

# FORTY-FOUR GRADUATES RECEIVE DIPLOMAS.

## Commencement Exercises Marking Close of High School For Year Most Successful in Every Way.

**LARGE AND ATTENTIVE AUDIENCE HEAR CLOSING EXERCISES AND SEE GRADUATES SECURE THE COVETED DIPLOMA—TWENTY-THREE RECEIVE ADDITIONAL DIPLOMAS FROM STATE HIGH SCHOOL BOARD—AWARD OF PRIZES AND MEDALS IN VARIOUS CONTESTS—MISS LILY GREGG WINS SEVERAL PRIZES—CLASS REPRESENTATIVES DELIVER THEIR PARTS IN EXCELLENT MANNER—WORD FROM PROF. EDMUNDS.**

Forty-four graduates from the Sumter High Schools received their diplomas at the hands of Supt. Edmunds Thursday night, marking the close of one of the many successful years of work of the city schools.

The class which graduated from the high schools Thursday night was not the largest which has ever been turned out of its doors equipped for the responsibilities of college or business life, but it was one of the largest and was a class that any city of Sumter's size, or a city of many times Sumter's size might well be proud of. The class numbered forty-four, being the third largest class which has ever graduated from the high schools. In the class there were twenty-three graduates to complete the full Latin-French, or Classical course and to receive in addition to the diplomas from the city schools a diploma from the State High School Board for completing the fourteen and three-quarter units of work. Among this number were three boys, Robert McKay, William Bowman and Clarence Hayns-worth, who had taken two full years in Greek and done fifteen and three-quarter units of work, who received diplomas admitting them to any college in the south without examination.

Twelve of the other graduates received diplomas for completing the full high school course with the exception of Latin and Greek and nine completed the English-Commercial course.

The exercises were extremely interesting from start to finish. The audience was one of the largest which has ever gathered in the Academy of Music at the closing exercises of the city schools and was most attentive. While the theatre was not nearly large enough to conveniently hold all who came for the exercises, the audience seemed to appreciate this fact and moved about very little, and silently when it was necessary to move, and was most courteous and appreciative of the efforts of the pupils of the schools and those who delivered the medals. The talks made by the gentlemen in delivering the medals were all in most excellent taste. They were short, to the point and interesting.

One of the features near the close of the exercise was an address by Superintendent S. H. Edmunds. He stated that as a departure from the usual mode of procedure he would give some facts concerning the graduating class. He then proceeded to read some very interesting statistics concerning members of the class, which his audience listened to with attention.

The speaker took occasion to compliment the audience and the city for its loyalty to its schools and the pupils for their good work. He stated that several casts and pictures had been given the Hampton School during the year by gentlemen of the city, intimating that similar gifts from others would be appreciated. He stated that he would again call attention to three things which he had emphasized with good effect at the last commencement and which no doubt would again prove of value. He called upon the pupils to do their best work while in school because of the pleasure it would give their parents; he asked the parents to afford their children every opportunity possible for extending their education and asked the students who attended college to take advantage and make the most of the opportunities which their parents had given them.

Then using as his text the class motto, "labor omnia vincit," Prof. Edmunds made his audience feel "the victorious power of work." He spoke for several minutes and was listened to with the most profound attention. The exercises began with an invocation, followed by a song by the school. The exercises were most excellently rendered and were extremely interesting. The singing was of a high order and was heartily cheered. The young ladies of the graduating class showed marked ability in their essays, which were very appropriate and very distinctively and interestingly rendered. The program was well arranged, the violin solos by Julius Stubbs and Pro-

Schumacher proving delightful features.

One of the interesting features was the awarding of prizes. In the winning of them Miss Lily Gregg showed marked ability, having the honor of winning two on each night.

The medals for penmanship donated by the schools, were delivered to Miss Coline Deal of the second year high school, Miss Kate Hinson, of the third year high school, and Miss Eucebia Shuler, of the graduating class.

The garland for work in athletics was presented to Mr. Henry Cuttino by Mr. C. M. Hurst, who made a few appropriate remarks. This medal is donated annually by Mr. C. H. Wilson to the best athlete.

The medals of the D. A. R. and U. D. C. for best papers were presented to Miss Lily Gregg by Mr. R. D. Epps. Mr. Epps stated that the papers delivered by the winner were considered very much better than those of the other competitors, and therefore the judges had had no trouble in coming to their decision. He took occasion to compliment Miss Rita Schwartz, who came second in each contest, and Robert McKay and Bernard Siddall, who came third in the D. A. R. and U. D. C. contests, respectively.

Mr. R. I. Manning presented the medal for excellent demeanor given for two years of the graduating class, to the boy to be selected by the class. Furman Herbert was the winner of this medal.

A medal which is always the source of much interest to those who attend the exercises is the Rhame Declaimer's Medal, donated annually by the late W. F. Rhame. The declamations were delivered on Wednesday night but the winner of the medal was not known until the decision of the judges was announced by Mr. R. Dozier Lee near the close of the exercises. James Brower was the successful declaimer, winning over his six competitors in the contest.

The diplomas were presented to the graduates by Supt. Edmunds, this being a very interesting feature of the evenings' program, and one long wished for by the students who found their efforts at last crowned by victory.

The diplomas were brought to the front of the stage by Hampton, the janitor of the Washington School building, an annual feature of the second night of commencement which affords the audience diversion from the more serious matters which are brought to their attention.

The program was as follows: Invocation.

Music—Come, Thou Almighty King.

Words of Welcome—Miss Bessie Walsh.

Application—Miss Eucebia Shuler, Spring Song.

Medals for Penmanship, The Garland.

Love's Old Sweet Song.

Class Statistics—Miss Mamie Edmunds.

Violin Solo—Julian Stubbs.

Class History—Miss Rita Schwartz.

Medals of D. A. R. and U. D. C. Medal for Excellent Demeanor.

The Angel.

Class Prophecy—Miss Ethel Green.

Woman's True Sphere—Miss Gladys Hurst.

Violin Solo—Prof. Schumacher.

Class Poem—Miss Frances Blanding.

Praise of Spring.

Words of Farewell—Miss Lily Gregg.

Presentation of Diplomas.

Awarding the Rhame Medal for Declamation.

My Old Kentucky Home.

Class Motto—Labor Omnia Vincit.

The graduates are:

The following have completed the full Latin-French, or Classical course: David L. Alexander, Mary Frances Blanding, William Atken Bowman, Cecil DuBose Brearley, James Graham Brower, Edward Howard Cuttino, Corinne Miller DeLorme, Leila James Dinkins, Mamie Yates Edmunds, Lily Ellison Gregg, Ethel Lacle Green, Hugh Clarence Hayns-worth, James Furman Herbert, Geo. Henry Hurst, Jr., Gladys Vernon Hurst, Robert Bradford Jennings, Robert Witherspoon McKay, Porter Rivers, Rita Helen Schwartz, Caroline

# VETERANS' REUNION ENDED.

THREE AGED SOLDIERS RESPOND TO CALL OF TRUMPET FOR LAST TIME.

Flags Furled and Bags Packed for Homeward Journey after Great Annual Event—Pathetic Scenes at Station as Aged Warriors of By-gone Days Say Farewell.

Chattanooga, Tenn., May 29.—With flags furled and kits packed many survivors of the Southern army who attended the 23rd annual United Confederate Veterans' reunion here departed for their homes tonight.

Death stalked in the midst of the cheering throng which today participated in the impressive veterans' parade. Three aged soldiers who came to renew campaign friendships made during the War Between the Sections responded for the last time to their regimental calls.

Robert Nolen, a veteran from Houston, Texas, fell down the steps of the city auditorium, breaking his neck.

B. F. Moore of Fuque, Texas, who was injured in a fall yesterday, died at a local infirmary today.

G. W. Mullenix of Lindale, Ga., entered a restaurant just after the veterans' parade had ended and dropped dead. Seven veterans were exhausted by the trying ordeal of today's march, but at a late hour no additional death had been reported.

Scenes tonight at the railroad stations brought tears to the eyes of thousands of visitors who were returning to their homes after attending the reunion. Aged soldiers when parting clasped each other in warm embraces and uttered fervent prayers that they would meet again at the next reunion. Many were so feeble that they could scarcely clamber aboard the trains but willing hands were ready to assist them.

The climax of the reunion came today when several thousand veterans marched and rode through the city streets in their annual parade, accompanied and escorted by National Guardsmen from several States.

Scarcely a person of the many thousand who witnessed the striking spectacle tonight was able to speak above a whisper, so vociferous were the cheers accorded the gray haired soldiers.

# Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy.

Every family without exception should keep this preparation at hand during the hot weather of the summer months. Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is worth many times its cost when needed and is almost certain to be needed before the summer is over. It has no superior for the purposes for which it is intended. Buy it now. For sale by all druggists.—Advt.

Eucebia Shuler, Bernard Andrew Siddall, Mattie Irene Team, Bessie Bryan Walsh.

The following have completed the full course, with the exception of Latin and Greek:

Adelle Barnes Boyle, Margaret Whitney DeLorme, Samuel Young Dinkins, Thomas Alexander DuBose, Mattie Earle Hill, Carrie Lee Jones, Arnold Stanley Klein, Clinton Brown Lawrence, Robert Heriot Rembert, Cyril Schwartz, Thomas Vardelle Walsh, Jr., Marion Archer Wilder.

The following have completed the English-Commercial Course.

Minnie Moore Blanding, John James Burkett, David William Cuttino, William Henry Cuttino, James Corbett Hood, Minnie Ruth Jones, George Rhame, Stephen Doar Shore, Carroll Simpson.

The following statistics relative to members of the graduating class were read by Supt. Edmunds and will prove of general interest.

Not tardy last year: Henry Cuttino, Thos DuBose, David Alexander. Not absent last year: Eddie Cuttino.

Neither tardy nor absent for last year: Sam Dinkins, Robert Jennings.

Never tardy: Clarence Hayns-worth, Cyril Schwartz.

Never late or absent during the eleven years: Jas. Hood.

Special mention for faithful and successful scholarship: Robert Jennings, Bernard Siddall.

# 4th Year High School Girls:

The following have not been absent or tardy during the session: Ethel Green, Bessie Walsh (during last two sessions).

The following have not been absent during the session: Hattie Hill.

The following have not been tardy during the session: Minnie Blanding, Mamie Edmunds, Lily Gregg, Ethel Green, Rita Schwartz.

Miss Lily Gregg has been excellent on every subject every quarter for the last three years.

# TEDDY MAY LOSE SUIT.

QUESTION OF WAIVER OF RETRACTION.

Judge Will Rule on Whether Colonel's Failure to Demand Denial is of Moment.

Marquette, Mich., May 30.—Lawyers in attendance on the suit of Theodore Roosevelt against George A. Newett, charging libel, are looking forward with great interest to a prospective ruling by Judge Flannigan construing a section of the Michigan laws bearing on libel.

The law was designed to protect newspapers from the consequences of honest mistakes and provides that demand for retraction of a libelous article should be made by the offended party. Col. Roosevelt made no such demand, it is admitted, and on this point the legal experts are looking for interesting developments. The matter will come up when counsel for Mr. Newett attempt to show that the editor made his charge of drunkenness in good faith and without malice, believing it to be true.

Judge Flannigan will have to rule, assuming that the article was printed maliciously, but in the absence of demand for retraction, whether the alleged bad faith of Mr. Newett may be taken into account in estimating damages.

Col. Roosevelt spent a quiet day but he was unable to resist the persistence of veterans who had asked him to address them and compromised by receiving them at the home of George Shiras, his host while here. He addressed them at some length.

The blowing of a fog horn through the night and during the forenoon failed to disturb him.

William Moore, Col. Roosevelt's secretary while he was president; W. Emlin Roosevelt, his cousin; W. Frank Tyree, and James Sloan probably will be the witnesses tomorrow. Tyree and Sloan were Col. Roosevelt's bodyguards at Washington and on his campaign trips while he occupied the presidency.

# The Brilliant Stars of June.

\*By the end of June, Mars, Venus, Saturn and Jupiter will all be morning stars, but Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is at all times the "Star" medicine for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. A cold in June is as apt to develop into bronchitis or pneumonia as at any other time, but not if Foley's Honey and Tar Compound is taken. Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

# KILLED IN AUTO ACCIDENT.

Harris D'Antignac, of Augusta, Dead—Four Injured.

Augusta, Ga., May 31.—Mr. Harris H. D'Antignac is dead and four companions who were with him in an automobile, are more or less seriously injured as the result of an accident at a point about a mile beyond the Dan Bowles place, near Double Branches.

At a point where the Savannah road is intersected diagonally by the road leading to the Richmond County Agricultural Society Club House, the automobile which was being driven by Mr. R. W. Spofford, "sideswiped" a loaded farm wagon, spun around in the road and turned over. The occupants of the car were pinned under it and sustained injuries.

In the car were Mr. R. W. Spofford, superintendent of the Augusta-Aiken Railway and Electric Corporation, Mr. H. H. D'Antignac, son-in-law of Hon. Thomas Barrett, Jr., Mr. Albert A. Davidson of the Augusta-Aiken Railway and Electric Corporation, Mr. John A. Swallow, of the engineering department of the Charleston and Western Carolina Railway Company, and Mr. James Smith, of the division department of the Southern Railway, Columbia, S. C.

# Most Children Have Worms.

Many mothers think their children are suffering from indigestion, headache, nervousness, weakness, costiveness, when they are victims of that most common of all children's ailments—worms. Peevish ill-tempered, fretful children, who toss and grind their teeth, with bad breath and colicky pains, have all the symptoms of having worms, and should be given Kikapoo Worm Killer, a pleasant candy lozenge, which expels worms, regulates the bowels, tones up the system, and makes children well and happy. Kikapoo Worm Killer is guaranteed. All druggists, or by mail, Price 25c. Kikapoo Indian Medicine Co., Philadelphia and St. Louis.—Advt.

Dr. Woods Hutchison positively assures us that there is nothing the matter with the American stomach and we have our moments of depression when we feel that ours must be a foreigner.—Columbus (Ohio) State Journal.

# No Substitute Could Do This.

\*No inferior substitute, but only the genuine Foley Kidney Pills could have rid J. F. Wallich, Bartlett, Neb., of his kidney trouble. He says: "I was bothered with backache, and the pain would run up to the back of my head, and I had spells of dizziness. I took Foley Kidney Pills and they did the work and I am now entirely rid of kidney trouble." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.

# The Great Contest Closes

## Votes Tabulated and Result Announced Saturday Night

Mr. J. G. R. Wilder Won Ford Touring Car; Mrs. Julian D. Wilder Won the Piano.

THE DISTRICT PRIZES—THREE DIAMOND RINGS AND THREE GOLD WATCHES WERE AWARDED AS FOLLOWS—DISTRICT NO. 1, MISS KATHERYN STUBBS AND MISS GEORGIE BEETHAM; DISTRICT NO. 2, MRS. CRAWFORD SANDERS AND MISS JAUNITA MCLEOD; DISTRICT NO. 3, MRS. J. H. WILSON AND MISS LESSIE JONES.

The great subscription contest of The Sumter Daily Item and Semi-Weekly Watchman and Southron, which opened April 1st, was brought to a successful conclusion Saturday night, May 31st. As announced at the outset the polls were closed at 9 o'clock and the ballot box turned over to the judges of the election—Messrs G. A. Waterman, Bernard Manning and W. R. Parker. The judges adjourned the tabulation to the Bank of Sumter where the count of the ballots was greatly expedited by the use of the bank's electric adding machine. But even with the assistance of this up-to-date device the count of the ballots was not completed and the result announced until after 11 o'clock. Great interest was manifested in the result of the contest and quite a number of the contestants and their friends were assembled at the Bank of Sumter and the office of the Daily Item to await the announcement of the names of the winners. The telephone was also kept busy answering calls from the city and all sections of the county, for everybody wanted to know who had won.

This contest unquestionably excited more interest throughout Sumter and adjoining counties than any other contest ever conducted by a newspaper in this section of the State and was the biggest thing of the kind ever held in Sumter, both with respect to the magnitude of the prize list and the result attained. The subscription lists of the Daily Item and Watchman and Southron have been greatly increased, especially the Watchman and Southron, and our circulation now covers Sumter county and adjacent sections of Clarendon and Lee counties "like the sunshine covers Dixie." There is not now a neighborhood in which the majority of the families do not read the Watchman and South-

ron. To reach the people whose market is Sumter the merchants who want their trade will find the Watchman and Southron the best possible advertising medium.

Before we close this announcement we desire to express to each and every one of the candidates our appreciation of the earnest efforts put forth by them to make the contest a success. They worked well and we regret that there was not a prize for each one.

The report of the judges was as follows:

We, the undersigned, named to act as judges in the Daily Item; the Watchman and Southron and Merchants contest were present at nine o'clock Saturday night and took immediate charge of the ballot box.

After a careful canvass of the ballots polled by the candidates we find the following ladies, candidates in The Daily Item, the Watchman and Southron and Merchants Contest, the prize winners as designated below.

Signed:  
G. A. WATERMAN,  
W. R. PARKER,  
BERNARD MANNING.

# GRAND PRIZES.

Automobile—Mrs. Richard Wilder, District No. 1, 25,504,225 votes.

Piano—Mrs. Julian D. Wilder, district No. 1, 19,165,020 votes.

# District No. 1.

Diamond Ring—Miss Kathryn Stubbs, 555,760 votes.

Gold Watch—Miss Georgie Beetham, 424,595 votes.

# District No. 2.

Diamond Ring—Mrs. Crawford Sanders, 3,226,910 votes.

Gold Watch—Miss Jaunita McLeod, 821,820 votes.

# District No. 3.

Diamond Ring—Mrs. J. H. Wilson, 5,566,770 votes.

Gold Watch—Miss Lessie Jones, 5,289,790 votes.

# The Contestants and How They Stood

## District Number One.

Mrs. Richard Wilder, Magnolia St. .... 25,504,225  
Mrs. Julian D. Wilder, Magnolia St. .... 19,165,020  
Miss Kathryn Stubbs, 11 Washington ..... 555,760  
Miss Georgie Beetham, S. Salem Ave. .... 424,595

## District Number Two.

### ST. CHARLES.

Miss Juanita Wilson ..... 64,230  
Miss Jennie McCoy ..... 499,210  
Miss Bertha Tallons ..... 26,990

### REMBERT

Miss Mary Harlee ..... 284,175  
Miss Juanita McLeod ..... 821,820

### HAGOOD.

Mrs. Crawford Sanders ..... 3,226,910

### SUMTER No. 5

Mrs. Docia M. Josey ..... 381,025

### DISTRICT NO. THREE.

#### PINEWOOD.

Miss Bessie Geddings ..... 1,778,740

#### MAYESVILLE. . .

Mrs. J. H. Wilson ..... 5,566,770  
Miss Minnie Chandler ..... 156,900  
Mrs. Hugh Witherspoon ..... 3,390,930

#### REMINI.

Miss Alma Felder ..... 1,085,640

#### DURWOOD.

Miss Coro Truluck ..... 262,910

#### SUMTER, R. F. D. NO. 1.

Miss Lessie Jones ..... 5,289,790

#### TURBEVILLE.

Miss Pauline Jones ..... 478,850

#### BROGDON.

Miss Kate Brogdon ..... 2,318,300

### Sumter's Discards.

Charlotte Observer.

The village of River Forest, Ill., is advertising for a business manager, who will be expected to take charge of everything except the schools, and who will be paid \$2,500 a year. "We want a wide-awake young fellow," says the president of the village board, "who will see that every function of the village is performed and that the town gets what it pays for in the way of contracts." The city of Sumter, S. C., which recently selected a business manager

from a list of applicants of all degrees of efficiency, had some good timber left over. If River Forest should apply to the Sumter Chamber of Commerce it might find a man to suit it from the "left-overs."

### A Worker Appreciates This.

"Wm Morris, a resident of Florence, Oregon, says: "For the last fourteen years my kidneys and bladder have bothered me for all work. About eight months ago I began using Foley Kidney Pills, and they have done what other medicines failed to do, and now I am feeling fine. I recommend Foley Kidney Pills." Sibert's Drug Store.—Advt.