

30TH ANNIVERSARY ST. PAUL SCHOOU NOTABLE EVENT

Splendid Work of Famous Normal and Industrial School Attracts Attention.

Lawrenceville, Va.—The St. Paul Normal and Industrial School, at the close of its thirty years of service to the community, the Church and the Nation, merits the praise of those who are experts in the field of vocational education, and commands the support of many thoughtful Christian men and women who put education above ignorance and who see in America's army of twelve million Negroes a National asset of untold value.

To the recent St. Paul commencement there came the Right Reverend Beverley D. Tucker, Bishop of Southern Virginia; the Right Reverend Arthur C. Thompson, Bishop Suffragan of Southern Virginia; the Rt. Rev. Arthur S. Lloyd, president of the Board of Missions of the Protestant Episcopal Church and Bishop of Liberia; the Rev. Dr. David W. Howard, rector of St. Luke's Church, Norfolk; the Rev. Dr. C. Braxton Bryan, principal of the Bishop Payne Divinity School, Petersburg; the Rev. Edmund P. Danridge, rector of St. Paul's Church, Petersburg; the Rev. Herbert N. Tucker, rector of St. James Church, Boydton, Va., the Rev. Herbert H. Young, Kendridge, Va., the Rev. Junius L. Taylor, rector of St. Stephen's Church, Savannah, Ga., the Rev. M. P. Birchett, rector of St. James Church, Portsmouth, and many others who were vitally interested in the development of sound ideas of education.

Bishop Lloyd, comparing the task of

the Liberians with that of the American Negroes, paid high tribute to the Negroes, paid high tribute to the splendid citizenship being developed in Liberia and to the high moral status of the people.

Dr. Taylor, who was graduated from St. Paul School in 1901, after a hard struggle for an education, told graphically the story of the Colored man's desire to obtain better schools, homes and churches. He said in part: "To combat this monster, ignorance, the Rev. James S. Russell, founder and principal of St. Paul School, came among the good people of Brunswick county over thirty years ago.

"With the small sum of five dollars Dr. Russell began his great work. Thirty years ago he had three teachers and a few boarding students. Today he has more than fifty officers, instructors and employees. St. Paul has five hundred students. It has sent out 600 academic and trade graduates, who are useful men and women, as well as over 4,000 former students. Today the school has over thirty buildings and 600 acres of excellent land.

"Of the 130 ministers of the Church, twenty-two have gone from St. Paul School. These ministers are in great demand."

Archdeacon Russell in his excellent report to the trustees states that the school is facing a deficit of probably \$30,000. He believes, however, that the public, when it fully realizes the importance of the school's influence for good, will furnish the necessary funds to continue the school's work for the training of citizens and Christian leaders who will remake communities.

U. S. AIRPLANES ACTIVE IN TOUL

Pursuit Squadron Engages in Number of Clashes.

MORE VICTORIES ARE SCORED

Tennessee Aviator Achieves Success in Unequal Combat—Brings Down One Hun and Evades Three Enemy Planes When His Machine Gun Became Jammed—Auto Racer Scores Another.

An American aerial pursuit squadron is operating over the American sector northwest of Toul it is permitted to announce. All the pilots whose air exploits have been recorded up to this time belong to this squadron, which has a special insignia. The squadron is flying in Nieuport chasing machines.

The first victories, in which the American squadron brought down two German machines, were gained the day after they took up flying on this sector. The occupants of the German machines were made prisoners.

Other machines, aside from those in this squadron, also are flying on the Toul front. The fact that an American squadron was there could not be mentioned previously because it was not desired that the Germans should know of the fact.

But after there have been so many fights at close range and two American machines have fallen it is believed certain the enemy knows an American squadron is operating on this front. There is also the fact that Capt. James Norman Hall has fallen behind the German lines and been made a prisoner.

Downs German Airplane.

Lieut. Edward Buford, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., was officially credited with shooting down a German airplane over St. Mihiel on May 22.

Buford while patrolling encountered two German pursuit planes. The fighting continued only a few minutes. Lieut. Buford attacking one of the German planes, which tried to lead him into the fire from the other. Suddenly Lieutenant Buford looked overhead and saw two more Germans coming down from out of the clouds for him. He took a dive, all of the Germans diving at the same time, and when he came up he had one of the enemy planes in front of him. Buford began firing with his machine gun, causing his adversary to disappear in a nose dive. Although he was sure he had hit the German, it was not until later that the victory was confirmed.

A few minutes later Lieutenant Buford by maneuvering managed to get behind two of the remaining three machines and opened fire, but his machine gun jammed. As he was unable to use his weapon he started in a series of skilful dives and turns and was successful in shaking off the three enemy planes.

Lieut. Edward Rickenbacher, the former automobile racer, has added another aerial victory to his record. Announcement was made that it had been confirmed that the Lieutenant shot down a German biplane in the neighborhood of Thiaucourt on May 22. The fight took place 5,500 meters in the air.

Gets on Enemy's Tail.

With another pilot Lieutenant Rickenbacher engaged in a long fight with two enemy machines. Rickenbacher finally got on the tail of one machine and fired more than a score of shots at short range. The enemy machine went into a spinning nose dive, but it was uncertain whether it hit the ground, so the lieutenant was not credited with a victory at the time. Positive confirmation that the machine crashed to the ground has since been obtained.

No confirmation is obtainable concerning the German report that three American airplanes have been shot down in the Lys region.

FAMILY IN SIX WARS

Some Member Has Served the United States in Each One.

When F. Levi Dees, aged fifty, enlisted recently in the engineering corps in St. Louis, a record of 140 years was perfected, a member of the Dees family having served in every one of the six wars in which the United States has participated.

His great-grandfather served in the Revolution, furnishing his own rifle, clothing, etc. His father, Justice J. H. Dees of Edwardsville enlisted for the Civil war at the age of fourteen.

Levi Dees is an expert engineer, and his age, which in other branches would be considered a drawback, was regarded as an asset. After passing the examination he was sent to Wilmington, Del.

COAL ALLOWANCE REDUCED

No Fuel for Heating Being Sold in Paris.

The allowance of coal in Paris is being reduced in view of the smaller requirements of the summer. Coal will be sold during the summer months only for kitchen use and the coupons which permit one to purchase a certain quantity for the heating of living rooms will not be available.

LIFE IS A MYSTERY

(Written for The Monitor.)

Life is a mystery—a vast, complicated profound mystery. Behind us is the irrevocable past, fast fading away like the receding waves broken upon the shores of time. Before us lies the unknown and unexplored future—a future so pregnant with doubt and perplexities, a future along whose pathway are hidden pitfalls, concealed quicksands and rugged rocks beneath treacherous waves. Can we shun these as we go blindly groping our way? We cry aloud for light, and the echoing answer to our plaintive wail repeats our question. We look around us upon the wide ocean of time and we see it strewn with wrecks—some financial wrecks, some social wrecks and some physical wrecks. Misfortune seems to be the common heritage of man. There is no class or set that can claim exemption from these disasters. They are incidental or accidental at all, be it as it may are we not more concerned about the future than the past? One is irrevocable, the other is uncertain, perplexing. One we wish to forget while we are always longing for some insight into the future. It is the future that has puzzled the minds of all people of all ages. Nor can we hush or stifle this inquiry that arises in everyone's mind. It was seen and satisfied in the early days of prophecy in the oracles and soothsayers of the Middle Ages, in the astrologists and physiologists of the present time. The dismembered fragments of empires, kingdoms and principalities drifting down the stream of human history solemnly and sublimely proclaim in their utter desolation the inexorable truths that fell from the lips of priest and prophet. The disasters and deaths that fell like terrible judgments upon the lives and works of great military chieftains have only tended to fasten the facts so prophetically spoken by soothsayer and oracle. And now in this age of progressive thought history is fast repeating itself. Apparently the whole world is in an uproar and at war. Lives of great men have fallen and there seems to be a general uprising among all nations for supremacy. Sooner of later the son of man will be unlike the beasts of the field—the foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man hath not where to lay his head.

Let us forget the past and look forward to a brighter and more prosperous future. Let us rally around the Stars and Stripes of this great country for its glorious achievements and betterment of all conditions and after having won this great conflict, which the country is now engaged, trusting in a divine providence for His guidance in the right direction that we may live that life so pure and simple that we may be able to overcome all difficulties and then can sing "America" and the "Star Spangled Banner" with a glad heart.

J. WILLIAM SHIELDS.

SOUTHERN CONGRESSMAN

LAUDS RACE WAR WORKERS
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