

Commencement Speaker Urges Graduates To Be What They Are

Fifty-one members of the 1959 graduating class at Edenton Junior-Senior High School wound up their high school career Friday night when they received their diplomas from Superintendent John A. Holmes. Together with each diploma went a Bible which was presented by various churches.

The speaker for the occasion was the Rev. John Shelby Spang of Tarboro, who began his remarks by saying that something is more important than what the world calls success, and that the mark of greatness is that a man accepts himself for what he is. "Inferiority complex," he said, "is a household word. Too many people spend too much time competing with others, not being content to be what they are. No man living possesses all talents and no other person living has your talents and cannot make the contribution you can."

The speaker referred to various advertisements to make one superior, but pointed out that anytime a person advances his superiority, he is broadcasting that he is inferior and not accepting himself for what he really is.

Mr. Spang in emphasizing success referred to Jesus, who never had anything in the way of worldly possessions. "He had very few friends," he said, "and his success cannot be measured in dollars and cents. He was tried before a mob screaming for his head and was forced to carry his own cross, but who would dare to try to measure the influence of Jesus?"

In closing the speaker said, "Don't try to be something you are not. Success is not the greatest thing in life, but be true to your best self and make a contribution to life which will abide eternally. I hope you will grow in maturity until you reach the goal in life you will be able to say 'by the grace of God I am what I am'."

The Senior High Chorus presented a pleasing number directed by Mrs. Mary L. Browning and the Rev. James MacKenzie offered the invocation. The speaker of the evening was introduced by Gus Hughes, Jr.

Fidelity finds its reward and its strength in exalted purpose.
—Mary Baker Eddy.

School Needs In County \$750,000

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000, which does not take into account a new jail, which has been discussed times without over the past 15 or 20 years.

In fact, to complete the most essential of these needs the Commissioners feel that it will be necessary to call for a referendum to sell bonds for the purpose.

The budget for the Fire District was presented which called for \$1,786.40 to be paid on the fire truck and \$3,020.00 to the Town of Edenton for rural fire protection. Based on a valuation of \$11,045,294 in the fire district a rate of 5 cents will be necessary. The present rate is 3 cents.

However, Joe Webb and W. J. Yates attended the meeting to request the 10 cent rate be renewed. The purpose of this increase is to raise funds with which to set up fire districts and purchase equipment. This, it was pointed out, reduce insurance rates enough to offset the extra tax.

However, in connection with rural fires, John Mitchener and George Alma Byrum, together with Town Clerk Ernest Ward attended the meeting to request the county's appropriation to be raised from \$3,020 to \$5,000. They presented figures to show the increasing number of rural fires and, of course, the mounting costs for this service.

The Commissioners took no action, deferring any action until after Yates and Webb confer with state fire officials in Raleigh next week.

While on money matters, William Fuller requested the Commissioners to seriously consider an increase of \$1,504 for the Pettigrew Library which will provide an appropriation of \$12,000 from the federal government and put the library in first class shape. Without this added appropriation the \$12,000 will not be forthcoming and it was reported that Washington and Tyrrell Counties had agreed to pay their proportionate part of the request. Town Council tentatively agreed to pay \$500 of the amount, so that the Commissioners will consider the \$1,005 appropriation.

Frank V. White, forest warden, presented his budget which calls for \$6,500. Mr. White reported that no fires occurred during the year in Chowan County which caused any material damage.

The Welfare Department's budget was approved which calls for expenditures of \$139,301.47. Of this amount the state and federal governments pay \$109,199, so that the county's part is \$30,102.47. There is a balance of \$3,300, so that the 1959 levy will be \$26,802.47.

The Commissioners will hold a special meeting Monday morning, June 15, when they will consider the various budgets and set a tentative tax rate. At present the indications are that the rate will not have to be increased but, of course, the figures at present may change considerably before the rate is set.



TWO OF A KIND—"Little Miss Cotton" gets a queenly kiss from Malinda Berry, this year's Maid of Cotton, at Memphis, Tenn., at conclusion of the diminutive beauty contest. The youngster is Teres Louise Bradley, of Rhode Island. The large, big-size cotton queen hails from Stillwater, Okla.

Land treatment measures such as field diversions, pasture seeding, sod waterways, farm ponds, cover crops, tree planting, farm drainage and erosion control will be installed by the landowners at an approximate cost of \$66,758. This part of the watershed plan will be carried out on individual farms after the necessary drainage canals are constructed. Total cost of the watershed project will be \$95,130.

The average annual benefits that will result from the installation of the planned drainage measures will amount to \$2,481. When compared to the average annual cost of \$2,360, the benefit-cost ratio is 3.6 to 1.0 or 3.6 dollars for every dollar spent. Maintaining cost of the canals will be \$1,135 annually. This amount will be collected each year by the drainage district.

Charles T. Griffin, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Griffin, was graduated from Wake Forest College June 1. He was among more than 420 who received degrees. Griffin majored in business administration. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha social fraternity and of the Inter-Fraternity Council.

Landowners Accept Watershed Plans

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included in the watershed with 1,760 acres of cropland, 240 acres of pasture, 8,376 acres of woodland and 120 acres of idle and miscellaneous land.

Watershed plan includes nine miles of drainage canals at a cost of \$34,734 of which \$25,023 will be furnished by the federal government under Public Law 566 and \$9,711 by local land-

One Of 7 Medical Bills \$500 Or More

Survey Conducted By Health Insurance Institute

One out of every seven medical bills on which health insurance pays benefits amounts to \$500 or more, the Health Insurance Institute reports. More than half of the bills fall between \$100 and \$499. The remaining one-third are less than \$100.

The report, based on a nationwide consumer survey of health insurance conducted for the Institute by National Analysts of Philadelphia, showed 32% of claims were under \$100, some 54% were in the \$100-\$499 category, and 14% were \$500 or more.

When asked how much of their medical bill was paid by health insurance, some 53% of the families questioned said they received payment for most or all of their medical expenses on their most recent claim. Another 20% said they were reimbursed for three-quarters of their expenses, and 15% said they received payment for half the cost.

The vast majority of families expressed satisfaction with the amount they were paid on their claim. Some 72% of families said they received the amount they expected. Another 12% said they were paid more than they anticipated, and an equal proportion said they received less than expected.

Among families whose medical bill was \$500 or more, the Institute survey found, some 65% said they received what they expected and 15% said they received more than expected.

The 12% of the total number of families who received less than they thought they would were asked to what they attributed the misunderstanding. Some 49% explained that they had not understood the provisions of their insurance contract. Of the remainder, 28% said that the medical bill exceeded the policy limit by a larger amount than expected; 9% did not realize that their case was not covered under the terms of the policy; and 8% said they differed with the insuring organization as to the classification of their claim.

Changes Made For 4-H Contests

Changes have been made in the schedule for the 4-H County Demonstration contests, as Miss Catherine Aman, assistant home economics agent, will be in Raleigh June 8-12 for Farm Home Week and June 15-20 for in-service training. The 4-H County Demonstration contest will be held at the

Chowan High School (for boys) and at the Chowan Community Building (for girls) on Wednesday, June 24, at 2:00 P. M.

The 4-H dress revue, talent show and health pageant will be held at Chowan High School on Thursday, June 25, at 8:00 P. M.

All 4-H Club members are urged to make a special effort to enter one or more of these events and to let Miss Aman know of their plans to enter.

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CARD OF THANKS
We wish to take this means to express our sincere appreciation to our friends and neighbors for the deeds of kindness and love, and for the prayers and expressions of sympathy during the illness and death of our husband and brother, M. H. Perry. We do thank you from the depths of our heart and may God bless each one of you.
—Mrs. Lora W. Perry
Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Perry

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Farm And Home Week June 9-12

Home Demonstration Club women from all over North Carolina will meet in Raleigh at State College June 9-12 for the Farm Home Week activities.

On Tuesday evening there will be a formal opening program followed by a reception honoring Dr. and Mrs. Carey H. Bostian. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings there will be devotionals in the Danforth Chapel.

Classes will be held Wednesday morning and afternoon and Thursday morning, with over a dozen interesting subjects from which to choose. They will be conducted by Extension Specialists and professional personnel from other sources.

Friday will be State Federation Day. There will be a report of the wonderful things Home Demonstration Clubs have accomplished this past year. Mrs. Gwen Terasaki, author of "Bridge to the Sun", will be guest speaker. Many guests will be present including President and Mrs. William Friday, Chancellor and Mrs. Carey H. Bostian, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Colvard, Commissioner and Mrs. L. Y. Ballentine, Director and Mrs. David Weaver, and others. The Home Demonstration luncheon will highlight and conclude Farm Home Week and will be held at 12:30 P. M. in the College Union.

Another very special treat will be hearing the Boys' Choir from Gaston County and the Hillandale Girls' Chorus from Durham County.

Leadership Awards and "Woman of the Year" (by the Progressive Farmer) will be presented and Mrs. U. S. Savings Bonds will be a program feature.

Mrs. Wallace Goodwin, Jr., plan to attend from Chowan County and also Miss Catherine Aman.

AUXILIARY MEETING
The Ladies' Auxiliary of William H. Coffield, Jr., Post No. 7280, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will meet in the Post home tonight (Thursday) at 8 o'clock. Mrs. Doris Tolby, president, requests all members to be present.

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