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Dongola, Mo.

### Will Mayfield College Commencement

With the literary and oratorical program given Saturday night, May 6th, by the students of Will Mayfield College began the annual commencement exercises of one of the most successful institutions in the history of the school. During the year more than 100 students have been enrolled. These have come from almost every section of southeast Missouri, and represent the purest and cleanest life of this great domain.

The year has been almost successful one for the school in other directions. The Board of Education of the Baptist General Association of Missouri has approved the school and accepted it as one of the institutions to receive the special support of the entire denomination. This carries the privilege of sharing the endowment fund soon to be raised for education by the Baptists of Missouri. The portion allotted for Will Mayfield being \$100,000. Other plans have been laid, and some already carried out, for the early advancement of the college into one of the first rank.

The board at its meeting Monday, the 8th, re-employed all of the old faculty with the exception of Miss Annie B. Holt, teacher in Latin and English, who has not decided yet whether she will return next year. It is to be hoped she will decide to remain with W. M. C.

It is planned to add some other teachers to the faculty for next year. Altogether the outlook for this school for the coming year is the brightest in its career. An effort will be made to bring the enrollment next year up to the 200 mark.

So much for the school and its outlook. Now a word concerning the commencement exercises.

The program rendered Saturday night consisted of musical selections by pupils from the instrumental and vocal departments, essays and orations by the members of the senior class and the oratorical contest open to pupils of the junior and senior classes.

The instrumental selections were rendered by pupils from all grades and evidenced great skill on the part of the performers and the most patient and careful instruction on the part of the teacher. Miss Wells is to be congratulated on the splendid showing made by the department throughout all the commencement exercises.

The literary features of the program were excellent. The essays were rich in thought, were written in choice, pure English, and commanded the most attentive consideration from the large audience. The oration by Mr. Henson deserves special mention. The two contestants for the oratorical medal—Rev. C. E. Warren and Granville Collins—were so evenly matched that the judges arrived at a decision only after long deliberation. The medal was finally awarded to Mr. Collins.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. R. L. Lemons of Charleston, Mo., preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class. His text was the words of

Jehovah to Moses: "The ground whereon thou standest is holy ground." We regret that space forbids a review of this splendid sermon. The preacher exalted God and appealed to his hearers for a proper attitude toward the spiritual in life. It was in every way the sort of message one would consider fitting as pertaining to a group of young men and women standing at the threshold of life. The special music furnished by the Lutesville orchestra was very delightful.

Monday evening the concluding program of the commencement was rendered. This comprised the exercises of the graduating class only, with music interspersed between the selections. As graduating exercises are over the most interesting and popular of the exercises of the series. The class this year consisted of thirteen members: Moneta G. E. Collins, Floyd Wilson, George Henson, John Kirketta, Misses Mary Caldwell, Julia Bess, Hester Smith, Emma Jane Wells, Mary Sullivan, Wills Davault, Mildred Sample, Marian Sander, Nona Taylor.

John Rinkens, president, delivered the class address on the subject of "Obedience." Miss Hester Smith read the class "History," Miss Mary Sullivan the class "Pledge," Floyd Wilson executed the class "Will" and very generously remembered all the lower classes with requests. Miss Nona Taylor, prophetess, drew aside the veil of the future and revealed the situations and conditions of the various members as they are destined to be in after years. Miss Mary Caldwell, class orator and valedictorian, delivered a most splendid oration. She is a fluent and eloquent speaker and richly deserved the honor of the position assigned her.

President of the Board, F. M. Wells, in a pleasing manner presented the diplomas and also announced that Homer Jamison of Moberley, Mo., had satisfied all requirements for graduation from Will Mayfield College and had accordingly been granted a diploma by the board of that day and date.

G. B. Snider in a very graceful address presented the scholarship medal to the winner, Miss Mary Caldwell.

Rev. W. A. Davault pronounced the benediction and this brought to a close one of the best years Will Mayfield College has ever known.

The board of trustees of Will Mayfield College, at the annual meeting May 8, 1916, conferred the degree of Doctor of Divinity on Rev. Robert Thornton Marsh, pastor of First Baptist church, Clifton, Forge, Virginia.

GEORGE W. GRAHAM.

### W. M. C. O. Concert

On Thursday evening, May 4th the Will Mayfield College orchestra, Laurence A. Smith of Farmington, director, gave their first open concert at the Baptist church in this city. The orchestra is a new enterprise in the college, having been organized but a little more than three months. Few, if any, of the members had ever attempted to play the instruments they are now using

prior to the organization of the orchestra.

That the audience was surprised with the performance of the orchestra is putting it mildly. The crowd was a record breaking one and showed by its generous applause its great appreciation of the various selections rendered.

By special arrangement Miss Mae Cover and Master Harry Smith, both of Farmington, had been procured as readers for the evening. They are both artists in their line and literally "carried the audience away" with their splendid work. Too much cannot be said in praise of Miss Cover's ability and skill as a reader. Her interpretation and expression of difficult character parts is extremely remarkable.

Mr. Smith, the director, rendered a pleasing saxophone solo which was highly appreciated by the audience, but the climax came when he rendered his xylophone solo. This was the star performance of the evening and the audience poured forth a very storm of applause. Time would permit of but one encore, but the audience would fain have had another and another ad infinitum. Mr. Smith has rare ability as a musician and leader. His ability as a leader is attested by the wonderful progress he has been able to make with the orchestra during the last three months. The orchestra has decided to maintain its organization through the summer and Mr. Smith has been retained as director.

The following is the program rendered:

"On the Wing".....	Wheeler
Orchestra.....	
Saxophone Solo.....	Selected
Mr. Smith.....	
"Woodland Waltz".....	Wheeler
Orchestra.....	
Reading—"Bill Smith".....	Adler
Harry Smith.....	
"Medley of Hymns".....	Wheeler
Orchestra.....	
Xylophone Solo.....	"Mocking Bird"
Mr. Smith.....	
Reading—"Littlest Rebel".....	Peple
Miss Cover.....	
"Reign of Moses".....	Wheeler
Orchestra.....	
Piano Duo—"Peet and Peasant Over- ture".....	Suppe
Miss Wells, Mr. Smith.....	
"Trumpeters March".....	Wheeler
Orchestra.....	
GEORGE W. GRAHAM	

### To the Taxpayers:

Since Wayne county has authorized a bond issue for the roads of \$209,000 with a majority of more than 5 to 1, considerable interest has been aroused in Bollinger county over the proposition. This board, one week ago, in order to get the sentiment of the people, wrote letters to citizens in every part of the county, sounding them on the bond proposition. A number of questions were asked, and a request made to answer the letter giving their individual opinions, as well as that of their respective communities. It was suggested in this letter that this county, on its present valuation, could issue from \$150,000 to \$175,000 in bonds, pay them off in about twenty years with an increase in taxes of approximately 30 cents on the \$100, and if the 25 cents special road and bridge tax were left off, the increase would not exceed about 5 cents on the \$100. Many replies have been received and nearly all of them are in favor of a bond proposition. Of course there are different plans and amounts proposed, but the plan that seems most popular is as follows:

Issue \$175,000 of 4 1/2 per cent twenty year bonds. Build all necessary bridges and work the main roads. Hire a competent and practical civil engineer to lay out the roads, with the assistance and advice of committees elected by the different localities in the county, and to draw plans and specifications for the improvements to be made. Apportion the money derived from the bond issue to the several subdivisions of the county according to their assessed valuation. No money to be expended except for improvements done under the contract system. Cut the roads into reasonably small sections so the people may have an opportunity to do the work according to the plans and specifications. Let all contracts to the lowest bidder, the person getting the contract to give a bond for twice

### ANNOUNCEMENT

I have purchased Dr. A. J. Speers' stock of drugs and within the next couple of weeks will open up a nice, clean, up-to-date drug store in Dr. Speers' old stand. The building will be somewhat remodeled and treated inside and out with a fresh coat of paint and will be fitted up with new fixtures. As every one knows a good drug store has been and is in demand at this place, and as Dr. Speers is out most of the time I have decided to take over the business.

Dr. Speers office will still be located in the building and anyone seeking his advice will find him at the same location.

I am preparing to place my services, so far as my ability will permit in this capacity, at the hands of the general public. Those needing anything in the line usually carried in an up-to-date drug store are most cordially invited to call.

Yours very respectfully,

Clarence C. Slinkard, - Zalma, Mo.

### Southeast News.

The amount. All work to be approved by the civil engineer and the general road committee. No member of the committee shall receive a salary. Sell the bonds in small lots, and not until the contract their proceeds is to pay for it and bond filed. Do the work on the main roads first—this does not mean just on the county seat roads, but all main roads.

Some favor doing away with the 25 cents special road and bridge tax. In case this is done the increase will be about 5 cents on the \$100. Others think this should be left on, claiming that something will be needed to keep the roads in repair and to keep the bridges in good condition.

All seem to want better roads. Bollinger county has been spending from \$10,000 to \$18,000 per year on her roads for the past twenty years. As all know, most of the money has been wasted. Are we to continue to do this for the next twenty years, and at the end have no better roads than we now have? Or will we issue bonds, have the roads and bridges built by contract—the only fair system—and during the next twenty years have good roads to travel on and on the whole have it cost us very little more than it has under the old system? That is the proposition that confronts our people, and it is for them to decide. It is worth giving serious thought. This board will likely call a general road meeting at the court house to be held the latter part of May. The State Highway commissioner has agreed to be present, and we will also have other speakers who have given the road question much attention and have had experience in building roads under the contract system. In the meantime we hope meetings will be held in the different localities and an effort made to have as large an attendance at the meeting as possible. You will be notified in this paper of the date of the meeting. We would also be glad to hear from any citizens interested, and would also like to have them write their views to the papers, if they desire. We will probably have letters in next week's papers.

COUNTY HIGHWAY BOARD.

Insist on yourself, never imitate.—Emerson.

Farmington Times.  
The St. Joseph Lead Company this week declared the regular quarterly dividend of two and one-half per cent payable June 20th to stock of record. The company reports its earnings as at a record rate, and it might possibly have said a record-breaking rate. The past year has certainly been a profit-reaping one for lead industries, and there is a broad smile all over the Lead Belt.

Ed Bedwell prominent Apple Creek township farmer, met with a serious accident yesterday while plowing. The lines dropped to the ground and were wrapped around Bedwell's feet just as the spirited team took fright at something and bolted. Bedwell was dragged a considerable distance before he could extricate himself, and when he was released it was found that one of his legs was broken.

Claude Price placed 350 eggs in a specially constructed "Electric" incubator three weeks ago and last Tuesday morning the hatch began, a count showed 250 were hatched and they were still hatching. Claude had neglected to make provision to care for the young chicks, and he was much in the same shape as the Irish express agent in "Pigs is Pigs." He kept two carpenters busy Wednesday building brooders to care for them. He is firmly of the opinion that he has more chickens than he had eggs.

Farmington Times.

A distressing automobile accident occurred last Sunday morning about a mile from Farmington, on the Flat River road just beyond the County Infirmary, in which Mrs. Katie Acuff was instantly killed, her husband, W. M. Acuff, suffered a broken leg below the left knee, their daughter, Gladys, was considerably bruised but otherwise unhurt, and Miss Lottie Herzog, daughter of Frank Herzog of Ste. Genevieve, suffered a scalp wound about five inches long, exposing the bone but not fracturing the skull. All of them lived in Ste. Genevieve. Jackson Item in Cape-Republican.

Elsie 3-year-old daughter of M. C. Kieninger, a farmer whose place joins Pocahontas on the west, was fear-

fully mutilated by hogs on the farm yesterday. Four wounds had to be sewn up by the physician and a lot of minor cuts and bruises were found on the body of the child. No one saw the accident. The child had wandered away from the house, and it is supposed that a vicious sow attacked her. Her screams were heard by an older sister, who is also quite small, and the older girl brought Elsie to the house and called for help. The little girl is in poor physical condition and the physician and parents are much afraid that the accident may prove fatal.

Bloomfield Tribune.

The young son of Jerome Abernathy, who lives about eight miles north of this place, was accidentally killed by an older brother last Friday. The two young boys were playing and had an iron nut, tied on a string, which they were throwing, testing the ability of their strength. The older boy was swinging the missile preparatory to making a record throw when it accidentally struck the younger boy on the top of the head cutting out a piece of his skull about the size of a dollar, from which the brains oozed out. Medical aid was at once summoned from this place, but on examination found it impossible to relieve the sufferer, who lingered until Saturday evening at 4 o'clock at which time he died.

Charleston Republican.

Mr. Ole Larkett of near Deventer was killed by lightning about 10:30 last Thursday morning. Mr. Larkett was in this city attending the Reeves murder trial as a witness when the tragedy occurred and the body was first discovered by workmen when they came from the field at the noon hour. From the position in which the body was found it is supposed that she was standing by an open window with her hand on an iron bar when the bolt struck her, passing entirely through her body. Her little 7-year-old boy who was standing by her was badly scalded and lay unconscious for hours. His eyes were injured and it was thought for a while that he would lose his sight, but we are glad to report him recovering from the shock. The little 3-year-old daughter, who was in the house, but supposed to have been in the kitchen, was unharmed.

A Bonne Terre special dated May 3, says Pavment today of an additional 10 per cent bonus by the mining companies added to the 20 per cent bonus already being paid, marks the high tide of mine wages in the St. Francois county Lead Belt.

The operating companies are St. Joe Lead, Desloge Consolidated, Doe Run Lead, Federal Lead, St. Louis Smelting and Refining and Baker Lead companies. The bonus is paid every pay day, together with the regular pay check. The first bonus was paid last June, it being 10 per cent. In February the bonus check was raised to 20 per cent and the present bonus makes it 30 per cent. More than 7,000 men are affected. The extra money is being spent with a lavish hand, many men taking the opportunity to buy homes. The Doe Run Lead company at Flat River is putting up a big power plant to furnish electricity for the entire Lead Belt. The Federal at Flat River, is building a new lead mill and the Baker Lead, at Elvins, is sinking a new shaft and putting up a plant. Labor of all kinds is hard to get and in greater demand than at any time in the history of the county. Monday the foreigners at Doe Run shafts 1, 3 and 4 went on strike and caused a partial close-down for lack of shovelers. They demanded a raise in pay from \$2.40 to \$3.50 without any bonus, and a reduction of the minimum requirement of 22 cars of rock per day to 20 cars. All shafts except No. 1 had enough shovelers tonight.