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MARION HIGH HOLDS FINALS

Twenty-eight Diplomas Awarded to Graduates—Pageant Concludes Exercises.

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, president of Davenport College, Lenoir, N. C., delivered the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates of Marion High School before a large audience in the high school auditorium last Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. He stressed the value of religion and the advantages of education. Speaking before an audience that filled the high school auditorium Rev. Jenkins began his address by asking the senior class, "What do you think a man is?"

Just after the processional the invocation was delivered by Rev. J. C. Story, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Marion. With Mrs. A. A. Morris, head of the music department, at the piano, Betty Wilson delightfully entertained the audience by rendering a violin solo. The scripture reading was given by Rev. P. D. Mangum, pastor of the First Baptist Church, after which announcements were made by C. W. E. Pittman, superintendent of the City Schools. Immediately following the girls' chorus sang "Whispering Hope." Dr. W. O. Goode, pastor of the First Methodist Church, gave a brief introduction to the speaker, Rev. W. A. Jenkins.

After asking the question, "What do you think a man is?" Rev. Jenkins set about to give a favorable answer. Life may be regarded in four distinct aspects: commercialism, intellectualism, war, and religion. A well balanced life must have a reasonable amount of each.

According to the speaker, American manhood, intellectual as it is, and enlightened by religion, must have enough of the belligerent instinct to protect her property and the lives of her citizens; and in so doing enough commercialism must be added to give remuneration for living. In his interesting and instructive address he made a keen attack on fatalism; saying, "If man's mind tends to become fatalistic, then there is no need in preaching the doctrine of Idealism," and continuing he said, "This group of bright boys and girls is too brilliant to accept any such theory of life."

As answer to his question stated early in the beginning of his sermon he offered, "Make yourself useful to your own kind," and he concluded by saying, "The man who is the most useful to his fellow man is the least conscious of it."

Following the sermon the graduating class sang the senior song after which the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. S. Lockaby.

The concluding number of the graduation exercise was given on Wednesday evening in the form of a pageant, "The World Outside." This has been under the efficient direction of Joyce Decker, Senior class-room teacher. The cast, in presentation, disclosed real histrionic ability. Nearly eighty students had an active part in the finals.

Diplomas were presented to the seniors immediately after the last act of the pageant.

The members of the class roll are: Charles Stuart Sinclair, president; Frank Bowditch, Dallas Clay Duncan, Curtis Dula Hawkins, Clyde Walton Hogan, Paul Haskell Howard, Woodrow, Patrick Lemmond, James Luther Mitchem, Edward Alford Morgan, Hollis Fred Snipes, James Marvin Steppe, Charles McCall, Dorothy Lucille Atkins, Mabel Inez Cooper, Faye Lillie Dixon, Claudia Vermilyn Epley, Beatrice Nan Flowers, Thurley Annie Franklin, Effie Emily Hall, Lettie Eula Jones, Martha Margaret Lisenbee, Estelle Mangum, Margaret Elizabeth Lawrence, Hazel Kathleen Parker, Hazel Josephine Whitten, Katherine Irene Spratt, Nellie Emeline Rebinson and Helen Frisbie.

The following students were issued perfect attendance certificates:

High School — Cullen Bollinger, Willie McConnell, Hugh Conley, Olive Rader, William Wilkinson, Miriam Story, Harold Klontz, Edna Mae Cranford, Strobie Hogan, Mary Willie Barnes, Helen Grayson and Clyde Hogan.

Grammar and primary grades — Margaret Elliott, Mary Louise Laughridge, Virginia Jimerson, Billy Grant, Marion Spratt, Marie Spratt,

Faye Margaret Lail, Dorothy Lail, Woodrow Lail, Charlotte Mills, Olive Franklin, Jean Buchanan, Dorothy Edwards, Robert James, Grady Burgin, Frank Bowman, Louise Smith, Carolyn Dysart, Margaret Hope Holland, Margaret Juanita Bolick, Iris Beck, Albert Rader, Pauline Silver, Georgie Mae Hall, Lee Lewis, Ralph Sisk, James Ruth, Elizabeth Lail, Frances McPeeters, William Lester Morris, Mabel Bishop, Jack Poteat, Annie Laurie Cannon and Melva Bledso.

It was also announced that Estelle Mangum had been awarded the English Medal given by C. F. James. The highest mark in scholarship in English is the sole eligibility rule governing this contest, the student receiving this medal being required to lead his or her English class during the four year high school course. Honorable mention was given to Faye Dixon for splendid work in English. The highest average in scholarship was attained by James Stepp which gave him the honor of being class valedictorian. Alford Morgan placed second in scholarship, and in the usual manner was awarded the salutatory honor.

Athletic awards in the nature of letters and stars were also awarded those who had sufficiently passed the time limit and who had played in three-fourths of the scheduled games. Special credit was given to Paul Howard, James Ouzts, Keith Kanipe, and Karchie Clay, these students being classed as three-letter men.

Those receiving letters and stars are as follows:

Football: Letters—Keith Kanipe, James Ouzts, Robert Smith, Fred Snipes, Dula Hawkins, and Dysart Martin. Stars—Clarence Rabb, Karchie Clay, Paul Howard, Kelly Gilkey, John Bowditch (Captain), Jim Neal, Dallas Duncan, Dan Hitchcock and Frank Moore.

Baseball: Letters—Paul Howard, Keith Kanipe, James Ouzts, Kelly Gilkey. Stars—Clarence Rabb, Karchie Clay, Coyt Murray, James Arrowood, Louis Williams, Fred Conley and Harold Ledbetter.

Basketball: Letters—Paul Howard, Keith Kanipe, James Ouzts. Stars—Karchie Clay, Charles McCall and Leo Suggs.

The following received managers letters: Robert Bowditch, baseball; Charles Sinclair, football; Frank Bowditch, basketball.

As a climax to the graduating exercise Supt. C. W. E. Pittman was presented a silver service set. This was a complete surprise to Mr. Pittman and was given him by his teachers and Mr. and Mrs. Lemmond. Prof. E. A. Klontz, representing the entire Marion faculty, presented the gift.

SENIORS ENTERTAINED BY MISS JOYCE DECKER

Miss Joyce Decker very pleasantly entertained, in the nature of an informal party, the seniors of Marion High School at her home on Morgan street last Monday evening. The house was attractively decorated with flowers and the gold and blue colors of the senior class.

Shortly after eight o'clock the guests, numbering twenty-eight seniors and including members of the high school faculty, arrived. For a while they were interested in talking one with the other; some were interested in "couples", while others engaged in group conversation. "The Closing of School" seemed to be the most popular discussed subject. Later games were played, being generally of the progressive type. Prizes were won by Inez Cooper, Paul Howard, Dallas Duncan, Alford Morgan and Effie Hall.

The hostess, assisted by several of the seniors, served ice cream and cake.

As the hour for departure arrived the guests said "goodbye's" and left for their respective homes.

RECITAL TUESDAY EVENING

Miss Julia Burton's music class will give their annual recital at the high school auditorium Tuesday evening, June 11, at 8 o'clock. An interesting program will be presented. An admission of ten cents will be charged.

ICE CREAM SUPPER

There will be an ice cream supper on the lawn at Ebenezer church Saturday, June 8th, at 6 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited. The proceeds will go for a piano for the church.

Don't miss "WEARY RIVER". You'll enjoy it.

NEBO SCHOOL ENDS SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Sixteen Boys and Girls Awarded Diplomas — Dr. John E. Calfee Delivers Address.

Nebo, June 3.—A very successful school year at Nebo came to a close with the commencement exercises. On Friday evening, May 24th, the primary grades gave an operetta with other selections which were enjoyed by a very large and enthusiastic audience. On Saturday evening the senior play, "Has Anyone Seen Jane," was presented by the seniors. The play was well presented and was thought by many to be the best play ever presented at Nebo.

Dr. E. J. Sox, of Hickory, N. C., delivered an excellent baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class on Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

Monday evening Mrs. Chas. A. Harris, the music teacher, had her little girls to give a musical recital. Her pupils did unusually well considering the fact that none of them had ever played in public before.

The grammar grade gave a play and pageant on Tuesday evening to a well filled auditorium. It seemed that everyone present was well pleased with the program for the evening.

On Wednesday sixteen boys and girls were awarded diplomas from Nebo High School by the principal, N. L. Wessinger, at the graduation exercises. The principal of the school presided. Dr. John E. Calfee, president of Asheville Normal, delivered an excellent address to the graduating class.

Mr. N. F. Steppe, County Superintendent, was present and made a short talk. He also delivered the county certificates to twelve seventh grade boys and girls. Miss Bessie Jaynes, the winner of the second place in scholarship of the class, delivered the salutatory; Hubert Brown gave the history of the class, and Miss Annie Laurie Morrow, who won first place in scholarship, delivered a very fine valedictory. A class song was rendered by the graduating class. The Senior class roll follows: Pauline Alexander, Eugene Brown, Hubert Brown, Raymond Carswell, Roy Finch, Willie Finley, Carl Gibbs, Bessie Jaynes, Esther Kincaid, Annie Laura Lentz, Lola McGimsey, Annie Laurie Morrow, Terry Parks, Tulla Simmons, William Swingle and Margie Tate.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church held its annual birthday meeting last Wednesday afternoon at the church. Mrs. C. A. Workman, president, presided, using as the opening hymn, "More Love to Thee." A business session followed. This year's motto for all auxiliaries is "According to the Pattern," taken from the fifth verse of the eighth chapter of Hebrews. This was explained by Mrs. Landis, who then gave as the devotional "The woman who testified," taken from the fourth chapter of John.

Mrs. T. A. Wilson sang as a solo "For a little bit of Love."

Mexico was the subject of the program for the afternoon. Mrs. Workman told of the work being carried on by the Presbyterian Church in Mexico, and told where the two schools, Zitacuara and Chinpanthingo, both girls' schools, are located in Mexico. The Presbyterian Church is responsible for 2,123,000 souls in Mexico.

"Our Neighbors Need," a playlet, was given by Mrs. Arthur McCall, representing the womanhood of Mexico; Mrs. P. D. Sinclair, as the Woman's Auxiliary of the United States, and Mrs. Charles Barnes, as the Holy Mother, Ave Maria.

Following the meeting a social hour was enjoyed.

PLEASURE CLUB MEETS

Mrs. P. D. Mangum was hostess to the Odd Pleasure Club Thursday afternoon at her home on North Main street. A profusion of spring flowers added to the enjoyment of the hour happily spent in sewing and chatting. Out of town guests were Mrs. Paul S. Williams of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mrs. W. D. Potter of Marion, S. C. Sandwiches and tea was served by the hostess.

POULTRY LOADING SHOWS INCREASE

Shipments Much Larger Than Last Year—Raisers Making Poultry Pay — Farm Notes.

Poultry is getting to be an important industry in this county. On May 21st 1,449 pounds were loaded at Old Fort which brought \$379.54, forty-seven people participating in the shipment. On the following day 2,580 pounds were shipped from Marion at the price of \$650.66. A large shipment was also made yesterday from Marion.

The schedule of shipments calls for a poultry car in Old Fort once every four weeks on Tuesdays, and once every two weeks in Marion on the following Wednesdays, just as long as the farmers have poultry to sell. During 1928 the poultry car was in Marion throughout the year, but was discontinued at Old Fort during the late summer and fall months, since the supply of poultry offered at Old Fort did not justify expense of car shipments during that time. Most of the surplus poultry from that section of the county was sold in Western North Carolina for the summer tourist trade.

The amount of poultry sold this year and the money received for the same has not been tabulated this year but the buyers say they are satisfied that the amount is double that received during the same period last year.

A goodly number of chicks are being hatched at this time and some money should be realized from them as fryers or broilers. The price will be lower than for early fryers but they can be raised much cheaper. If some two or three hens can be set at the same time and all chicks given to one hen they can be raised cheaper than having a hen to raise only her own chicks.

Mrs. W. H. Greenlee, Old Fort, R. 1, one of the most successful poultry growers in the county, says that she can raise fine fryers during the summer months. She usually sets about four hens at a time, then gives all chicks to one hen, thus having a "drove" of some 40 to 50 chicks with one hen. Or sometimes she will set a small incubator, 115 egg capacity, and two hens at the same time, and will get a hatch of some 90 to 100 chicks which will be raised by the two hens. The two hens with some 40 chicks each requires no more attention than one old hen with five chicks, with the possible exception of protecting them from heavy rains, since a hen can protect five chicks from rain but not 40 chicks. Of course she gave them the proper attention and care as to feeds, in the coops at night and confined until the dew has dried off, and got them in before heavy rains.

A goodly number of people are doing much brooding now and are interested in knowing about brooding more chicks during the summer or early fall. Some people can make money from brooder chicks to sell as fryers at about two pounds up to and probably through September, but they must have good chicks to begin with, and give them the required care and attention, thus raising a large per cent of the chicks. Pulletts raised from chicks hatched at this time of the year will not lay about December of January, which is a practice that we do not recommend. For layers, we recommend pulletts hatched during the early spring months. What should be our slogan for the poultry on the farm? "A Brooder House and 100 Hens of Every Farm?" Let me have your suggested slogan.

D. L. Finch, Nebo, made a very good record in poultry recently. About March a year ago he bought 1000 Barred Rock baby chicks. He kept an accurate record of every penny spent, and of every penny received, though he kept no record of the eggs and poultry consumed at home. He would have made a better record, but the quality of his chicks was not as good as it might have been. From the above chicks he developed 338 pulletts. At about the end of 12 months he sold off every hen from the above purchase (having decided to keep White Leghorns) and when he checked up his record he found that he was \$148 and a few

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OPERETTA, DECLAMATION CONTEST THURSDAY NIGHT

The Operetta, "All Aboard For Sleepy Land," given in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening marked the beginning of the commencement exercises of Marion High School. It was given under the direction of Mrs. A. A. Morris, head of the high school Public Music Department. Despite the fact that a heavy rain was falling a capacity crowd was present.

The cast was made up of thirty grammar grade students who played their parts exceptionally well with Carolyn Dysart playing the leading role as fairy queen. Throughout, the operetta was full of pep, the action never dragging, while the songs added color to the performance.

For twenty minutes before the presentation of the operetta the high school band played a prelude. The band also entertained the audience between acts with a number of selections. On several occasions the high school orchestra, a newly founded organization, in its first public appearance, offered splendid entertainment.

Another interesting feature of the program was the declamation contest for the grammar grade students, which awarded a gold medal to the successful contestant. This contest was the first event of this nature ever to be put on in the city schools. Such an affair was made possible by R. J. Noyes, who is the donor of the reward.

Four boys participated in the contest. In each case it was very evident that the contestant had had thorough preparation and it was only after a hard decision that the judges declared Wallace Winborne to be the winner. The closeness of the contest was shown in the two to one decision rendered by the judges. Honorable mention was given to Karl Jonas; he was given the odd vote and missed first place by a very small margin.

The speakers and their subjects were as follows: Wallace Winborne, "At Napoleon's Tomb"; Karl Jonas, "I Am An American"; Jack Poteat, "Makers of the Flag"; Raymond Jones, "When Ma Entertains".

Several special musical numbers were on the program. Hubert Bolch rendered a very interesting saxophone solo, immediately after which a cornet-saxophone duet was given by Charles Sinclair and Alfred McCall.

SECRETARY OF NATIONAL PARKS HERE SATURDAY

Herbert Evison, executive secretary of National Parks, and Hugh McRae of Wilmington were guests of the Chamber of Commerce here Saturday. They were taken around town by members of the Chamber of Commerce, enjoying a visit to Lake Tahoma and other points of interest. Mr. Evison's trip here was for the purpose of making plans for the meeting of the National Parks body to be held at Linville next June. A committee composed of the following members of the Chamber of Commerce were selected to work out plans for making the meeting a success and have McDowell county fully represented: J. Q. Gilkey, L. J. P. Cutlar, C. F. James, E. H. Dysart, J. W. Winborne, and J. S. Goode, secretary.

Several prominent speakers from Washington and other points will be present along with representatives interested in parks and conservation. An effort will be made to bring the delegates to Marion on a day's automobile trip during the meeting at Linville.

MARION PLANS FLOAT FOR RHODOENDRON FESTIVAL

Marion is planning to have an attractive float for the Rhododendron festival in Asheville June 17-23, which will be sponsored by several of the civic organizations. The festival is attracting wide interest and the program will offer many attractions, among these being the baby show, band contest, and parade.

ARMY PLANE HERE

Lieutenants Granville and Boyd landed at Francis Marion Field Monday afternoon after flying from Maxwell field, Montgomery, Ala. They made the trip in about three and one-half hours driving one of the Army planes powered with a Liberty motor. This is not the first visit to Marion by Messrs. Granville and Boyd and they expressed themselves as highly pleased with the Marion field.

COURT TO CONVENE HERE NEXT MONDAY

Judge Walter Moore to Preside First Week; Judge Finley Here For Second Week.

The June term of McDowell Superior court will convene here on next Monday with Judge Walter E. Moore of Sylva presiding. This term of court is for the trial of both criminal and civil cases and is for a three weeks term. The criminal docket contains about 150 cases while 20 cases are listed on the civil calendar for trial.

Judge Moore will be here for one week. The second and third weeks, which are to be taken up with civil cases, will be presided over by Judge T. B. Finley of North Wilkesboro.

The jury list for the term is as follows:

First Week
S. D. Glenn, L. J. P. Cutlar, F. H. Lusk, J. A. Walker, C. F. Noblitt, W. C. Huffman, L. O. Lawing, C. E. Jarrett, A. C. Kanipe, J. H. Brown, W. C. Smith, C. Bell, R. E. McCall, T. M. Flack, J. L. Spratt, E. A. Beaman, F. C. Nanney, B. A. Simmons, W. L. Grant, B. F. Ruth, J. A. Hensley, T. B. Davis, A. B. Burgin, R. V. Hensley, Lee Hicks, T. W. Wilson, Elbert Poteat, J. B. Haynes, J. H. Lewis, A. F. Hunt.

Second Week
C. J. Stines, C. L. Walker, Lonnie Moore, T. O. Curtis, G. G. Pendergrass, W. B. Biggerstaff, G. C. Freeman, R. J. Noyes, I. L. Knupp, A. L. Cowan, J. F. Moody, K. L. Payne, W. I. Stacy, J. A. Gallion, C. F. Davis, J. S. Haney, A. L. Elliott, G. W. English, J. E. Lawing, T. G. Wall, M. L. Good, D. V. Elliott, D. C. Buchanan, T. A. England, M. C. McIver, C. C. Byrd, J. H. Greene, I. H. Bradley, Michael Reed, D. M. Walker.

Third Week
J. D. McKinney, J. R. Gray, H. H. Gibson, H. C. Mangum, T. B. Faw, A. R. Hemphill, P. C. Hoppes, J. A. McKelvey, J. L. Nichols, M. Y. Hoyle, R. M. Good, W. O. Gibbs, O. S. Franklin, J. S. Henline, A. H. Mitchem, Berry Burnett, Geo. R. Hall, J. M. Carpenter, C. Y. Gilliam, C. S. Poteat, R. B. Laidlaw, C. E. Bolich, E. W. Huskins, T. C. Rayburn, Chas. A. Roland, J. H. Bowman, Wade Hollifield, Clyde Smaley, P. W. Buchanan, Ed Johnson.

R. V. MCGIMSEY RE-ELECTED PUBLIC WELFARE OFFICER

At a joint meeting of the County Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners held last Monday, R. V. McGimsey was elected to succeed himself as Superintendent of Public Welfare of McDowell County. Mr. McGimsey has held this position for two years and was unanimously recommended by the County Board of Public Welfare for re-election. Under the law, no one is eligible for election who does not have the recommendation of the Board of Public Welfare. This board is composed of Mr. Geo. C. Conley, Mrs. E. H. Dysart, and Mrs. J. W. Winborne.

Among the duties of Superintendent of Public Welfare are enforcing the compulsory school law, looking after the poor and indigent of the county, and numerous other general duties. Mr. McGimsey has done a good piece of work during the two past years and is being congratulated by his friends on his re-election.

SCHOOL CLOSING IN MARION 31 YEARS AGO

Clipping from column called Man About Town in McDowell Democrat dated May 20, 1898:

"I had the pleasure of witnessing Mrs. Tom White's school-closing exercises Tuesday night. The entertainment was held in the open air. The verandah of the house being used as the stage, nicely carpeted and decorated with evergreens and flowers. The ground was lighted with lamps and Chinese lanterns. The children performed their parts remarkably well, and were a great credit to Mrs. White's careful labor. I call attention to this exhibition because I like such things, having a tendency to instruct and advance the highest interests of education."

HEAR RICHARD BARTHELMESS SING IN "WEARY RIVER" next Monday or Tuesday at Oasis Theatre.