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Graduating Exercises of High School.

Wednesday night the thirteen seniors of the High School held their graduating exercises in the School Auditorium at eight-thirty o'clock.

The class colors of silver and lavender were artistically carried out in the decorating of the stage, on which the graduates were seated, by tall columns covered with silver paper, lavender crepe paper streamers and crepe paper wisteria, the class flower on a high background of mountain ferns. Over the stage was their motto: "We Finish to Begin," in silver letters with a background of green ferns.

The members of the graduating class were Misses Thelma Baker, Mary Skeen, Edna Catron, Myrtle Nickels, Kathleen Knight, Miriam Taylor, Matt Brown, Grace Long, Lillian Wolfe, Fannie and Louella Johnson, who were lovely in their pretty dresses of white crepe de chine and lace and white accessories.

The boys were Straley Kelly and John Lane. This is the largest class, and, we think, one of the best looking classes that has ever graduated in Wise County.

Following was the program of their exercises:

- Chorus—Voices of the Woods—Senior Class.
- Invocation—Dr. Wagner.
- U. D. C. Prize Essay—Virginia Leads—Atlanta Beth.
- Solitary and Essay—Straley Kelly.
- Class History—Kathleen Knight.
- Vocal Duets—Edna Catron, Edna Catron, Mary Skeen and Lillian Wolfe.
- Essay—Grace Long.
- Class Pledge—Edna Catron.
- Duet—Invocation to The Dance—Mary Skeen and Kathleen Knight.
- Last Will and Testament—Lillian Wolfe.
- Celebratory—The Responsibility of Educated People in the Community—Miss Catron.
- Chorus—When Life Is Brightest—Senior Class.

Rev. J. B. Craft awarded the U. D. C. gold medal for the best essay on Virginia Leads, to Miss Adeline Pettit. Prof. A. J. Wolfe awarded the U. D. C. scholarship medal to Miss Lucie Martin. Hon. John W. Chalkley then awarded the gold medal given by the Chamber of Commerce at Newport News, for the best essay on the American Merchant Marine by the High School pupils in Virginia, to Miss Miriam Taylor, and he also awarded the Certificates and Diplomas to the pupils in the seventh grammar grade who were promoted to the high school. Prof. J. N. Hillman, of Coeburn, superintendent of schools for Wise county, awarded the twelve diplomas to the graduates. These were all awarded with short appropriate, enjoyable speeches.

Banquet at Monte Vista Hotel

The Alumni Association of the Big Stone Gap High School

gave their Annual Banquet at the Monte Vista Hotel Wednesday night after the Graduating Exercises in honor of the thirteen new graduates.

Covers were laid for forty guests on one long table on which were cut glass vases filled with wisteria, and silver candelabras holding green tapers, in the dining room where a delicious luncheon was served in four courses.

Afterwards the officers for the coming year were elected. Mrs. I. C. Taylor, (nee Miss Juliet Mathews), was unanimously re-elected president; Miss Matt Brown, vice-president; Miss Ruby Kemper, Secretary, and Byron Rhoads, treasurer. After singing Auld Lang Syne the guests departed, each declaring they had never had a more enjoyable time.

Those who were present were: Misses Olga Horton, Mary Carnes, Bess Young of Stonega, Myrta Cawood, Glessie Gilly, Ruby Kemper, Laura Darnell, Gladys Wolfe, Margaret Carnes, Grace Wolfe, Janet Bailey, Matt Brown, Kathleen Knight, Grace Long, Edna Catron, Lillian Wolfe, Miriam Taylor, Myrtle Nickels, Mary Skeen, Thelma Baker, Fannie and Louella Johnson, Irma Orr, Rosa Cole, Emma Duncan and Nell VanGorder, Mrs. W. G. Painter, Mrs. I. C. Taylor, Mrs. Sadie Lanham, Prof. and Mrs. A. J. Wolfe, Supt. J. N. Hillman of Coeburn, Jack Hyatt of Jonesville, Guy Pugh of St. Paul, Straley Kelly, John Lane, Byron Rhoads, R. W. Lassiter, Dan Richmond of Ewing and Prof. R. H. Akers.

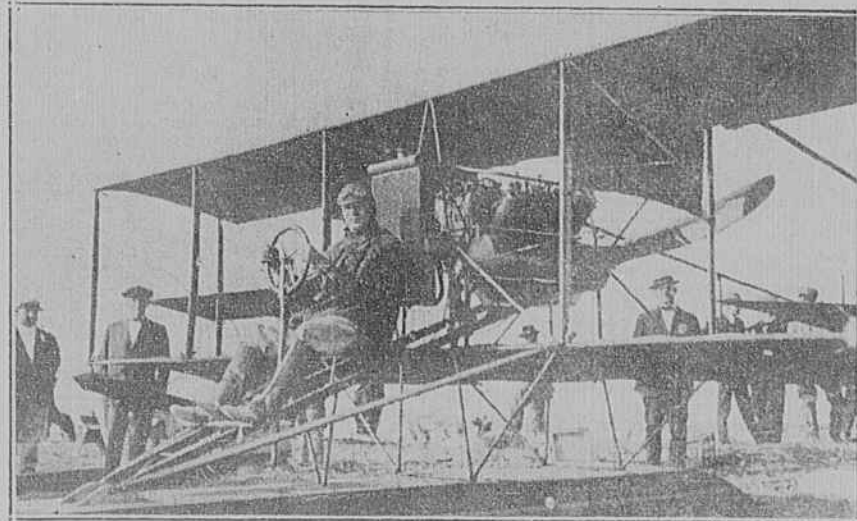
Music Recital.

On Thursday evening, notwithstanding the downpour of rain, a large audience was present at the very delightful and entertaining recital given by Mrs. Bailey's music pupils. Owing to the inclemency of the weather several of her most advanced pupils were unable to be present. Notwithstanding this the program rendered was excellent. The pieces were all rendered, especially those of the younger children who had only taken music for the past session. All of her older pupils showed marked improvement over last year. The Milk Maid Drill and Chinese Umbrella Drill were especially enjoyable.

The parents of all of the children were very much pleased and gratified at the progress made during the past session and feel that great credit is due to the indefatigable industry and untiring energy of their teacher, Mrs. Bailey. Mrs. Bailey has taught with splendid success here for a number of years, the past year being one of the most successful of her teaching. Both parents and children are very fortunate in having the services of one who is so capable, thorough, energetic and industrious.

Sensational Flying War Maneuvers Aerial Bomb Dropping Passenger Carrying

If grounds are suitable will carry passengers.



What the Newspapers Say of W. S. Luckey's Flying.

Flies 100-horsepower Curtiss biplane to victory in strong wind over the Hudson River, in the First American Aviation Derby, Fort Washington Point is the worst point in America for aviators. The race was run in a Northwestern wind.—New York Herald of Oct. 10th, 1913.

W. S. Luckey won the New York Times aviation race around New York City in his 100-horsepower Curtiss biplane. All five entries had to fight the wind high above Manhattan Island.—New York Globe of Oct. 10, 1913.

Regardless of threatening weather, Aviator Luckey was the big feature at the Isle of Pines on July 2d. The flights of the Hydro-Aeroplane certainly did make the day a success.—Charleston, S. C. News and Courier.

W. S. Luckey made his flights despite the increasing wind and monopolized the attention of the spectators by his fancy stunts in the way of dips and dives.—Buffalo Enquirer of Sept. 6th.

No exhibition has ever been given in Harrisburg that has brought such volumes of commendation as those of Aviator Luckey. The universal opinion throughout Harrisburg is that Luckey is not only a capable aviator as well as a daring one, but is more than doing his

part of the performance on schedule time. Once officially announced as to the time the flights would be made, Aviator Luckey held to the schedule to the very minute.—Harrisburg Telegraph of Sept. 20th.

Luckey, in his biplane, covers 60 miles in 32 minutes and 54 seconds, in face of a 40-mile wind, which was bitter cold. Luckey wins the Times prize of \$2250.00.—New York Times.

Despite a Northwest blowing 40 miles an hour Luckey won the aeroplane Marathon yesterday in the most and air dramatic spectacle ever witnessed by New York. It seemed that no craft could live in the gale. The Hudson was the home stretch and Luckey came toward the key at a speed of more than a hundred miles an hour. Stiffened to the bone, he was half dragged, half carried to shelter where Mrs. Luckey met him. "How high did you go?" she asked. "Oh, about 3500 feet" chattered the winner.—New York Tribune, Oct. 10th.

Luckey has contracted to fly at Big Stone Gap on July 2 and 3, and he will fly no matter what the weather conditions are. The contract is for Luckey to personally fly in his aeroplane, and he will visit the Gap shortly to determine whether he will use a monoplane or a biplane. He will use an airship that is used in the European war. Full particulars will

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tigated his record and he has always made good. The Association has letters from many cities telling of his success and his racing with automobiles and motorcycles; his war manoeuvres, such as Ariel Bomb Dropping, Passenger Carrying, The Dip of Death, The Ocean Wave, The Spiral Glyde, The Ariel Turkey Trot, and many other feats which show his daring. We cannot give you here the full letters from cities where Luckey has exhibited, but give you the names of Associations and parties who endorse Luckey as an aviator, in letters the Association has on file as a result of its investigation:

Mr. Geo. E. Duneen, Sec'y, Cumberland, Md. Fair and Agricultural Association. P. C. I. Erney, Sec'y, Prescott, Fair Association, Prescott, Ontario, Can. Mr. Luther Ellison, Sec'y, Lancaster, S. C. Chamber of Commerce. Mr. C. R. Scarborough, Sec'y, Horry County Fair Association, Conway, S. C. Mr. Geo. H. Fowler, Sec'y, Stouffville, Pa. Fair Association. Mr. John Winters, Pres., Lake Orion Navigation Co., Detroit, Mich. Mr. G. T. Bishop, Mgr., Union Bank of Canada, Smith Falls, Ontario. Mr. Thos. B. Jacobs, Sec'y, Edgemoor Fair Association, Toronto, N. C. Mr. P. A. DeKman, Mgr., International Paper Company, Berlin, N. H. Mr. Elmer J. Walters, Mgr., Ontario Beach Park, Charlotte, N. Y. Mr. James Sottile, Vice-Pres., Isle of Palms, Charleston, S. C. Mr. W. J. Cook, Mgr., Brookside Park, Orange, Mass. Harrisburg Board of Trade, Harrisburg, Pa. The Curtis Exhibition Co., Hammonds Sport, N. Y. (Aviation School).

The Association has four flights contracted with this man who has never missed a date or failed to fly. His first flight may be the Dip of Death, or it may be War Manoeuvres, maybe the Wonderful Spiral Glyde. It has not been programmed as yet when each feat will be taken, but you had better plan to see all four flights. Mr. Luckey will not agree to give the Aerial Turkey Trot but once, and he cannot tell until he gets up which flight he will give the Aerial Turkey Trot. The chance of a lifetime to see the famous American Aviator.

Memorial Services.

The Memorial services of Mrs. Mary Ann Burns Couch will be held at the Leather Wood Cemetery in Perry county, Kentucky, Sunday, June 6, 1915.

A beautiful monument of Montana marble has been erected by her husband and children, and will be unveiled by her little granddaughter, Dora Lee Parsons of Virginia.

Mrs. Couch was born and reared in Owsley county, Kentucky, but was a resident of Appalachia, Virginia, for a number of years, and has many relatives and friends, who bow their heads in sympathy with the husband and children in their irreparable loss of a loving wife and mother. For many months ere her mortal going out, she realized the limitations of her terrestrial existence, and planned daily for her eternal abode. It was inspirational to all to see her wonderful serenity, and to hear the beautiful expression of her faith in God.

RELATIVE.

Watch This Paper Next Week For Full Particulars About The Big Celebration at Big Stone Gap July 2nd and 3rd.