

Local Commencement Program to Get Under Way Sunday Morning

AT 11:00 O'CLOCK

Rev. J. R. Johnson To Deliver Baccalaureate Address

PLAY ON SATURDAY

Sunday morning, April 30th, at 11 o'clock Rev. J. R. Johnson, of the First Baptist church, Galax, Va., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon.

Thursday evening, May 4th, at 8 o'clock class day exercises will be held. The seniors are presenting for this program "The Graduates' Seven Guides."

The declamation and recitation contests will be held Friday morning, May 5th, at 10 o'clock. In the preliminary contests of this week the following boys and girls were selected to take part in the respective contests: Buck Higgins, Walter Pugh, J. T. Inskip, Pawnee Jordan, Howard McCann, Reba Edwards, Carolyn Maxwell, Mary Cecil Higgins, Mattie Lon Edwards and Myrtle Harris.

Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, will deliver the commencement address Friday evening, May 5th, at 8 o'clock.

The senior play, "Boots and Her Buddies," will be given Saturday evening, May 6, at 8 o'clock. This is a splendid farcical comedy published by Eddy and Taddy, of Chapel Hill. Admission will be 10, 15 and 25 cents.

HONOR ROLL

The following is the honor roll of the Sparta schools for the seventh month:

First Grade: D. R. Gilham, Grace Murray, Anna Rose Reeves, Mary E. Ross, Jessie Gwyn Woodruff, Billy Carrol Choate, Theodore Cummings, James D. McKnight, Ray Smith, Jr., Jack Sexton, Charles Tompkins, Coy Chambers, John Higgins, Jr. and Charles Doughton.

Second Grade: Viola Carpenter, Claudine Edwards, Virginia Gentry, Katherine McMillan, Otis Mae McCoin, Iris Poole, Doris Richardson, Kenley Goodman, Wade Miles, Denez Russell, Dale Shores, John Underwood, Lewis Wagoner, Edison Joines, David Easterling, Jr., and Ted Reed.

Third Grade: Jimmy Atwood, Amon Choate, Amon Edwards, Howard Edwards, R. C. Mitchell, Floyd Sexton, Nannie Andrews, Marie Bray, Wanda Choate, Emogene Choate, Francis Gilliam, Lola Hann, Louise Miles, Virginia Robbins, Margaret Sexton, Freddie Sue Sexton, Mildred Wagoner, Sarah Warren.

Fourth Grade: Villa Atwood, Edith Caudill, Rose Irwin, Juanita Ross, Donese Russell, Nellie Goodman, Howard Honaker, Guy McCann, Ray Rector, Vern Smith, Bill Collins.

Fifth Grade: Frank Osborne, Charles Dean Choate, Dick Doughton, Emoryetta Reeves, Mary Warren, Vance Choate, Annie Mae Truitt, Georgia Anderson, Maxine Poole, Shirley McMillan, Retha Evans and Bernice Andrews.

Sixth Grade: Ella Edwards, John Walker Inskip, Wade McMillan, Alma York, Virginia Joines, Edna Edwards.

Seventh Grade: Stella Billings, Cleo Jones, Julian Reeves, Jay Sexton and Ernest Edwards.

Eighth Grade: Mary Cecile Higgins, Maxine Richardson, Lorraine Reeves, Rose Richardson, Grace York and Kathleen Smith.

Ninth Grade: Virginia Osborne, Leo Irwin, Claude Sexton, Ruby York, Madeline Smith and Jennie Hines.

Tenth Grade: Johnson Sanders, Bower Irwin and Mildren Shores.

Eleventh Grade: Carrye Hamm, Ruby Edwards, Charlie Irwin, Ethel Absher, Mildred Wagoner and Jimmy Wagoner.

TOBACCO GAINS ONLY

Cigarettes and cigars accounted for virtually one-half of the value of manufactured products in North Carolina in 1931 and the tobacco industry was the only one in the state which showed a gain in value of products for the year over the 1929 total.

Presidential messages have become so brief and pointed they hardly confuse a Congressman, even.—Detroit News.

LATE NEWS from the State and Nation

Debate Inflation

Washington, April 25.—President Roosevelt's inflation project was the subject of stormy debate in the senate today with Republicans denouncing it as unconstitutional and an "inevitable shock to confidence" and Democrats defending it as a "conservative measure with no wild inflation in it."

Kills Wife, Self

Washington, N. C., April 25.—Claude Sasnett, 36, of this city, died in a hospital here late today after fatally wounding his wife with two shots from a .38 caliber pistol on a public street and then shooting himself through the temple.

Schools Threatened

Chicago, April 25.—The affliction of Chicago's school system for many months threatened today to develop into a case of complete paralysis unless a stimulant in the form of cash were immediately provided.

Marked Improvement

New York, April 25.—A marked improvement in public confidence and in general business conditions was noted today by newspaper publishers from widespread industrial and agricultural areas.

Urges Shorter Hours

Washington, April 25.—Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins, the nation's first woman cabinet officer, today urged upon the house labor committee the administration's program for shorter hours and minimum wages in industry.

House Passes Bill

Washington, April 25.—The administration's mighty program for developing the Tennessee river basin today was made ready for early senate consideration by an overpowering house majority.

PINEY CREEK COMMENCEMENT

Graduating Exercises Are To Be Held On Friday Night

The senior class of Piney Creek high school will present three-act comedy, "Step On It, Stan," on Saturday evening, April 29th, at 8 o'clock. The cast of characters is as follows:

Stan Gray, the town's leading failure, David Sturgill.

Charlie Norris, the town's leading Romeo, Terry Stone.

Sid Pressley, the town's leading loafer, Carlisle Lee Mitchell.

Ray Cryder, the town's leading citizen, Vance Sturgill.

Peggy Brooks, who inspires Stan to "Step on it," Mary Gambill.

Hazel Wilton, the object of Charlie's affections, Ruby Hash.

Prudence Quimby, the town's leading old maid, Blanche Finney.

Sibley Shepard, the town's richest girl, Hazel Sturgill.

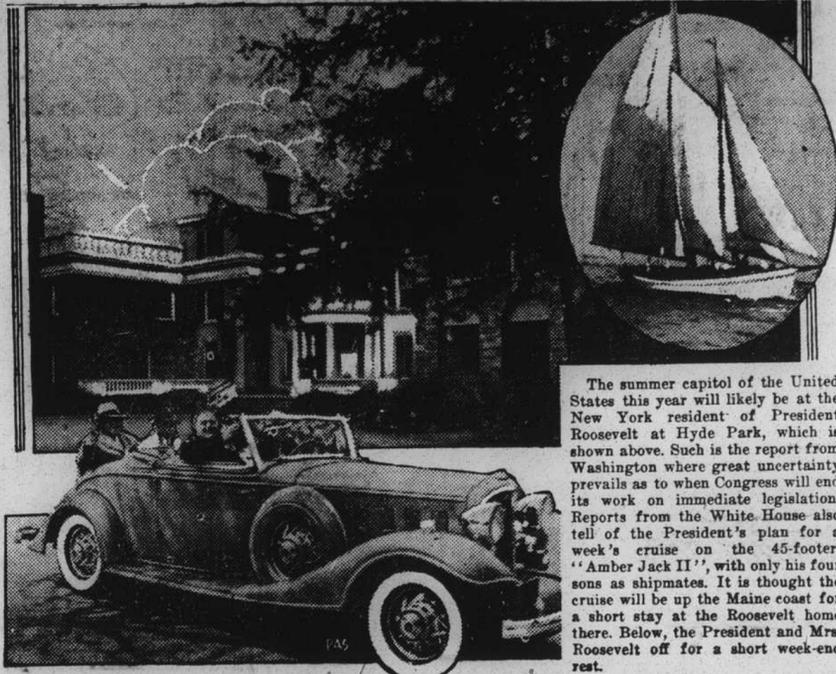
Sarah Boggs, direct from Willow Springs in search of her fortune, Kathleen Anderson.

An admission of 10 and 25 cents will be charged for this play. On Friday night, May 5th will be the graduating exercises.

Dr. N. W. Walker, dean of the school of Education, University of North Carolina, will deliver the baccalaureate address on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock, May 6th.

An operetta by the grades will be given on Saturday night, May 6th. The public is cordially invited to attend these programs.

Hyde Park Favored As The Summer Capitol



The summer capitol of the United States this year will likely be at the New York residence of President Roosevelt at Hyde Park, which is shown above. Such is the report from Washington where great uncertainty prevails as to when Congress will end its work on immediate legislation. Reports from the White House also tell of the President's plan for a week's cruise on the 45-footer, "Amber Jack II", with only his four sons as shipmates. It is thought the cruise will be up the Maine coast for a short stay at the Roosevelt home there. Below, the President and Mrs. Roosevelt off for a short week-end rest.

DESTITUTION IN STATE SHOWS SOME DECLINE IN MARCH

Much Greater Decrease In Relief Load Expected In April

FIGURES QUOTED

For the first time since federal relief funds became available last October, destitution in North Carolina showed a decline during the month of March, according to figures just released by the Governor's office of relief. A total of 161,000 families were given aid as compared with 164,000 in February.

Previous to March there had been a continuous increase in the number of families aided, the figures show.

It is anticipated that a much greater decrease in the relief load will be experienced for the month of April. The program of gardening and truck farming, which was not far enough advanced to materially affect the situation in March, will be an important factor in lessening the relief load for April, it is expected.

The number of families actually given aid in Surry, Wilkes, Alleghany and Yadkin counties during March follows:

Surry county, 1,681; Wilkes county, 775; Alleghany county, 351, and Yadkin county, 1,250.

Total expenditures in the state for March relief work amounted to \$1,323,346. The amounts expended in the four counties mentioned above were:

Surry county, \$9,898; Wilkes county, \$10,157; Alleghany county, \$2,565, and Yadkin county, \$6,959.

Union Revival

The revival meeting announced some time ago will begin May 7 at 11 A. M., and will continue ten days or two weeks. Rev. J. H. Armbrust of North Wilkesboro Methodist church will do the preaching. The services will be held at the Missionary Baptist church.

We believe that God is going to give us a great revival. May it be the prayer of every Christian that the lost in our community might be saved.

C. W. RUSSELL,
J. L. UNDERWOOD,
C. W. ERVIN.

Methodist Church News

Because of the baccalaureate sermon Sunday morning, there will be no service at Edwards Cross Roads at 11 A. M., but I will preach there in the afternoon at 3 P. M.

THE PASTOR.

SENATE PASSES REGULATION BILL

With the "legal date" for 3.2 per cent beer only six days away, the senate Monday passed on third reading and sent to the house a machinery act to regulate sale of the beverage.

The government has crossed the gold eagle with the homing pigeon.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Farm Timber Situation In Alleghany County

By R. W. GRAEBER

Extension Forester N. C. State College

Alleghany a strictly rural county, with Sparta its county seat, thirty miles or more from any railroad point, must of necessity depend largely upon its own materials resources for its future progress. Yet few people realize to what extent the future success and standard of living on the farms rests upon the farm woods and the timber they supply.

Let's take a look at the situation. On the 1,384 Alleghany farms we

find 37,143 acres of woodland, an average of 26.8 acres per farm. What are you asking this farm woodland to give you each year? Here are a few of the things. It takes annually, \$74,239 worth of timber or an average of \$2,000 from each acre to maintain the farm buildings of Alleghany. The farmers use 18,684 cords of fire wood each year, also 46,000 fence posts and in addition thousands of rails for fences and hay pens. The firewood alone takes an average of one-half cord annually for each acre of woodlands. Can Alleghany farmers afford to buy this material from other sections? To say nothing of a heavy freight bill, then a long truck or wagon haul from the railroad. The only alternative is to grow the timber supplies on the farm. To do this means:

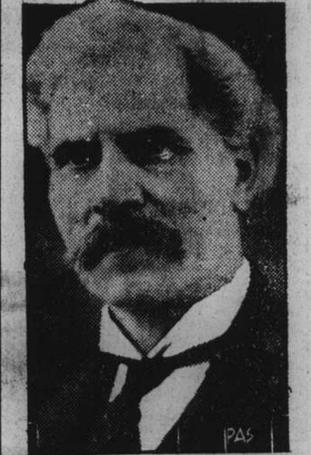
That Alleghany farmers will have to change their ideas to some extent on the management of their woods. In recent months I have made two visits to Alleghany and made a few observations. Numerous stands of young pines are being cut down and destroyed. In the Laurel Springs section a land owner had a 10 to 15 acre field of white pines cut down and burned. Little did he think that in a few days he had destroyed what it had taken God twenty years to make, and something his community will be begging for within the next 20 to 30 years. On the other hand I found H. J. Douglas, Piney Creek; Clarence Thompson, Glade Valley; The Glade Valley school and others making an earnest effort to protect and grow fields of these same pines. In various sections of the county I saw great "sore spots" or gullies on the hillside pastures, which nothing but trees can stop.

The chestnut timber is all dead with no chance to come back. Here and there I noticed a few white pines, but the larger percentage of tree growth is Scarlet or Spanish Oak, with some white oak, Northern Red Oak and Yellow Poplar on the hillside pastures, which nothing but trees can stop.

A consideration of the visible supply of farm timber, the timber needs of the county and the observations which I have made leads me to make the following suggestions:

1. Make no further land clearings.
2. Keep cattle and other live stock out of all woodland to allow a reproduction of young trees.
3. Leave seed trees, especially white pine, yellow poplar, Northern red oak (water oak) and white oak.
4. Salvage all dead chestnut for lumber, shingles, rails, etc.
5. Cut fire wood, by thinning, from cull, dead, diseased and overcrowded trees.
6. Plant washed or otherwise abandoned fields and pastures with white pine, yellow poplar or black locust, either singly or in mixed stands.
7. Plant clusters of White pines and yellow poplar on or near the hilltops to serve as future seed trees.
8. Then to insure the success of your effort—Keep Fires Out.

Visits Roosevelt



Prime Minister Ramsey McDonald, of England, who has been in conference with President Roosevelt during the past few days looking toward settlement of world difficulties.

Ray's Lunch Room In New Quarters

Ray's Lunch Room is now located in the show room of the Sparta Garage. While he has a better location he will be in better shape to serve his customers not only in better style but with a larger variety of sandwiches and meals. He invites you to visit his new lunch room and be convinced that he will treat you right.

PERSONAL PROPERTY SALE

As Executors of Jennie Reeves, deceased, we will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, beginning at 9:30 A. M., Saturday, April 29th, on the premises, all the personal property belonging to the said Jennie Reeves, including household and kitchen furniture, live stock, grazing, farming tools, etc.

Terms will be made known on day of sale.

W. F. OSBORNE,
A. V. CHOATE,
Executors.

OUTSTANDING NEWS EVENTS —of the— PAST WEEK

G. O. P. PLANS FIGHT

A biting denunciation of the Roosevelt plan for controlled inflation was issued Friday night over the signatures of four prominent congressional Republicans, while Democrat leaders stood their ground confident of more than enough votes for approval of the program in both senate and house.

SPENDS 13 HOURS ALOFT

The world's newest and largest dirigible airship—the Macon, sister of the ill-fated U. S. S. Akron—cruised nearly 13 hours Friday on her maiden flight and then landed gracefully at her air dock at Akron, O., just before the sunset.

\$2,000,000 EACH

An agreement whereby the infant son of Libby Holman Reynolds and his half-sister, Anne Cannon Reynolds, second, would each receive \$2,000,000 of the estate of Smith Reynolds, their father, was disclosed in Concord Friday. The agreement is still subject to approval by a court of proper jurisdiction.

IMPORTANT PARLEY BEGINS

In a capital seething with war against depression, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister MacDonald, of Great Britain, put their heads together Friday night to find ways for better days. The tall British prime minister stood behind the desk of Mr. Roosevelt shortly after his arrival and told newspapermen of his purpose to seek with the president and the other nations a solution for the economic crisis.

ASK FOREST JOBS

Agencies in Charlotte had about 600 applications for federal forest camp work Monday from which to pick 253, the Mecklenburg county quota.

FIRE LOSS LESS

The division of forestry reports North Carolina suffered less damage from forest fires in the three months of this year than for a similar period in many years past.

TEACHERS ON RAMPAGE

Rebellious forces of Chicago's unpaid school teachers, emboldened by a riotous march upon five major banks, Tuesday planned a greater demonstration in the financial district.

TWO DROWN IN LAKE

William M. Lütaker and Melvin Grass, both about 21, of Kannapolis, drowned Sunday in High Rock Lake near Stokes Ferry, when their boats overturned. Clyde Grass and John Roberts, also of Kannapolis, and members of the party, escaped.

BICYCLE SEIZED

Prohibition agents thought there was something queer about Walter Gause, 15, of Wilmington, riding his bicycle with a package, so they investigated. Gause, seeing the officers, threw his package down and ran. The agents said the package broke, spilling a gallon of liquor. They arrested Gause and confiscated his bicycle.

FRANCE GOLD FORTRESS

France is a golden fortress defending the few yellow-backed currency systems remaining in the world. Gold is being carried to Paris by air, land and sea to what the newspapers call the world's "gold refuge," adding to the vast hoard in the Bank of France.

BANKER KILLS SELF

Memphis, Tenn., April 24.—Less than an hour before he was to go on trial in criminal court, William E. Stansbury, financier and former president of the Fidelity Bank and Trust company here, shot himself today.

HERRIOT ARRIVES

Buoyant and smiling, former Premier Edouard Herriot of France showed no resentment of America's abandonment of the gold standard as he stepped into the midst of an official welcome at Washington Sunday, and then immediately took up with his economic advisers the task of preparation for his world-restoration conversations with President Roosevelt.

POLISH JEWS BOYCOTT GERMANS

A boycott of German goods "as the best means of protesting against the persecution of Jews in Germany" was decided upon Sunday by a convention of Polish Jews attended by 852 delegates representing Jewish political parties, business organizations and rabbis.