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Schools of County Are Closing

The past two weeks have been busy ones in school circles of Kershaw County, school closings, picnics and graduating exercises have been the order of the day.

Most all of the schools have had a term of eight months, and a few nine months. The high schools have found it difficult to complete the required work in an eight months term, but with an increased length of day the work has been done.

Graduating exercises for Camden and Charlotte Thompson will start Sunday, June 3rd.

Mt. Pisgah had a graduating class of nine this year. Mr. L. Williamson of the University of S. C. delivered the commencement address and Supt. R. M. Foster with Mr. W. P. Sowell, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, delivered the diplomas.

At Blaney a fine class of seventeen boys and girls received diplomas, and this class presented a fine program of their own. Mrs. Watts, County Superintendent of Education, presented the medals of award, and Mr. C. A. Byrd, Supt. of schools, presented the diplomas.

Out of the usual order of commencement programs but in step with the modern ideas of education, the Bethune class gave several demonstrations of the work that had been done during the four years of High School, and stressed upon a large audience the fact that the New Deal was touching the lives of these fifteen boys and girls at Bethune, along with the thousands of others that are graduating into a larger field of activity. Mr. J. C. Foster, Superintendent of the school, and Mr. L. M. Best, Chairman of the board of trustees presented the diplomas, and S. Wiley Hogue, the affable County Treasurer, presented the plaque to the elementary department from Camden Shrine Club.

Since a high school must operate four years successfully before it becomes an accredited high school, it was most fitting that the Hon. James H. Hope, State Supt. of Education, should be the guest speaker and award the first high school diplomas to a class of nine boys and girls at Barren DeKalb High School. Mr. T. V. Walsh of Camden, delivered two handsome plaques to this school on behalf of the American Legion and Camden Rotary Club.

The Rev. R. Brice Herbert delivered a very fine commencement address to the graduating class at Antioch and Mr. E. M. Shannon, Superintendent, is much gratified with the work his school has accomplished this year.

At Midway they graduating class. At Midway the graduating class was very small, but the prospects for another year are very encouraging. Mrs. Watts, Co. Supt. of Education, introduced Miss Mattie E. Thomas, Director of Elementary Education who addressed the graduating class and a most appreciative audience.

Thorn Hill, Oak Ridge, Oakland, Central, Pleasant Grove, and Providence, all elementary schools had picnics and exercises by the children.

The Waterree School presented a very pleasing operetta to a large audience of friends.

The Pine Grove teachers had a program for the children in the morning and in the afternoon entertained more than 150 at the picture show.

Teh Lugoff school closed Friday afternoon, May 25th, with an address by the Rev. Mr. Caston. This school has had several very pleasing programs this year. Mrs. W. B. Lord, the music teacher has been instrumental in this work.

Crescent, Neds Creek, Three Cs, Liberty Hill and Stoneboro had exercises and gave promotion cards.

All of these exercises were well attended, and the interest shown in these programs is a fine indication that the citizenship of Kershaw County is still backing finer and better schools for our boys and girls.

Fruit of the East

In size the lychee is about that of a strawberry or small English walnut. The shape more nearly resembles that of the strawberry, however. When fresh the skin has the toughness of a thick-skinned grape. It is eaten like a grape, too—the pulp being removed after the skin is broken. When dried, though, the skin snaps open with the brittleness of our paper-shelled almonds. The dried fruit resembles a raisin.

Liberty Hill News

Liberty Hill, May 28. The sudden and sharp drop in the temperature has had a depressing effect on growing vegetation, young cotton and tender garden plants in particular, as well as causing heavy clothing and sitting room fires to the necessary for comfort.

Elder R. C. Jones conducted the morning services of the Presbyterian Church on Sunday and read to the congregation a statement—as submitted to Presbytery—of the collections and disbursements for the year ending March 31, 1934. The showing indicated a very satisfactory financial condition.

Since the recent rains farm work is making steady progress. A lot of corn has been—and is being—planted, cotton chopping is proceeding, and harvesting of oats is getting underway with a light yield in prospect.

The Stoneboro School under the capable management of Miss Louise Johnston, closed for the summer vacation on Friday a week ago. The teacher treated her pupils to lemonade and cake.

The Liberty Hill School which has been taught for several years, by Miss Lizzie Richards an experienced teacher closed on Tuesday last week. A picnic for the pupils was given.

Rev. John Edward Richards a ministerial student had accepted an invitation to preach on Sunday to a congregation in a Georgia town but was taken ill on Thursday and had to cancel his engagement by wire. He was reported as somewhat better on Sunday.

Miss Christine Perry of Lancaster, who has been teaching at Gaffney is spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. J. H. Clements.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Richards of Concord were Sunday guests in the home of his mother, Mrs. C. E. Rihards.

Little Misses Polly and Terry, bright little twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Thompson of Heath Springs are visitin in the home of their uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Boyd and daughter Miss Louise Adams of Rock Hill were visiting relatives here Sunday evening.

Little Miss Marlowe Burch of Westville spent the past week with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Z. Hilton.

We acknowledge with thanks invitations to attend the closing exercises of the Harleyville High school where Miss Fayre Hilton is a member of the graduating class, and also to Rock Hill on June 4th when Miss Margaret Genevieve Adams receives her High School diploma. These young ladies are grand daughters of your reporter

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON SCHOOL NEWS

The high school students had their annual picnic Friday afternoon at Davis Pond. The time before supper was spent in swimming and boat-riding. At six o'clock a delicious lunch and lemonade were served.

The Charlotte Thompson High School Commencement program will begin Friday afternoon at four o'clock. At that time, the Grammar School will give a program in the Terrace Gardens.

At five o'clock, the same day, Mrs. F. M. Mellette will present her piano pupils in a recital.

Sunday afternoon at four-thirty o'clock the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached at Beulah church by Rev. A. D. McArn, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Camden.

Monday morning at ten o'clock the Seventh Grade will have their graduation Exercises.

Monday evening at eight-thirty o'clock, the eleventh grade will have their class day exercises. The address will be made by Hon. W. M. Manning of Sumter. At this time, diplomas, certificates and awards will be given.

AN OLD MAIDS CONVENTION

An Old Maids Convention will be presented at The Kershaw High school Tuesday night, May 29th at 8:30 p. m.

The public is cordially invited. Auspices of Kershaw Eastern Star Chapter. Admission 10c. and 20c. Come bring your friends and have a good laugh.

Gale Whips Coastal Carolina

Charleston, May 28.—Winds of gale proportions swept the South Carolina coast tonight, cutting off wire communications, damaging small craft and causing thousands of dollars damage to crops and property.

So far as could be learned there was no loss of life.

Most of the section north of here to the North Carolina state line, including Georgetown and nearby summer resorts were still cut off from the outside world by telephone and telegraph at 11:30 p. m. The winds were accompanied by torrential rains.

The southern part of Charleston was flooded by eight inches of water.

A 65-foot yacht, the Jean and Virginia, broke loose and was sunk here. The craft, formerly owned by L. M. Pinckney, state NRA administrator, had been sold only recently.

An 8,000-ton freighter, the Bannan, broke loose and tore down several docks but was not sunk.

The wind here reached a maximum of 44 miles per hour at 6:30; communication facilities were put up until nearly midnight.

Reports from Dillon, Orangeburg, Kingstree, Allendale and other inland cities reported heavy winds and rain and considerable damage to crops.

Efforts were being made to get in contact with McClellanville, Georgetown and other coast towns north of here but at midnight all communication facilities were still down.

Streams in the lower part of the state were swollen and leaving their banks in places. Edisto river near Orangeburg overflowed its banks tonight and inundated a wide area of farmland.

Rains continued through this section most of the day. The weather was unseasonably cold but tonight forecast promised "fair and warmer" for tomorrow.

A dispatch from Kingstree said the wind reached gale proportions there but that negligible damage was done there except to crops.

The first casualty in the storm area was reported at Marion, where winds caused minor damage. E. C. Shepard, 18-year-old high school boy, walked into live wire, and was taken to a hospital in Florence, nearby in a serious condition.—AP.

MR HARLEY, CANDIDATE FOR LT. GOV. VISITS CAMDEN

Mr. J. E. Harley, candidate for Lieut. Governor was a visitor in Camden Monday and while here paid the Messenger office a pleasant visit. Mr. Harley made the race Lieut. Governor four years ago opposing Lieut. Governor James O. Sheppard and made a very creditable race. Mr. Harley is one of Barnwell's leading citizens and has served in the General Assembly with distinction. He promises if elected to stand for rigid economy and fairness.

HIGH SCHOOL BAND

There are some twenty instruments in Camden, scattered among those who once belonged to the Camden Band, but are the property of the city of Camden, and the Waterree Mill. We are pushing a movement to secure instruments for our Camden High school, so that we can have what many of the other up-to-date high schools have—a fine students band. We wish all who have such instruments in their possession, would have them available so that we may collect them. We want this done, so that that we may know what instruments, if any, we shall have to secure. If there are privately owned instruments, we wish to ascertain what these might be bought for.—C. F. Wimberly, Acting for the Band Booster's Club.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH NEXT SUNDAY

Sunday School will assemble at 10 o'clock promptly, conducted by Dr. A. W. Humphries, Supt.

Preaching at 1:15 by the Pastor. There will be no service at night, because of the Commencement services at the High School chapel.—C. F. Wimberly, Pastor.

Examination for Postmaster Announced

To fill the vacancy in the position in this city, the United States Civil Service Commission has announced, at the request of the Postmaster General, and in accordance with an order of the President, an open competitive examination.

To be eligible for the examination, an applicant must be a citizen of the United States, must reside within the delivery of this post office, must have so resided for at least one year next preceding the date for close of receipt of applications, must be in good physical condition, and within the prescribed age limits. Both men and women are admitted.

Under the terms of the Executive order, the Civil Service Commission will certify to the Postmaster General the names of the highest three qualified eligibles, if as many as three are qualified, from which the Postmaster General may select one for nomination by the President. Confirmation by Senate is the final action.

Applicants will not be required to assemble in an examination room for scholastic tests, but will be rated on their education and business experience and fitness. The Civil Service Commission will make inquiry among representative local business and professional men and women concerning the experience, ability, and character of each applicant, and the evidence thus secured will be considered in determining the ratings to be assigned to the applicants.

The Commission states that presidential postmasters are not in the classified civil service and that its duties in connection with appointments to such positions are to hold examinations and to certify the results to the Postmaster General. The Commission is not interested in the political, religious, or fraternal affiliations of any applicant.

Full information and application blanks may be obtained from the secretary of the local board of civil service examiners at the post office in this city, or from the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C.

SENATOR WELSH ANNOUNCES FOR RE-ELECTION

To the Voters of Kershaw County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for Re-election to the State Senate from Kershaw County in the coming primary subject to the rules and regulations thereof.

I pledge my continued efforts in behalf of the Taxpayers.

I appreciate the past support given me and hope to continue the confidence of the people.

G. C. WELSH.

ANNOUNCES FOR AUDITOR

To the Democratic Voters of Kershaw County:

I wish to announce myself as a candidate for County Auditor for Kershaw County subject to the rules and regulations governing the Democratic primary. If elected I promise to give the very best service possible to all the people throughout the county and shall appreciate any support given me in the approaching primary for a clean successful race.

Respectfully yours,
W. R. TAYLOR.

FOR GAME WARDEN

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Game Warden for Kershaw county, subject to the rules of the Democratic primary. Will appreciate the support of the voters.

Very respectfully,
W. P. MCGUIRT.

TIME AND ETERNITY

This will be the theme of Dr. Wimberly before the Men's Bible class next Sunday morning. School will meet at 10:00 o'clock for devotional. We wish to urge our men to avail themselves of these great addresses. Let each man be a committee to bring a friend along, and then we know they will want to come again.—Jack Moore, Secretary.

Pres. Stops Sale of War Supplies By U. S.

Washington, May 28.—President Roosevelt by proclamation tonight forbade further sales of American arms or munitions to Paraguay and Bolivia, who are warring over possession of the Gran Chaco.

The proclamation, which for the first time in the history of the United States clamps down a virtual embargo upon the sale of war supplies to two belligerent nations simultaneously, was issued by the president a few hours after he had signed the joint resolution of congress granting him specific authority to take just such a step.

By issuing the proclamation, the president put the United States well out into the lead among the neutral nations which have been trying for months to stop the war in the Chaco jungles.

The proclamation provided heavy penalties for any United States individual or firm selling supplies to the combatants.

Representatives of both countries were reported placing heavy orders for munitions in New York up to the last minute in an effort to beat the embargo.

Whether they will be able to do so may depend on fine legal questions. State department officials are understood to hold that the presidential ban on sales of arms and supplies will apply to all goods not actually delivered at the time the proclamation is issued. Bolivia, and perhaps Paraguay, also, will take the stand that goods ordered but not delivered, will not be affected.

President Roosevelt acted without waiting for the league of nations council which has similar measures under consideration.

The council meets Wednesday to determine whether a worldwide arms embargo shall be declared and enforced against the warring governments. The view of 32 nations, the United States among them, have been sounded out by the league council to determine practicability of such a move.

Mexico has already declared her intention of enforcing such an embargo, and the Canadian government has signified a like intention.

In his proclamation President Roosevelt said he had found "that the prohibition of the sale of arms and munitions of war in the United States to those countries now engaged in armed conflict in the Chaco may contribute to the re-establishment of peace between those countries."

He also said "I have consulted with the governments of other American republics and have been assured of the co-operation of such governments as I have deemed necessary as contemplated by the joint resolution of congress."

The American action is not a forthright arms embargo against Paraguay and Bolivia, as treaties of commerce which are still in force between the United States and those countries specifically guard against such action. The practical effect, however, of forbidding the sale within the United States of arms and ammunitions to the belligerents, is the same.

The joint resolution authorizing the president's action and the proclamation itself provide that "whoever sells any arms or munitions of war in violation" of the proclamation, "shall be convicted, be punished by a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or by imprisonment not exceeding two years, or both."

FINE COMB HONEY

Mr. H. O. Burns, who operates a grocery store at Lewisville between the two mill villages, brought to our office one day last week a sample of fine comb honey. It was delicious, in fact the best we have ever eaten. Mr. Burns has 44 hives which produce this fine honey. Anyone who wants good honey should call on Mr. Burns.

Inventor of the Polka

The Etude says that the Bohemian dance, the polka, was invented about 1830 by Anna Slezak, an upper servant in the family of a rich farmer. As the room in which she danced was small, she shortened the steps, from which the dance was named polka (half). Received enthusiastically in Paris, the word was changed to polka.

Announce Program For School Closing

Commencement exercises of the Camden high school will begin with a recital and an operetta by the pupils of Mrs. C. V. Salmund on Friday evening, June 1. This will be followed by the annual commencement sermon to the graduating class at 8:30 Sunday evening in the school auditorium. The usual custom has been followed in selecting local ministers. At this time we are fortunate to have Dr. C. F. Wimberly of the Methodist church.

Monday evening at 8:30 in the school auditorium Class Day Exercises and Senior Class Play; Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock the program put on by pupils of the lower grades, and the reading of honors by the superintendent; Tuesday evening at 8:30 the final graduating exercises.

The following are the programs for the commencement period:

Sunday, June 3.
Processional, Mrs. C. V. Salmund; invocation, Rev. F. H. Craighill; hymn, "My Faith Looks up to Thee"; Scripture reading, Dr. C. F. Wimberly; prayer, Rev. A. D. McArn; song, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," double quartet; sermon, Dr. C. F. Wimberly; hymn, "Now the Day is Over," benediction, Rev. F. H. Craighill.

Monday, June 4.
Class Day Exercises at 8:30 p. m. The Senior class presents "The Rosy Pathway," cast as follows: Time, the present; place, the home of Rose Rollins; Rose Rollins, Golda Shirley; Guy Oakes, Alvin Sanders; Grancy, Rose's grandmother, Dorothy Vandlingham; Wisdom, Roscoe Johnson; Imaginary Grancy, Mary Zeigler; Lights in Life's Rainbow: Preparedness, Frances McLeod; Sincerity, Mattie C. Rabon; Character, Mary Ella Moore; Earnestness, Willie McGuirt; Greatness, Charlotte DuBose; Service, Dennis Smith; Love, Emily K. Bell. Members of the Gang: Jerry, Otis Creed; Pam, Mary Florence Little; John, James Robin; Hugh, Nicholas Getts; Carl, Dick Jenkins; Don, James DeLoache, and other Members of the Class who are—"Just the modern boys and girls of today

Who act in their usual, natural way, With their witty sayings here and there And with their feeling of courage to Do and Dare."

Officers of the Class of 1934: President, Joe Jenkins; vice-presidents, Charlotte DuBose and Alvin Sanders; secretary, Leola Hudson; historian, Francis Sheheen; prophet, Evelyn McLean; poets, Roy Sheorn and Eleanor Watts; jester, Sam Boykin; lawyer, J. B. Gaskin.

Tuesday, June 5.
Graduating exercises, 8:30 p. m.—Processional, Mrs. C. V. Salmund; invocation, Rev. F. H. Craighill; "On Wings of Music," high school chorus; salutatory, Ruth DeLoache; awarding of medals, A. Stanley Llewellyn; announcement of class leaders and seconds, J. G. Richards, Jr.; piano-duet, "Spanish Dance," Paulette West and Eleanor Kirschner; "Moment Musical," high school chorus; awarding of diplomas, C. H. Yates; valedictory, Leola Hudson; benediction, Rev. A. D. McArn

Program for Tuesday morning, June 5, at 11 o'clock: Devotion, Rev. A. D. McArn; chorus by sixth and seventh grades; "Welcome," "A-wake! Arise," "Laughing Boys and Girls; folk Dances, Miss Gertrude Zemp's classes; chorus, primary group; "Soldier's Chorus," "Heavens are Telling"; announcements and reading of class leaders.

CHARLOTTE THOMPSON JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The Junior-Senior banquet was given at Charlotte Thompson High School Friday evening, May the eighteenth. The hall was attractively decorated in a pink and white color scheme. Preceding the banquet, the boys of the Junior class gave a Womanless Wedding. Eben Young acted as toastmaster and the following program was given during the banquet: Blessing, F. M. Mellette, toast to Seniors, Patrick Dennis; response, Margaret Gaskin; toast to visitors, Naomie Walker; response, Alfred Pearce; jokes, J. D. Gillis; toast to Faculty and Trustees, Loree Young; response, E. M. Workman; Baby Show; Wordless sermon, Shell West. The waiters and waitresses were members of the eighth and ninth grades.

Upset Precedent

When a 30-foot gap appeared in the city walls of Chester, England, recently, the wall was closed to pedestrians for the first time in hundreds of years.