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## RHAMSAUER DEBATE

The fourth public debate of the Rhamsauer Literary Society of Boiling Springs High School was given at the High School Auditorium Nov. 21, 1925.

The stage and lobby were beautifully decorated with ferns and pink roses. Seats were reserved with ribbons of the Society colors pink and green for the Rhamsauers and their brother society, the Athenians.

Miss Rachel Jones, the director of music, played the Society song while the members on the program marched in and they together with the remaining members, sang the song.

An elaborate address of welcome was then rendered by the president, Miss Calla Clement.

The splendid readings which were given by Misses Evelyn Huggins and Zoe Richey, were apparently enjoyed by the entire audience. They were assured of their success by the immediate encore they received.

Then the most impressive number on the program, the debate, was rendered, The query: Resolved: That the United States should cancel all financial obligations due from the government of the Allies on account of the World War.

Both sides put up very forceful arguments. The negative won the query while Miss Cassie Horton received honorable mention and Miss Grace Hodge received the medal for their excellent art of delivery.

The music, a girls' chorus, proved to be greatly appreciated as they instantly received a hearty encore.

## SIGNS OF CHRISTMAS

Blowing, blowing, little breezes,  
From the land of ice and snow,  
Guess old Santa almost freezes  
With his sled all packed to go.  
Then his little reindeers pacing  
Onward, onward over ice,  
Rain and snow old Santa's facing  
Just to bring good things so nice.

When the leaves are all just flying  
And the wind just blows and blows,  
Pines and cedars both are sighing  
What are they saying, do you suppose?

Guess I know—I know, I know!  
Santa Clause is on his way!  
With the holly trees aglow,  
Can't be long till Christmas day.

—David Philemon, '27.

We are told that the contractor who built the Memorial Building guaranteed the roof for ten years. If that is true then we suggest that the board of trustees see why it is leaking.

## THE BEST GAME OF THE YEAR



BOILING SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL TEAM 1925-'26

The season for the game that everybody loves is here. Basketball is one of the cleanest, most helpful forms of school athletics. Now that the time is here at last, we should all show our interest and enthusiasm by backing up the players to the best of our ability. The success of the season depends upon two important things: The efficiency of the players

and the support that they get from the school for which they are fighting. It is the duty of every man in school to do his best toward making the team an invincible one. Play ball, boys! Back them up, boys and girls! Let's make everybody sit up and take notice. We have the material, why not use it—Come on, gang, let's go!

Grady Haynes, '28.

## CHURCH AND SCHOOL WERE GREATLY INSPIRED BY THE MESSAGES OF REV. A. C. HANBY

We were fortunate in having Rev. A. C. Hanby with us last week. He spoke to the student body every morning at the regular chapel period and also spoke at the auditorium every night. We were deeply impressed by his fervent messages.

Mr. Hanby is one of our ablest preachers and in his work as superintendent of enlistment in North Carolina he has done much to unify the thinking and giving of North Carolina Baptists. His two messages Sunday on "Stewardship" and "The Triumphs of the Kingdom of God" greatly impressed the two large audiences that heard him. North Carolina needs more men like Mr. Hanby.

Prof. Wells and Prof. Wood, while intoxicated were driving along a mountain road in a Ford.

Prof. Wood—"Hic—Look out, Wells—hic—You're gonna turn us over."

Prof. Wells (Thickly) "Wh-oo me? Why, I thought you wuz drivin'".

She—"Do you still run around that little flirt you used to go with?"

He—"Why she got married the other day."

She—"Answer my question, please."

## SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS SPEND WEEK IN SCHOOL

We consider ourselves fortunate in having had with us during the week of November 31 to December 5, two of the most consecrated religious workers in the state. They gave some helpful courses in B. Y. P. U. and Sunday School work and greatly inspired and revived us by their earnest and fervent messages.

Mr. A. V. Washburn, of Shelby, director of Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work for the King's Mountain Association, conducted a class at 1:45 p. m. in "The B. Y. P. U. Manual" and a class in "The Sunday School Manual" at 6:30 every evening. Although Mr. Washburn has had charge of Sunday School and B. Y. P. U. work for only a little over a year he has done such efficient work that this association is now leading not only the state but the Southern Baptist convention in Standard Sunday Schools. We are always glad to have Mr. Washburn visit the school.

Mr. J. N. Barnette of Hickory, Sunday school worker for Western North Carolina conducted a class in Sunday school manual at 11:15 each morning and a class in "Building a Standard Sunday School" at 6:30 o'clock each evening. Mr. Barnette, (Continued on Page Four)

## LARGE CROWD ENJOYS DEBATE

The last public debate of the season the eighteenth public debate of the Kalagathian Literary Society was given Saturday night, Dec. 5, 1925.

In spite of the fact that this was the fourth debate that had been held within the last month, a large crowd of friends were present.

The query of the debate was: Resolved, that France was justified in occupying the Rhur Valley. The speakers for the affirmative were Clarence Baker and Grover Splawn. They were opposed by Grady Bowen and Arnold Kincaid. Both the affirmative and negative speakers presented strong arguments. The judges of the query decided in favor of the affirmative.

One of the most interesting numbers on the program was a humorous reading, "Uncle Pete and Marse George," given by Carey Walker.

Other speakers were Lionel Smith, who gave a declamation, "The National Flag," and Dwyre Huggins who delivered an oration, "America and the League of Nations."

A vocal solo was rendered by Dean Price and a chorus, Big Bass Viol. was sung by Messrs. Walker, Price, Huggins, Walker, Splawn and Kincaid.

## THE MINISTERIAL CLASS

We feel that the former ministerial students of B. S. H. S., some of whom are in college and others preaching or teaching, are still interested in our class, because this is where they began their work for the Master. We also feel that others are interested in us, because if we are Christians, we are interested in spreading the Gospel. We feel that our class is doing a great work.

We meet every Tuesday night at 7:00 o'clock with an interesting program. Usually we have a program rendered by the members, but Tuesday night, December 1, we were fortunate enough to have Brother C. C. Matheny, of Forest City, with us. He gave a very helpful talk on "Temptation" which soaked into each of our hearts. We welcome Brother Matheny at any time. We are proud of the fact that he is an alumnus of Boiling Springs.

We have a roll of twenty members in our class. Our officers for this year are:

President—Rufus Walker.  
Vice-President—Oscar Bolch.  
Secretary-Treasurer—Francis Lancaster.  
Pianist—N. S. Hardin.  
Choirister—Roland Hamrick.  
Critic—C. M. Rollins.

We extend a cordial invitation to all of our former members to meet with us whenever it is possible for them to do so.



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## HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

Once more we are anticipating the pleasure of that most wonderful of all holidays. In and about all the figures, rules and facts that crown so great a part of a student's horizon, are threaded the little silvery thrills that Christmas always brings. Aside from being the most joyous time of the year, it is a time when our highest and noblest thoughts endeavor to express themselves in kindness to others. It is a time when every selfish thought and petty grievance should be put on a shelf never to be removed. If we kept before us always, as at Christmas, that ideal of unselfishness, kindness, goodness and happiness, embodied in Christ, every one of the three hundred and sixty-five days would be perfect and being perfect would transform this earth into a Heaven.

Let us strive toward such perfection, every one of us. In that struggle we shall find true happiness, Christmas this year will mean infinitely more and its effect more lasting, if each takes his share of the responsibility of making the world a little happier and better place to live in. Let us, this Christmas, resolve to learn and put into practice the real art of being happy. Then others will be so and the entire universe will be transferred a step nearer that state of ultimate and eternal contentment and peace. We shall be living, rather than merely possessing life; and this will give us repose of mind, peace—and power!

We are living in the greatest age and the most progressive century in the history of mankind. Those of us who do not keep ourselves abreast of the times, stand bewildered amid the onrush of a powerful civilization. We hear, on every street corner, and read in our daily papers, the need and the results of organization, or doing things in a systematic way. If this is so important out in the business world, it is high time we were beginning to cultivate this useful habit of dispatch while in high school; for some one has said "so through high school so through college—and so through college, so through life." This will not only help us in doing

our school work but we will be forming habits of dispatch that will help us in days to come. We will forget many facts we learn from the text books; but principles and habits that we form here will stay with us as long as we live. If this is true, what would be more valuable than to realize how important it is to learn to do our work quickly, thoroughly and joyfully.

May I give you a bit of my own experience? When I entered Boiling Springs High School, I began my work in a haphazard way with absolutely no schedule to go by. Things went very well for a while until I began to try to do extra society work and pastor some churches. I then discerned that I was making a miserable failure, compared to what a man ought to do, and I suppose my teachers found this out before I did. Naturally the question confronted me, "What am I to do?" I had in mind men that had seemingly scaled the mountain peak of success, so the first thing I did was to investigate the secret of their success. A reasonable thing it was to find they had their business organized and did their work in a systematic way.

Immediately I made up my mind if this was so essential out in the business world, it was no less important in my work. I soon had a schedule made out which would give me a regular time to go to bed, to get up, one hour for recreation, one hour at night to each subject I take and Monday our holiday, for preparing sermons for the following week-end.

Since I fell on this plan I not only found it possible to do my work, but having a fixed time and place to do things makes it much easier and at the same time makes the work more pleasant.

## BETTER OR WORSE?

We have often heard the expression that as the years come and go the world is growing worse and worse. Some say, "If we could only live like our forefathers did, back in the good-old days, things would be much better." Is this statement true? Do we mean what we say when we express such a wish? I am sure that if we could have our own way, not many of us would want to live back in the olden times when our modern inventions and conveniences were unknown, when people labored day after day scarcely making a living for their families. Often the hungry wolves would howl at their doors. They faced many, many dangers and hardships which are unknown to the common run of people today. Even the poorest people of today have advantages over our forefathers.

Very few laws were made and carried out in the early days. If one man was offended by another, the two would get out and see which was the best man by personal combat. Often both lost their lives in the duel. Today we have the strict

laws of our state to protect us and right all our wrongs.

We know that many great and useful men and women lived then. We are still proud of them, proud that they had the firmness in them to make themselves useful men and women to the world. We also have useful people of this day. In olden times only a few had the opportunity to become important. In this day and time every single person desiring to become useful to the world and to his native country can do so by a little work on their part.

Give me the new day with all its advantages, in preference to the good-old days.

## THE BEST KEPT ROOMS FOR THE FIRST QUARTER

No. 7—Pearl Barber, Ruby Buckner.

No. 8—Myrtice Hamrick, Pauline Culbreth.

No. 15—Doxie Edwards, Della Powell.

No. 22—Marie Hamrick, Lois Cooley.

No. 25—Pauline Wright, Ethel McKinney.

No. 41—Annie Lancaster, Vevette Elliott.

No. 42—Lucile Packard, Nancy Lattimore.

## O, ALGEBRA!

O algebra, you algebra!

The burden of my life you are,  
Your every plus and minus sign  
Is torture to my frenzied mind.

Your multiplication and division  
Require both thought and quick decision

And as for radicals and powers  
I've spent on them long weary hours.

And even in a simple quotation  
My mind responds with no elation,  
Because your X's, V's and Z's  
Are all confused and ill at ease.

Within your brackets, I would say  
Let all your signs and symbols stay  
Until we sophomores agree  
To break the bonds and set them free.

—Edna Mae Tinsley, '25.

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## ALUMNI NOTES

### A Successful Student Of Boiling Springs High School.

One among the best of the former students of Boiling Springs was Mr. Robert Mitchell, of Sharon, South Carolina. He came to Boiling Springs with very little education and stayed here four years without missing a meal, class or society meeting and through his good attendance he won a gold medal. He was also at Sunday school and preaching here or some where else every Sunday. His good character about five years later, won him the honor of being Legislator of South Carolina for two years and he now is a very prominent farmer of his section and is making great success and now to show his interest in Boiling Springs High School, he is offering a gold medal to anyone for doing the same thing that he did.

—Carl Latham.

Since I have been elected editor of the alumni association, I will appreciate any information sent me about any of the former students of Boiling Springs High School. Many that have gone out from here are serving humanity in a great way and I think it will be of interest to all the friends of our school to know about these. It will be impossible for me to learn about all these students unless I have some assistance. Co-operate with me and let's tell the people what Boiling Springs is doing.

Grover Splawn.

Rev. W. T. Tate, a former graduate and a trustee of Boiling Springs High School, has recently given up his work at Caroleen, N. C., and has accepted a position as pastor of the Pacolet Mills Baptist church. It seems that everyone likes him and it is reported that things are waking up around Pacolet. We sincerely hope that he can be as great a help to South Carolina as he has been to North Carolina.

Of the many graduates gone out

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Mr. Hobert Greene, '24, is now postmaster in Mooresboro.

Mr. Yates McBrayer, '24 is one of B. B. Doggett's snappy Ford salesmen.

### B. S. H. S. DIRECTORY

Would you like to know the names and addresses of every student in Boiling Springs High School this year? Would it interest you to have a small book in which you could easily find the names of every officer of every organization connected with the school? These and other facts are to be published in the new Directory of Boiling Springs High School. It is hoped that it will be ready for sale within two weeks. If you want a copy, hand or send twenty-five cents to the business manager in order that you might be sure to get one. They will go fast! Be on time!

### WHEN I AWOKE IN THE NIGHT

When I awoke in the starry night,  
The moon was shining coldly bright;  
The streets and houses all were still;  
I heard the howl of a dog on the hill.  
I listened, another began to howl;  
Then the shriek of a lonesome owl;  
The clock on the stairs was striking  
four;  
Whistling winds were shaking the  
door.

These sounds heard on a magic night,  
Are robbed of any cause for fright.  
There is only longing. I slept and  
it seems

I interlaced them with my dreams.  
Lyda Ree Green, '28.

### BUBBLES

Frenchman—"Ou, la, la, I enjoy ze shoe ball game so much!"

Italian—"You maka me laugh. Such a ignorance! Not shoeball—feetball." —Selected.

Miss Harris—"Class, who can give me a clear cut definition for buttress?"

"Please, ma'am, said Edna Tinsley, "a billy goat."

Prof. Hamrick—"Mrs. Ritch, aren't you cooking much more food than is necessary for dinner?"

Mrs. Ritch—"Why certainly, if I didn't do that I wouldn't have anything to cook left overs from."

Anna Lula—"Mrs. Ritch, why doesn't Prof. Wells come to breakfast any more?"

Mrs. Ritch: "I don't know—I suppose it is because he doesn't like to work."

(Prof. Huggins told Mrs. Ritch to assign thirty minutes work to every person coming in late for breakfast.)

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**SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS  
SPEND WEEK IN SCHOOL**

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who is also a native of Cleveland county, has made a record of which we are proud. He first demonstrated his ability as a Sunday school worker by building up at Double Springs one of the best country Sunday schools in the State or possibly in the South. When the time came for some one to direct Sunday school work in Western North Carolina, Mr. Barnette because of his ability was called to a eager field.

About one hundred and eighty took advantage of this expert religious training. Besides the students there was a great number of the local folk who took the courses. We are hoping that these men have inspired us to a greater standard in both B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school work.

**DISPATCH**

Note—One of the greatest needs of the average high school pupil is better organization of his work. To follow a definite plan of doing daily tasks will not only insure more time to engage in the various school activities but will also mean more thorough work. The following theme on the dispatch of the duties of one of our busiest pupils was written not for publication, but as a composition in the English class. The writer is taking a regular literary course, is pastor of five churches and is active in other school activities. We are publishing this with the hope that it may influence others to revise their methods of study.

Miss Curtis—"Wilma, you must not play the piano today. Have you not heard of the death of one of our old students?"

Wilma—"Oh yes, I just intended to play the black keys."

**ALWAYS "GOING TO"**

This boy was always "going to,"  
And said such with a smile.  
Promises he'd blandly make,  
Meaning them the while.

"I'm going to' study my lessons  
well,"  
Often he would say;  
But when the boys came by and  
called  
He went with them to play.

He was "going to" try to hold him-  
self  
Steadily at his work;  
But he, like many, liked to loaf,  
It was easier for him to shirk.

He was "going to" do the right and  
walk  
The straight and narrow way,  
But he listened to temptation's call—  
And now he's gone astray.

He is a boy no longer now—  
A slave to cards and drink.  
"I'm 'going to' mend my ways," he  
says.  
Will he, do you think?"  
—Irma Sue Wilkins, '28.

Did you know that:  
Prof. L. T. is Wood?  
Guy is Green?  
Dean is the Price?  
Anna Lula is a Wall?  
Ralph Falls on exams?  
Clarence is a Baker?  
Rufus is a good Walker?  
Lawrence is a Case?  
Harvey Sparks?  
Worth is a Bishop?  
T. B. is De Priest?  
And that "Shorty" McDonald  
stands 6 feet 5 inches in his boots?

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