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MANY GRADUATES AT WILLIAM AND MARY LAST THURSDAY

COMMENCEMENT DAY WAS ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING OF THE CLOSING EXERCISES

Last Thursday was commencement day proper at William and Mary, and proved to be the most interesting of the week's exercises. The academic procession formed at the library building, led by President Tyler and Mr. Gaillard Hunt who was to deliver the baccalaureate address. The exercises opened with prayer by the Rev. J. W. Hethorn of the Williamsburg Presbyterian church.

President Lyon G. Tyler made the opening address after which the Pi Kappa Alpha and James Barron Hope scholarships, given by R. M. Hughes, Esq., were awarded to Mr. E. B. Thomas. The Magazine medal was awarded to Mr. Arthur W. James. The following young gentlemen were awarded scholarships:

Messrs. W. C. Ferguson, Victor Emery, Shackelford, W. G. Parker and J. W. Massy.

Amid the enthusiasm of the large audience, the following young gentlemen were awarded degrees:

Teacher's Diplomas.—Alvin Francis Beale, Alvin Carle Cooper, Wilbur Robbins Dameron, Andrew Leckie Garland, Douglas Meriwether Griggs, Henry Rufus Hamilton, John Robert Horne, Edgar Alutus Leach, William Franklin Metcalf, Charles Clark Renick, Ernest Linwood Wright.

Bachelors of Science.—Alexander Brodowski, Lemuel Francis Games, Wayne Carr Metcalf, John Halpin Wright.

Bachelors of Arts.—Wilbur Robbins Dameron, Sam Hildreth Hubbard, Arthur Wilson James, John Dameron Moore, Charles Harmon Schepmoes, Earl Baldwin Thomas, Robert Clarence Warburton, Percy Lewis Witchley, John Halpin Wright.

The conferring of the honorary degree of LL. D. on Mr. Gaillard Hunt, chief of Archives Department, Washington, D. C., and Samuel Black McCormick, Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, was most impressive.

The final ball, which was largely attended, proved one of the most successful social features of the commencement season, closing the session of 1912-13.

The William and Mary Board of Visitors was in session during the finals, and while much work was done, none of it was of interest to the public, being mostly routine. All the regular members of the faculty were reelected.

General regret is expressed among the townspeople who knew him over the departure from William and Mary of Dr. W. J. Young, the physical director and coach. Dr. Young had been here several sessions and had worked hard to build up athletics at the college. He has accomplished much good that will be seen in future years when the smoke of battle shall have passed away. His successor has not been chosen, and Dr. Young has not decided where he will locate or what he will do next session.

NORGE NEWS

Norge, Va. June 18th.—The Y. P. L. U. held a picnic at R. Marshall's, on York River, last Sunday. The first on the program being a big basket dinner on the lawn after which the afternoon was spent in bathing and launch riding. All who attended report having a fine time.

Mrs. Paul Moen and little Paul, Jr., of Canby, Minn., are spending some time here with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jenson.

Miss Harriette Bangs, left Monday morning for Rohrsburg, Pa., to visit with friends until her school opens here in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Slater, of Troy, N. Y., are here on their honeymoon, and are visiting with the latter's sister, Mrs. H. A. Bergh and family.

Mr. and Mrs. James R. Farthing, also a honeymoon couple, returned here Monday evening after spending a few days with the latter's people in Louisa County. They will reside on their farm near Croaker.

Mrs. Rev. Gunderson, of N. Y. is holding a month's Norwegian school here in the public school house.

Mr. L. Humphreys, spent Monday night with his family at Williamsburg. He will move them to Norge in the near future. Mr. D. W. Marston is having the house on "Taylors" put in thorough repair for him.

Messrs. S. P. Lary and L. C. Phillips, of Riverview farm, were in Richmond last week. Mr. Phillips has just had a flowing well dug and others in that vicinity will follow.

Mr. J. H. Kinde was in Williamsburg Monday morning.

Miss Harriet Bangs, of Norge, formerly teacher of Magruder High School, left for Pennsylvania Monday morning.

There will be a celebration at Jenson's Grove at Norge, the 4th of July. Refreshments will be sold on the grounds. Shooting, throwing at the niger head, the merry-go-round etc. Come and bring your baskets and spend the day.

VISITOR WILL PREACH

Rev. J. D. McAlister, secretary of the Anti-Saloon League of Virginia, and a forcible speaker, will preach in the Williamsburg Methodist church next Sunday, June 22, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Dr. Whitley, the pastor, will preach at 11:15 a. m., on "The Fine Art of Being Good in Hot Weather." The public is cordially invited to all the services of this church.

COMMISSIONER KOINER'S JUNE BULLETIN

The State Department of Agriculture is mailing out this week its June Bulletin. The farmers of the State, who receive this valuable publication, will find it contains much helpful information they can put to practical use. Every farmer in the State should receive these Bulletins. They are sent out free on application to Comm'r Koiner.

This issue is especially interesting and timely. The importance of the farmers organizing and co-operating is emphasized in a strong, leading article. The many other important subjects discussed are:—How to cure hay; Grow crops that are rich in protein and save buying high-priced concentrated feeds; The soy bean as a feeding crop; Results from fertilizer experiments with bearing apple trees; The hog is one of Virginia's promising crops; Farmers' Clubs; Our farmers must get together; Help your pastures; Poultry hints; The father's influence over the country boy; Forage crops for grazing; and Government whitewash.

EARTH ROADS HOW TO REPAIR AND MAINTAIN

If you look at the ordinary country road after a shower, you will see small puddles along the wheel ruts and sometimes larger pools. This water stays on the road surface because it cannot drain away into the side ditches. If you look closely you will see side ditches which have grown up with bushes and weeds in many cases, and which are so far from the traveled part of the road that the rain water does not drain into them. That part of the roadway where the wagons travel is called the traveled way. To prevent water from standing on the traveled way the road should be raised in the center and should slope gently into broad shallow ditches. It is then said to have a crown. If it is 10 feet from the center of the road to the side ditch, the surface at the side ditch should be at least 10 inches lower than it is at the center where the horses travel. The road then has a 10-inch crown. The rain that falls on a road properly crowned will run quickly to the side and not soak into the surface or form pools. The side ditches for surface water, should run parallel to the right of way, and should be open at every low point so that the water can run out of them into neighboring brooks or streams. If the ditches merely collect the water from the road surface and it can not run away, large pools will be formed along the roadside, which will gradually soak into the soil beneath the road and make it so soft that the wheels of wagons will cut through the road surface and soon destroy it.

Sometimes water runs from land along the road into the road and forms a little stream down the wheel tracks or in the middle where the horses travel. When driveways into farm yards are built across the side ditches they frequently form channels for water from the farm yard to run into the road. The pipes under driveways become filled with leaves or rubbish and the water can no longer run away. If the driveways that stop the ditch water were necessary and the ditch could be left open, much trouble from surface water would be stopped.

Sometimes a road runs across low ground or through a swamp where the road can not be drained by side ditches alone. If the road were built higher like a railroad embankment across such low land and made with a crown, it would be dry and hard. Sometimes a road passes through what is called a cut. This is a place where the earth has been dug out so that the road can go over a hill without being too steep. Water which always flows quietly under the ground on hill sides is known as ground water. In road cuts such water sometimes makes the road very muddy, and the road then needs what road builders call under-drainage. A good kind of under-drainage is a trench to go along under the side drain and about 3 feet deep and a foot and a half wide. In this trench a pipe is laid near the bottom and covered with loose stones no bigger than an egg. When the trench is completely filled with loose stones the ground water, instead of soaking into the roadway, will stop among the stones and flow down the hill through the pipe.

To keep a road smooth and crowned the best method is to drag it with a road drag. A road drag is made easily with two halves of a log which has been split. The log should be about 6 or 8 inches in thickness and about 6 or 8 feet long. The two halves of the log are set

GIRLS' DEMONSTRATION WORK IN CHARLES CITY

Comparatively few people are familiar with the work which is being done on the Peninsula among the girls under the direction of the Bureau of Agriculture at Washington.

Charles City and New Kent are among the few counties in the state fortunate enough to secure a county Demonstrator to work among the girls, as so many counties applied to Miss Agnew, the state agent, for the work, the funds on hand were not sufficient to meet the demand.

The plan for the work may be briefly outlined as follows:

A county Demonstrator is employed, whose duty it is to go through the county and organize the girls in the various school centers into clubs. Every girl who joins a club agrees to cultivate one-tenth acre of tomatoes under the direction of the Demonstrator, following her instructions and keeping accurate accounts of all the work done on her plot, in order that she may clearly show the cost and net gain at the end of the season. When the fruit is ripe the Demonstrator goes to each club and gives demonstrations of canning tomatoes as well as other vegetables.

The canning outfit used is so arranged that it may be strapped to the back of the buggy and taken from place to place. It is set up under the trees in the shade and cool and there the work is done.

The motto of the Girls' Canning clubs is "To Make the Best Better." The girls specialize on tomatoes the first year in order that they may learn to do some one thing well. After the first year they branch out to other vegetables and fruits.

Some girls have canned as high as 1500 quart cans from one-tenth acre. The average net gain in Virginia last season was \$16 per girl, and this after paying herself for her labor and in spite of a very dry season.

The objects of the Girls' Demonstration Work are:

(1) To encourage rural families to provide purer and better food at a lower cost, and utilize the surplus and otherwise waste products of the orchard and garden, and make the poultry yard an effective part of the farm economy.

(2) To stimulate interest and wholesome cooperation among members of the family in the home.

(3) To provide some means by which girls may earn money at home, and, at the same time, get the education and viewpoint necessary for the ideal farm life.

(4) To open the way for practical demonstrations in home economics.

(5) To furnish earnest teachers a plan for aiding their pupils and helping their communities.

In New Kent Clubs have been organized at the following places and are doing splendid work: Quinton, Whitehouse and Lanexa. In Charles City county there are clubs at Mount Pleasant, Bethany, Binns Hall and Sandy Point.

In Charles City the work of little Miss Edna May Wilkinson at Sandy Point and of Miss Sallie Hubbard at Bethany deserves special mention. Both of these girls have already shown marks of business ability in carrying out directions and their plots bear evidence of this. These girls are both under 12 years of age.

Miss Sue C. Cleaton, who is the County Demonstrator, will be glad to give information or assistance to any one interested in this work.

Sue C. Cleaton,
County Demonstrator,
Highland Park, Richmond, Va.

GROAT MAY AGAIN OPERATE THE WILLIAMSBURG KNITTING MILL

REPORTED THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO PAY OF ITS DEBTS AND SAVE HIMSELF

It is reported that Mr. C. C. Groat, owner of the Williamsburg knitting mill, which went into voluntary bankruptcy the first of this month, has raised the money to pay off the indebtedness of the concern and to put the plant in operation. It is said that Mr. Groat has written to Williamsburg people who are interested in the plant, to this effect:

The total indebtedness of the concern is about \$83,000, more than half of which represents first mortgage bonds. It is supposed that the owner, whose failure was brought about by lack of capital to finance the enterprise, has interested men of means and that they will put up cash necessary to pay off the claims and operate the plant. This will stop the bankruptcy proceedings.

It is said that Mr. Groat has considerable cash invested that he will doubtless lose if the mill is sold by the trustees in bankruptcy. Creditors stand a good chance of losing also and they will no doubt be glad to settle their claims at considerably less than face value.

The report that Mr. Groat has prospects of again getting the concern on its feet has been well received here. It is generally believed that the Williamsburg mill has never had a "fair shake," because it has never had enough capital necessary to operate a plant of its magnitude. It is certain that the mill could be made to pay handsomely if run properly and backed by money enough to conduct it.

The story that labor could not be secured here has been discounted, for some unknown reason the report was sent out that the first embarrassment of the mill was caused by lack of labor. The real trouble was lack of money to operate on the scale necessary to make it pay.

Norvell L. Henley was in Norfolk Tuesday to appear in the Federal court in reference to the sale of the mill under a deed of trust held by the Peninsula Bank, which was stopped a few weeks ago by order of Judge Waddill.

HOLDCROFT

Holdcroft, Va., June 17.—All traces of smallpox have disappeared from our section. A case of measles has developed, however, to make things interesting here.

Eula, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter F. Binns, died Wednesday after weeks of suffering.

Charles City court convenes Thursday. The all absorbing case of interest will be the trial of Newell Walker the wife murderer. Walker is said to be very low spirited and has no hope of mercy when he faces the jury.

Farmers whose work was much hindered by recent rains are now improving their opportunity and are making hay while the sun is shining.

Mr. Rufus S. Penny and Miss Effie D. Morecock were married in Richmond Wednesday, June 3. Mr. and Mrs. Penny are now at their home, "Farmers' Rest."

Mr. George W. Morecock, a highly respected citizen and Confederate veteran, was operated on for cancer recently and is doing well at present.

Misses Belle Curlls and Marion Southall have returned home from the State Normal school at Fredericksburg, and Spencer Binns from Norfolk school. Miss Lella Babcock, of Binns Hall, who has been

attending school in the north, has also returned home.

Miss Minerva Walker of this place is one of the recent graduates of the Toano High school.

Among recent visitors here are Mrs. J. W. Cauthorne and daughter, Miss Mamie; Mrs. Virginia Martin, Mr. A. W. Binns and Miss Sue Cleaton, of Richmond; Mr. C. H. Morecock, of Norfolk; Miss Sallie Nance, of Charles City; and Mr. T. W. Parsons, of Tettington.

Mrs. S. J. Binns, Gardiner and Floyd Binns, and Miss Fannie Darlington, are visiting in Richmond.

FROM AN OLD CONFEDERATE

Only a few words about the fifty-second anniversary of the battle of Bethel, the first battle of 1861-'65

Surviving Virginia Confederate veterans at Bethel fifty-two years ago will not be apt to forget it when they recall the claim of our Tarsheel comrades about being "first at Bethel." And neither will the Virginia veterans still surviving who were with General Lewis Armistead when he fell at Gettysburg forgot the still future claim of the Old North State as to being "farthest at Gettysburg." No! No! This is all idle, childish talk of Judge Clark's. He should know better, for he is a clever and intelligent gentleman. His argument and logic is only sophistical, and at best rests only on imaginary premises. Virginia artillery cavalry and infantry, about 500 strong, helped to make a successful result at Bethel fifty-two years ago.

A Virginian, that gallant soldier of fortune, General John B. Magruder ("Prince John," as he was known in the old service), who was in command of the Confederates, was fortunate in having Colonel D. H. Hill's regiment of North Carolinians to round up a handsome, decisive victory.

A Richmond daily, in its Sunday issue, tells of the part performed by Mrs. Hannah Tunnell, a brave, patriotic Virginia woman, which greatly contributed to Confederate success at Bethel, June 10, 1861.

The writer thinks this true and noble Virginia matron was the "first at Bethel" that June morning. The information she gave General (then Colonel) Magruder was real and true reason the Confederate force of some 1,300 men of all arms made the fight at Bethel Church. Today after the lapse of fifty-two years, a granite shaft bearing a suitable inscription will be unveiled to her memory and the heroism it preserves.

It was the sound of guns old Williamsburg heard.

That quiet June morning so long ago;

Then the silence at noon, the old 'burg feared,

A courier told it was death to the foe;

And the old 'burg's dear to me, dear today.

—C. A. Richardson in the Richmond Evening Journal.

The board of directors of the Peninsula Bank at their regular meeting June 13, declared the regular semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent.

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