

John Graham News

By KAREN HILLIARD

This week all attentions seem to be focused on graduation and the closing of school, which will both come on Friday, June 10th. Thursday will be a break for most students after taking nine weeks tests earlier, as it has been set aside as a Teacher Work Day. Seniors and Juniors, who are acting as marshals for graduation, will meet with the Senior Class Sponsors at 9 a. m. Thursday morning to practice for graduation exercises on the athletic field. Everyone involved is urged to please be prompt.

Friday's schedule will be centered around a special assembly, and has been titled "Awards Day." The day will begin with a lengthened homeroom from which students will attend a special "Awards Assembly." During the assembly Mr. William E. Terry, Principal, and Mr. Samuel Merritt, Assistant Principal, will present several awards and the John Graham Chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Glendora Powell, will render several selections. Also during the assembly the President of the Senior Class, Elaine Tunstall, will present the Senior class' gift to the school.

As Friday night graduation exercises mark both a beginning and an ending for the 161 seniors of the John Graham Class of 1977 who will be stepping out into the adventurous world to face all kinds of challenges these thoughts are dedicated:

On Graduating
Today is the day,
There's no more delay,
The waiting has come to a halt.
Our friends will all smile
As we march down the aisle,
And tears pour just like
Morton's salt.

When we start to cry,
Some will wonder, "Why?"
Such an occasion was never
like this.
But soon they will know,
When they have to go;
They will see there is so
much to miss.

The "Country Day" style,
Meeting friends with a
smile,
Maybe even the old "Dress
Up" day.
Eating lunch late,
It seemed all our fate;

Or simply the old "John Graham" way.

A sad time, it's true
But let's not be blue,
For tomorrow the sun will
still shine.

New adventures we'll meet
As new friends we greet,
And the memories will
always be mine.

Norlina High Happenings

By DANYLU PALMER

Seniors at Norlina High School are filled with mixed emotions this week. Both joy and sorrow fill their hearts. Graduation is soon coming and with it many new responsibilities. The seniors wish to thank everyone who guided and helped them with their 12 years of school learning and development.

The reality of the Friday night commencement, lighted upon the seniors, their parents and friends during the Baccalaureate Sermon on Sunday, June 5. The sermon by the Rev. R. W. Perry, the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Henderson, was extremely meaningful. We would like to thank him for his encouraging and uplifting message.

All students who attended the 1976-77 prom and had pictures taken were very happy with the photographs which were returned on Thursday. These reminders of the prom are both cherished and appreciated by everyone who received them. Much gratitude is extended to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Underwood.

Nine-week tests were given to seniors on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. A sigh of relief was evident Wednesday afternoon but all other students must await Friday to take their second and fifth period tests. Good luck students!

A day of rest from school testing will be taken by students on Thursday while teachers must work on completing files, tests, reports etc.

As the 1976-77 Norlina High School reporter, I would like to thank everyone who helped and guided me in presenting the news of N.H.S. during the past year. Keep on reading the N.H.S. news next year and keep up with the "N.H.S. Happenings."

Smoke Signals News Of Warren Academy

The Senior Class of 1977 was honored at a luncheon by Mrs. Nancy Williams at The Rafter's Steak House on Wednesday, June 1. They were presented favors of miniature baskets. Our thanks to Mrs. Williams for remembering the seniors in such a nice way!

Friday, June 3, was a busy day in the life of the students at Warren Academy. With exams behind them, everyone was animated and was talking a mile a minute, trying to get in everything that had been left unsaid during the exam period into the short time remaining.

Assembly time came rather quickly last Friday morning. John Capps, president of the Student Council, presided over his last assembly program.

The Warren Academy Chorus, conducted by Charlie Curran, sang "O Lord Most Holy." The scripture was read by Jeff Andrews, incoming president of the student council. The prayer was given by Burges Burrows, incoming vice president.

The senior class sang the Alma Mater for the last time as members of the student body. With this thought in mind, some of the seniors had tears in their eyes, and some had lumps in their throats as did some of the student body.

Perfect attendance certificates were presented to Heather Hurst, Renee Jones, first grade; Marsha Robertson, fifth grade; Karen Fleming, Harriett Ellington, eighth grade; Linda Seaman, Kevin Williams, ninth grade; Donna Coker, tenth grade; Donna Reid, eleventh grade.

Honor certificates and plaques were awarded to the students who had averaged 94 on every subject for each six-week grading period. Also, they had to maintain an A on conduct for each six-week period. "Academic Honors" was engraved on the plaque with the student's name and year. These certificates and plaques were awarded to Joanne Robertson, Cynthia King, Paula Hayes, sixth grade; Burges Burrows, Jesse Young, tenth grade; Donna Reid, Mary Lou King, eleventh grade; John Capps, twelfth grade. These students are to be congratulated for achieving this honor. It takes a lot of hard work and long hours of study to maintain a high academic average.

Presentation of medals for outstanding achievement was made by Mr. King to the following students: Jesse Young, science; Laura Burrows, typewriting; Mary Lou King, history; Robert Porter, citizenship; Mary T. White, home economics; Diane Waters, English; John Capps, mathematics; John Burgess, French. Congratulations to these students!

Friend of the Academy Awards were presented to the following: Jonathan Waters, mathematics; Vajesh Patel, language; Victor Coleman, science; Mike Stegall, history. These \$25 awards are given to the students who have shown the most improvement from the beginning of the school year to the end of it. Congratulations, students!

A gift from the senior class to the school was

presented by Jan Gardner and Al Williams. This gift was something that the academy has needed for a long time and one that will be used for almost every activity taking place in the gym. The much needed gift was a public address system! We thank you, Senior Class, for this most worthwhile gift.

Coaches Jimmy Kearney and Bobby Fleming presented monograms and awards to students who did not receive them at the Athletic Banquet. Some of the awards had not arrived at the time of the banquet. Carl Qualls received the Carolina Academy Conference Medalist Trophy, and Chip Capps received the All Conference Baseball Trophy. We are very proud of these two boys.

A special presentation was made by Mrs. Pat Daily and Mrs. Elaine Coleman on behalf of the mascots. Two beautifully framed wildflower pictures by the late Dr. Daniel McLaurin was presented to the school in honor of the Senior Class of 1977. Whenever we at Warren Academy see these beautiful pictures, we will think of them! We thank the mascots and their parents for such a lovely gift.

The annual staff and the paper staff presented monetary gifts to the school to be used where ever needed. These were made by Beverly White, editor of the annual, and Laura Burrows, editor of the school paper. Our thanks for these gifts for we know that they can be put to good use.

Gifts and awards to the seniors were made by Mr. King. Books, certificates and a Lamp of Learning medal was presented to each senior. The Salutatorian Award was presented to Chip Capps, and the Valedictorian Award to John Capps. John Capps then replaced the plaque with his name engraved to the growing list of valedictorians on the "Lamp of Learning Trophy" kept at Warren Academy.

Mrs. Mildred Johnson and Mr. King presented gifts to Mrs. Lucy Hundley from the students and the faculty. Mrs. Hundley, we are sorry to say, is leaving Warren Academy and will be making her home in Florida. Mrs. Hundley accepted the gifts in her "Lucy way" and there was hardly a dry eye in the gym. We will miss her very much.

After the introduction of the new Student Council officers, the assembly ended with the "School Fight Song."

Friday night, June 3, 8 p. m., was upon us before we were ready. It was hard to accept the fact that we were losing our senior class, but after the commencement exercises we knew that it was so.

Dr. David Frazier gave the seniors and the audience thought-provoking words of wisdom. Truthfulness, honesty and willingness to say "I'm sorry" were among some of them. These traits should be developed by all who do not already have them. These traits are necessary in order to succeed in life and to get along with one's fellowman. We hope that the seniors and the students at Warren Academy listened with both ears open and will be susceptible to his advice.

Our thanks to the Warren Academy Chorus for their beautiful music and to Mrs. Janet Coleman for her help with the chorus. Our thanks also to Mrs. Jean Williams and Mrs. Harriet Banzet for their lovely music. All of this helped to make our commencement exercises extra special.

A special thanks to John T. Harris and Sol Fleming for letting the academy use the baseball field adjacent to The Rafter's Steak House. We sincerely appreciate it.

Our thanks to Mr. B. L. King and to all of the teachers, and to each and everyone who had a part in making our school year the success that it was. We hope that all of you have a good summer, and you will be hearing from us next fall!



Marshals for the 1977 commencement exercises at Warren Academy Friday night included (left to right) Donna Reid, Rhonda Reid, Mary Lou King, chief; Elizabeth Newman and Jill Wemyss.

Camp Willow Run Opens Season

By RUTH MINCHER

LITTLETON — Summer camping at Camp Willow Run began on Sunday with students from Cameron Morrison in Hoffman. As was customary last summer, each weekend the students present a musical program under the direction of Mrs. Dottie Scott, music and crafts director.

Volunteer Firemen Report Two Calls

Two fires were reported by the Warrenton Rural Volunteer Fire Department during the past week, one on Thursday and the other on Friday.

Five men and two trucks responded to a fire at 3:45 p. m. Thursday at the home of Nat Towns in Parktown. A woods fire was extinguished after 11 acres had been burned over. The cause of the fire was not reported.

Five men and a woods truck responded to a brush and grass fire at the home of Park Brant, Route 2, at 1:35 p. m. Friday. From one-fourth to one-half acre was burned over. Cause of the fire was reported as unknown.

The musical program for this week's students will be presented on June 10 at 8 p. m. in the Activities Building.

There will be good singing, instrumentalists and puppets on the program, Mrs. Scott says. She also stresses that each program will be entirely new.

It means a great deal to these students to have the public attend, so make your plans and come on out!

Next week there will be students from Stonewall

Lawyer Speaker For Promotion

Frank Ballance, Warrenton attorney, will address the student body at North Warren Middle School Friday at the annual Promotion and Awards Day Program to be held in the auditorium.

Ballance is a former chairman of the Warren County Board of Elections and is a partner of the Clayton and Ballance Law Firm located on West Franklin Street in Warrenton.

The program will start at 10 a. m.

Jaycee Chapter Seeking Teams

The newly formed chapter of Soul City Jaycees, in conjunction with its community action program, will establish little league teams throughout Warren County and the surrounding areas.

An extensive advertising campaign will be conducted within the next two weeks to attract young boys and girls between the ages of 7½ and 13.

Parents are urged to encourage their children to participate in the venture.

All interested parents and children are urged to be present on June 11, at 1 p. m., at the SoulTech I Building in Soul City for registration. Jaycees say they are looking forward to an "enthusiastic response from all factions of the community."

"This is truly an opportunity for all advocates of fun and recreation to come forward and contribute to the success of a worthwhile venture," a spokesman said.

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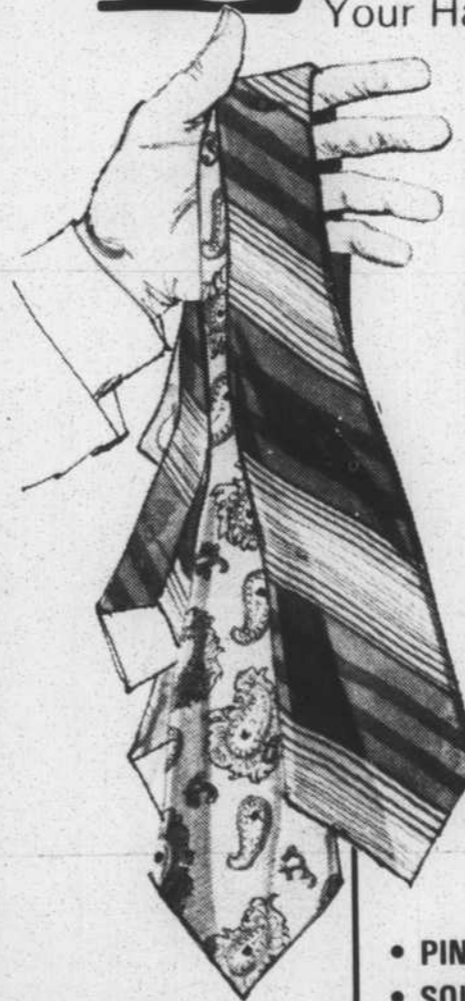
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