

Eight-Day Clock Picks Prize Winners



All 42 members of the class of 1950, as well as their relatives and friends, were keeping a close eye on John Ormsby's eight-day clock, in the window of Ormsby's Jewelry store, during the period shortly before their graduation.

Surrounding the big clock face were pictures of all the graduates. When the clock hand stopped, it would point to a picture of a boy and of a girl, who would receive watches as graduation gifts. Suspense mounted as the days passed, and the clock ticked on.

At last it stopped, at 3:30 Friday afternoon, and here are the joyful winners—Proctor Goldsmith, second from left, receiving his watch from Miss Helen Swearingen, assistant in Ormsby's, and Edna Lou Bailey, receiving hers from Mr. Ormsby.

(Photo by Emerson Humphrey)

Senior Play Has Many Comic Parts; Kids Do Well With Mediocre Material

Talents were displayed in the senior play, given at the school auditorium Monday night, which were worthy of a better vehicle.

A typical "comedy of errors" was the three-act farce "Cracked Nuts," in which the plot, dealing with a family named Nutt, was all confusion, involving stereotyped characters—the old maid aunt, the designing female and the absent-minded college professor, the comic colored servants, the fortune hunter and the long-netted high-society dame.

In their youthful zest and freshness the players breathed life into the stock characters, and wrung laughs out of them, with a deftness beyond their years and experience, and far beyond the value of the material. So smoothly did the production run, so gaily were the old clichés handled, it gives one hope for more worthwhile productions in the future, especially with a fine new auditorium and splendid stage now available.

"Cracked Nuts" was a long play. It took a lot of work. The work paid off in audience appreciation of the efforts displayed by the large cast.

Delores Merrill and Faye Caddell were pretty in their roles of the two daff young heroines; Janet Cornwell, as "Gloomy Gusie" Garfinkle, ever crying doom, and Dick Ray as the shy and absent-minded Professor Beamish, did probably the best character work in the play; Rosemary Dundas showed much stage presence as the self-made Aunt Drusilla, who found her love at last; and Mickey Nicholson and Elmer Andrews, as Delicious Appleby and Confusion Jones, made the most of their comic blackface roles.

Reggie Hamel and Albert Adams, as the heroines' devoted beaux, submitted to numerous indignities in the name of the plot; and Doris Stephenson as Magnolia Langford, a "magnolia blossom" with goosy "southern" accent, created a real—if repulsive—character.

Ray Copley, as the fortune hunter, and Edna Lou Bailey, as his snooty ma, were smooth and scoundrelly.

John E. Rooks, English teacher, was the director. Makeup assistants were Janet Johnson and Ernestine Calloway. Sound effects—and these were many and weird—were Bill Horner and Reggie Newbon. Lighting was by Bob Ferguson, and Ernestine Calloway was scriptholder.

No program credit was given for the set, which was most attractive.

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SOFTBALL

The opening game of the new Moore County Lions softball league will be played tonight (Friday) on the Pinehurst field starting at 7 o'clock. First game is Pinehurst vs. Aberdeen, second game Pinebluff vs. West End.

There will be no admission charge. A collection will be taken to defray expenses and aid Lions projects in the county.

The games will continue to be held on Friday nights at Pinehurst through the summer.

Picquets Move To Southern Pines

After almost 40 years in the Sandhills, 16 of them on Midland road, two of this community's best known citizens have at last become legal residents of Southern Pines.

They are Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Picquet, who swapped their Midland Road home for Mercer Hufford's house, the original Dr. Hart home, on East Massachusetts avenue at Ridge street, facing the school. The household, which includes Mrs. Picquet's mother, Mrs. Mildred Rush, moved Monday.

Mr. Picquet is proprietor of the Carolina theatres in Southern Pines and Pinehurst. Both Mr. and Mrs. Picquet have been prominent in the musical and cultural life of the resort communities.

Mr. Picquet was active in projects of the Kiwanis club and numerous other civic enterprises for many years, withdrawing only recently during a siege of ill health.

The Huffords will be away for the summer. Mr. Hufford is proprietor of the Manor hotel at Pinehurst.

John C. Ferguson Passes Wednesday

John C. Ferguson, 67, of Aberdeen, died Wednesday morning at St. Joseph of the Pines after an extended illness. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday at Page Memorial Methodist church in Aberdeen, conducted by the pastor, the Rev. T. J. Whitehead. Burial will follow in the family plot in Old Bethesda cemetery.

Mr. Ferguson, a farmer, was a member of the Page Memorial church. Surviving are his wife, the former Miss Mamie Long of Moore county; a son, Archie Ferguson, of Aberdeen; a sister, Mrs. Jeannette McDonald of Southern Pines; three brothers, Frank H. Ferguson of Raleigh, Sam Ferguson of Southern Pines and W. D. Ferguson of Bath; and four grandchildren.

Womble Will Open Band School Monday

J. G. Womble, director of the school band and glee club, will hold a summer school for individual band instrument instruction, beginning Monday and continuing for six weeks.

Both beginners and advanced pupils will be accepted, for two private lessons weekly. The lessons will be given in the school band building.

This is the second year Mr. Womble has conducted his summer school, in which help is given each pupil for individual accomplishment and pleasure, and also for better band once school begins again.

This summer the director, a Shriner, received an offer to accompany the Shrine band to the west coast to play for the national convention, but decided in favor of staying here to reopen his band school.

Golf Event Raises \$50 For Hospital Fund

A check for \$50 for the Moore County Hospital building fund represented proceeds of a benefit tournament held on the Pinehurst No. 3 course last Thursday by the Pinehurst Golfers association.

The check was to be presented this week to Paul S. Dana, hospital treasurer, said T. T. Morse, of West Southern Pines, chairman. About 200 players participated, coming from towns in Moore and also several surrounding counties. Coby Ransom, of Pinehurst, is president.

William Harrington, Southern Pines, was the winner of the 18-hole medal play event, with 35-36-71. Second was Junius Richardson, of Pinehurst, with 37-35-72.

Wednesday, the event was closed to all except Pinehurst caddies, Fletcher Gains was the winner, with 35-37-72.

Mrs. Florence Thomas Passes In Raleigh

Mrs. Florence Bynum Thomas, 72, widow of James Robert Thomas of Vass, died Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the home of a son, J. Elvey Thomas of 904 Vance street, Raleigh. Mrs. Thomas had been ill for several months. She was the daughter of the late Joseph H. and Mary Stuart Bynum of Moore county.

Funeral services were held at the Vass Methodist church at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The Rev. A. L. Thompson, pastor of Fairmont Methodist church, in Raleigh, officiated, and burial was in Johnson's Grove cemetery.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. C. S. Cashion of Cornelius and Mrs. Darius White, Jr., of Hampton, Va.; four sons, J. Hampton Thomas of Greenville, and J. Elvey Thomas, R. Gordon Thomas and John R. Thomas, all

of Raleigh; three sisters, Mrs. J. A. Patterson of Winston-Salem, Mrs. Sue Cameron of Vass, and Mrs. Catherine Shaw of Robbins, and eight grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Ernest Bailey, Bynum Patterson and Tommy Atkinson, Southern Pines; J. Murphy McDonald, Hamlet; E. B. Keith, Sanford; and Raymond Thomas, Cameron.

The Gold Coast of Africa produces more than a million ounces of gold a year.

ATTENTION VETERANS

The Moore County chapter, American Red Cross, calls attention of World War 2 veterans of Ohio, Pennsylvania and South Dakota, now living in this state, to the fact that deadlines for bonus payments in these states are rapidly approaching. For Ohio the deadline is June 30, for Pennsylvania and South Dakota July 1. Addresses to which the veterans may write concerning their bonus payments may be secured at the Red Cross office.

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Carl A. Fox Wins Structural Engineer License

Carl A. Fox, of Pinebluff, received his license as a structural engineer from the State Board of Examiners at Raleigh last week, and will now practice his profession independently as he continues to work with contractors throughout the state. He is believed to be the only structural engineer living in this section.

A native of Yugo-Slavia, he studied engineering in Vienna, and came to this country during World War 1. He secured a position with the United Engineering and Foundry corporation at Pittsburgh, and lived there for a number of years.

From 1930 to 1933 he was in Russia, where he had been sent by an American firm to help with the construction of steel mills on the Manchurian border.

During World War 2, he was an engineer for the Fifth Naval district, with headquarters at the Naval Air Station at Norfolk, Va., and helped build numerous hangars and other buildings essential to U. S. defense. Stopping in the Sandhills several times on their way to Florida, he and his wife decided they liked this part of the country, and that it would serve as a central place for his work all over the state. It has worked out that way very satisfactorily. Mr. Fox said this week, as he has stayed busy working with contractors at Raleigh, Charlotte, Wilmington, High Point, Greensboro and other North Carolina cities.

Though a Yugo-Slavian, Mr. Fox comes naturally by the name he bears—it is not an Americanized version of an unpronounceable Balkan name. It is a heritage from a Scotch ancestor who served with the Austrian army many years ago, married a Balkan girl and settled in the Yugo-Slavian village of Metlika, "which now," says Engineer Fox, "is full of Foxes."

He and his Vienna-born wife, who came to America six months after he did to marry him, have one son, who is employed by the Westinghouse Electric corporation at Baltimore.

They have been American citizens 1924.

Falcons Having Rough Time In League Play

The Jamestown Falcons, one of two baseball teams of the Detroit Tigers system which trained in Southern Pines in April, is having rough going in its league play, according to word which reached The Pilot this week. Twelve wins and 16 losses have put the Falcons in sixth place in the Class D PONY (Pennsylvania - Ontario-New York) League. Olean, N. Y., is leading with 19 wins, nine losses.

Butler, Pa., which also trained in Southern Pines, is faring better in the Class C Mid-Atlantic League. The Tigers are in third place, with 12 wins and eight losses.

Frank Hyde, Jamestown Post-Journal sportswriter who accompanied the Falcons here, writes that the weather, which has been cold and bad for baseball, is just starting to break, and that the team is beginning to shape up, giving hopes for a better ending than beginning.

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