

# VISITING STATESMEN ENJOYED A PLEASANT EVENING AT S. G. S. N. C.

A scene plucked from Fairyland and garnished with all of one's romantic fancy could not surpass the vision greeting the eyes of the visitors at the South Georgia State Normal College Friday evening when the visiting members of the senate and house of representatives were entertained at dinner by the students of the college and tendered a reception later in the evening.

About twenty-five members of the legislature accepted the invitation of the Valdosta Chamber of Commerce and came to the city along with other prominent visitors, including Attorney General Clifford Walker and Judge Roscoe Luke, of the court of appeals, to take a look first-hand at the college and the actual work being done there.

## A Dinner Fit for Royalty.

The visiting statesmen, together

President R. H. Powell, of the college, presided over the dinner and briefly outlined to the visitors what the college was doing as illustrated before the eyes of all, and at the conclusion of the dinner and entertainment, Mr. Powell presented Senator W. C. Vereen, of Moultrie, who had been invited to make the address of the evening, "Community Spirit" being his subject.

Mr. Vereen, while a resident of Moultrie, is a citizen of South Georgia—one of its first citizens—a man whose constructive ability and ideas of progress have been stamped upon Moultrie and Colquitt county and from there to South Georgia and in the legislative halls of the great state. He is a citizen all are proud to claim.

Coming from Moultrie, where he has been such a potent factor in de-

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stated that he felt justified in the presence of the company of the evening in disregarding that pledge and he would ask Mr. Walker to take up the remaining time before the reception.

Mr. Walker said he would not undertake to make a speech, but desired to add to what had already been said some suggestions which he believed were of great importance. "It is my great desire," he said, "to see the State of Georgia place its educational affairs upon such a financial foundation that the highest and best talent can be allured from other walks of life into the schools as teachers and that they can be kept there to educate and train the children in every part of the state and wipe out the curse of illiteracy which has blighted the greatest state in the union."

With a number of business and professional men of the city, met at the administration building at 7 o'clock and after a social period in which the Valdostans made themselves known to the visitors and enjoyed their company, the party was ushered into the college dining room where a supper fit for members of royalty, was served by the young ladies of the college. The dinner was prepared by the members of the home economics class, which is under the direction of Miss Robinson. Everything served was prepared by the class and served in such a gracious and charming manner that its already alluring flavor was greatly enhanced.

Mere words on white paper in black ink fail to convey the full intent to describe this meal. It was simple, wholesome, satisfying, each course calling for more until man's appetite was impotent to keep pace with his desire for even more of it.

The service was conducted with that grace found only among the queens of the wiregrass region of the Empire State of Georgia—among that state's true daughters. Both the preparation of the meal and the manner of its serving reflected the highest credit upon the institution training these girls for such useful place in life.

#### Novel Entertainment.

The three long tables were arranged around the three sides of the dining room, with a large open space in the center. As the meal was served and eaten entertainment was furnished by the young ladies of the college. The Glee Club charmed and captivated the visitors with its sweet melody, the rollicking, tuneful songs and the happy smiles of the members of the club.

There were folklore songs and dances from various classes of the college, pages from the daily work of the student body, which illustrated that the students learned something besides the gentle art of cooking. Every number was something taken from the regular work of the college and nothing was especially prepared for the occasion. Encore after encore kept the smiling girls singing and dancing until it almost became an effort to respond. With a glow upon their cheeks and smiles in their eyes, they were happy and gracious in entertaining the men who came at the bidding of the Chamber of Commerce to become the guests of honor.

#### Sound and Sensible Speeches.

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With illustrations taken from his experience in Moultrie Mr. Vereen gave a good plan for community development, beginning with the small town in the county, extending to the county seat and then the surrounding section. He impressed upon all that tact, wisdom and judgment should be the foundation of this development, and should work to the end of giving to every child a Christian education to make of them the proper community builders of the future. Children so reared would become law-abiding, law-enforcing, useful citizens who would construct worth-while communities over all of Georgia.

Mr. Vereen's remarks were received with great enthusiasm and gave to many of those present a new vision and new aspirations. Many of his co-legislators received impressions which will be the means of assisting them to the enactment of better laws.

#### Judge Roscoe Luke.

President Powell stated that while Judge Roscoe Luke had not been notified that he was to make a speech, he would call upon this distinguished citizen of South Georgia.

"I feel like the one-eyed boy at the three-ring circus," said Judge Luke. "With this splendid dinner, this entertainment by these beautiful young ladies and the speech of Mr. Vereen, I have been taxed to do full justice to either one, I fear."

Judge Luke expressed great admiration for the South Georgia State Normal college and its work and declared that it was the one joy of his life to know that as soon as his own daughter was old enough that she would receive her college training in South Georgia's great college for girls, the institution which he loved. Judge Luke brought round after round of applause by his enthusiastic endorsement of higher education as typified at this institution, which he said should be the pride of all of Georgia because of the work of inestimable value which it is doing for the womanhood of the future by turning out graduates with a finish that fitted them for making real homes of happiness and peace to make Georgia greater than it has ever been.

#### Attorney General Walker.

Notwithstanding a previous pledge that he would not call on Attorney General Walker, President Powell

Mr. Walker declared that it should be the aim of every good citizen to see that every school in every portion of the county was so financed that teachers of the highest talent and best training could be kept in them, and that in order to have such teachers properly prepared for this work it was necessary to make bigger and stronger such institutions as the South Georgia State Normal college. He urged every person within the sound of his voice to go home and use his utmost influence in creating such sentiment as would give to education in Georgia the means needed to give a chance to the girls and boys to make better and more useful men and women and therefore become better home-makers, better community builders and God-fearing, law abiding people. He declared that one of the best agencies in attaining this end was good roads, and that until every county paved permanently its roads the ideal homes and ideal educational institutions could never be properly secured.

#### The Home and Heart of the College.

President Powell then announced the arrival of the time when it was his pleasure to invite the visitors to the dormitory of the college, the real heart and home of the college. It was there, he said, where the girls found their substitute for their home. In the dormitory was the place where the home instinct was trained and developed, where the smiles were added to the faces and hearts of the students.

He then invited the visitors to follow to the reception in which the people of Valdosta had joined the faculty in welcoming the visitors to the city.

#### Bright Lights and Fair Women.

As the visitors approached the dormitory a vision of brightly twinkling lights of all colors came upon them, while the terraces, the balconies and halls of the big building teemed with vision of bright, happy and smiling faces. The student body was astir to see that the visitors were properly cared for, while a large number of Valdosta people were present to extend a welcome to the visitors.

After the visitors had passed through the reception room and received a cordial greeting from the ladies of college and city, the remainder of the evening was given over to the full enjoyment of the social feature.

A punch bowl furnished an abundance of refreshment for all,

and the students saw to it that the visitor paid his respects in a spot. A Maypole dance on the campus was an additional feature of entertainment that claimed a great and was greatly appreciated by the student body was assembled on the balcony, with the visitor on the opposite terrace and a number of college songs were rendered in the direction of Miss Mary, music director of the college. Songs added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

It was a matter of much surprise that such a large number of Valdosta people joined in the public reception. There were prominent business men attending the evening who had never before attended a function at the college, but so great was their interest that they will be frequent visitors hereafter.

It was all so pleasant that at the time it was feared that the girls would have to be asked to allow their beauty sleep when good-nights were said with the feeling that a perfect evening had been finished.

# S. G. N. I COLLEGE TO HAVE TRAINING COUNCIL

## Important Gathering of Girls From Well Known Southern Colleges This Week.

The South Georgia State Normal has been honored in being selected by the South Atlantic Field Committee as the college in which they will hold a training council for the cabinet members of the Young Women's Christian Association.

The council will be composed of forty young ladies. There will be ten in each representative body, from Florida State College of Tallahassee, Wesleyan College of Macon, and the Georgia Normal and Industrial College of Milledgeville. Four field secretaries will come from their headquarters in Richmond, Va., to give the instruction. The training will be given to these young ladies in order to prepare them for better service in the coming year. Many of the present day problems which confront women will be discussed in a way that the young ladies can give them to their college student body at large.

A number of the meetings of the council will be technical and will be confined to the cabinet members of the four colleges. These will be held in the Y. W. C. A. room at the dormitory.

On Saturday evening the Y. W. C. A. of the South Georgia State Normal will hold a reception for their guests, faculty and students on the dormitory terrace. Besides there are proposed various other entertainments. Some of the Valdosta friends have kindly offered their automobiles so that the guests may have the op-

portunity of enjoying the country drives.

But a great treat comes in hearing Dr. Owen Lovejoy as a guest of the council. Dr. Lovejoy is the national secretary of the Child Welfare League. He will speak to the public at the Methodist church Friday night at 8:30 o'clock. The College Glee Club will give several musical selections during the evening.

Our Young Woman's Christian Association has a membership of practically all the girls in the dormitory and many of the town students. It is at work on all the problems pertaining to community life and is trying to promote deeper thinking among the students in community welfare work. Last summer the association was represented at the annual student Y. W. C. A. Conference at Blue Ridge, N. C., by thirteen delegates.

These young women brought to our college girls many helpful suggestions which have been useful in placing our organization as a standard association.

The president of the Y. W. C. A., Miss Katheryne Chastain, represented the college at a United War Work Conference at Macon last fall.

The college went over its goal for the war work fund last year, and this year tripled the amount that they gave last year. The greater part of the Y. W. C. A. work is of direct benefit to the students of our college, as it controls our vesper services and the Sunday school work.

### STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Valdosta Times Publishing Company will be held at the office of the company, in Valdosta, Ga., on Wednesday, April 9, 1919, at 4:30 p. m.

D. C. ASHLEY, President.  
E. L. TURNER, Secretary.

## MR. VAIL'S RECITAL AT THE COLLEGE TONIGHT

The students of the summer session of the South Georgia State Normal College congratulated themselves in having Mr. Harris R. Vail, of Chicago, render for them this splendid program:

Prelude—Schutt.

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Tarantelle—G. Schurman.

Rustle of Spring—Sinding.

The Skylark—Tschaikowsky.

To Spring—Grieg.

Scherzo—Grieg.

Butterfly—Grieg.

Prelude F. Major—Chopin.

Prelude G. Major—Chopin.

Valse in G. Flat—Chopin.

Fantasia Impromptu—Chopin.

St. Francis Walking On The Waves  
—Liszt.

The recital will be given in the chapel in West Hall at 8:30 this evening, Tuesday, June 21. The town friends are most cordially invited to attend the recital.

Mr. Vail is an instructor in the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. He is spending a few days of his vacation with his sister, Mrs. A. C. Pyle, of Valdosta. Already some of the Valdosta people know about his music and appreciate it very much. Indeed the program promises to be one of the finest rendered in Valdosta. It is a treat that you cannot afford to miss. Arrangements have been made to place extra chairs in the chapel so that as many people as possible may have the opportunity of hearing Mr. Vail.

**Dr. J. Bell Neff Dies Suddenly.**

The arrival of the DuBois Courier, this Wednesday morning, gave to Clearfield friends the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. J. Bell Neff, which occurred at Sykesville after four o'clock on Tuesday afternoon, when enroute to attend 50th anniversary of Methodism in DuBois. Heart trouble was the cause, and we only stop this A. M. to record the fact, that the friendship between the Editor of this paper and Dr. Neff covered a period of half a century demands a more extended notice than we are able to give in this issue and, therefore, a more extended notice will be given next week.

# DIPLOMAS GIVEN TO GRADUATS OF S. G. S. N. C. THIS MORNING

Hon. H. H. Elders Delivers the  
Closing Address.

He Pledges His Support for an  
Enlarged Appropriation for  
the College and Favors Votes  
for Women.

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At 11 o'clock Friday morning the graduation exercises of the South Georgia State Normal College were held at the Alamo Theater, which was packed to capacity by the friends of the students and the college. Nineteen young ladies received their diplomas from the college, having completed their course in a manner creditable to themselves and the institution.

The exercises were opened with the processional, "Alma Mater," which was followed by the invocation by Dr. Wm. H. Wrighton, of the First Baptist church. The song "America," followed, by the chorus, after which President Powell made the announcement for the coming year. "The Sweet Angelus Is Ringing" was rendered by the Glee Club, after which Miss Helen Mizell gave the senior essay, the subject being "Americanism." President Powell called attention to the fact that it was a coincidence that this paper, which will be read before the college at Athens, was upon the same subject as the one last year. The paper was a very strong one and held the interest of the audience throughout its delivery. "Dixie," by the chorus, aroused the enthusiasm of the audience, after which Hon. H. H. Elders, of the Second district, delivered the address of the occasion.

### "New Georgia and Woman."

His subject was "The New Georgia and Woman" and he handled it in a striking manner. The first part of the address was a striking arraignment of Georgia for the backward manner in which its educational affairs were handled, and he deprecated the fact that this state had not done its duty toward educating the young people as it should have done. He paid a great tribute to the South Georgia State Normal College and declared that it was his purpose to use every means at his command to see that the state did its duty by this college in the future. He said that it was a striking fact that last year thousands of dollars were given to education in North Georgia and that this college in South Georgia only received enough money for its regular maintenance. He declared that if "playing politics" would be of any avail, he proposed to help the institution get what it deserved at the next session.

His second subject, "Woman," was handled in a masterly manner, being a tribute to the women of the state, and especially those in the college. Mr. Elders said that he expected to see these girls go out from the college and make places for themselves and be of great benefit to the educational interests of the state in standing for higher and better education.

### Votes for Women.

He openly declared in favor of votes for women and stated that inside of three years he expected to see the members of this graduating class casting their votes in Georgia, if they wanted to, and he was sure that the state would be better off for giving them the ballot.

The prelude was given by Miss Margaret McCranie, after which President Powell delivered the diplomas. He called especial attention, when presenting the diploma to Miss Sadie Culbreth, that she had entered the college as a subfreshman and had gone through the entire course, having been in the college since its opening.

The benediction was given by

Rev. R. W. Wallace, of the First Christian church

### Received Diplomas.

Those receiving diplomas were Miss Minnie Ruth Brown, Lowndes county; Miss Natalie Sirmans, Lowndes county; Miss Gertrude Smith, Washington county; Miss Helen Mizell, Florida; Miss Bessie Proctor, Camden county; Miss Sadie Culbreth, Echols county; Miss Lois May, Cook county; Miss Lena May, Washington county; Miss Mamie Carter, Berrien county; Miss Katherine Chastain, Thomas county; Miss Catherine Spence, Mitchell county; Miss Remelle Ingram, Decatur county; Miss Helen Palmer, Mitchell county; Miss Jonibel Powell, Florida; Miss Maude Douglas, Mitchell county; Miss Ferol Matthis, Tift county; Miss Ollie Boney, Benn Hill county; Miss Ruby Ezzell, Virginia; Miss Helen Griffin, Ware county.

The announcements made by President Powell were as follows:

### A Pleasing Incident.

A very pleasing incident, and one not on the program, was the presentation by the Rotary Club of this city, of a large basket of flowers to the senior class. The basket made a most beautiful picture to the audience, but it was a mere mouffage as the class soon found out. It contained ten pounds of the finest chocolate candy that could be had

was presented with the compliments and best wishes of the Rotary Club to the members of the graduating class that they might carry away from Valdosta the most pleasing memories of their stay here.

### Announcements.

1. The summer session opens on June the 3rd, next Tuesday.
2. The next regular session will begin on Sept. the 3rd.
3. The changes in faculty are as follows:

Misses Duggan and Pratz who have been away on leave of absence this year return to their positions next fall, and Misses Garrettson and Hatcher who have occupied their positions this year leave us. The thanks of the college for their helpful service is hereby expressed.

4. Miss Gallaher who has been head of the college home, becomes dean of women of the head of the department of geography and nature study. As the position of dean of women is now first provided in this institution it may be well to indicate its function. This officer is in charge of the personal and social aspects of the student life, as distinct from questions of classification, studies on the one hand and from questions of dormitory regulations and control on the other. The last named function will be performed by the head of the dormitory which position Mrs. McGarrah will fill.

5. Miss Edith Patterson becomes librarian in the place of Miss Hazel Philbrick, resigned.

6. Miss Wilson retires as assistant in English to accept a position in Tubman High School, Augusta Ga. We lose her with regret.

7. Miss Clyde Purcell will be added to the faculty as assistant in English and elementary mathematics.

8. Mrs. R. H. Harris of Valdosta, will teach the French classes heretofore taught by Miss Wilson.

9. Miss Goodlett, training teacher of the 6th and 7th grades, will be away on leave of absence to study at Peabody College and her place will be filled in the interim by Miss Annie P. Hooper.

10. The student assistants for next year will be: Assistant in the president's office, Miss Bessie Proctor; assistant in the training school, Miss Lena May; assistant in home economics, Miss Mamie Carter.

11. Other possible changes will be announced later through the press.

12. It is a great pleasure to announce two new scholarships:

Hon. W. C. Vereen of Moultrie, gives a scholarship covering all expenses to one student from Colquitt county.

The Alumnae Association of the college has created a scholarship of \$75.00. The association desires it announced that the first recipient of this scholarship will be Miss Helen [Name] of next year's senior class.

# BRILLIANT OPENING OF COMMENCEMENT AT S. G. S. N. C. SUNDAY

Baccalaureate Sermon Delivered by Rev. R. W. Wallace.

First Methodist Church Packed to Its Capacity by Congregation to Do Honor to Graduates and Students of College.

Led by the graduating class in caps and gowns the long line of students from the South Georgia State Normal College marched into the auditorium of the First Methodist church Sunday morning for the Baccalaureate sermon which was delivered by Rev. Richard W. Wallace, of the First Christian church.

As the long line of students marched down the aisle they sang in chorus, and before the sermon the Glee Club rendered a song and at the close of the services the entire student body united in a grand chorus.

The main auditorium and the upper and lower annex of the First Methodist church was packed to utmost capacity with the large congregation gathered to listen to the sermon by Dr. Wallace, the whole being perhaps the most imposing commencement sermon in the history of the South Georgia State Normal College.

On behalf of himself and the college Dr. Wallace heartily extended thanks to the congregation of the Methodist church for the use of the auditorium on this occasion, in which the general public joined, as no other auditorium in the city could possibly accommodate the crowds attending.

Dr. Wallace took for his text the fourteenth verse of the third chapter of Philippians:

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God Christ Jesus."

Upon this the speaker builded a wonderful sermon which held the close attention of the large congregation until the closing sentence. Dr. Wallace said:

Phil 3:14.



As back of the plant is the soil, and beneath the superstructure is the strong, enduring foundation, so behind these words of the greatest of the apostles there is a conception of the capacities, the rare possibilities of the soul which commands our attention and challenges our admiration. Only a man who thought highly of himself and of his race could give utterance to words like these. Men used to speak of themselves "mere worms of the dust," but such a conception of human nature does violence to the consciousness of the race and to the clear message of the Master. Worms crawl; they have not wings wherewith to soar into the infinite blue. The deepest, most valuable thing in man is his kinship to God, not his relationship to the lowly forms of earthly existence.

"So nigh is grandeur to our dust,  
So close is God to man,  
When Duty whispers, Lo, thou may'st  
The youth replies, I can!"

The Bible bears unfailing testimony to the worth, the dignity of man. It teaches us that we were made in the image of God and after His likeness. It tells us that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. It gives us to understand that all things are ours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world, or life or death, or things present or things to come, impresses upon us the fact that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor heights nor depths, nor any creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God. It says that, being what we are, if we endeavor to live to our possibilities, we cannot imagine what we shall be, save that our destiny is extended abundantly above all that we can see or think. The man who writes these glowing words of this text has derived often the Psalmist's question, "When I consider Thy heavens,"

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