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High School Alumni Have Notable Reunion

Many Out-of-Town Members Present

Pass Resolutions Urging Adoption of New School Code

Over a hundred members of the Newark High School Alumni Association in fifth annual reunion assembled, put themselves on record last Saturday evening as favoring the acceptance of the New School Code and unanimously urging its adoption.

This action was taken at a business meeting held previous to the most successful and enjoyable banquet this association has ever had. A resolution to admit to the association those who had completed one-half of the course offered at the time of their enrollment was also passed at the urgent request of many who for various reasons were unable to graduate.

The following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year:

President—Miss Etta J. Wilson
Vice president—Edgar McMullen
Recording secretary—Miss Lydia Fader
Corresponding secretary—Miss Bessie Whittingham
Treasurer—Miss Florence Butler

Miss Myrtle Steele, chairman of the social committee, had charge of the arrangements. The decorative scheme was carried out in pink and white with an abundance of roses.

Miss Bessie Whittingham had charge of the music.

The banquet was served by Mrs. M. E. McGovern and consisted of

Fruit Cocktail
Chicken Croquettes Peas
Potato Salad Rolls
Ice Cream Cakes
Nuts Mints

Coffee
George L. Medill was toastmaster and the members of this year's graduating class were the guests of honor.

Lieutenant Daniel Raymond McNeal responded to the toast "Our Boys in the Service," of whom there were about 15. Johnson, town, president of the Senior Class responded for "The Class of 1919," and Rev. Frank Herson, the speaker of the evening kept the banquets in a merry mood with his imitable stories. He gave an earnest message to the graduating class, urging them as they went forth into life, to seek not wealth or power but a life—rich and full in service to their fellow men.

After a rising vote of thanks had been tendered Miss Steele and Mrs. McGovern for their part in making the banquet a huge success, the company joined in singing popular airs. The rest of the evening (Continued on Page 4)

Activity in Real Estate Boom Continues

The farm now owned by Miss Annie C. Richardson, situated on the Telegraph road just across the Maryland line was recently sold to the Albert L. Teele farm agency. I. M. Rhodes of Princess Anne, Md., who expects to take possession of a part of the property in November and to acquire full control on March 1.

The Newark Trust Co. has recently sold for D. C. Rose five houses on South Chapel Street: Nos. 312 and 314 to Ralph Barrow, Nos. 316 and 318 to William Lloyd, No. 352 to John L. Davis.

Mandolin Club Scores Decisive Hit

The Mandolin Club, organized several months ago by the young ladies in the office of the Continental Fibre Co., made their first public appearance at a recital given at St. Paul's Church, Wilmington, on the pupils of Charles T. Edwards, their instructor.

Their playing showed the result of excellent training and faithful practice and called forth such applause and many encores from the audience. The club, accompanied by the office force were taken to Wilmington in machines by Messrs Wright and Bonham.

HERO OF MEUSE-ARGONNE VISITS NEWARK FRIENDS

Lieutenant Ralph Dawson Tells of War Experiences

Lieutenant Ralph Dawson who arrived in this country June 6, after 16 months of service overseas with the 82nd or All-American Division, stopped off here for a few days enroute to his home in Jacksonville, Florida.

Lieutenant Dawson is a son of Dr. Charles F. Dawson who until about eight years ago was one of the faculty at Delaware College. At the outbreak of the war he entered the service and received his training at Fort McPherson. In February, 1918, he was sent overseas with Company A, 325th Infantry and saw service in minor operations last summer. In August he was gassed and as a result was in a hospital for one and a half months.

He participated in the St. Mihiel engagement and in the Meuse-Argonne drive. Here the 82nd was in the thick of the fighting for 26 consecutive days—longer than any division participating. Their casualties were not especially heavy a fact which Lt. Dawson attributes to the soft condition of the ground which allowed the shells to penetrate the earth and explode with little force. He escaped without a scratch. The most remarkable feature of this engagement, he said, was an attack on the town of Cornay, a small village situated on a high bluff near Grand Pre, which was attacked seven times in one day, the Germans and Americans engaging in hand to hand conflict.

Lieutenant Dawson had the unique privilege of seeing Corporal York of Company G, 328th Infantry after he had performed near Cornay, the heroic feat of killing 20 Germans, capturing 132 prisoners including a major and three lieutenants, putting 35 machine guns out of business and thereby breaking up an entire battalion which was about to counter attack against the Americans on Hill 223 in the Argonne sector near Chatel-Chéhery. For this feat York was made a sergeant, decorated with the Distinguished Service Cross, recommended for the Congressional Medal of Honor, and commended publicly in front of all the officers of the 82nd Division.

In reply to a question as to the outstanding experience in his military career overseas, he replied without a moment's hesitation that his discharge from the army far transcended anything that he had experienced. He did not like France and states that, in the language of the public sale poster the reasons are "too numerous to mention."

He saw Lieutenant George Harvey Ferguson during the St. Mihiel drive and again about a month ago near Lyon. He was in the best of health and spirits and is looking remarkably well. Lieutenant Dawson expects to leave today for his home in Florida where he says, he intends to engage in farming.

Home Coming Day At Head Of Christiana

Home Coming day will be celebrated at Head of Christiana next Sunday. The services will begin with Sunday School at 10 o'clock. Public worship will follow at 10.45. A luncheon will be served at midday and the services will be resumed at 2.30.

This annual event at Head of Christiana is looked forward to with a great deal of interest, and friends of the church from far and near gather here to meet friends and to renew old associations. Every effort is put forth by the home folks to have good speakers and to provide the best entertainment possible. Speakers have been secured this year from the Glendolen Presbyterian Church.

Tomorrow night, the 19th, a Congregational social will be held at the church.

The lawn fete last Wednesday evening was very well attended and a creditable sum cleared.

An Open Letter to the Board of Education

Newark, Del., June 16, 1919.

To the Board of Education
Newark Special School District
Gentlemen:

As citizens and taxpayers who are very much interested in the cause of Education, we are addressing this letter to you in a spirit of helpfulness to aid you in deciding whether or not your Board will vote to accept the provisions of the new school Code enacted into law at the last session of our State Legislature.

We respectfully refer you to Section 18 of Article 1 of the School Code:

"In case any city or town designated in Section 121 of this Chapter as a Special School district fails to comply with Section 122 of this Chapter and the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education enacted under the provisions of this section, such city or town shall, by order of the State Board of Education, cease to exist as a special school district and shall automatically become a part of the County system of schools and subject to the jurisdiction of the County Board of Education."

We feel that it would be a decided step backward to give up our rights and privileges as a special school district and become a part of the County System, thereby losing all local control of our schools.

By voting to accept the provisions of the School Code, in our judgment, you will only secure the largest possible degree of local control under the law, but will put Newark in a position to have school facilities second to no other town in the State.

Respectfully yours,

Chas B. Evans
Walter Geist
John Pilling
G. Fader
J. C. Willis
Rebecca A. Wilson
N. M. Matherall
Frank Collins
Francis A. Cooch
Geo. W. Griffin
A. F. Fader
Geo. A. Harter
E. D. Sanborn
Eleanor E. Todd
A. L. Beals
Walter H. Steel, M.D.
T. F. Armstrong
Alfred A. Curtis
Daniel Thompson
H. N. Reed
S. M. Donnell
Robert L. Armstrong
Clara C. Kerr
Wm. E. Hayes
David C. Rose
George W. Rhodes
Wm. D. Dean
H. L. Watson
H. B. Wright
L. L. Lewis
Frank Herson
Elizabeth B. Ferguson
Geo. F. Ferguson
S. J. Wright
Henry G. M. Kollock
E. B. Wright
N. N. Wright
H. L. Bonham
C. C. Hubert
John A. Clark
John W. Chambers

[Owing to lack of time, it was impossible to reach all interested Newark citizens. A complete list of signers will be published next week.]

The Continental Fibre Co.
S. J. Wright, Pres.

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Thomas Sweetman
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H. Samworth
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W. H. Brown
Robert Campbell
E. C. Cameron
William Lloyd
James Crow
W. W. Bradley
G. S. Morrison
Wm. J. Morrison
J. M. Tweed
Clement L. Cannon
Wm. S. Ring
Homer L. Vansant
John Sargent
Norman H. Cornell
Isabel P. Wright

First Of Open Air Meetings Held Sunday Night

The first of the open air meetings held under the auspices of the Presbyterian Church was held last Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Admittance was free and the attendance but a considerable number met to hear State Commissioner of Education Arthur R. Spaid. He made an eloquent plea for the return to the childlike faith of the early days and stated that one outstanding result of the great war was a return to elemental Christian faith.

The second of this series of meetings will be held next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and will be addressed by Dr. Charles L. Candee of Wilmington.

Ivy Castle Elects Officers For The Year

Ivy Castle, No. 23, K. G. E. election of officers last Saturday night was well attended. Mr. Nathan Davis of Colorado, made an address that was enjoyed by all present. Next Saturday evening, June 21st, there will be a class initiation when a large attendance is expected. Refreshments will be served.

Newark Young Women Stand Well In Examination

Reports from the entrance examination held last Thursday at Women's College contains the gratifying information that the young women from the Newark High School stood close to the top of a list made out in order of excellence.

Plan For Town Meeting To Discuss School Code

Plans are under way for a town meeting to be held in the Council Chamber on Thursday evening, June 26, to discuss the School Code.

Automobile Collides With Bicycle

While backing out of the driveway to Women's College, on Thursday last a machine driven by David Money collided with a bicycle ridden by Michael Patille, an Italian lad about 14 years of age. The wheel was wrecked and the boy injured somewhat. Money was arrested and tried before Squire Lovett on Monday evening. The case was settled by Money paying the cost of repairing the bicycle.

ATTEND ANNUAL FLAG DAY CELEBRATION AT SMYRNA

Seven Members of Cooch's Bridge Chapter, D.A.R. Attend Conference

Seven members of Cooch's Bridge Chapter D.A.R. motored to Smyrna on Saturday to attend the annual Flag Day celebration and state conference held at that place.

The Elizabeth Cook Chapter of Smyrna was hostess for the day and presented a pleasing program on the spacious lawn at the home of Mrs. J. E. De Ford. Mrs. George C. Hall of Wilmington, State Regent, presided. Reports were read from Caesar Rodney Chapter, Wilmington; Colonel Haslett Chapter, Dover; Cooch's Bridge Chapter, Newark; and Elizabeth Cook Chapter, Smyrna.

A basket luncheon with ice cream, cake, coffee and candy served by the hostess Chapter, followed the business meeting.

In the afternoon, a delightful literary and musical program was given by Smyrna talent. A Colonial play, "The Winning of a Pink Satin Gown," was presented in period costume and with out-of-doors setting. The decorations and the music were of a patriotic character embodying features which made a fitting celebration for Flag Day.

Those representing the Cooch's Bridge Chapter were, Mrs. Harry Hayward, Mrs. E. B. Frazer, Mrs. Arthur Beals, Mrs. J. P. Cann, Misses Eleanor Todd, Miriam Alrichs and Etta Todd.

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Any citizen who desires information on any phase of the School Code may write or phone to the Office of the Newark Post which will attempt to secure an official interpretation of the same for publication in next week's issue, at which time it is hoped to review the history of school legislation in the State.

Baltimore Engineer Directs Sewer Work

Work was begun last Wednesday on sewer extension No. 3, South Chapel Street which has been out of commission for some time.

A Baltimore engineer is directing the work.

Hiram Lodge Elects Officers

On Monday evening, Hiram Lodge, A. F. and A. M. elected the following officers for the ensuing year: Worshipful Master, Warren A. Singles; Senoar Warden, Russell H. Morris; Junior Warden, Herbert J. Watson; Treasurer, Dr. H. G. M. Kollock; Secretary, Robert S. Gallaher; Trustees, David C. Rose, Robert J. Colbert and Charles Walton.

The installation ceremony will be held some time in the near future.

OBITUARY

George E. Mitchell

After a lingering illness, George E. Mitchell, aged 65 years, died at his home on North Chapel Street yesterday of general debility.

Funeral services were held at his late home on Friday morning at 11 o'clock. Interment at Head of Christiana. A wife survives.

Mrs. Emily H. Moore

Mrs. Emily H. Moore, wife of Chester Moore, aged 25 years, died on Friday, June 13, at her home on Delaware Avenue, of tuberculosis.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 16 at her late home. Interment was made at Newark Cemetery. The husband and a 7-year-old daughter survive.

Robert G. Richey

Robert G. Richey, aged 23 years, died at the home of his father near Thompson Station on Sunday, June 15 of cancer of the stomach.

Funeral services were held at the house this afternoon at 2 o'clock and interment made at Flint Hill Cemetery. The mother, father, two sisters and three brothers survive.

Graduates Will Seek Higher Education

Fifteen to Enter Local Colleges

Dr. Smith Burnham Delivers Annual Address

One of the largest classes ever graduated from the local high school received their diplomas on Friday evening in the Opera House. Eleven girls and ten boys constituted the class and called forth a compliment from the speaker of the evening because of the unusual number of the latter.

The academic procession consisting of the Seniors, the Juniors, the faculty and the Board of Education formed at the high school and marched to the Opera House stage where they were seated with the Seniors occupying the first two rows. After music by the orchestra under leadership of Paul Steel, the invocation was asked by Reverend William J. Rowan. A brief address by Johnson Rowan, chosen representative of the class, followed. His subject was "Versailles, 1871-1919." He contrasted the scene enacted there in '71 when the Germans were victors with that at the present time with the Allies making the terms. He gave a clear summary of the conditions and rapped incidentally "that noble pile of bricks that has housed us for the past four years." A piano solo, "Violin Concerto" by Bach, was rendered by Elizabeth McNeal.

Professor Smith Burnham of West Chester, delivered the annual address to the graduates and patrons of the school. To the latter, particularly, he addressed his remarks, for he said, "At no other time are so many of them to be found in any one place."

He made an earnest plea for the right kind of a high school and for compulsory secondary education, basing his argument on the fact that the modern high school in the East particularly, is designed as a preparation for the 5 per cent of the school population who enter the professions and ignores except in a broad cultural sense, the 95 per cent who enter fields other than the professions.

He ventured the prediction that before this generation shall have passed away, the state will awaken from the trance of ultra conservatism and provide the kind of education that will aid the youth of the country to fit themselves for living useful lives.

Professor Phineas Morris, principal of the school, in presenting the diplomas gave some excellent advice to the students concerning universal brotherhood and recited "The House by the Side of the Road."

He called attention to the gratifying fact that the ten young men had signified their intention of seeking higher education and had filed applications for college entrance. The statement that nine out of this number will attend Delaware College evoked much applause. Six of the young women, he said, had filed applications for entrance to the Women's College and others would probably do so.

Diplomas were awarded to Sarah C. Brown, Emma E. Dayett, Martha B. Derrickson, Edith M. Edmanson, Marion Gallaher, Edna E. Greene, Alice E. Jacqueline, Gladys E. McAlister, Elizabeth R. McNeal, Edith E. Wollaston, Martha L. Wollaston; Thomas P. Armstrong, William E. Bland, H. Wallace Cook, George S. Mitchell, R. Earle Ramsey, Carl E. Riley, Granville S. Robinson, E. Newman Rose, F. Johnson Rowan, John D. Williams.

At the request of Mr. Morris the graduates sang their class song and the benediction was pronounced by Dr. Rowan.

Gratifying Returns From "Colonel's Maid"

Incomplete returns from the "Colonel's Maid," show net proceeds of more than \$130.

The club members are immensely gratified with the result and deeply grateful to the cast for the invaluable assistance in putting on a first class production.