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## 10 GRADUATING AT HIGHLANDS

### Program for Commencement Exercises Is Made Public

Five boys and five girls will receive diplomas at graduation exercises of the Highlands high school to be held in the Highlands auditorium Wednesday night of next week. They are: Lucian Jones, Jack Potts, Edward Potts, Howard Crunkleton, Harry Neely, Mary Keener, Corinne Paul, Bernice Rice, Frances Rogers and Grace McKinney.

The complete program for the commencement exercises, which will start on May 5 and continue through May 8, has been announced by Principal O. F. Summer as follows:

11 a. m. Sunday, May 5—baccalaureate sermon.

8 p. m. Monday, May 6—debate: "Resolved, that the United States should adopt the policy of extending aid to general public education." Affirmative, Edward Potts, Harry Neely; negative, George Penland, Guy Paul.

Declamations—"International Understanding," by Elibu Burritt—Billy Nall.

Readings—"Chalk Marks on the Gate," by Elizabeth Holloway—Tessie McDowell; "The Eclipse," by Mark Twain—Estelle Edwards.

A gold medal will be awarded to the winner of each of the three contests.

#### Senior Play

At 8 p. m. Tuesday, May 7, the senior play, "Drums in My Heart," will be presented. Miss Kate Moore is director of the play and Bernice Rice, senior, assistant director. The cast of characters includes all other members of the graduating class and is as follows:

Micro, the chore boy who wants to be a detective—Lucian Jones; Mrs. Graustark, crippled old lady—Corinne Paul; Helen Hunter, Mrs. Graustark's grandchild—Mary Keener; Robert Morse, a lawyer in love with Helen—Jack Potts; Honor, the house-keeper—Frances Rogers; Nita, her pretty daughter—Grace McKinney; Braxton Hunter, Helen's husband, ex-soldier—Edward Potts; Sam Houston, private detective—Howard Crunkleton; Sergeant—Harry Neely.

A small admission will be charged for the play to defray commencement expenses.

#### Herbert To Speak

Graduation exercises will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, with the following program:

Salutatory, Corinne Paul; prophecy, Bernice Rice; will, Edward Potts; history, Jack Potts; analysis, Harry Neely; valedictory, Mary Keener; address to the seniors by Rev. C. C. Herbert, of Franklin; presentation of diplomas by Prin. O. F. Summer; response to presentation by Grace McKinney.

Two parties were given last week-end honoring members of the high school graduating class, various speakers in the coming commencement program, and others. Miss Kate Moore entertained Friday evening with a card party. A number of guests besides seniors were present and all enjoyed a pleasant evening. Miss Moore served delicious refreshments.

Jack Potts gave a dance at his home Saturday evening, which was attended by about thirty young people, including graduates and out-of-town guests.

#### Leases Pierson House

W. S. Davis, in Franklin Wednesday, announced that he and Mrs. Davis, owners of the Pierson House, Highlands resort hotel, had leased the hotel for the summer to D. A. Cunningham, of Parrott, Ga. Mr. Parrott is an experienced hotel man, having been in the business for a number of years, Mr. Davis said. During the past winter he operated a hotel at Miami, Fla.

## 113 Years Old

### Baptist Church To Observe Birthday

The Franklin Baptist church, which will be 113 years old on Tuesday, May 7, will celebrate the occasion Sunday by holding an annual membership day and roll call of the church.

A circular letter sent out by the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the church, urged that all members of the church, both resident and non-resident, make special efforts to be present.

"A special feature of the day," the letter said, "will be a birthday offering for the church. Each family of the membership is asked to lay aside and bring on that day at least \$1.13 as a birthday offering to the church, this offering to be separate and apart from the regular offering and over and above regular pledges. This will be taken at the close of the service by an old time 'marching offering.'"

## MACON TAXES LIMITED TO \$1

### Representative Ray's Tax Relief Bill Is Ratified

Representative J. Frank Ray's bill to limit Macon county's tax levy to \$1 on the \$100 valuation was passed by the senate last Friday and ratified on Wednesday, according to information received from Raleigh.

It was also reported that another tax bill introduced by Mr. Ray, postponing from June until September the time for selling land for delinquent 1934 taxes, had been passed by both houses and was expected to be ratified this week.

#### Law's Provisions

The bill limiting the tax levy to \$1 declares that an "economic emergency" exists in this county and directs the county commissioners during 1935 and 1936 to levy only such taxes for debt service and other purposes as the taxpayers can afford to pay and retain their homes, not exceeding \$1 on the \$100 valuation. After 1936 the commissioners are empowered to decide each year, subject to court review, whether the emergency still exists and, if they find that it does to levy taxes according to the ability of the property owners to pay. The measure also empowers the commissioners to conduct refinancing negotiations with county bondholders.

#### Other Bills Enacted

Other bills introduced by Mr. Ray which were ratified this week were: Fixing the fees of jurors in Macon county at \$2.50 a day plus five cents a mile for one round trip between juror's home and the courthouse.

Fixing the quail hunting season in Macon county from November 20 to February 1, inclusive.

The senate elections committee gave a favorable report Friday to Senator Browning's bill to repeal the absentee ballot law for Macon, Cherokee and Swain counties.

### Funeral Service Held For Miss Emma Siler

Miss Emma Siler died Easter morning and was buried at Mt. Zion Methodist church the same afternoon. She was 67 years and 5 months of age. She was a sister of the late Rev. Frank Siler. The Rev. J. B. Tabor conducted the funeral.

For the past several months Miss Siler had made her home with H. C. Hurst. She had been ill for some weeks following an attack of influenza.

She leaves no immediate family in North Carolina, but had a host of friends. She joined the Mt. Zion church as a child and was a faithful and devoted member all her life.

## 147 Pass 7th Grade Exams; Eligible for High School

One hundred and forty-seven pupils passed the standard seventh grade examination given at four Macon county schools on March 23 and will be eligible to enter high school at the opening of the next school term.

At Franklin, where 209 pupils from 32 schools took the test, 116 made passing grades; 17 passed at Highlands, three at Scaly and eleven at Nantahala.

Names of those who passed were announced Wednesday by M. D. Billings, county superintendent of schools, and G. L. Houk, Franklin principal, as follows:

Franklin	Highlands	Scaly	Nantahala
Catherine Angel	Richard Zoellner	Julia Lee	
Dorothy Ashe	Alma Penland	R. V. Mack	
Allison Brown	Frances McCall	Locke Stepp	
Helen Browning	Doris Potts	Versa Douthet	
Elizabeth Cabe	Peggy Thompson	Garland Bateman	
Sarah Conley	Manila Reese	D. L. Owenby	
Henderson Dean	Marveta Reese	Bill Wright	
Marie Elders	Ona Owens	Grace Owenby	
Katherine Ellard	Harold McConnell	Irene Wright	
Eugene Furr	Clarence Creswell	Frances Rowland	
Dorothy Grindstaff	Edith Crunkleton	Christie Douthet	
Lillian Jones	Harry Beal		
Glady's Holcombe	Agnes Roper		
Virginia Justice	Corinne Wilson		
Rosa Lee Kiser	Leslie Reese		
Philip Noland	John Alexander		
Julian Poliakoff	Garnell Miller		
Mattie Raby			
Harold Roper			
Mildred Roper			
Evelyn Scott			
Edith Seay			
J. D. Sutton			
Jack Tessier			
Virginia Tessier			
John Vinson			
Josephine Waldrop			
Mildred Waldrop			
Ray Franklin			
Ray Barnard			
Jean Fouts			
Connie Mason			
Zeb Meadows			
Trixie Lee Rowland			
Albert Ramsey, Jr.			
Helen Jacobs			
Kenneth Evans			
George Patton			
Mack Patton			
Fred Frazier			
Jane Frazier			
Earl Keener			
Bertha Cabe			
Edith Cabe			
Annie Seay			
Bessie Seay			
Elwood Bailey			
J. V. Beeco			
Edith Morgan			
Hazel Smith			
Dorothy Lee Morrison			
Sadie Franks			
J. B. Morrison			
Pauline Reid			
George Sellers			
Jessie Calloway			
Edith Cunningham			
John Jamison			
Dean Carpenter			
Sam Higdon			
Robie Higdon			
Beula Moses			
George Teem			
Elsie Tyler			
J. D. Crisp			
Davis Corbin			
A. J. Davis			
Furman McCoy			
Edward Mashburn			
Lee Keener			
Mitchell McCoy			
Shirley McCoy			
Hazel Bradley			
Virginia Gray			
Blon Ramey			
Kenneth Young			
Dovie Carpenter			
Billy Corbin			
Dorothy Henson			
Montee Justice			
Myrel Vinson			
Bernice McDowell			
Hazel Brown			
Maggie Ledbetter			
Oseola Lewis			
Florence Ledbetter			
Mary Jo Setzer			
Dempsey Sweatman			
Louise Waldrop			
Madelyn Warden			
Marjorie Warden			
Earl Sneed			
Charles Owen			
Blonnie Gibbs			
Lyle Shepherd			
Lynette Martin			
Lionel Meadows			
Marie Duvall			
Leona Carnes			
Minnie Ledford			
Harve Roper			

## Election

### With Ticket Unopposed, Few Votes Expected

Franklin will hold a "cut and dried" town election next Tuesday with all candidates unopposed.

The ticket reads:

For mayor—George Patton.

For aldermen—T. W. Angel, Sr., G. E. Brown, J. O. Harrison, H. S. Higgins, J. A. Palmer, W. C. Wilkes.

Few registrations were reported after the books closed last Saturday, and a very small vote is expected next Tuesday, as the election is merely a formality required under the law.

## HIGHLANDS TO VOTE TUESDAY

Highlands voters will go to the polls Tuesday of next week to elect a mayor and five commissioners to serve for the next two years. S. P. Pierson, the present mayor, is unopposed for reelection.

Eight candidates are on the ticket for commissioners. They are: J. J. Smith, L. W. Rice, M. A. Pierson, S. E. Potts, W. W. Edwards, W. H. Cobb, E. H. Brown and G. W. Maret.

Members of the present board are: J. E. Potts, C. J. Anderson, L. W. Rice, J. J. Smith and M. A. Pierson.

## SEEKS AIRPORT FOR HIGHLANDS

### Charles F. Redden Confers With Officials in Washington

Charles F. Redden, prominent Highlands resident, has been in Washington holding conferences with government officials in an effort to obtain an airport for Highlands, according to press dispatches from the capital.

He was at the White House first and later conferred with members of the national emergency council, which has been designated as the federal agency to consider all initial project applications under the \$4,880,000,000 work relief fund, said a news story from the Washington bureau of The Asheville Citizen.

"It would prove a great boon to Highlands and the immediate resort section of North Carolina to have airport facilities enabling visitors from Georgia and elsewhere to avail themselves of airplane service in reaching the section," Mr. Redden was quoted as saying.

Mr. Redden has been living in Highlands for the past two years. He came to this county from Georgia, where he was a member of "the committee of one hundred," an organization of business men which did much to promote the industrial and commercial development of Georgia.

## SCHOOL FINALS START SUNDAY

### Special Service To Be Held For Graduates Sunday Night

Franklin high school seniors were busy this week taking final examinations and preparing for commencement exercises scheduled to start Sunday. There are 45 in the graduating class, 31 girls and 14 boys. The names of those who are to receive diplomas will not be announced until examinations have been completed.

The class Thursday was holding elimination contests to select two boys and two girls to speak at the graduation finals to be held in the school auditorium next Tuesday night.

#### Hold Outing

On Tuesday night of this week the senior class held an outing at the Dry Falls on highway No. 28. It was the last social gathering of the class. The annual banquet for seniors, given by the junior class, was held in the Rotary hall several weeks ago.

A special service for the seniors is to be held at 8 o'clock Sunday night in the Franklin Methodist church. The Rev. C. C. Herbert, Jr., pastor of the church, will preach.

#### To Wear Caps and Gowns

For the first time the seniors this year will wear caps and gowns at the graduation exercises. The program will start at 8:15. G. L. Houk, principal, said most of the speaking will be done by students and that no outside speakers had been invited to take part in the program.

Mr. Houk will present diplomas to the graduates.

#### Class Members

Following is a list of the members of the senior class:

Girls—Browning, Christine; Bryant, Ida; Clouse, Esther; Conley, Grace; Duvall, Shirley; Eaton, Mary; Edwards, Louise; Guffee, Gertrude; Higdon, Mary Will; Kinsland, Evelyn; Leach, Betty; Ledford, Jarvis; Love, Elizabeth; Moffitt, Wilma; Moore, Cleobelle; Parrish, Bonnie; Phillips, Maude; Poin Dexter, Evelyn; Raby, Agnes; Ramey, Kathryn; Rickman, Alice; Rickman, Sue; Seay, Esther; Shepherd, Kate; Solesbee, Frances; Southard, Ola; Teague, Mary; Tilley, Virginia; Waldrop, Frances; Wells, Lois; Dills, Mavis.

Boys—Cunningham, William; Dady, Edmund; Dowdle, Chas. N.; Franklin, Wayne; Gibson, Paul; Hurst, Robert; McClure, George; Meadows, Rex; Norton, Ervin; Patton, James D.; Potiakoff, Matthew; Sloan, Robert; Talley, Norman; Wurst, George.

### Baptists To Conduct Home Prayer Meetings

During the next three weeks the people of the Baptist church will conduct a series of prayer meetings in the homes of Franklin in the interest of a special series of revival meetings to begin on May 19, according to an announcement by the Rev. E. R. Eller, pastor of the church.

"There will be one prayer meeting in each section of the town each week, aside from the mid-week prayer meeting in the church," Mr. Eller said, "All the people of the town are most cordially invited to attend the meetings and join together in prayer for the blessings of the Lord. Announcements will be made from time to time as to the homes in which the meetings will be held."

Americanism: Many states contemplating new race tracks to help business; one track taking twelve million that formerly went to business houses.