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GRADUATION EXERCISES WERE BIG EVENT OF THE PAST WEEK

Class of 1922, Six Fine Young Women, Had Good Program Friday Night

Fine Program Had Been Arranged to Signallize the Event; The Misses Brantley, Caldwell, Campbell, Kirch, Everett and Jones in Class; Eighth Grade Exercises on Thursday Night.

Before a crowd that filled the high school auditorium to capacity the class of 1922—six fine young women—went through its graduating exercises Friday night. The affair was carefully arranged and went off according to schedule in every detail though the young women had but one opportunity to practise their big affair.

Pink and green, the class colors, were liberally used in the decorations and the big room never looked prettier than in the setting that had been contrived. Rev. Blanchard Law helped the class with their decorative plan and the result was most charming.

Led by the ushers the young ladies walked down the aisles, three on each side of the house, and were seated on the stage which took on life and beauty from their presence. Rev. H. O. Lane, who gave the invocation, Professor T. H. Campbell and R. B. Huffaker of Bartow, who gave the class address were on the platform.

The Misses Frances Campbell and Gertrude Jones gave the opening number, a piano duet that was much enjoyed. A recitation, "Classmates" by Miss Florence Everett, followed. "At Twilight" a song by the girls of the high school in which the graduating class took part, as well, came next and pleased all. Then came the class history by Miss Esther Caldwell. Miss Caldwell went into detail in her cleverly arranged history, telling of the trials and triumphs that had come to the class and its membership during the years of school life.

Miss Gertrude Jones delivered the class poem a metrical effort that did her credit.

Miss Mildred Brantley's contribution to the program was a piano solo "The Second Mazurka," which was greatly enjoyed. Miss Brantley has great natural musical talent and has had the benefit of much training. She gives promise of going far in the musical world.

Miss Hazel Kirch gave the class prophecy. Looking into the future, she gave her vision of what will occur to the class in the years that are to come, based on her knowledge of their views and ideals of the present. This, as well as the class will, given by Miss Frances Campbell, was witty and clever. Miss Campbell devised and bequeathed to the classes to come, the tools and surroundings for which her class, as reverend seniors, no longer have any use.

The commencement song, by the graduating class showed that there is much music among the young ladies.

R. B. Huffaker, mayor of Bartow, and some years ago, principal of the Bartow school, gave the commencement address. It was unique that the first class graduated under his regime in Bartow should have numbered six young ladies and that they should have adopted the same motto as the class of '22 of Lake Wales. He spoke of the fact that their big problems are just about to commence and that they will be bigger than the problems of school life, but can be met and solved by application, hard work and energy.

R. N. Jones, chairman of the school trustees, presented the diplomas to the class in a short talk replete with feeling. "We of Florida know what it is to plant, cultivate and look for the first fruits," said Mr. Jones.

"Our school had a humble beginning; at first a dozen children in a little frame building, then a two teacher school, then four, six, eight and ten until now we have a full fledged senior high school with our work accepted anywhere in the state."

"Away down in the lower grade we planted this class eight years ago. For eight years we have cultivated, trained and guided these tender lives until they have branched and broadened and grown through the high school. Tonight they have completed their studies and are ready for greater fields of labor and usefulness."

"You all know how full of hope the young grove owner is and how he watches for the first sign of bloom and fruit until he can go out and gather the first golden fruit. Last night we saw on this platform a magnificent cluster of bloom. Tonight we have the first golden fruit. No one was ever prouder of his first fruit than we are of this splendid bunch of girls. They belong to Lake Wales. They are ours."

"Girls, you are the price of labor, devotion, sacrifice. Your parents, your teachers, your board have done their best for you. We shall expect much of you. Wherever you go, do your best. Aim high, plan for much, hope for much, do much. Demand the best and pursue from those with whom you associate. Accept nothing less and you will honor your parents, your school and your God."

Professor Campbell spoke feelingly of the class and said he had never had a class that had made more progress. He had enjoyed his work here greatly and spoke well of the school and of the town.

In spite of some handicaps, the school year has been a very successful one and all those connected with the schools or in close contact with their work feel well satisfied with the year's accomplishments. The graduating class specially, is looked on by all as a distinct credit to Lake Wales Senior High School.

Johnson Adds to Groves
C. L. Johnson has cleared the 10 acres next his large grove on the Scenic Highway south of town and plans to put it into seedless grapefruit. Bob Pittman has been doing the clearing. The tract, embraced a small lake or sinkhole almost in the center of the tract. Both this and Mr. Johnson's large grove are right on the asphalt road. He has also bought 10 acres near this tract and will have this cleared by H. R. Parin and set to cow peas preparatory to setting it in fruit this winter.

Rhodes Plants Mangos
Jesse Rhodes has cleared his lots near Lake Wales in front of his home and put some fine mango and avocado trees thereon. He has 50 avocados and 20 mangos in the planting, among the latter being samples of the Haden and the Mulgoba mango. He has also had men at work clearing the water grass from the lake front for quite a distance long the shore which adds much to its appearance.

Mrs. Herbert Starnes spent the week end in Lakeland and Tampa.

Mrs. S. F. Floyd and daughters spent last Thursday in Lakeland the guests of friends, and attended the ball game.

CLUB MEETING MONDAY

Special Meeting of the Woman's Club Is Called by Mrs. Yarnell, New President.

Mrs. Irwin A. Yarnell has called an important meeting of the Woman's Club at the Crystal clubhouse for 3 o'clock Monday afternoon, May 29. Much planting has been done about the clubhouse lately and plans must be laid for the care of this during the summer months when there will be no regular meetings of the club.

Mrs. Yarnell is hopeful of getting, her committees well organized, before she leaves for her summer vacation so that the club work may be taken up with full vigor in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Caldwell and H. C. Handleman motored to Palm Beach for the week end.

YEARS HONOR ROLL

Many Made Good School Showing

List of Those Not Absent Nor Tardy and Those Above 90.

Following is the Honor Roll of the Lake Wales school for the entire school year. The number who made percentages above 90 for the entire year indicates a high average of scholarship in the schools.

Second Grade

1. Number who have neither been absent nor tardy, None.

2. Names of those who have made 90% all year:
Charles Riddling.
Fannie Alexander.

Names of those who have made 90% during time here:
Howard Tallion,
Robert McDougald,
Christine Smith.

Third Grade

1. Neither absent nor tardy. No one qualified.

II. General average of 90% includes Scholarship, Deportment, Attendance, Punctuality. Average 90%.
Boys—Roger Cain, W. A. McCree.
Girls—Thalia Johnson, Amoret Bullard, Mary McCree, Marion Brantley, Dorothy McDougald.

Fourth Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: Douglas Bullard.

Those Making average of 90: Douglas Bullard, Domaris Anderson, Irma Groover, Elizabeth Kramer, Cecile Zipperer.

Fifth Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: Mary Lou Walker.

Average above 90% all year: Rufus Rooser, Margaret Bartleson, Helen Haisley, Capitola Yates.

Sixth Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: Ruth Jones.

Average above 90% all year: Louis Anderson, Thomas Campbell, Kenneth Davis, Clorine Cain, Hilda Carlson, Marie Francis.

Seventh Grade

Pupils making an average of 90%: Mada Fraser, Harriet Dubois, James B. Thornhill, Elmer Hulquist, Roy Langford, Yates Groover, Amy Everette, Raymond Varn, William Zipperer.

I have no pupils that have made a perfect record of attendance.

Eighth Grade

Neither tardy nor absent: Henry Bullard, Helen Jones.

Average of 90% for year: Henry Bullard, Edward King, Bernice Johnson.

Ninth Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: Myrtle Hart, Ferman Causey, Bettie Waring, Annie Worrell.

Average of 90% for year: Myrtle Hart, Ferman Causey.

Tenth Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: None.

Average of 90% for year: Marie Kirch, Bernice Bullard, Margaret Lipski.

Eleventh Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: None.

Average of 90% for year: Roy Wetmore.

Twelfth Grade

Neither absent nor tardy: None.

Average of 90% for year: Mildred Brantley, Hazel Kirch.

Death of George D. Jones

George D. Jones who died May 8 at Haines City, had been in Florida about 10 years, coming from Kokomo, Ind., former home of Dr. J. H. Ross of the Citrus Exchange. Mr. Jones was a developer and builder, having put on subdivisions in Lakeland, Haines City and Crooked Lake since coming to the state. He owned considerable property at Crooked Lake where he and Mrs. Jones resided. The funeral was held at Lake Alfred, the Masons, of which he was a long time member, being in charge. Mr. Jones was about 60. Of genial, pleasant personality, he had many friends who mourn his death.

Mrs. J. G. Gornito and little Miss Gornito, the latter one of the newcomers to Lake Wales, are able to be up and about to the delight of all and especially Mr. Gornito.

CANT LOWER LAKE

Oppose Effort to Drain Crooked Lake Lands

Canal Opened, Then Closed and an Injunction Secured.

Efforts to divert water from Crooked Lake into Lake Clinch caused considerable excitement last week and resulted in the issuance of a temporary injunction preventing the canal between the two lakes being opened. The injunction is entitled H. E. Fairchild, Fred J. Keiser et al vs. J. W. Carson, J. B. Corlett et al.

A ditch has existed between the two lakes since 1891, having been dug by the late S. W. Carson, in the interest of what was known as the Florida Sugar & Rice Co. to open some muck lands. There is a fall of six or eight feet in the mile between Crooked and Clinch lakes. However for many years it has not been opened and water passed through only in very wet seasons. About three weeks ago Messrs. Corlett and Carson opened it, making a ditch eight feet wide and flowing about two feet of water. It was estimated that there was a flow of 10,000 gallons of water a minute through the ditch.

Hearing of its being opened and noticing a change in the lake level a party of people went down Monday night, April 15 and closed the ditch, returning the next day and filling it in for a considerable distance. Steps were at once taken then to get a temporary injunction and a permanent one will be sought.

It is stated that a law passed in 1915 provides that no lake in area more than two square miles may be lowered without the consent of all property holders abutting it. Such universal consent will never be given.

The land on each side of the ditch belongs to J. B. Corlett though the right of way for the ditch was reserved years ago by Joseph Summerlin and it is understood still belongs to him.

The Crooked Lake board of trade is much opposed to opening the canal and has voted to finance the fight against it if one should be necessary.

DONE GREAT WORK

Parent-Teacher's Association Has Been Active

Made Good Start for Future Accomplishment in First Year.

Although the Parent-Teacher's Association was organized late in the year, it accomplished several things worth while, and which will be a start for another year.

A medicine cabinet was bought, placed in the office of the school building and equipped with first aid supplies. Some necessary books were purchased for the school library.

A tree was given the graduating class to be planted when the season is proper, and this is only a beginning of tree planting, as it is likely the association will give each class in school a tree next winter holding the class responsible for the tree.

In one meeting play ground equipment was mentioned, and B. K. Bullard, a citizen with means, and not only means, but a generous heart, and a man ever ready to help in any worthy cause and especially one to help the children, responded with \$300, with which to buy play ground equipment.

Following this came a response from Mayor Elect Kramer, who is known for doing things, who said the city would prepare the ground for these equipments. These things are very encouraging to the association.

Last Wednesday afternoon the association gave the faculty and teachers a little party at the pier. Fifteen gallons of cream was purchased and the mothers responded liberally with the best of cakes, when all were there and every thing arranged the children in the lake were called and all asked to line up to be served. Every one was helped the second time to cream. Those present numbered between 300 and 400.

MINSTRELS JUNE 8

June 8 has been set as the date for the big minstrel show the boys are getting up for the baseball club. It's the World's Greatest Minstrel. Dont miss it.

High School Alumnae Formed

Monday evening at the home of R. N. Jones the Lake Wales high school alumnae was organized by the senior class. The officers elected were: Gertrude Jones president, Frances Campbell vice president, Mildred Brantley secretary, Hazel Kirch treasurer, I. M. Harrell and Mrs. R. N. Jones were made honorary members. After the business meeting, salad, sandwiches, olives, cake and ice cream were served. The meeting was adjourned after making plans for the reunion at the end of next school term.

J. S. Whitehurst and Bernice Johnson have gone on a trip to Washington and New York. Mr. Whitehurst, who has been cashier in the Lake Wales State Bank the past two years, expects to enter other business here in the fall.

BOY DROWNED MONDAY

Henry Lester Ribblett Got Over His Depth in Lake Jane, Northwest of Lake Wales.

Harry Lester Ribblett, nine-year old, son of A. G. Ribblett, was drowned in Lake Jane, seven miles northwest of Lake Wales late Monday afternoon. With two little chums the boy was bathing and stepped into a hole over his head. He was some distance from the others and they were not able to help him.

Men from the neighborhood and from Lake Wales dragged the lake all night for the body which was recovered the following day. H. E. Draper prepared the remains for interment and the funeral was held at the house Tuesday afternoon, Mr. Pinkston having charge of the service. The lad was popular among his friends and his parents have the sympathy of all.

BACK UP THE TEAM

Lake Wales With Its Base Ball Club

Little Spread For Them Demonstrated This to the Boys.

That Lake Wales is back of its ball team was demonstrated to the boys last Thursday night when they enjoyed a spread at the Buena Vista given by Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Beauvais. The matter of uniforms for which a minstrel show is planned, came up Mayor Elect Kramer, president of the board of trade, told the boys if they didn't make enough at the show, the matter would be arranged for otherwise. Joe Briggs also told the boys Lake Wales is back of them to the limit and gave a fine talk on clean baseball as excellent town advertising. Mr. and Mrs. Beauvais, every member of the team, Pat Nelson the new business manager, Bert Carper, the retiring manager, were called on for talks by J. E. Worthington, who was roastermaster for the affair. After the spread there was a dance at the Buena Vista.

Not only will new uniforms be provided, but there are plans on foot for re-surfacing the diamond and for other improvements.

HAMBONE'S MEDITATIONS

IF YOU FIGGUHS OUT DE MAN WHUT DONE MISSED HE CALLIN' YOU GINALLY FINDS OUT HE SHOT TOO HIGH!



The following schedule has been arranged for the team for the next few weeks.

May 25—at Haines City.
June 1—Avon Park here.
June 8—Auburndale here.
June 15—at Auburndale.
June 22—Haines City here.
June 29—at Sebring.
July 6—Sebring here.

Loughman could not bunt his hits against Handleman and lost Thursday's game. Williams for Lake Wales made two three base hits. Double plays featured each team's work. Score by innings:

Loughman -----010 000 210—4 10-4
Lakes Wals ---000 401 02*-7 7-3

Batteries, Handleman and Hunt; Loughman Chubb, Adair and Tiller. Umpire, Curtis.

A difference of opinion between a couple of rooters in the eighth inning came near bringing about a general clash. In addition to the two rooters each of whom was slightly marked, two others exchanged blows. However there was nothing serious and the trouble was soon over.

Bill Barritt and Pat Nelson circulated a paper last Thursday which many signed agreeing to give \$1 for each game the boys win, the proceeds to go toward a set of uniforms.

WEATHER REPORT

Week ending May 21, 1922.

Date	High	Low	Rain
15	97	63	0.00
16	95	67	.00
17	95	63	.33
18	88	65	.00
19	94	57	.00
20	95	61	.00
21	96	62	.73
Average	94	62	Tota: 1.16

MAMMOTH GROVE,
E. Chandiev, Observer.

"BILIOUS BOARDS"

Subject of Letter From Mr. Irwin A. Yarnell

Points Out That Advertising Which Offends Is Not Good.

To the Editor of The Highlander—
The writer is much interested to learn that an active campaign is under way in both Lake and Orange counties—and with every indication of success—to do away with all roadside sign advertising in those counties.

It seems unfortunate that Polk county, first in so many things, could not have blazed the trail in this praiseworthy work. Falling in that, the least she can do now is to follow in the wake of her sister counties and take the necessary steps to speedily have removed every sign and advertisement abutting our roads and highways.

The question of having the thousands of these unsightly signs and placards removed is so obviously one-sided as seemingly to require no explanation or argument. Advertising of this sort serves no useful purpose, either to the public or the advertiser. It represents wasted effort and wasted money, and is an open affront to every thinking man and woman who traverses our highways.

And it is the thinking men and women now coming to Florida that Polk county, if she is fully awake to her opportunities, must be mightily interested in at the present time. Any one coming in touch with numbers of these newcomers, as has been the writer's privilege, must conclude that a continuance of this unmitigated nuisance is going to prove a serious handicap to Polk county's future development.

In riding ourselves of this unsightly affliction, fortunately we shall be injuring no one—the advertiser least of all. Probably no less profitable advertising is done than through the medium of roadside signs. In advancing this opinion, the writer speaks as a successful advertiser of fairly wide experience. Just determine the value of roadside advertising for yourself by making one or two simple tests. Take, for example, the highway from Lake Wales to Haines City, or from Lake Wales to Bartow, or from Lake (Continued on page 6)

EIGHTH MADE GOOD

Class Gave Fine Program on Graduation

Twenty Members in Freshman Class of Next High School.

That there is excellent material to carry on the high school traditions was proved in the eighth grade graduation exercises last Thursday night. The auditorium was crowded to witness the 20 boys and girls make their debut. In addition to an excellent literary and musical program they had arranged a play, "Daddy" in which all parts were taken by members of the class and which was put on in fine style. All the young people acquitted themselves most creditably in this but if one did better than another it would be proper to speak of the work of Bernice Johnson as "Daddy", the character about whom the action of the piece revolved and which was most creditably taken. The cast:

Daddy [Mr. Brown]—Bernice Johnson.
Mrs. Brown—Helen Jones.
Mrs. Chester [Mr. Brown's Sister]—Margaret Roger.
Nellie Brown—Catherine Brantley.
Ted Brown—Henry Bullard.
Dr. Chester—Andrew Lipinski.
Butler—Marlin Seacrist.
Maid—Clara Bruce.
In addition to the play there was a piano duet by Harriet DuBois and Miss Carpenter, a reading by Catherine Brantley a piano duet by Helen and Gertrude Jones, a piano solo by Evelyn Zipperer and one by Bernice Johnson, and a violin and piano number by Marie and Hazel Kirch.

Dr. R. E. Wilhoite, a member of the school board, made the presentation speech. Professor Campbell acted as master of ceremonies.

Following are the members of the class: Juanita Wetmore, Margaret Rogers, Helen Jones, Inez Tucker, Florence Utley, Margaret Jones, Evelyn Zipperer, Pauline Anderson, Lillie Mae Thompson, Jessie Lee Edwards, Clara Belle Bruce, Velma Roberts, Catherine Brantley, Alexander Clemmons, Henry Bullard, Bernice Johnson, Richard Lasher, Andrew Lipinski, Marlin Seacrist, Edward Krug.

The annual Baptist Sunday school picnic will be held at the usual place at Crooked Lake near the Anglers Club Thursday. This is an all day affair and members of the Sunday school, the church and their friends are cordially invited. Baskets will be carried and it is a fine guess that Thursday will be a big Baptist day.