allen, teacher, and J. M. Sharp, attorney, had found trouble in selecting the winner, but after care and re-reading had decided Mr. J. Oscar Thomas of the Spray High School to be the winner. But the following are also entitled to honorable mention: Annie Purcell of Sharon School, Walter Stone of Stoneville, Willie Hill of Stoneville, H. L. Griffith, Jr. of Ruffin, Mabel Lumons of Sharon and Obel Clark of Leaksville.

Mr. Roberts' speech was a fine expression of the meaning and scope of "Thrift."

The Scholarship medal for which so many strive and which is regarded by many as the medal to be the most coveted was delivered by Attorney J. M. Sharp, a brief, well conceived talk to Master Floyd Griffin of Sharon School we publish with pleasure the Graduates of the Elementary Schools:

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| Egna Smith, | H. L. Griffith, Jr. |
| Sanford Roberts, | Robert Dallas, |
| Forister Pruitt, | John Carter, |
| Nellie Carol, | Eva King, |
| Percy Neal, | Lena Sparks, |
| Della Young, | Carrie Powell, |
| Della Carter, | Ida Allen, |
| Lee Dye, | Willa Burkess, |
| Maggie Waynick, | Glenny Covington, |
| Joe Perkins, | Penn Simpson, |
| Kermitt Angel, | Ivey Moore, |
| Floyd Griffin, | Stafford Hancock, |
| Nancy Price, | Blanchet Mitchell, |
| Nannie Oakley, | Claude Gunn, |
| Ethel Lamkin, | John Blum, |
| Pearl Williams, | Mary Elmore, |
| Robert Moore, | Phillip Ray, |
| Arrie Pritchett, | Frank Suttentfield, |
| Lottie Talley, | Edward Hobbs, Jr. |
| Herman Smith, | Lottie Wade, |
| Adyleen Trent, | Ruth Robertson, |
| Pattie Walker, | James Hampton, |
| Howard Bennett, | Donie Roberts, |
| Lester McDonald, | Charlie Hughes, |
| Fred Smith, | Corneel Neal, |
| Annie Price, | Leroy Shaw, |
| John Corum, | Annie Roberts, |
| Rosa Merritt, | Fred Kersey, |
| Eva Powell, | Roy Williams, |
| Gladys Burgess, | Ruth Dixon, |

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR THE MILITARY OFFICERS

A training school for the purpose of preparing American Citizens for service as commissioned officers during the period of the present war will be held at Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., from May 8th, to August 8th, 1917.

Those who satisfactorily complete the preparatory work will be commissioned as officers in the United States Army. It is not necessary that applicants should have any previous military training. The purpose of the school is to make officers out of citizens.

The United States is now entering the greatest war in its history and has on its hands the job of raising an army of twelve hundred thousand men with no other officers than those of the regular army and National Guard to start with. The immediate and imperative need is for additional officers who can train a handle men, and for this we shall require in the next four or five months approximately forty thousand officers in all branches of the service.

North Carolina is called upon to furnish one thousand of these, and all that is necessary to start with is a sound body, a clear thinking mind, and the desire for patriotic service. Surely this great State will not fail to furnish her full quota.

Men between the ages of twenty years nine months and forty four who desire to enter, communicate at once with R. W. Glenn, Division Secretary, Greensboro, N. C.

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| Vivian Warrier, | Nellie Bullard, |
| Clarence Hobson, | Bryant Smith, |
| Norman McKinney, | Lee Richardson, |
| Margaret Hancock, | Tom Williams, |
| Floy Williams, | Kate McCollum, |
| Willie Hicks, | Minnie Brooks, |
| Erma Haynes, | Pearl Duke, |
| Bernard Flanagan, | Henry Schoolfield, |
| James Barksdale, | Herman Cobb, |
| Evelyn Ivis, | Mary Moore, |
| Margaret Marshall, | Alice Albert, |
| Conway Suttentfield, | Frances Carter, |
| Inez Wade, | Paul Knight, |
| Joseph Beach, | Kate Price, |
| Emma Sneed, | Nannie Turner, |
| Allie L. Barnes, | Paul Webster, |
| Lannie Hopper, | Roosevelt Plummer, |
| Maggie Carter, | Ottie Myers, |
| Wyley Ashworth, | Annie Hodlerby, |
| Estelle Baughn, | Walter Pulliam, |
| Mary Carter, | Otis Kooztz, |
| Dura Lewey, | Bessie Dawson, |
| Kate Brown, | Eugene Hancock, |
| Mary Walker, | Catherine Mitchell, |
| Roy Vaughn, | Robert Gunn, |
| Norman Butler, | Georgia Adkins, |
| Ollie Vernon, | Elma Robertson, |
| Sallie Troxler, | Webster Patterson, |
| Hassie Lindsey, | A. B. Martin, Jr., |
| Drewery McCollum, | Irene Clark, |
| Helen Turner, | Joseph Bendurant, |
| Willard Talley, | Katherine Austin, |
| Allen Trent, | Clarise Robertson, |
| Buda Oakley, | Mabel Haizlip, |
| Can Lashley, | Clarence Knight, |

And so the sixth County Commencement came to a close. May it prove an aid and inspiration to those in this county who have in their heads good wishes for our public school system.

Let the next Commencement be greater than the one 1917 and so on as the years come and go. We wish it possible to publish the names of everyone who contributed even in a small way the success of the day but they will have their reward in the consciousness of duty well performed the memory of which will remain throughout the passing years.

Marshall Field 3d as Private. Marshall Field 3d, one of America's wealthiest men, has enlisted as a private in the First Illinois cavalry. He will draw \$15 a month. Mr. Field is twenty-three years old and is married and is heir to an estate of \$400,000,000.

CAN'T HIDE BEHIND A SKIRT TO SHIRK DUTY

A sad awakening is in store for the hundreds of young men who have taken unto themselves wives in order to escape being drafted into the army under the proposed selective conscription plan. Following is an announcement issued at the war department:

The war department announces that all men married since the outbreak of the war will be treated upon the same basis as unmarried men in so far as their military obligations are concerned. It is desired that uttermost publicity be given by the press to this announcement.

THE TOWN OWNERSHIP LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED

A representative crowd of citizens of the city met at the town hall Friday night and organized a "Town Ownership League" composed of members who believe in municipal ownership of public utilities. The primary object of this league is to protect and conserve the town's property and resources and combat the strenuous efforts now being made to rob the municipality of its electric light and power plant and a 60-year franchise for lighting and power purposes in Reidsville.

Mr. Francis Womack was made temporary president and Mr. E. H. Matthewson temporary secretary. Mr. Womack in calling the meeting to order explained the objects of the proposed league. It was being formed he said for the purpose of "turning on the light," not "shutting off the light," on the electric light question. The following preamble and resolutions as a platform or chart for the new league was adopted.

Whereas, the citizens of Reidsville are anxious to secure hydro-electric current on the most favorable terms to the community; and

Whereas, alternative propositions have been tentatively submitted by the Southern Power Company and the Southern Utilities Company, respectively, whereby the Town can buy the current and maintain its own plant, on the one hand, or sell out the entire lighting and power franchise for a period of 60 years at a price of \$30,000, on the other; and

Whereas, over 250 of our citizens have already expressed themselves by petition against a sale, while the advocates of a sale declined to hand in any petition at all (as asked to do by the Board of Commissioners) but chose, rather, to carry their point by thrusting this all important and far-reaching question into the present municipal campaign and mixing it up and confusing it with ordinary town politics.

Now therefore be it Resolved, That we the undersigned, believing that it would be a fatal mistake, without opportunities for correction, to place our lighting and power privilege into the hands of a foreign corporation for any period—much less 60 years; and that such a sale would of necessity require an increase in our taxes to make up the deficit that would be produced in our revenue; and furthermore, would give us only one source of supply for pumping our water:

Do hereby organize ourselves into a League to be known as the Town Ownership League, with the avowed purpose of throwing all the light possible on this important question, and to do what we can to foster and encourage the saving of this valuable franchise to our people.

On motion the platform as read was unanimously adopted. Enrollment of members was then gone in to and about fifty citizens joined the league. Mr. E. R. Harris made a motion that the temporary organization be made permanent. The motion was unanimously carried. Mr. W. F. Burton was elected vice-president. A committee composed of Messrs. Jas. W. Walker, R. J. Oliver, H. W. Hines, and Dr. L. T. Smith was appointed to enroll additional members of the league.

After the organization of the league a round table discussion of proposed plans of the work and purposes of the organization was taken part in by nearly all the members. One of the suggestions acted upon was to invite Mr. Frank Talbot, superintendent of the Danville electric light plant, to make a speech here one night this week on the many advantages of municipal ownership of public utilities—especially of light and power. Mr. Talbot is considered one of the country's leading authorities on this question and a large crowd will doubtless be on hand to hear him.

A motion was made, duly seconded and carried, to appoint a committee to select and recommend a ticket of town commissioners to be voted for at the municipal election May 1. Messrs. P. D. Watt, J. H. Burton, and R. B. Chance are the men who form this committee. The league instructed this committee to select the names of good men who are known to be opposed to selling out the electric plant, and report their recommendations to a called meeting of the league to be held at the town hall tonight, (Monday, the 23rd inst.) at 8 o'clock. It was suggested that all members present write on ballots their respective choice of five suitable men to compose the board of commissioners. The suggestion was carried out and every member of the league was thus given an opportunity to express their

WINTER WHEAT AND RYE ONLY CROPS SO FAR SOWN THIS YEAR

Of 1917's crops only winter wheat and rye have been sown. The department of agriculture has recently reported winter wheat indications were for a crop of 430,000,000 bushels as against the poor crop of 482,000,000 bushels in 1916 and with the bumper crop of 674,000,000 bushels in 1915.

Rye this year promises to yield 60,000,000 bushels, about 2,000,000 bushels more than in 1916 and 15,000,000 more than in 1915. Rye, however, is a minor crop. Owing to the poor crops in 1916 this year will see a very meager carry over, so that if the crops still to be planted should turn out unsatisfactorily the food shortage will be more pronounced than last year, when the carry over from the bumper 1915 crops was ample. Comparison between the 1916 and 1915 crops follow:

	1915	1916
Bushels	Bushels	Bushels

All wheat	639,886,000	1,025,804,000
Potatoes	285,437,000	359,721,000
Barley	180,927,000	278,851,000
Oats	1,351,982,000	1,549,030,000
Corn	2,583,241,000	2,994,773,000

PRESIDENT FAIRFAX HARRISON APPEALS TO THE FARMERS

"Our precipitation in the war against Germany makes it more than ever important that every Southern farmer shall produce the foods and feedstuffs needed for the people and animals on his farm and a surplus for sale," said President Fairfax Harrison, of the Southern Railway System the other day.

"Vast quantities of foods will be required for our own army and navy and for our allies in Europe. These requirements for carrying on the war must be met, even though our people at home have to be put on short rations. There is every reason to believe that prices of foods and feedstuffs will be high, and while it is the patriotic duty of every Southern farmer to produce not only enough to supply himself but a surplus for sale, he will find it profitable to do so. It should be impossible to find a farm anywhere in the South without a home garden. The armies and navies of the United States and our allies will require large quantities of meats and the meat supply of the world is short. There is no part of the United States in which meat can be produced more profitable than in the South and every Southern farmer should at once adopt the policy of producing more than enough meat to supply his own requirements. But however high prices may go, he should not yield to the temptation to sell his breeding animals. It is safe to predict that live stock prices will be high for years to come and the farmer who parts with breeding animals now will be cutting off large future profits.

"Every movement for the encouraging of the production of crops and meats and for the planting of home gardens on every farm and on vacant lots in the cities and towns should be encouraged. I know of no agency that can do more in this direction than can the daily and weekly newspapers of the South. They can perform a patriotic duty of the highest value to the entire country, and especially to the people of our own section, by impressing upon their readers day after day and week after week the supreme importance of overlooking no opportunity to increase the production of foods and feedstuffs in the South. I am confident that if every newspaper in the South will carry in each issue a pointed and vigorous editorial on this subject and our problem of feeding ourselves and doing our share towards feeding our army and navy and those of our allies will be solved."

Individual preferences as to the personnel of the new ticket. These ballots were turned over to the nominating committee for their aid and guidance in selecting a commissioners ticket. On motion, the league unanimously went on record as opposed to endorsing any candidate for mayor or other municipal offices and to enter into no "trade agreements" on a commissioners' ticket. A registration committee to look after the proper registration of the voters was also appointed. The meeting then adjourned to meet at the town hall Monday night, the 23rd inst., at 8 o'clock to make a final selection of a ticket.

Rockingham must and should make her own supplies.

REIDSVILLE LOCATED ON BANKHEAD HIGHWAY

COMMITTEE AT BIRMINGHAM REPORTED IN FAVOR OF LYNCHBURG, DANVILLE, REIDSVILLE, GREENSBORO, CHARLOTTE, ATLANTA, LITTLE ROCK.

FROM MAINE TO CALIFORNIA

The Association organized to construct, or influence the construction of, the Bankhead Highway, met in Birmingham, Ala., on the 19th and 20th insts. and according to a special wire to the Greensboro News, a committee on location was appointed, which reported in favor of the location of the highway from Washington, via Lynchburg, Danville, Reidsville, Greensboro, Charlotte, Spartanburg, Atlanta, Birmingham and Little Rock, to Los Angeles.

It was also ordered that a survey begin in 30 days, to be completed within six months, between Washington and Little Rock. We will probably very soon have this surveying party passing through Reidsville.

It was most unfortunate that no person could spare the time to go from Reidsville to represent this community at the meeting. Many wanted to go, but were obliged to be in Reidsville on the dates mentioned. However, a splendid representative was found in the person of Mr. W. R. Lynch of Spray, who undertook to represent the interests of his own town, Reidsville and Greensboro, and who was, we are informed, appointed chairman of the Birmingham meeting. We have not been able to get in touch with Mr. Lynch since his return, but will doubtless receive a full report from him at the called meeting of the C. & A. hall this afternoon. He, unfortunately has had to face disaster of the burning of his home since his return from Birmingham, and we feel deep sympathy for him in his loss of many treasures that could not be represented in mere money value.

Reidsville, ably assisted by Spray, has been able to win the first two battles for the location of the projected highway through Rockingham county. We are not lulled to a perfect sense of security by these victories, and know that when the project comes up for final handling we will have to face a stiff fight to hold the ground we have gained. Meantime however we should consolidate the ground we have won and permit no dilatory tactics in our organization, but remain alive constantly to the issue and increase local interest in this project which if carried to a successful conclusion—and that to include Reidsville in its itinerary—would be worth a clear million dollars as a material asset to our town alone, and worth much more than that to our county.

Such contributory works as the construction of a good sandclay road to Greensboro, and between Reidsville and Danville; a country club in comparatively close proximity to the projected highway, and (—and perhaps this is the most important work of all)—an hotel for Reidsville, would be the strongest auxiliaries we could undertake to assist those who are striving to put this town on one of the most important public highways in the whole country.

A hotel in Reidsville is, even under present conditions, a political necessity, and one that would pay the projectors handsome dividends from the start. These dividends would not be dependent upon the number of guests the hotel would accommodate. If any of our own citizens should contemplate such a development and will communicate with the Secretary of the Commercial and Agricultural Association, information will be given of a nature that will offer strong encouragement to promoters.

War Department Recognizes University's 900 Students Now Drilling

The 900 students who are taking infantry drill work at Princeton university have now been officially recognized as a reserve officers' training corps unit by the war department. This news, joyously received by the undergraduates, came from Adjutant General McCane in reply to a request made by the university authorities about a week ago that such a unit be established here.

Classes will be conducted as usual at Princeton, but it is the intention of the faculty to give all the time possible for military instruction. Permission will be given those men who intend to take the examinations for commissions this spring to drop out of their courses, and the requirements of the other courses will probably be somewhat lightened.