

## CLOSING EXERCISES UNION HIGH SCHOOL

### Recitation Contest Last Friday Evening—Declamation Contest Wednesday Evening—Commencement Will Be Held Friday Evening.

The commencement exercises of the Union high school began last Friday evening with the recitation contest for the Brannon medal by the girls of the high school. The medal was won by Miss Ollie Mae Pollard and presented to her by Rev. L. W. Blackwelder.

Quite a unique and pleasing feature of the evening was having the successful contestant of last year, Miss Willie Hawkins, preside, which she did with ease and grace. The music was furnished by Miss Wilburn's pupils.

Wednesday evening the declamation contest for the Duncan medal was held. This medal is eagerly contested for every year by the high school boys and this year was won by Donald Matheson and presented by Prof. J. H. Hope. The same feature was carried out as in the girls' contest and Mr. Macbeth Wagnon, the winner of last year's medal, presided. He invited Col. T. C. Duncan, the giver of this medal, to the stage, and Col. Duncan made a brief address.

The Woodrow Wilson literary society held their public debate Thursday morning and discussed the question: "Is Wilson's policy of conscription a wise method of raising an army at this particular time?" The affirmative was held up by Labori Krasnoff and Preston Turner and the negative was supported by Macbeth Wagnon. Every year at the close of school the Woodrow Wilson society offers a medal for the best debater on a popular subject of the day and the interest in this is manifested in the debate. The judges were asked to bring in a sealed opinion as the individual debater but were allowed to announce that the affirmative side of the question had won; the medal will be presented Friday evening at the commencement exercises.

The stage was decorated with the colors of the United States and France and Woodrow Wilson's picture held a conspicuous place. The red, white and blue was twined around the walls and formed a huge star around the picture.

The musicale will be held Thursday evening when the Gault medal for the best yearly average will be presented. Miss Wilburn has a large class this year and the commencement is always enjoyed.

Friday evening the graduating exercises will be held and 11 young ladies and one young man will receive certificates: Misses Marie Wilburn, Jamima Wilburn, Pearl Kelly, Perlle Johnson, Lillian Malone, Sadie Barnado, Lizzie Mae Estes, Thelma Hart, Gertrude Orr, Elizabeth Garner and Mr. Jennings Alford.

The address to the class will be delivered by Dr. Lee Davis Lodge, president of Limestone college at Gaffney. Dr. Lodge is a brilliant orator and a deep scholar.

The Arthur medal will be delivered on this occasion for the best attainment in scholarship.

### AN ANNOUNCEMENT.

An announcement of cordial interest to many people throughout the State and especially to Union folk was published in the Charlotte Observer (N. C.) on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Macon Michaux announce the engagement of their daughter, Sara Borden, to Capt. Joseph Logan Arthur, Jr., Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Miss Michaux is one of North Carolina's most attractive and gifted daughters. She will sail from New Orleans for Panama on June 2nd to join Capt. Arthur, as he cannot get leave of absence at this time, thus adding a romantic touch so dear to the hearts of all Southerners. Immediately upon her arrival they will be married at the home of a mutual friend.

Capt. Arthur is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Arthur of this city and is a young man of brilliant mind and splendid ability. He graduated from West Point in the class of 1915 and was sent to Corozal, Canal Zone, where he and his bride will make their home.

### SERVICE LEAGUE.

There will be a meeting of the Service League (Red Cross society) on Friday afternoon, June 1st, at 5 o'clock at Chamber of Commerce. This is a very important meeting and every member is urged to attend.

Mrs. M. B. Sumner, Secretary.

### POPULAR YOUNG PEOPLE WED.

Miss Mayme Barnette and Mr. John M. Keck Married Wednesday Evening.

A marriage which came as quite a surprise to their friends in this city occurred Wednesday evening when Miss Mayme Barnette became the bride of Mr. John M. Keck. The ceremony was read by Rev. J. E. Matheson of the First Presbyterian church and witnessed by the immediate family.

Mrs. Keck is a young woman of rare sweetness of disposition and possesses many admirable traits of character. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Barnette and since coming to Union has made many warm friends to wish her lifelong happiness.

Mr. Keck holds a position with the Excelsior Knitting Mills and is held in high esteem by his associates. Congratulations are extended to him by his friends upon his good fortune.

### PREACHER SEVERELY POUNDED

The congregation of the Westside Baptist church gave their pastor, Rev. J. B. Bozeman, and family, a "pounding" Wednesday evening. The parsonage pantry was filled with good things to eat and the pastor was made quite happy. After the service in the church Wednesday evening the people, having planned for it, went to the preacher's home carrying a variety of useful and necessary articles of food.

### DR. W. P. JACOBS HERE LAST SUNDAY

Dr. W. P. Jacobs, president of Thornwell orphanage, filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church here last Sunday. Dr. Jacobs, through his long life, has been a master builder in the Kingdom of God. His works are many and of a very high order. The congregation Sunday raised a voluntary contribution of \$87.50 to go to the support of some deserving child.

### DEATH OF J. EARLE HIEDTMAN.

Mr. John Earle Hiedtmann, father of Mrs. J. W. Speake, passed away last Friday in Charleston, and was buried the following day at Orangeburg. Mr. Hiedtmann was 68 years of age. Mrs. Speake was called to his bedside last week.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

St. Matthews, May 26.—Among the many interesting social announcements the engagement of W. B. Counts and Miss Fairley Belle Keller, both of this place, is one of the most interesting to this section. The announcement was made at the home of Mrs. F. G. Crout, a sister of the bride-elect, at which a large number of friends were present and a series of entertainments given. The wedding will take place in June. Miss Keller is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Laura Keller. She has made this her home for about ten years and is numbered among the most popular of the young women of the community. Mr. Counts is a member of the firm of the Smith-Counts Co., and is one of the town's most successful and respected business men. He has made this his home for about nine years, having come here from Union.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

North Augusta, May 26.—Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Edenfield announce the engagement of their daughter, Mae, to Robert J. Smith of Port Henry, N. Y., the marriage to be solemnized in early summer at North Augusta.

### ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED.

The above announcement is of cordial interest in this city. Miss Edenfield has taught successfully in the city schools for several years and has many friends to wish her long life and much happiness.

### SARRATT-GILLESPIE.

Cards reading as follows have been issued to friends in Union: Dr. Sidney Gilbert Sarratt requests the pleasure of your company at the marriage of his sister Vivian Irvine to

James Albert Gillespie Lieutenant Field Artillery United States Army on Thursday evening the seventh of June nineteen hundred and seventeen at eight o'clock at Eighteen hundred Dunn Avenue Union, South Carolina At Home After July First Fort Slocum, New York

### DEATH OF L. UBELE.

Mr. L. Ubele, for many years engaged in the bakery business here, died Sunday in Savannah, Ga., where he has resided for the past year or two.

## UNION MEN MUST REGISTER THE TIME AND PLACE

Obedying the orders of Wood Wilson, President United States America, and Richard I. Manning, Governor of South Carolina—Commanders in Chief of the Army and Navy of the State and the Nation.

Every man 21 years old and not yet 31 years old on June 5th, 1917, must report at the General Election Precinct of his Township between the hours of 7 a. m. and 9 p. m., and register in accordance of the Federal Army Act of 1917.

The following are the Registrars of the General Election Precincts:

### Union Township.

Court House, Grand Jury Room before H. Cole Lawson and his assistants.

Excelsior Knitting Mill, at Sumner Store, before H. Green Bailey and assistants.

Monarch, at Fowler Store before A. L. Garner and assistants.

### Santuc Township.

Santuc, at Berry Jeter's store, before M. Russel Jeter and assistants.

Meadors, at Meador's store, before Stephen Crosby and his assistants.

### Fish Dam Township.

Carlisle, Deaver's store, before James K. Deaver and his assistants.

### Goshen Hill Township.

At Black Rock school house, before James C. Mobley and his assistants.

### Cross Keys Township.

At Wilburn's store, before Jesse R. Whitmire and his assistants.

### Bogansville Township.

Buffalo Precincts, at Magistrate Office, before Squire J. C. Quinn and his assistants.

Gibbs Precinct, at Gibbs Store before William J. Gibbs and his assistants.

West Springs Precinct, at school house, before T. J. West and his assistants.

Celeraine Precinct, at school house, before Wm. M. Sumner and his assistants.

Wilburn Store Precinct, at Hay Wilburn's Store, before J. Hay Wilburn and his assistants.

### Jonesville Township.

In Town of Jonesville at Jno. Scott's Store, before Jno. T. Scott and his assistants.

### Pineck Township.

Kelton Precinct, at Doctor's office building, before Boyd Gallman and his assistants.

Adamsburg Precinct at Adams Store, before Benj. F. Adams and his assistants.

Lockhart, at Magistrate's office, before Squire Harris and his assistants.

### LIVESTOCK CAMPAIGN FOR UNION COUNTY

Under the direction of Dr. W. W. Long, of Clemson college, the extension division is making a livestock campaign of Union county.

Prof. L. W. Summers, of Orangeburg, with the county agent, is making a canvass among the mare owners for several days in order to encourage and promote breeding either to stallions or jacks.

Prof. J. O. Williams, the best livestock man of the State, will be in the county for the latter part of the week.

While it will be impossible to see every mare owner, the workers are anxious to get in touch with each.

Therefore, on Saturday, June 2, the campaign will be closed with a meeting at the Chamber of Commerce quarters, where Mr. Williams and Mr. Summers will give short talks on breeding. The meeting will be called at 12 o'clock and it is hoped that every interested man in Union county will attend.

Also at this meeting it is expected to organize and perfect a livestock association in order to keep the good work going. Dr. Long has been invited to be present and help with this matter. Also Mr. I. L. Baker, supervising agent of Boys Club work, who recently aided to establish the Union county calf club, is expected to be present, and if things seem favorable a colt club may be organized.

The owner of every jack and stallion in the county has been asked to bring his animal to the People's Supply company's lot, so that the experts may discuss them with various interested parties.

With such a movement in Union county and with the day industry and hog industry developing, we can well meet the coming of the boll weevil. Last year this State spent as much for horses and mules as she did for flour; that is, \$1,000,000. A livestock association, with each sow, cow and mare doing her part, will put our county in a much better condition than we now are.

Miss Naomi Faucett of Spartanburg is visiting her parents in the city.

### Pass the Word.

request every intelligent man, woman and child to kindly advise every one and pass the word along to all between the ages of 21 and 31 present themselves at their proper precincts during the hours of 7 in the morning and 9 o'clock at night on Tuesday, June 5, 1917, for registration. None are excused within these ages from registration.

### Penalty.

There is a maximum penalty of 12 months for failure or omitting to do so, and conscription without the chance of selection should they fail or omit this duty.

There is also a heavy penalty for any one trying to evade this duty or aiding advising or abetting another to evade registration on that day.

Let every one kindly assist and help every one to do his duty and more especially the handbody seed employers of labor.

### Clerks and Assistants.

I also ask for volunteers as clerks and assistants to volunteer their labor that day in helping the registrars named herein for each precinct help out the registrar and volunteer to him in person before the day that he may know you and prepare, having plenty of pens and ink on hand, as cards cannot be filled out with pencil.

### Lady Volunteers.

I also ask that a committee of ladies volunteer their services at each precinct Tuesday, June 5, to furnish the registrar and his assistants dinner at 12 o'clock noon and supper at 6 p. m. Let the wife, mother or sister of each registrar choose other ladies to assist her.

### Patriot or Traitor.

In conclusion, bear in mind that this registration is a war measure. That the United States is at war with the Imperial German Government. That all citizens must be for his country—the United States—or against it.

Those for our country—the United States—are patriots. Those against are traitors.

So do your "bit," and do it graciously. I hope June 5th, next, will be a beautiful day and that there shall not be "a slacker," in old Union county. Make it unanimous.

### Get Your Credential Card.

Let every male between 21 and 31 years old on June 5, 1917, come forward and register and receive his credential card, to show any peace officer or secret service man that you have obeyed the Federal Army law. The registrar will give you one for your protection.

Macbeth Young, Chairman Union County Board.

### FLETCHER RICE HAS ACCIDENT.

Master Fletcher Rice happened to a very painful accident on Monday at his home in Dante, Va. He was out on the mountain with a party of woodsmen and an axe in the hands of one of the men flew off the handle and struck him on the hip, inflicting a very painful, though not considered serious, wound.

He is the youngest son of Dr. F. A. Rice, formerly of this city.

### MRS. GAFFNEY ILL.

Mrs. Lizzie Hames was called to Spartanburg Saturday morning on account of the critical illness of Mrs. Emma Gaffney.

Mrs. Gaffney spent several years in this city and has a large circle of friends who are grieved to hear of her desperate illness.

### W. O. W. UNVEILING.

Sawyer Camp, No. 47, of Lockhart, will unveil a monument to Sovereign W. H. Barren at Foster's Chapel on the second Sunday in June. An invitation is extended to sister camps to attend. The public is invited. The unveiling will be at 1 o'clock p. m.

### REVIVAL IN PROGRESS.

The revival meeting being conducted by the Westside Baptist church has developed a great deal of interest, and continues through Sunday night. Rev. J. E. McManaway, representative of the Baptist Home Mission Board is assisting the pastor, Rev. J. B. Bozeman. There have been 33 additions to the church, and others are expected.

### WINS MEDAL.

The friends in this city of Marion Palmer are pleased to hear that he won the medal in the declamation contest held at the Roebuck high school on last Friday evening. Marion has been making his home with his uncle at Roebuck for a year or more and his success in this contest is very gratifying.

Mr. H. C. James left Thursday morning for Columbia.

## NAVY'S BALLOONS VERY PROMISING

### CAUGHT WITH THE GOODS.

Kelly Jeter, a colored boy about 18 years of age, and with some education, was arrested Tuesday upon evidence worked up by Policeman H. H. Willard and W. W. Stroud and Chief Milo H. Evans.

For three or four months a large number of robberies had occurred in Union. Jeter had been employed at the Union hotel and was not suspected as the thief guilty of the many cases of stealing. He has implicated another colored man, but no other evidence has been made out against the latter.

Jeter had an array of new and old merchandise, aggregating in value \$219.70, which merchandise was stored in the walls of his house and between the springs and mattress of the bed and under the matting on the floor. Among the articles recovered were: One safety razor, silk shirts, suit of clothes, pencils, stick pins, socks, underwear, overcoat, hat, ties, buttons, a knife and one union undersuit.

In working up this case Chief Evans ran down a blind tiger, located in Ned Chalk's place. Ned Chalk is a barber here, operating on Gadberr street. He had a full stock of corn whiskey, wine and alcohol. Some was stored in his house and some in his barber shop. He has pleaded guilty.

### CLIFFORD SEMINARY.

Owing to the serious illness of Mrs. B. G. Clifford, president of Clifford Seminary, it has been decided that the Seminary will not open next fall. This will be sad news to a great many of Union citizens as well as people throughout the State.

This institution was established 40 years ago by Dr. and Mrs. Clifford and was looked upon as a permanent Union institution and the closing of its doors even for a year is regarded as a misfortune.

### ICE CREAM SUPPER.

There will be an ice cream supper at Mr. Clarence Gregory's Saturday night, June 3rd, for the benefit of the Sardis community. The public is cordially invited to attend.

### THE CITY THAT SUITS.

Union may well be dubbed the "city that suits." There were some expressions of fear that Union would be taxed to capacity to accommodate the annual gathering of the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias but the ease and grace of the host cast off every fear and kindled a new feeling among the Pythians which redound to the good of Union. The reception and entertainment provided by the Knights and citizens of the "city that suits" were warmly commended by the visitors. The plans showed that Union is a firm believer in "preparedness" and after every official and delegate had been looked after there were many homes still open for the Pythians. Old Sol did his best to break up the plans for the entertainment of the grand lodge and succeeded in part as the automobile drive had to be abandoned, but several hundred braved the weather to enjoy the hospitality and friendly greeting of the good people of Union at the reception on Tuesday night. The ladies had prepared a pleasing program which included vocal and instrumental selections and delightful refreshments. The occasion was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated by the Pythians. Fraternity should thrive in and around Union for under any and all conditions "Union suits."—The State.

### THRILLING BATTLES FOUGHT IN THE AIR

British Front in France, via London, May 30.—(From a Staff Correspondent of the Associated Press.)—The recent lull in the fighting has had no effect whatever on the British aerial offensive which continues day and night with unrelenting intensity. In the last few days there have been witnessed some of the most desperate air battles of the entire war. One or two of these have been fought at the unprecedented height of 19,000 feet, or more than three and one-half miles from the earth. Recently there was a duel in which a British pilot, having run out of ammunition for his machine gun, got close enough to his antagonist to shoot him down with his revolver. This incident served to recall the fact that when the war began the only weapons which aerial pilots had were pistols and carbines.

### Old Machines vs. New.

Commenting today on the dazzling altitudes at which many combats occur nowadays, a pilot said that when he first went to war in 1914, he flew a machine which took an hour and a quarter to reach 6,000 feet.

"That's nothing," said one of his comrades, "the old bus I had in those days couldn't reach 6,000 feet at all."

### First of Type Makes Fine Showing on Trial—United States Will Supplement Submarine Chasers and Destroyers With Airships.

Washington, May 30.—Navy officials, enthusiastic over the successful builders' trial of the first of 16 non-rigid dirigible balloons ordered by the department two months ago, said tonight that the dirigible program was assured of completion much sooner than had been expected. The airship left Chicago at midnight Monday night and arrived without accident yesterday afternoon at Akron, Ohio. The contract called for delivery within four months but the builders will turn the first ship over for active duty in coast patrol within less than 90 days of the date of the contract and thereafter one or more will be delivered every week.

The trip from Chicago to Akron covered more than 400 miles. It was made under direction of the builders, the Goodyear Rubber company, and did not constitute an official test but it was so successful navy officials are confident that a valuable type similar to the "Blimp" of the British navy has been produced. They have little fear that the airship will not make the required 40 miles an hour during her official trial trip within the next ten days.

The ship was designed by Naval Constructor J. C. Hunsaker of the bureau of construction and repair and the unofficial test is regarded as having proved conclusively that the weight problem has been solved. The second of the craft, also building at the Goodyear plant, will be ready for trial within a few days and the seven others awarded to that concern will come along at intervals.

The ships will be added to the coast patrol service as rapidly as they are completed. Crews are being trained at the naval aviation station at Pensacola, where the first navy dirigible DN-1, an older type craft suitable only for training purposes, is in daily operation.

The navy department expects the entire 16 ships will be in service by the middle of August and that they will be distributed to operate in pairs along the Atlantic coast, working from special bases ashore, and supplementing the operations of submarine chasers, reserve destroyers and other naval craft now on guard duty.

### MEETING U. D. C. AT BUFFALO.

The William Wallace chapter held their May meeting on Monday afternoon, May 28th, with Mrs. W. B. Todd at Buffalo. The members went out in automobiles, and there was an unusually large attendance. The assisting hostesses were Mesdames Johnson, Swygert and Sparks.

The house was fragrant with sweet peas and Dorothy Perkins roses. This being the annual meeting of the chapter, the reports of the various officers were given and the constitution was read by the secretary.

The chapter gladly received Mrs. W. B. Lemmond as a new member. An appreciation of the character of Jefferson Davis was given by Mrs. J. W. Mixson and tributes to his ability and greatness from the pens of such men as Dr. William Jones and Bishop Galloway were read.

Mrs. J. Frost Walker gave a vocal selection from the opera "Firefly," and a solo by Mrs. John Smith, accompanied by Mrs. Swygert delighted the chapter.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows:

President, Mrs. F. M. Farr, First vice-president, Mrs. Davis Jeffries.

Second vice-president, Mrs. George Perrin, Sr.

Recording secretary, Mrs. W. Farr Gilliam.

Corresponding secretary, Mrs. T. C. Duncan.

Treasurer, Miss Mattie Williams.

Recorder of crosses, Mrs. J. W. Mixson.

The chapter then joined in singing "America."

After a delicious salad course and a pleasant half hour was spent in social converse.

Some of the musicians then gathered the piano and sang "The Star Spangled Banner," which met with hearty applause, for we are all true-hearted Americans and ready to serve our country. But when the pianist started to play "Dixie" the enthusiasm knew no bounds, even the most staid members joining in the hilarity, for above all else these women are Southerners, though at such a time as the present crises ready to do and dare for their country's cause.

Mrs. B. G. Clifford, who has been critically ill for a fortnight, is improving slowly. Her many friends throughout the country wish for her an early and complete recovery.