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PINEHURST HIGH TO GRADUATE 19 TUESDAY EVENING

School's Commencement Exercises Open Tonight With Recital by Pupils

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

With 19 Seniors to be awarded their diplomas, the 15th annual Commencement exercises get under way in the Pinehurst public school this evening, Friday, with a music recital opening the program, the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday morning, Seventh grade exercises Monday and the high school graduation program Tuesday evening. Tonight, Miss Annie Marie Choate presents her pupils in their final recital, which will take the form of a birthday party to which all parents and friends of the school are invited.

The following program will be given:

June Caprice, Piano Duet by Bobby Dupont and David Lyon; In Sylvan Shadows, Geraldine McKenzie; Dance of the Sunbeams, Elizabeth Anne Frye; Leaflet in the Wind, Evelyn Black; First Daffodil of Spring, Virginia Garner; Lily Pads, Mary Jane Colue; Spring Blossoms, Flora Ellen Cameron; Poem, Margaret McKenzie; Gondoliers, Piano Duo by Betty Smith and Margaret McKenzie; Reflections, Helen Fields; Scarf Dance, Junior Smith; One Happy Day, Jessie Lee Hartsell; Playing Hopsotch, Mary Frances Shaw; Musette, Jackie Horner; The Princess Dances, Anita Gold; A Garden Party, Doris McDonald; Balloons in the Air, Patsy Shaw; Forget-Me-Not, Piano Duo by Phyllis Hensley and Anita Gold; Waltz, Betty Smith; Prelude, Bill Viall; Star Eyes, Vocal Solo by Helen Fields; Polonaise in A, Major, Piano Quartet by Junior Smith, Bill Viall, Evelyn Black, Miss Choate; Creole Love Song, Edgar B. Smith, Girls Glee Club.

Rev Brantley Preacher
The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered Sunday morning in the Community Church at 11:00 o'clock by the Rev. A. P. Brantley, pastor of the Methodist Church of Sanford.

On Monday morning at 9:30 o'clock exercises will take place in the auditorium when the pupils of the Seventh grade will receive certificates which are required for their entrance into high school next fall. The grade will give a special musical number and a short talk will be made by J. Vance Rowe of Aberdeen.

Monday evening at 8:00 the seniors will present as their class program, "A Class Circus" in the auditorium.

The final graduation exercises will take place Tuesday evening in the auditorium at 8:00 o'clock when athletic and scholastic awards will be made and an address given by Guy Phillips, Professor of Education at the University of North Carolina.

The following are members of the high school graduating class: Madeline Jean Marie Martin, Mary Josephine McKenzie, Mabel Perry Cole, Edgar Marvin Lewis, Annie Jane Vick, Leonard Graham Whitesell, Mary Eloise Wicker, Arthur S. Dupree, Katherine Phillips Sledge, Aaron P. Solomon, Harold John Martin, James Earl Monroe, Marjorie Marie Currie, Ruth Holland Maples, Martha Jane Richardson, Ralph La Mont Horner, Donald Archibald Currie, Jr., Dorothy Louise Ritter and Helen Ruth Wicker.

MISS LOUISE BLUE WINS READER'S DIGEST AWARD

Frank W. Webster, superintendent of schools, announces that the Reader's Digest award for Scholastic Achievement has been won by Miss Louise Blue, valedictorian of the class of 1939, Southern Pines High School. She will receive an engraved parchment certificate upon graduation.

The Reader's Digest confers this annual award as encouragement to young men and women throughout the nation who, by their scholastic achievement, give promise of growing into leadership in their communities.

Commencement Speakers



DR. HUBERT M. POTEAT



BISHOP EDWIN A. PENICK

Southern Pines High School To Graduate Record Class

Thirty-Eight Seniors To Hear Bishop Penick and Dr. Hubert Poteat Next Week

Commencement exercises for the largest graduating class in the history of Southern Pines High School will open with the baccalaureate sermon this Sunday evening, May 28, at the Church of Wide Fellowship at 8:15 o'clock. The Commencement exercises this year are dedicated to the late Dr. E. Levis Prizer, former member of the Southern Pines School Board.

The graduation exercises will be held at the High School auditorium at 8:15 p. m. Thursday, June 1st. The Class Day exercises will be held in the auditorium at 8:15 o'clock p. m. Wednesday, May 31st.

The Rt. Rev. Edwin A. Penick, D. D., Episcopal Bishop of North Carolina, will preach the baccalaureate sermon; Dr. Hubert M. Poteat, professor of Latin at Wake Forest College, will give the Commencement address.

The personnel of the Senior class is Mary Henrietta Andrews, Carolyn Elizabeth Backer, Douglas Keith Bailey, Sara Jane Barnum, Henrietta Louise Blue, Virginia Lee Broome, Helen Cameron, Louise Amelia Crain, Mary Katherine Crain, Dorothy Dorn, Sybil Eugenia Epps, John Moore Goldsmith, Joseph R. Hartgrove, Phyllis Ann Harwell, Frank H. Kaylor, Jr., Robert Bruce Lewis, Jane Grant Mann, Paul P. McCain, Jr., Jeanette McDonald, Sue Ann Milliken, Rebecca Womble Neal, Marguerite Osborne, Arthur Leo Pate, James Edward Pate, Richard Bliss Pethick, Barbara Plumer, Willma Mary Rorie, Margaret Ann Roth, Leroy A. Snipes, Muriel Spaeth, S. J. Starnes, Jr., Edith Amelia Stephenson, Dovid North Stone, Mary Alice Tate, Ann Hutchinson Walker, Elizabeth Agnes Watson, Laura Marie Woods and Nancy Vestal Wrenn. Those with asterisks before their names have averaged 85 or better during their school years. This is the largest class ever graduated from the Southern Pines High School, numbering as it does twelve more than the class of 1938.

The program for Sunday evening opens with an organ prelude, Mendelssohn's "War March," followed by the Doxology; Invocation by the Rev. E. L. Barber of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church; Anthem, "Now Thank We All Our God," by the Glee Club; Scripture reading, by the Rev. Craighill Brown, of Emmanuel Episcopal Church; Prayer by the Rev. Voight O. Taylor, of the Church of Wide Fellowship; Sermon, by Bishop Penick; Anthem, "Now the Day is Over," by the Glee Club; Benediction; Organ postlude, "March in G," by Mrs. Charles M. Grey.

Graduation Program
The graduation exercises program will be: Processional, Miss Selma Stegall; Invocation by Father T. A. Williams; Song "God of All Nature" by the Girls' Glee Club; Presentation of the speaker by the Rev. J. Fred Stimson; Commencement address of Dr. Poteat; Song.

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Hail, Louisiana!

Huey Long's State Finds James Boyd's Book, "Long Hunt," Unfit for Youth!

Hail, Louisiana! Ten years after its publication, the state of the late Huey Long has read James Boyd's "Long Hunt," one of the best novels among the numerous written by the Southern Pines author.

FLASH—by United Press: Louisiana schools have been ordered to remove copies of "Long Hunt" by James Boyd from their libraries and burn them at once. Thomas H. Harris, State Superintendent of Schools, who issued the order yesterday, said the book "is probably vicious in its influence upon the minds of young high school boys and girls."

Louisiana, here we come: James Boyd was invited to address the graduating class of Southern Pines High School this week. He had conferred upon him an honorary degree by the University of North Carolina last year. This is the first objection by any authority to the book. Nor has there been any complaint from any individual reader.

"No responsible writer ever writes a book with the intention of demoralizing his readers," says Mr. Boyd.

PRESBYTERIANS TO WORSHIP IN NEW EDIFICE JUNE 11

Rev. E. L. Barber of Brownson Memorial Announces First Service in May Street Church

The congregation of the Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church, which has been meeting in the Carolina Theatre, Southern Pines, will have its first service in the new edifice at the corner of May street and East Indiana avenue on Sunday morning, June 11th, the Rev. Ernest L. Barber, pastor, announced yesterday.

Although the church building is not complete, it will be ready for occupancy on that date two weeks from this Sunday, and the public is invited to worship with the membership on their first day in the new home.

"Benches will be provided for those in the congregation, as the pews will not be installed by then," Mr. Barber said, and added:

"I would suggest that those desiring to be more comfortable bring their own chairs."

A. M. CALHOUN RESIGNS AS VASS-LAKEVIEW PRINCIPAL

At a meeting of the Vass-Lakeview School Board held on Thursday night of last week, A. M. Calhoun tendered his resignation to the board. Mr. Calhoun has served as principal of the school for the past several years and for some time prior to his elevation to the principalship was a member of the high school faculty.

\$25,000 DAMAGE SUIT FILED HERE BY MRS. GRAVES

Carthage Resident Seeks To Recover For Injuries in Charlotte Auto Accident

J. H. MUSE DEFENDANT

Alleging that she has been permanently injured through the careless, an automobile without proper brakes by J. H. Muse, acting for Mack-Sanders Motor Co., Inc., of Charlotte, Mrs. Gladys Dunlop Graves, wife of Henry Graves of Carthage, has started suit in Moore County Superior Court against the firm and Mr. Muse to recover damages in the amount of \$25,000.

At the time of the accident which occurred April 8th of this year, the plaintiff alleges that she was working in Charlotte; that Muse, who was trying to sell her a car, took her out to demonstrate one and recklessly tried to drive past a green light before it turned red; that the light changed before he reached the corner and he was unable to stop; that he drove through a red light and against another car, with the result that she was thrown violently against the front end of the car and seriously injured.

One knee cap was shattered in three places and her left angle and back were injured, the plaintiff alleges. It was necessary for her to undergo an operation and her entire leg was placed in a solid cast with instructions that the cast could not be removed for at least eight weeks, she further states. Prior to the injury, she was in fine physical condition, able to work, and was earning a good livelihood, and now she is permanently injured, the plaintiff sets forth. Seawell and Seawell are her attorneys.

North Carolina Peach Crop Off 37 Percent

Estimated Total of 1,395,000 Bushels Compares With 2,232,000 Last Year

Prospects for the state's peach crop declined 19 percent during April, and the commercial peach crop is decidedly shorter than usual, the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service states. The later winter freeze did heavy damages, but fortunately left the remaining fruit reasonably well distributed on trees. Freezes, hail storms and low temperatures since April 1 also damaged the fruit appreciably. With the mountain counties reporting almost a complete failure, and spotted low estimated through the piedmont and eastern sections, an average condition of 41 percent was reported for the state, this being 19 percent below last year and 25 percent below the past ten years average as of May 1. A total production of 1,395,000 bushels is estimated for harvest compared with 2,232,000 bushels harvested last year, and a ten year average crop of 1,909,000 bushels.

The production indicated when compared with last year shows: or North Carolina 37 percent less; South Carolina, 16 percent less; Georgia, 12 percent less; Florida, 57 percent less; Alabama, 5 percent more; Mississippi, 6 percent more; Arkansas, 14 percent more; Louisiana, 24 percent more; Oklahoma, 29 percent more; and Texas, 108 percent more.

DANIEL F. DAVIS, FORMER DRUGGIST HERE, PASSES

Daniel F. Davis, brother-in-law of Mrs. M. H. Greason of Southern Pines, and who was affiliated with the late R. E. Wiley and with H. E. Throver in drug stores here for several years, died at his home in Windsor, Vermont, on May 13th, according to information received here this week. He had been ill some time. Mr. Davis was 78 years old.

A picked team of Southern Pines baseball players defeated a similar team for Aberdeen on Wednesday, 12 to 2.

Currie Explores Moore County's Finances, Reduced Tax Rate in 10 Years

Take Your Turn!



JUDGE F. DONALD PHILLIPS

JURY SERVICE A DUTY, PHILLIPS TELLS KIWANIS

Pleads For Public Support of Courts and Police in Kiwanis Talk

A plea for public support of law and order that personal liberty and property rights may be safeguarded was made before members of the Sandhills Kiwanis Club on Wednesday by Superior Court Judge F. Donald Phillips of Rockingham, who is holding court in Moore county this week. His especial plea was for jury service.

"Men of responsibility and high moral character are needed on our juries, but it is this type which, pleading stress of business duties, endeavors to dodge service. If you want to be tried by men of intelligence; it is your duty as a man of intelligence to take your turn in passing judgment on others."

Judge Phillips explained the judicial system of North Carolina, the rotation of Judges throughout the state, the duties of citizens toward the courts which "stand between the strong and the weak, and told a number of amusing stories in stressing his points. One was of stopping his car up in the mountain section where he was holding court to converse with an interesting looking negro standing beside the road. They chatted for a while when suddenly the negro asked:

"Say, who's the damned old judge holding court here this week?"

Rowland S. Pruett, solicitor of this judicial district, also spoke briefly along the lines of Judge Phillips. The meeting was held in the Carthage Methodist Church.

Pruette Speaker at Baptist Church Dinner

One Hundred Seventy Persons Enjoy Program at Southern Pines Country Club

A hundred and seventy people enjoyed the fried chicken, music and speeches of the Southern Pines Baptist Church banquet at the Southern Pines Country Club last Tuesday night. The banquet was opened with invocation by the Rev. Voight Taylor of the Church of Wide Fellowship. The pastor, the Rev. J. Fred Stimson, acted as toastmaster, assisted by W. E. Kivette, chairman of the Program committee. Mr. Kivette, presented a Negro quartet who sang to the accompaniment of the clatter of knives and forks. When the crowd was silenced with a sufficiency of food Mr. Kivette presented Dr. C. L. Gray, tenor soloist of Sanitorium. His selections were received with encores by the many music lovers present.

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Profit of ABC Stores Now Going To Support of Extended School System

BIG DEBT REDUCTIONS

That the citizens of Moore county may have a better understanding of their county government and of the county's present financial condition, Wilbur H. Currie, chairman of the Board of Commissioners, this week released the following statement to the press:

In writing an article pertaining to Moore county affairs I have done so with the feeling that possibly some issue or point will be misunderstood, but the Commissioners feel that the people of Moore county should have the information which will be given. We want to deal with facts and figures pertaining to the county since the year 1930 as far as possible, to deal with facts and figures in such a way that everyone can understand.

In 1930, Moore county owed \$686,575.00. Since 1930 and including 1938-1939, \$241,475.00 in bonds have been paid. During this time only \$40,000.00 in bonds have been issued. Of this \$40,000.00 bond issue, \$10,000.00 was purchased by the county for its own Sinking Fund. There is at present in the Sinking Fund, Moore county bonds and other good securities of the value of \$50,000, leaving a net bonded indebtedness of \$435,100.00.

This is approached to show that while the average taxpayer has a feeling that possibly we will never get through paying bonds, that is not the case in Moore county. Moore county's bonded indebtedness is at present among the very lowest in North Carolina. The percentage of net debt to assessed value being 2.4 percent in comparison with a statewide county average of 8.9 percent. At the present rate of retirement, twelve years from now Moore county will have practically all bonds paid.

Debt Reductions

So that while we have carried on the county business, we have made rapid reductions in the bonded indebtedness of the county, and there most assuredly is a very bright future, in that, once the bonds are all paid, unless we have a seige of spending which at present does not seem possible, within a very short time Moore county will operate absolutely on a cash budget.

In 1930 the property valuation of Moore county was \$27,187,127.00 and since that time the appraised valuation of real property and particularly farm property has been decreased, thereby decreasing the tax levy of the county. We have given consideration to valuations on various farm properties in the county and listed an average and we find that there has been a reduction in valuation of all farm property, and that the average is more than 33 1-3 percent. We find that in 1930 the total property that was paying \$285,464.83 in county taxes is in 1938 paying only \$185,356.51 in county taxes. What does this mean? It means that the valuation has been reduced tremendously and with that a big reduction in the tax rate, the tax rate now being 89

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MISS LUCILLE PALMER AND RICHARD L. SUGG MARRIED

Miss Lucille Palmer, librarian of the Southern Pines High School, and Richard L. Sugg of Southern Pines were married last Sunday in Raeford, the announcement being made on Wednesday evening at a bridge party given by Miss Pauline Poe. Mrs. Sugg was a resident of Palmyra, Virginia before coming here to join the school faculty. Mrs. Sugg, the son of Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Sugg, is a graduate of Southern Pines High School and an alumnus of the University of North Carolina.

He is owner and operator of the Osco Farms Dairy.