

PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLOSE FRIDAY

Graduating Exercises Come In Evening. Open Air Programs Three Afternoons. Baccalaureate Sermon Preached By Rev. M. R. Wingard.

Commencement exercises of the Clinton high school began last Sunday evening when Rev. M. R. Wingard, pastor of the local St. John's Lutheran church, delivered the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class in the Thornwell Memorial church. The evening services in the other churches were omitted and a congregation of one thousand people was present for this special occasion. Special music was furnished by the young ladies of the orphanage choir, while the exercises were presided over by Dr. L. Ross Lynn.

Mr. Wingard selected as his theme, "Be Strong in the Lord," using as his text, Ephesians 6:10. He opened his sermon by expressing his pleasure in having an opportunity to address the young people and reminded the graduates that their commencement meant the proper finding of their places and filling them. He said that there is no room in the world today for spiritual weaklings, pointing to the Lord as the only source of strength.

Continuing, he enumerated the materials that make success and told the young graduates that purpose in life is the thing that counts. The four qualities pointed out as needed in the well-rounded, strong life, are: a good name and reputation, the possession of character, the proper choosing of companions, and the profession and living of Christ. He closed his highly appropriate address by urging the young graduates to accept Christ unreservedly, to embrace Christianity, for only through it can come the real, worth-while joys. "Go forth with high aims, looking to God at all times for your needed strength," Mr. Wingard said in conclusion.

The commencement program was continued yesterday afternoon when the closing exercises of the Providence school were held at six o'clock on the school grounds. The exercises were witnessed by a large crowd of patrons and quite a number of friends from Clinton. The children presented the numbers in a manner which reflected credit on themselves and teachers.

The opening number was sung by boys and girls selected from the different grades. "A Rose Dream," a Fairy Operetta, was then sung by the following children:

Fairies: Sallie Ann Duckett, Clara Bobo, Evelyn Stroud, O. B. Burgess, Annie Shirey, Anna Belle Boyce, Eva Patterson, Minnie Fincher, Lillie Patterson, Edith Stroud, Viona Southern, Edna Shirley, Sarah Edwards, Doris Oakley.

Elves: Roy Burgess, Walter McCarron, Ernest Blackwell, Sam Hairston, Carl Galloway, O. W. Garner, James McCarron, William Bobo, Dewey Penland, Raiford Nash, R. L. Mills, Edward Goines, Coley Brown, Paul Shirley, Hope Smith, Wilbur Lawson, Eugene Garrett.

Roses: Doris Harris, Gladys Harvey, Gladys Boyce, Helen Bobo, Juliette Duckett, Dorothy Johnson, Eva Hudson, Virginia Lawson, Henry Sorrell, Sarah Owens, Frances Wilbanks, Louise Vallentine, Trenton Bledsoe, Elise Reynolds, Annie Mae Gregory, Rosebud, Flora Gilden.

The Twins, "Can" and "Can't": Edward Ferguson and Marvin Harvey. Hop-O-My-Thumb: Carl Johnson. Queen of the Fairies: Lannette Duckett.

Little Rose: Agnes Campbell. This afternoon at six o'clock, on the high school grounds, "May Day" exercises will be held. The following program will be rendered: Swedish Clap Dance, 9th grade girls.

Drill, Company B. Viheyard Dance, 7th grade girls. Mimetics, 10th and 11th grade girls. Virginia Reel, 8th grade girls. Drill, Company A.

Friday afternoon at the same hour on the Central graded school grounds, the young folks of the primary grades will present their entertainment, which promises to be an interesting event. The following program will be carried out, the participants representing the first five grades of the schools: A Rose Dream—Pageant—First grade.

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DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD HERE

Masons Of This District To Gather Here On May 29th For Interesting Meeting.

The program for the convention of the Eleventh Masonic District has been announced, and the date set for the occasion. The convention will be held, beginning at 4:30 p. m., in the Masonic Temple of this city, on Thursday, May 29.

Campbell Lodge No. 44 of Clinton, will be the host to the convention, and is making lively plans for one of the most successful Masonic conventions ever held. There will be in attendance possibly 350 to 450 Masons from the Eleventh Masonic District, comprising lodges largely in Laurens county.

The program will consist of speeches in the afternoon by a number of prominent Masons. The following have been invited to speak on that occasion: Hon. C. K. Chreitberg, of Rock Hill, Grand Master of South Carolina; Geo. T. Bryan, of Greenville; Grand Secretary O. Frank Hart of Columbia; District Deputies: Kenneth Baker, of Greenwood; R. W. Beatty of Whitmire; M. A. Lanford of Woodruff; Former District Deputy R. R. Nichols of Laurens.

Congressman James Byrnes, of Washington, who is an officer of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina, has been likewise invited to make an address on the occasion.

The convention will be presided over by the Deputy of the Eleventh Masonic District, W. P. Jacobs.

At 6:30 an informal cafeteria style hand-me-out supper will be served by the ladies of the James Barrie Parrott Chapter, order of the Eastern Star. At 7:30, Campbell Lodge No. 44, will be opened and work in the Third degree conferred on a class of candidates before probably the largest Masonic audience ever gathered in Clinton.

Campbell Lodge, the largest Masonic lodge in the Eleventh Masonic District, is a strong-going, thriving organization of wide-awake men and has made quite a reputation this year, owing to its aggressive spirit. This is the fourth general Masonic convention to be held in Clinton within recent years, and it is expected to be the largest Masonic gathering ever held here.

LITTLE INTEREST IN ELECTION

Less Than One Hundred Voters Cast Ballots In Water Extension Bond Issue.

Just 71 voters cast their ballots in the election Tuesday upon the question of voting additional bonds to provide a filtering plant and making the needed water extensions of the city. Of this number, 43 voted yes, 28 voted no. Advocates of the bond issue showed little interest, while there was a quiet agitation on the part of those who were opposed to it to defeat it. The bond issue is not to exceed \$100,000 and is to be used in providing for the city a modern filtering plant and adequate water facilities.

High School Pupils Compete For Honors

Story-Telling Contest Held For Advanced Grades. Grace League Wins First Place.

The high school story-telling contest was held on Saturday morning at the high school building. The contestants were:

Eighth grade—Julia Riddle and Frances Anderson.

Ninth grade—Grace League and Blanche Anderson.

Tenth grade—Benet Godfrey.

Eleventh grade—Fannie Blakely.

Mrs. D. W. A. Neville read the story, and Mrs. A. V. Martin, Mrs. Pringle Copeland and Mrs. B. O. Whitten acted as judges.

The \$2.50 gold piece given by J. B. Frontis, local jeweler, was awarded to Grace League, who won first place. Second place was given to Blanche Anderson, and third to Fannie Blakely.

MISS WILLIE PUTNAM WINS GOLD PIECE

In the recitation contest in the high school, Miss Willie Putnam was awarded first place and Miss Margaret Copeland second. A \$2.50 gold piece was given by Adair-Sumeral to Miss Putnam.

Sturgeon Heads College Athletics

Is Re-elected President of Association. Other Officers Named and Block Letters Awarded.

Prof. H. E. Sturgeon, instructor of Chemistry, and one of the most popular members of the Presbyterian College faculty, has been re-elected as president of the Athletic Association for the ensuing year. Prof. Sturgeon has filled this office for several years past to the entire satisfaction of the student body and faculty, all of whom are pleased to know that he will again direct the athletic activities for another year. P. H. Hannah was elected vice-president succeeding Joe F. Mason, and H. K. Holland will succeed J. H. Pearce as secretary-treasurer.

At the same meeting the athletic council presented its recommendations for the various managers for next year and the result was the election of the following:

Football manager, J. J. Cornwall; assistants, B. F. Knowles and C. L. O'Dell.

Basketball, F. K. Clarke, manager; assistant, D. O. Rhame.

Baseball, L. H. Hay, manager; assistants, Paul Carson and I. M. Bagnal.

Track, R. F. Banks, manager; Bill White, assistant.

Tennis, H. J. McLaurin, manager.

At this meeting each year it is customary to award letter certificates to the men who have been credited with meritorious work. In football, the following men received certificates: Miller, Norton, Ricker, Robinson, Campbell, Bomar, Hindman, Warner, Pearce, R. B. Moore, Clinton, Hunter and McLaurin. In basketball, Ricker, R. Walker, Hunter, Miller, J. Moore, R. Moore, Martin and Mason. In baseball, Lewis, Hannah, R. Moore, Miller, J. Moore, Warner, Holliday, Garvin, Norton, Hunter and Cousar. In track, Fuller, Ramsey, Clinton, Hughes, Sheldon, Ricker, Campbell and Ferguson.

R. Moore, Miller and Hunter received letters in baseball, football and basketball, an honor quite out of the ordinary and which came to them in recognition of their ability as athletes.

Turnipseed To Be Commencement Orator

Lander Head Takes Place of Bainbridge Colby On College Commencement Program.

The Rev. B. R. Turnipseed, president of Lander College of Greenwood, will deliver the commencement address next Wednesday morning before the graduating class of the Presbyterian College. Mr. Turnipseed takes the place of Bainbridge Colby, who has notified Dr. Douglas that it will be impossible for him to fill the engagement. Mr. Colby was formerly secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet and the public will regret his inability to be present as previously announced.

Mr. Turnipseed is one of the leading educators in the State and ranks among the prominent ministers in the Methodist denomination. Dr. Douglas expressed himself yesterday as delighted with Mr. Turnipseed's acceptance.

Primary Pupils Tell Stories

Little Francis Spratt Captures First Prize In Annual Story-Telling Contest.

The annual story-telling contest of the primary schools was held last Saturday morning and aroused considerable interest among the young folks who participated in the event. There were entries through the first four grades.

Mrs. E. E. Stanton, Misses Ruth Bailey and Marion Patton were the judges, while Mrs. Stanton read the stories. Their decision gave first place and the \$2.50 gold piece offered by the Mother's club to Francis Spratt of the second grade. Second honor was captured by Virginia Spratt, and third to Alfred Brown.

The representatives from the respective grades, were:

First—Alfred Brown, Margaret Stroud, Jack Witherspoon.

Second—Frances Spratt, Wodell King, Sara Blakely.

Third—Frances Blakely, Clyde Arrowood.

Fourth—Virginia Spratt, Lewis Bond.

Orphanage Closing Splendid Year

Report Shows Institution In Excellent Condition With Bright Future Ahead.

The past year has been one of the most successful in the history of the Thornwell Orphanage, the receipts for the support and endowment fund exceeding that of any previous year. The support fund exceeded \$100,000, while more than \$130,000 has been received through special gifts and endowment contributions.

The annual meeting of the board of trustees will be held on the afternoon of June 10, at which time the president's and executive committee's reports will be submitted. The executive committee in session Tuesday afternoon concluded its work for the year and adopted its report and recommendations for the annual meeting next month. Dr. Lynn, president of the institution, was commended for the fine showing made under his leadership and the excellent spirit and condition of the institution at present. The committee is composed of J. I. Copeland, C. W. Stone, W. W. Harris and Dr. L. R. Lynn.

Grammar School Holds Contest

Lillian Burns Browning Wins First Place In Annual Story-Telling Contest.

The annual grammar grades story telling contest was held Saturday morning, May 17, at the high school building.

Those taking part in the contest were as follows: Anne Glasgow and Clyde Ray from the fifth grade; Ruth Todd and E. J. Busbin from the sixth grade; and Lillian Burns Browning and Arthur Copeland represented the seventh grade.

The judges for the contest were Mrs. L. B. Dillard, Mrs. Ray Nimocks and Mrs. John T. Little. The stories were read by Miss Edith Mills.

A \$2.50 gold piece was offered by M. S. Bailey & Son, Bankers, to the first place winner. This honor was won by Lillian Burns Browning. The second and third places were won by Anne Glasgow and Ruth Todd.

SENATORS SEEK VIEWS ON COURT

Foreign Relations Committee Holds Conference With President Coolidge.

Washington, May 20.—Republican members of the Senate foreign relations committee were told by President Coolidge at a White House conference tonight that his position with reference to the world court question was the same as indicated in his message on the subject and in various statements made since.

The committee members, who were headed by Chairman Lodge, it was said, would attempt to formulate a plan which would be in harmony with the President's position.

The visit to the White House of the Republican members headed by Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, the committee chairman and himself the author of a world court proposal, was preliminary to a meeting of the full committee tomorrow on the world court question.

This committee meeting was called by Chairman Lodge several days ago at the request of Senator Swanson, of Virginia, ranking Democratic member, who indicated in a public announcement that unless some action soon was taken he would move to discharge the committee, thereby bringing the world court question to the Senate floor.

Changes Made In City Officials

Former Chief-of-Police O. S. Linder Goes To Winnsboro.

O. S. Lindler, for the past two years chief of police, has severed his relation with the city and accepted a position at Winnsboro. He is succeeded at present in his former position by Ed Stevens. C. W. Weir has been appointed street overseer, succeeding Mr. Stevens.

IS APPOINTED JUDGE

The Hon. F. P. McGowan, well known attorney of Laurens, has been appointed special judge to hold a term of Common Pleas court at Orangeburg for two weeks, beginning the first Monday in June.

DEAN OF EDITORS CLOSES LONG LIFE

William Henry Wallace Passes At Ripe Age. Editor Newberry Observer 33 Years.

Spartanburg, May 16.—William Henry Wallace, for 33 years editor of the Newberry Observer, formerly a weekly and at present a semi-weekly newspaper, and a pioneer newspaperman in South Carolina, died at the home of his son, Dr. D. D. Wallace, on Wofford campus this afternoon, after an illness of a month's duration. The remains was taken to Newberry Sunday and the funeral held at the Methodist church Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. He would have been 76 years of age on his next birthday in November. Mr. Wallace came to Spartanburg April 17 to visit his son and to rest. His strength, however, began to fail and for the last several days his condition has been hopeless.

Mr. Wallace was born November 4, 1848, and reared in the Belfast section of Newberry county and attended a private school nearby and later continued his education at Wofford college, from which institution he was graduated in 1871, with the degree of A. B., receiving his A. M. degree in the year 1873 from the same institution. He was a professor in Columbia College for Women (later changed to Columbia College) from 1873 to 1876, and taught again in the same institution during the period of 1893 to 1895. He was superintendent of the Newberry city schools for five years, which position he gave up to become editor of the Greenville News, Greenville. After editing this paper for about a year he gave up the work on account of weak eyesight and ill health and returned to Newberry, where he resumed his work with the Newberry Observer, which he had founded in 1883 and which he had edited except for the years noted above. From 1883 to 1901 he conducted The Observer as a weekly newspaper and since then as a semi-weekly.

He enlisted as a private in the state militia from the fall of 1864 until the surrender of Johnston's armies at the close of the war, being then 16 years of age.

He was married in Spartanburg December 26, 1872, to Miss Alice Lomax of Abbeville, she having lived with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David Duncan of Wofford college. Mrs. Wallace died September 25, 1920, and from that time until his death, he lived with his brother, Robert G. Wallace, on College street.

Mr. Wallace was a member of Central Methodist church, of Newberry. He was a liberal giver for everything that was good and was a staunch supporter of his church. He was a member of the Newberry Rotary club, having never missed a meeting as long as he was able to attend. He was a Democrat, and was a man of conservative views on most questions.

During the summer of 1875 he traveled over a large portion of Europe in company with George Foster Smith, who for many years afterwards was head of the Greek department of the University of Wisconsin, and is now a professor in that institution. During his college days he was a member of the Kappa Alpha society.

Mr. Wallace was one of the best known editorial writers of the state and his equal as a newspaper man can hardly be found. He was widely known among the newspaper men of the state, having had many offers to become editorial writer for the leading daily papers, but his health prevented him from so doing, being physically unable to cope with the strenuous routine of a daily morning paper. Through his profession he had served the best interests of the state and community to the best of his ability and ideals. He was an inspiration to all who came in contact with him and his place will be hard to fill, and he was a citizen of whom Newberry county was proud. His ambition was to develop the community by the construction of schools and churches and good roads. He was a man of wide observation, in intense loyalty to his friends, a true friend and a man of most generous impulses.

The Newberry Observer and the people of Newberry will feel a distinct personal loss in his death. He was a man of rare qualities and was of the most humble Christian character. He was truly a valuable asset to his city and county. He never had any aspirations for public honors that are the object of ambition for so many

COLLEGE CLOSES YEAR'S WORK

Baccalaureate and Y. M. C. A. Sermons Comes Next Sunday. Graduating Exercises On Wednesday. 27 In Senior Class.

The commencement exercises of the Presbyterian College will begin next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock in the First Presbyterian church, when the baccalaureate sermon before the graduating class will be preached by the Rev. C. Darby Fulton, missionary to Japan. Mr. Fulton is an alumnus of the college and the Columbia Theological seminary, and later obtained a degree from Princeton. He is now on furlough in this country and his appearance on this year's program is being looked forward to with unusual interest by his large circle of friends and acquaintances in the city.

In the evening at eight o'clock, the sermon before the Young Men's Christian Association will be preached by the Rev. Ellis A. Fuller, pastor of the Earl Street Baptist church of Greenville. Mr. Fuller is also a graduate of the Presbyterian College and is one of the promising ministers of his denomination.

On next Monday evening the annual Declaration contest will be held in the college auditorium, at which time six young men will compete for first honor.

At the same hour on Tuesday evening, the Orators' contest will occur, the contestants to be selected from the Junior and senior classes and the winner awarded a gold medal offered by the two societies.

Wednesday is commencement day proper and the closing exercises will be held in the college auditorium, beginning at ten o'clock a. m., and will be presided over by Dr. D. M. Douglas, president of the college. The valedictory speech, class oration and annual commencement address will be delivered. Other exercises such as the conferring of honorary degrees, announcement of winners of medals, prizes and other student honors, will also take place at this hour.

The college is closing a successful season with bright indications for a successful opening next fall. With the completion of the new dormitory, it is expected that next year's enrollment will break all records.

This year's graduating class is composed of twenty-seven young men. Their names and home addresses are:

- Alexander Ramsay Batchelor, Whitmire, S. C.; Van Kirk Bland, Mouth of Seneca, W. Va.; Ratchford Wilson Boland, Clinton, S. C.; George Praetor Boozer, Jr., Newberry, S. C.; Robert Allister Buckner, Clio, S. C.; Jeff Watson Chapman, Columbia, S. C.; William John Cherry, Jr., Rock Hill, S. C.; Pierce Pike Henderson, Asheville, N. C.; Heyward Joseph Hindman, Chester, S. C.; Herman Grice Hunt, Owings, S. C.; Frank William LaMotte, Clinton, S. C.; Robert Matthew Lynn, Clinton, S. C.; Joe Finney Mason, Clinton, S. C.; Francis Borel Mayes, Winnsboro, S. C.; Edgar Donald McMahan, Piedmont, S. C.; Joseph Graham Miller, Atlanta, Ga.; Hyder Kee Neely, Anderson, S. C.; Melvin Bond Nickles, Donalds, S. C.; Leon Norton, Little Rock, S. C.; George Reid O'Daniel, Clinton, S. C.; James Pearce, Florence, S. C.; Joseph Lee Plexico, Sharon, S. C.; William Ross Ricker, Rock Hill, S. C.; Vivian Alexander Sydenstricker, Decatur, Ga.; Thomas Douglas Wallace, Great Falls, S. C.; Edward Burden Warren, Charleston, S. C.; Arthur Thompson Wilson, Clinton, S. C.

LITTLE GIRLS RECOVER FROM ACCIDENT

Agnes and Margaret Shealy, daughters of Dr. and Mrs. F. K. Shealy, who were recently struck by an automobile on North Broad Street, have recovered from their injuries, much to the delight of their many friends.

men and had been exceedingly modest about his professional career as a teacher and editor. He achieved the real dignity of long continued service and usefulness in his home city and county.

Mr. Wallace was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wallace. His parents were Scotch-Irish, his paternal ancestors coming from Scotland and settling in Albemarle county, Virginia, a short time before the Revolution. Members of the family were Revolutionary soldiers, some of them achieving distinction.