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## SCHOOLS CLOSED FRIDAY NIGHT

### Graduation Exercises Close Successful Year

#### DR. D. W. DANIEL MAKES ADDRESS

Native of Laurens Ends Program of School Closing with Address Friday Night. Twenty-Nine Receive High School Diplomas. Class Night Exercises Held Wednesday.

The 1921-22 session of the Laurens city schools came to an official close Friday evening at the First Presbyterian church when Dr. D. W. Daniel, Professor of English at Clemson college, delivered the annual address and diplomas were given to the twenty-nine members of the graduating class. Class day exercises had been held by the graduating class Wednesday evening in the city opera house and a nursery play given by the children of the grammar grades on the school grounds Friday afternoon. The latter had been postponed from Wednesday afternoon on account of the weather.

The exercises Friday evening were opened with prayer by Rev. Robert Adams, D. D., for many years pastor of the Presbyterian church here. The salutatory was delivered by Miss Grace Taylor and the valedictory by Miss Sarah Eliza Swygert. The scholarship medal, awarded to the student making the highest average during the year, was delivered by Mr. Jas. H. Sullivan to Miss Sarah Eliza Swygert. In presenting the medal Mr. Sullivan recalled that Miss Swygert won a similar medal last year and said that her record in this respect was notable.

Dr. Daniel, in opening his address, alluded to the fact that he was born and reared in this county. He spoke feelingly of the associations of his early days, paying beautiful tributes to Col. B. W. Ball, editor at that time of The Laurens Advertiser, and to Col. Thos. B. Crews, editor of The Laurensville Herald. The proudest period of his life, he said, was during the time he acted as correspondent for the county papers from his section of the county.

Taking as his subject "The Looking Glass", Dr. Daniel stressed the importance of a study of one's own self and the cultivation of all that is beautiful and best in one's nature and personality. Cultivation of the outward appearance no less than the inner organs of intellectuality and spirituality he urged as an important means of making one's life happy and useful. People, he said, should take care of their appearance, seeking to look intelligent and beautiful as well as being intelligent. The first step to be taken, however, in seeking an intelligent appearance, he continued, was in acquiring intelligence, and with this as his principal theme he urged upon the members of the graduating class the importance of arduous labor in preparing themselves further for life's battle.

#### Class Day Exercises

The Opera House was filled to overflowing Wednesday evening to witness the class day exercises. The stage had been tastefully decorated with ribbons of pastel, the class color, and with sweet peas, the class flower. The class sat in crescent with William Albright, president, seated in the center. Overhanging the stage was a huge figure "1922" made of sweet peas.

The class day exercises, where pomp and dignity gave way to wit and humor, centered principally around the "Class History" read by Louise Smith, the "Class Poem" by Marion Blackwell, the "Class Statistics" by Lois Fuller, the "Will" by Martin Teague, the "Criticism" by Herman Taylor, and the "Phorecy" by Rebecca Adams. The history of the graduating class, as compiled by the class historian, disclosed the interesting fact that 11 of the 29 who were graduated started together in school in September, 1911 and have for 11 years remained together as classmates.

The class statistics were arranged by Lois Fuller. To Rebecca Adams went the distinction of possessing two favored characteristics. She was voted by the class as the handsomest as well as the most popular.

The handsomest boy was found in Emmet Jesse. Martin Teague was elected as possessing the characteris-

## MR. STANLEY CREWS IS RE-ELECTED AS CITY CLERK

City Council Holds Last Election at Regular Session Monday Night. Chicken Ordinance Will be Strictly Enforced.

Following a report by Mayor Dial that the railroads running trains through Laurens had been notified that they must slow down their trains at grade crossings, the city council, in a brief session held Monday evening, ordered that the police be instructed to rigidly enforce the city ordinance relative to the speed of trains.

Mayor Dial also reported to the council that he has been advised regarding violators of the city ordinance with reference to chickens running at large. Citizens, he said, do not desire to call attention to specific cases where their neighbors violate the ordinance. A request was made to the newspaper men present that they warn the public, through their columns, that the ordinance will be strictly enforced.

The council, in consideration of the request by the Water and Light Commission, moved to order the city attorney to draft an ordinance that will require citizens in the city to trim the limbs and branches of trees on their premises. The commission, in explanation of its request, says that trees coming in contact with electrical wires is a dangerous hazard.

After a report was made on the estimate of cement curbing for Gordon street, the council passed a motion that the contract for placing the curbing on both sides of Gordon street be awarded.

At the request of Mayor Dial, Alderman Easterby was elected as vice mayor pro-tem.

The council at this stage went into executive session to consider the election of a city clerk and treasurer. There were two applicants for this position. At the end of the session, Mayor Dial reported that Mr. Stanley Crews had been re-elected unanimously.

## NOTED REFORMER COMING

To Speak at the First Presbyterian Church Next Sunday Evening at 8 O'Clock.

Wayne B. Wheeler, counselor for the Anti-Saloon League and reformer of international note, will speak to a mass meeting of men and women at the First Presbyterian church, this city, next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock.

Local pastors, in making arrangements for the meeting, decided to have it at the Presbyterian church where it was thought the largest number of people could be accommodated.

A special invitation to all the people of the county has been issued by the local pastors and it is hoped that a large audience will be present to hear the address.

## COOPER GRANTS PAROLES

Columbia, May 20.—Governor Cooper Friday afternoon granted 18 paroles, pardons and commutations on the eve of his retirement from office tomorrow at noon.

tics of sarcasm and conceit, while Louise Smith was elected the greatest talker. Allie Gosnell was elected as having the most lovely complexion. Toccoa Gray was the class' choice for the most beautiful girl in the class. As the most original in the class Herman Taylor was elected, while Nathan Barksdale won as the jolliest. Honors as the cutest and at the same time biggest flirt went to Sara Eliza Swygert. Grace Taylor was elected most studious pupil.

William Albright won as the most popular boy. Alma Coleman was voted the neatest in the class, Ruth Watson as the most graceful and Mary Huddgens as the most independent. The good sports of the class were found to be John Robert Ellis among the boys, and Lois Fuller among the girls.

The little nursery play "Under the Sugar Plum Tree," given on the school grounds Friday afternoon by the children of the grammar grades assisted by several of the larger boys, delighted the large number of patrons and friends who went out to see it. Preceding the play fancy figures and drills in costume were given by the children of the second, third and fourth grades.

## CIVIL COURT IN MIDST OF BUSY SESSION

Court of Common Pleas, Presided Over by Judge Gary has Tried Eleven Cases. Court Will Remain in Session Until Saturday.

Eleven cases, four of them being litigations in which automobiles were involved, have been tried by the Court of Common Pleas, which convened here Monday, May 15, for a two weeks session. Presiding over the court which will remain in session until Saturday, is Judge Frank B. Gary, of Abbeville.

The first case to be tried by the court was that of J. Shelton Todd against J. W. Hill for damages as a result of an automobile collision. A verdict of \$218.89 was found for the plaintiff.

Mrs. Anna Wolf against Henry Hendrick, in a suit for land rent, won a verdict of 360 pounds of lint cotton.

In the case of J. V. Edwards against F. A. Giddes over the sale of an automobile, a verdict for the plaintiff for \$150.00 was found. The defense claimed that the automobile was not as represented in the warranty.

In a suit for the balance due on an automobile, the Carolina Auto Co. won a verdict of \$342.50 against J. C. McDaniel.

As a result of an automobile colliding with a buggy, J. H. Smith received a verdict of \$50.00 against T. L. and Lven Cooper.

A case attracting considerable attention because of its bearing on the large number of real estate deals made during the real estate boom of 1920 and 1921, was that of J. D. Spence, of Greenville against J. K. Gault, of the upper part of the county. In the suit Spence was trying to force payment of a note for \$7,500 given by Gault to B. W. Weathers as a part payment on land bought from Weathers, the note being later sold by him to Spence. Gault claimed that a verbal agreement as to the land sale was not carried out by Weathers and that subsequently Weathers agreed to call the sale off and return the note but instead of doing so sold the note to Spence. Attorneys for Spence moved for a directed verdict, but the motion was over-ruled. The jury returned a verdict for the defendant.

In the case of A. D. Blakely against A. B. Stone and Wyatt Barnes, a verdict of \$50.00 against Stone and \$157.05 against Barnes was found for the plaintiff. The suit was for the purchase price of a buggy.

The only mistrial in the court thus far was in the case of R. L. Gray against J. W. Tumblin. The suit was on a note given in payment for fish scrap stock. The jury was dismissed by the court no decision having been reached after seven hours of deliberations.

A. L. Mahaffey won a verdict of \$285 against R. L. Gray in a suit over 3 bales of cotton.

A directed verdict was given by the court in the case of Taylor and May against J. C. Louins which grew out of the sale of clothing. The verdict was for \$109.00.

Two cases which were on the calendar for trial were settled out of court. These were: A. M. Osborne against the Laurens Cotton Mill and the Dixie Flour & Grain Co. against C. M. Martin et al.

## SUMMER COURSE IN DOMESTIC SCIENCE

Women and Girls of the City to be Given Courses in Sewing and Cooking.

Miss Sallie Clowney, domestic science teacher in the city graded schools, has announced a free course in sewing and cooking for women and girls of the city to be given at the school house for the next month, beginning Thursday morning at 9 o'clock. Girls desiring to take the course are urged to be at the domestic science room at that hour so that arrangements for the entire month's work may be arranged. Women are invited to meet in the same room for organization an hour later.

## B. Y. P. U. Rally

The B. Y. P. U. rally of the Fourth Division of the Women's Christian Union of the Laurens Baptist association is to be held at Friendship church May 28. The unions of the following churches have been requested to attend in a body: Harmony, Beulah, Bethany, Durbin, Lanford, Warrior, Highland Home and Friendship.

## COLUMBIA TRIO FOUND GUILTY

Jeffords and Harrison Each Sentenced to the Electric Chair; Treece Gets Life Term.

Columbia, May 20.—F. M. Jeffords and Ira Harrison were found guilty of murder and Glenn Treece, guilty with recommendation to mercy, by a Richland county jury this afternoon for the killing of J. C. Arnette, business partner of Jeffords in a gasoline filling station in Columbia on the night of May ninth. Immediately after the verdict was received, Judge Townsend sentenced Jeffords and Harrison to die in the electric chair June 15, and Treece to serve a life term in the state penitentiary. All parties are white, and some are prominently connected. The three defendants are below thirty years of age and Treece and Harrison were in the employ of Jeffords and Arnette.

The trial doubtlessly establishes a precedent in the county for dispatch. In a few hours after the crime had been committed, the three men were lodged in jail and confessions had been made, which led to the conviction of the three men today. Mr. Arnette was beaten to death in the filling station on Main street in the northern part of the city, and his body taken in an automobile a mile distant from the city and the machine driven over an embankment. The body was found within an hour's time after the killing.

The jury was out a little more than two hours this afternoon, the tie-up being incident to a disagreement in allowing mercy for Treece who did not participate in the actual killing, but kept on the lookout for the other two men while Arnette's life was being taken, he stood in front of the station to give signals.

The case was called Tuesday morning and has been pressed strenuously through the last five days.

Judge W. H. Townsend sentenced Harrison and Jeffords to die in the electric chair June 15 between the hours of 10 o'clock in the morning and 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Treece was sentenced to serve the remainder of his life in the state penitentiary. No motion for a new trial was made but the convicted men, under the law have three days to file such a motion and ten days to make appeal to the supreme court.

The jury took the case at 2:54 o'clock and the verdict was read at 6:23. Five minutes later the three men were sentenced, after one of the attorneys in the case had been summoned. The jury was understood to have stood from the first 11 in favor of the trio for murder while one stood out for recommendation of mercy for Treece, the youngest of the three accused men who steadfastly contended on the stand that he did not strike a blow in the murder of J. C. Arnette, for whose death on the night of Tuesday, May 9, the three men were tried and convicted.

## STORES TO CLOSE EARLY

Grocers Sign Agreement to have Earlier Closing Hour This Summer.

That grocers of Laurens are determined to close their stores at an earlier hour during the summer months and allow their employees some of the pleasures enjoyed by other people is indicated by the agreement signed below. The petition for the early closing hour was circulated by Mr. Henry Franks and, in presenting it for publication in The Advertiser, he said that the housewives could assist a great deal in bringing about early closing hours by ordering their needs before six o'clock.

The agreement with signatures attached to it follows:

We, the undersigned merchants of the city of Laurens hereby promise that we will close our places of business during the months of June, July and August at 6:00 P. M. or as soon thereafter as our trade will permit. We have reached this conclusion in order that we may give to our employees the human consideration to which they are entitled.

Jno. A. Franks, J. H. Sullivan, Hunter Bros., W. R. Brown, Owings & Owings, Medlock Bros., J. C. Shell & Co., Laurens Cash & Carry, Carryteria (6:30), L. N. Owens, C. E. Kennedy & Son, A. L. Mahaffey (6:30).

## Birth of a Daughter

Announcement was made Monday morning of the birth of a daughter, Sara Katherine, to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Owings.

## PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION PLANS MANY CHANGES IN CITY

Will Ask for \$65,000 Bond Issue to Improve Water Supply. Commissioners Work for Safety—Service—Efficiency.

That drastic changes in the water works and lighting system of the city will be made in the near future, was the assurance of the water and light commission early this week when reports from Mr. F. W. Chapman, superintendent of the works, were released for publication.

The report of the superintendent was made to the commission on May 11th and was supplemented May 15th with information regarding the poor system now used for electrical current distribution.

The report of the superintendent was as follows:

May 11, 1922.  
Commissioners of Public Works,  
Laurens, S. C.

Dear Sirs:

The writer respectfully submits the following report with regard to the water and light plant:

We have 610 light customers, and 511 water connections.

There are a number of new water customers to go on this or next month. There are 125 water meters stopped, probably over 75 per cent of these are worthless. There are about 198 new or nearly new meters on the system, leaving over three hundred that need calibration, cleaning and repair. Many of the water meters have very poor boxes, which makes their upkeep more expensive. There are four or more water connections without meters, including one line at the Laurens Mills.

There are 34 dead light meters, 18 flat rate light customers, and Mr. Leaman informed me that he at one time had a list of about eighty light meters that were defective. There are on the system 12 or more electric meters of an obsolete type.

Three electric service connections of which there were no records on the books were found, and one customer was discovered with his front hall light connected outside of the meter.

Two churches are furnished free lights, the schools free lights and water (the schools in all probability use 100,000 or more gallons of water a month). The warehouses receive free water connections, and of course the city properties. The cemetery keeper's house has free lights and water.

We are pumping about 300,000 gallons of water per 24 hours, which is practically the capacity of the filter and also the pumps at the creek.

At the present time there is no equalization of rates, especially electrical rates, the country club, as an illustration, being furnished current at 50 per cent of cost.

The writer has not undertaken to make a report of the condition of the plant and transmission system, but feels justified in saying that we are distributing our power with a loss in the lines of 50 per cent or more. This condition can be materially improved in a few months.

Yours truly,  
F. W. CHAPMAN,  
Superintendent.

The Commissioners of Public Works,  
Laurens, S. C.

Dear Sirs:

The writer begs to submit a further report on the condition of the electric lines in town.

There is a line of No. 4 copper wire from power house to corner of Jail and Laurens streets, this set of wires should be No. 2. The balance of the 2300 volt circuits are No. 6 or smaller.

We found No. 12 wire in the circuit on South Harper street which had been burned apart by contact with the tree limb against which it rubbed. The No. 12 wire should not be used in any case for a 2300 volt circuit as it is not strong enough, also the losses in this wire are large.

The trees all over town are very badly mixed with the wires, making all the circuits more subject to breaks and dangerous.

About the worst condition we have is the way the telephone wires are put up around our lines. These lines are not kept in repair at all.

Saturday afternoon we had one wire broken and a short circuit, both caused by the telephones.

The storm in the middle of the week cost the plant about \$100 and the storm Saturday over \$50.

Yours respectfully,  
F. W. CHAPMAN,  
Mr. W. R. McCuen, chairman of the

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## WILSON G. HARVEY SUCCEEDS COOPER

### Cooper on Federal Land Bank Board

#### NEW EXECUTIVE TAKES OFFICE

In Assuming Office of Chief Executive of the State Gov. Harvey Asks for Full Co-operation. Retiring Governor Expresses Gratitude to People.

Columbia, May 20.—Wilson Godfrey Harvey, of Charleston, took the oath of office as chief executive of South Carolina at noon today. Succeeding Robert A. Cooper, who tendered his resignation to become a member of the Federal Land Bank Board, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of A. P. Lever.

The oath was administered in the supreme court room by Chief Justice Gary, and a large crowd pressed into the room to witness the ceremony, among these being former Governor R. I. Manning and former Governor D. C. Heyward.

Governor Harvey made only a brief statement in which he appealed to the hearty co-operation, the moral and material support and the prayers of the noble men and women of the state for the new administration.

Mr. and Mrs. Cooper left in the afternoon for Washington, where the former will qualify Monday for his place on the land bank board. In leaving Mr. Cooper issued a statement to the people, which reads in part:

"I am profoundly grateful to you for the many honors you have bestowed upon me. I regret that a sense of duty prompts me to resign the high office of governor, even though it is a very short time until my term will expire. I have given to you three and one-half of the best years of my life and notwithstanding that, our state, during the past three years has been under a heavy economic burden, I feel that substantial progress has been made of a very definite and permanent character.

"In bidding you adieu in this official capacity, I want to urge with all the earnestness of my soul that you continue the support of your educational program. In all of my work in the governor's office I have felt that the fundamental need of South Carolina is an educated citizenship. Our institutions of education are our highest hope and opposition to them and their successful administration, can have but one result and that is to deny to our children an inalienable right to prepare themselves for a happy, useful and successful life.

"I leave the state with a feeling of genuine regret, but I am going to Washington because I believe that I am given the opportunity to render a service to our agriculture which constitutes the foundation of our entire economic life. Such an opportunity would have come to me but once, and I feel it my duty to accept it. Let me assure you, however, that my interest will abide in South Carolina and I shall strive to perpetuate and keep this interest alive. The state is all my home and her people the objects of my affection."

## FOR WILSON MEMORIAL FUND

Mrs. W. D. Ferguson Accepts Chairmanship. Taking Collection Among Women.

Mrs. W. D. Ferguson of this city, has accepted the chairmanship of the county for the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Fund and has appointed Mrs. A. J. Christopher chairman for Laurens city and Mrs. E. J. Adair chairman for Clinton. Mrs. Ferguson has issued a call to the women of the county to rally to this cause and contribute liberally in its behalf. Collections will be made under this organization among women only.

## Congressman McSwain Announces

Congressman J. J. McSwain announces himself for re-election in this issue of The Advertiser and dispatches from Columbia state that he has already filed his pledge.

Services at Friendship  
Dr. L. Ross Lynn will preach at Friendship Presbyterian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.