

## Twenty Graduates Of Local School Awarded Diplomas

### Closing Exercises of The New Bern High School Were Held Yesterday---Attorney General Bickett Was the Principal Speak- er

With exercises most appropriate, the New Bern Public School, white, came to a close yesterday and the commencement exercises marked the finish of a term most successful in every way in the history of the school.

Thirteen young ladies and seven young men, have concluded their studies in the high school and today enter a new world, a world which contains many possibilities for them, and as they were last night presented with their diplomas, the full significance of this fact struck them forcibly.

Yesterday afternoon the Class Day Exercises, always so dear to the heart of every graduate, were held and this was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. The following appropriate program was rendered during the afternoon:

Chorus—"The Orange and the Black."  
Song—"The Senior's Farewell."  
Essay—"Wisdom", Roderick Davenport.

Essay—"Folly", Robert Thornton.  
Song—"Oh! You Old Geometry."  
Song—"Class of One and Four."  
Class History—Pearl Jenette.  
Class Prophecy—Sophia Hollister.  
Class Will—Frank Pritchard.  
Song—"Retaliation."

### Evening Exercises

In Griffin auditorium last evening the closing exercises of the day were held. The large auditorium was literally packed by the parents and friends of the pupils of the school and the occasion proved a most enjoyable one in every way. So much so in fact that in the expressed opinion of all, the exercises surpassed any ever before held in the school.

The evening's program was opened with a prayer by Rev. W. A. Cade, junior pastor of Centenary Methodist church, and this was followed by a most enjoyable essay on "Moving Pictures," by Miss Ruth Baxter. Next came an essay on the "Early Development of the English Drama," by Miss Pearl Jenette and following this the 5A Grade sang in a most pleasing manner, "The Lilies Wake From Dewy Sleep."

### Attorney General Bickett.

Probably one of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the address by Hon. T. A. Bickett, Attorney General of North Carolina. Mr. Bickett is an orator of ability and for more than an hour he held his audience spellbound by his masterful flow of oratory.

Mr. Bickett took as his subject the "Standard Value of Weights and Measures" applying it to more than the meaning of twelve inches to the foot and sixteen ounces to the pound. His entire talk was full of food for thought and will without any doubt prove of great help to the graduates.

Next came the presentation of diplomas. This pleasant task fell to Mr. T. A. Green, one of the school trustees and he performed the duties in a most pleasing manner. The following graduates received diplomas.

**TWENTY**

Ruth Baxter, Nell Bishop, Hattie May Cohn, Fred Cohen, Lula Disway, Sam Fenebee, Ida Gordon, George Green, Boone Groves, Charles T. Wooten, Ellen Guion, Sophie Hollister, Albert Hubbard, Pearl Jenette, Georgia Keene, Lucy Meredith, Frank Pritchard, Mollie Swinson, Ivy Willie, Frances Willis.

After this the medals were presented. The A. and M. Scholarship was awarded to B. Lacy Meredith. The University of North Carolina Scholarship was presented to Charles T. Wooten and Albert Hubbard won the Trinity scholarship.

The first year Latin medal was won by Virgie Eaton. The High School English Medal went to Miss Mabel Ricks while the Tenth Grade Mathematics medal was won by Miss Pearl Jenette.

The Music Medals were awarded as

follows: Violin—Miss Albernia Jones. Advanced Piano—Miss Emma Louise Kehoe. Primary—Miss Mary Belo Moore.

### Honor Roll for the Year.

7A Grade—Elizabeth Harrell, Mable Taylor, Gladys Jackson, Kathleen Lilliston; 5A Grade—Leona Arthur, Laura Roberts; 5C Grade—Miller Allen; 4A Grade—Lida Guion, Mary Belle Moore, Mary Steele Brinson; 4B Grade—Eli-  
oise Peterson, Eunice Honrine; 4C Grade—William Guion; 3A Grade—Robert Aldridge, Thomas Bayliss, Elizabeth Roberts; 3B Grade—Charles Duffy; 3C Grade—Ernest Warren; 3D Grade—Jennette Land; 2A Grade—Flora Smith; 2B Grade—Gladys Parsons, Edgar Elliott, Winifred Everington; 1B Grade—Blanche Goodwin, A. J. Gaskins.

Total enrollment 977  
Total days attended all pupils, 126,089.

Total number of tardies 143.  
Average daily attendance for year 783.19

Total number of full promotions made today 533. Total number of conditions made 229. Number on active roll 762.  
Valedictorian of the Class of 1914, B. Lacy Meredith.

## TWO PASSENGER TRAINS COLLIDE NEAR DENVER

### THE FIREMAN ON ONE INSTANT- LY KILLED AND BOTH ENGINEERS INJURED

(Special to the Journal)  
DENVER, COL., June 1.—In a head on collision on the Colorado and Southern line near here this afternoon, fireman Hunn was killed and the engineers of both trains were so badly injured that they are expected to die at any time.

A number of the passengers on both trains were badly hurt but, fortunately none were killed.

## The Thespis Club To Give Musical

### ELABORATE PROGRAM IS BEING ARRANGED FOR THE OC- CASION. TICKETS

Friday evening the Thespis Club will give a musical for the benefit of the New Bern Circulating Library and those who fail to attend this will be missing a musical treat of rare merit. The members of the club are now engaged in making preparations for this event and the program which will be rendered will be such that it cannot fail to please each and every one who attends.

Tickets for this are now on sale at the Wood-Lane Drug Company's store, Bradham's road street store and Edward Clark's cigar store.

## EDITORS WILL HAVE BIG TIME AT WRIGHTSVILLE

### DUTCH SUPPER AND TRIP ON THE ATLANTIC OCEAN HAVE BEEN PLANNED.

(From the Wilmington Star.)  
It was definitely decided yesterday at a meeting of the central executive committee, recently appointed at a joint meeting of the local newspaper fraternity and representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, to have in charge the entertainment of the North Carolina Press Association upon the occasion of its annual meeting here June 24th, 25th, and 26th, to have as

## DOUGLAS MAWSON.

Famous English Explorer  
Who Was Recently Wedded.



a Dutch supper at the Oceanic Hotel on Wednesday evening, immediately following the annual oration by Roland F. Beasley, Esq., of Monroe, and another the river trip to Southport, Fort Caswell or to sea on Friday, the 26th, leaving the city at 9 a. m., on the steamer Wilmington.

As previously announced the Southport Chamber of Commerce through Mr. C. L. Stevens, a former newspaper man who still loves the "game," extended a very cordial invitation to the editors to make a trip to that future gateway of the State on one day of the convention and yesterday afternoon a committee from the local press and the Southport Chamber of Commerce called upon Captain John W. Harper, of the Wilmington, who graciously placed his handsome steamer at the disposal of the editors of the State on that date, and it is safe to say that a more hospitable welcome will be found nowhere in North Carolina than aboard Captain Harper's boat. The trip will include luncheon at Southport as guests of the Chamber of Commerce, a trip probably over to Fort Caswell as the guests of Colonel Bennett, commanding or a short run to sea, and an inspection of the Cape Fear quarantine station as the guests of Dr. W. R. Doshier, a native Carolinian who is the officer now in charge.

Mr. Jas. H. Cowan, chairman of the committee, presided yesterday afternoon and the report of the committee with reference to Captain Harper's fine response to the request for the use of the steamer Wilmington, was received with enthusiasm.

Chairman Cowan, who had been delegated to appoint the various subcommittees, stated that there was immediate need as yet only for the committees on finance and programme, the latter

## THE CONFERENCE AT NIAGARA SAID TO BE DEADLOCKED

Huerta's Representatives Don't  
Want to Recognize Carranza

### MEDIATION AT STANDSTILL

Cargo of Arms for Constitution-  
alists Left New York Last  
Saturday Afternoon

(Special to the Journal)  
NIAGARA, June 1.—The American delegates to the mediation conference, tonight admitted the rumor that there has been a deadlock in the mediation. It is understood that the question of Carranza's inclusion at the meeting is emphatically opposed to by Huerta's envoys on account of the fact that the Constitutionalists refuse to enter into an armistice.

### Arms to the Constitutionalists.

(Special to the Journal)  
WASHINGTON, June 1.—It is reported there that a large consignment of arms and ammunition left New York Saturday afternoon enroute to Mexico where they will be turned over to the Constitutionalists at Tampico. Officials deny all knowledge of the shipment but stated that Tampico is an open port and intimated that the arms could be landed without opposition.

### COMMITTEE WILL RECEIVE THE REFRESHMENTS

There will be a committee to receive the refreshments for the Veterans dinner Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, at the dock at the foot of Craven Street.

Miss Alice Ward, left last evening for Kingston where she will spend some time visiting Miss Mildred Parrott.

to be in the form of a souvenir booklet in which will be set forth some salient points relative to Wilmington and her seaside resorts. Members of these committees with other committees to have in charge the different arrangements will be announced by Mr. Cowan later.

The address of Mr. Norman Hagood to the editors will be on Thursday evening, following which the Tidewater Power Company will give the editors, their wives and lady friends a complimentary dance at Lumina. On one afternoon of the week the visitors will be taken to Wrightsville Sound for an automobile drive over the fine roads of New Hanover. Friday the trip down the river, and the visit to Southport will be the feature.

## RUDOLFO FIERRO.

Villa's Aid Held Responsible  
For Murder of W. S. Benton.



## NORTH CAROLINA INDUSTRIES BIG

### RAPID STRIDES IN MANUFAC- TURING AND BETTER LABOR CONDITIONS REPORTED

Rapid strides in manufacturing industries and better labor conditions in North Carolina are evident according to the twenty-seventh annual report made by the commissioners of the Department of Labor and Printing of the State.

Textile mills of various kinds predominate in the state. Cotton mills lead with a total of 287. Of this number 265 show an authorized capital of \$52,351,800. The total number of employees in these mills is 56,332. The number of persons who get a livelihood from this industry is estimated at about 150,000.

Four cordage mills were in operation in the state during the past year. Their capital stock combined is \$460,000 and the estimated output value is \$1,678,000 while the number of employees is about 389.

Seven woolen mills operated in the state during the year, and their authorized capital is reported as \$405,200. The approximate raw material used is about 2,622,000 pounds, while the value of the output is estimated at about \$775,000 for three mills which reported.

There are four silk mills in the state. The approximate amount of raw material used in the mills is 170,000 pounds, while the value of the yearly output is \$375,000.

During the year ending June 30, 1913 628 miscellaneous factories reported to the department. The aggregate capital of 537 of these factories was \$83,153,896. Five hundred and twenty-seven factories reported the estimated value of the plants to be \$19,334,771. Five hundred and forty-one factories report the value of their output to be \$93,910,205, while the payroll of 551 factories for the year was \$13,391,562.

During the last few years the furniture manufacturing industry has been making phenomenal strides in the state. According to this report there are now 87 furniture factories in North Carolina. Eighty-five of these factories report a capital stock of \$3,267,355, and they employ 6,366 persons. The estimated value of the plants given by 72 factories is \$2,927,454, while the estimated value of the yearly output by 82 factories is \$1,439,999, and the estimated yearly payroll of 79 of the factories is \$1,871,556.

An appended report on farm conditions shows an increase in value of farm lands in 81 counties in the state.

## ANNUAL MEETING, NORTH CAR- OLINA GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

The Executive Committee of the North Carolina Good Roads Association have decided to hold the annual meeting in Durham, July 8th, and 9th, and a most cordial invitation is extended to every one interested in the promotion of the good roads cause in North Carolina to attend and take part in this Convention. An effort will be made to make this the most successful and interesting convention yet held by this Association.

Misses Mayme and Gladys Sanford and Master Willie Durwood Sanders, left yesterday afternoon for their home in Beaufort.

## BECKER ON VERGE OF BREAKDOWN IN DEATH HOUSE CELL

Restless and Silent All During  
Sunday.

### IS BEING CLOSELY WATCHED

Some Fear That He May Make  
An Attempt to Commit  
Suicide.

(Special to the Journal)  
NEW YORK, June 1.—Former Police-Lieutenant Charles Becker appeared to be on the verge of a nervous breakdown yesterday afternoon, when the night guard relieved the day watch in the death house at Sing Sing prison. He had little sleep the night before and most of the day he paced restlessly in his narrow cell.

The former "chief of the strong arm squad" fully realized the seriousness of his position when he was told by Warden Clancy that he would have to occupy the upper northeast corner cell until "one of the boys downstairs goes out." He knew that this meant that the death chair must make a vacancy before he may be put in more comfortable quarters.

Nearly all day he was silent, even ignoring the efforts of Hans Schmidt, murderer of Anna Ammueller, who tried hard to cheer him. Before 6 o'clock in the morning he was dressed and gazing at the cells on the other end of the room, which had been occupied by the four gunmen. Later he called a few words to the men who had cheered him when his appeal was granted.

### "Voice of Prison" is Cheerless

But the voice of the prison—the mysterious presentiment of the convicts—had touched him. The prison inmates believe he will "go out" of the death house just as the gunmen did. For weeks before the decision of the higher court Becker heard cheering words from those who "sensed" good news for him, but this time no such comfort is offered.

In going to the exercise yard or to a lower cell to receive visitors, Becker must pass the door of the death chamber. As he glanced toward it yesterday his step faltered, but he quickly straightened his shoulders and followed the guards to the recreation ground. The prison band, which Warden Clancy had organized was playing a lively tune. Becker told his keepers he hoped the boys outside, meaning the convicts in the main prison, were having a good time. Then he hummed the airs as he walked rapidly about the small inclosure.

### Physicians Watch Him Closely

Becker had no books or papers, as the warden had not had time to examine the bag of reading matter he brought to the prison. Warden Clancy will finally inspect this matter, so no drug or dangerous article gets into his cell. The Warden is certain Becker is sufficiently hopeful that the Court of Appeals will grant a new trial not to attempt suicide, but he will let it be known that he will take no chances. Becker ate nervously part of the lunch served to him. Then he sat on the edge of his cot—there is not enough room for a chair or a washstand in the room. Afterward he talked briefly with the Rev. Father Cashion, prison chaplain, and later exchanged greetings with the Rev. Dr. Burton H. Lee, who represents non-Catholic creeds in the prison.

The prison physicians who are keeping close watch over Becker, reported yesterday that, while he is making every effort to appear unconcerned, it will not be possible for him to resist many more days the nervous pressure under which he has been laboring. When he entered the death house he appeared in good spirits, but as the night wore on he became restless.

## J. W. ROUSE GOES WITH S. COPSON & SON

J. W. Rouse, who has been with the Standard Shoe Company for several years, is no longer connected with this company, having accepted a position with S. Copson and Son. His friends will, in the future, find him in the ladies shoe department of this big department store.

L. S. Harper and B. B. Wooten, of Fort Barnwell, were business visitors to the city yesterday.

## Kingston Is To Have Aviation Exhibition

### The Berger Aviation Company To Give Flights There--Citizens May Rest Assured of Being Highly Entertained.

J. S. Berger, manager of the Berger Aviation Company, who last week gave a number of flights at the Eastern Carolina Fair grounds, this city, left yesterday afternoon for Kingston where on Thursday, and Friday, and Saturday of this week, the Company will again give an exhibition of flying.

During the four days that exhibitions with the aeroplane were given in New Bern, ten flights were made by aviator Eugene Heth, and each one of these was a success, in fact the aeroplane flights were the drawing feature of the occasion, and thousands went out to see these.

The machine used is of the Wright, passenger carrying type, and attracted the attention of all. There were some who had their doubts at first in regard to the aeroplane making flights on account of the fact that a number of so-called aviators have recently visited this section, and failed to make good. However, they were agreeably disappointed. Despite the fact that the grounds at which the flying was done were not favorable for aviation, each and every time that the machine went

up—and it went up on schedule time each day—the flight was perfect.

Not only did aviator Eugene Heth do some "straight" flying, but he also pulled off a number of stunts that thrilled the spectators. The race each day with the automobile was a real sensation while the bomb throwing from the aeroplane high in the air was a real feature. Making figure eights, and the spiral glide was also an easy matter to him, and taking all into consideration, the exhibition equalled those seen at the large aviation meets in the North.

Mr. Berger will spend several days advertising the event in and around Kingston, and there is every reason to believe that he will secure a large attendance on the three days that exhibitions are given there, especially if the people of the section learn of the thrilling spectacle which his company present wherever they make a contract.

Before leaving New Bern yesterday afternoon, Mr. Berger stated that he might possibly return here in the Fall, and give another exhibition, and there is not the least doubt, but that if he does this, thousands of people will come from all over this section to witness it.