

### Headed For National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa.



The happy boys shown above are due for a wonderful experience, to be shared with thousands of others from every state in the union. They are the Moore County Boy Scouts who will go to the National Jamboree at Valley Forge, Pa., June 26-July 4. They will get together last week end for an outing at Pinehurst, and for intensive training for the jamboree in company with the adult leaders who will be with them there.

### Scholarship Will Give Jack Bilyeu A Year Abroad

Jack Bilyeu, formerly of Southern Pines, is one of three 1950 winners of the Pulitzer Traveling scholarships awarded by the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism, according to information received by The Pilot this week.

This is the second high journalistic honor recently received by Mr. Bilyeu, a former member of the Pilot staff and also of the Greensboro Daily News. Early in May, he won second place in a nationwide competition, the Ninth Annual Journalism contest of the American Newspaper Publishers association. This was won through the writing of an essay, "The Public's Stake In Full Freedom of Information."

The Pulitzer scholarship will give him a year abroad, "to study the social, political and moral attitudes of the people and the character and principles of the foreign press," according to the will of Joseph Pulitzer establishing the awards in 1911.

Mr. Bilyeu will graduate Thursday from the Columbia Graduate School of Journalism. He accepted a position on the staff of the Richmond (Va.) Times-Ditpatch, one of the south's leading dailies. When he will take his year abroad is not known here.

He is the son of H. P. Bilyeu, who now lives in Greensboro, is a graduate of Guilford college and an Army veteran of World War 2. He was married about a year and a half ago.

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### Four Alumni of Vass-Lakeview Take Part In School's Graduation Event

#### Clary Thompson Addresses Seniors On World Peace

Tuesday, May 30 was graduation night for 16 Vass-Lakeview seniors, but for their Alma Mater it was an occasion of even more significance: a sort of live-at-home night, when the school could look with pride upon what it had produced.

First to take their places across the center of the stage were four alumni who were to have leading parts in the program: The Rev. Arthur L. Thompson, Methodist minister of Raleigh; his youngest brother, Clary Thompson, special assistant to Under Secretary of the Army Alexander in Washington, D. C.; H. Clifton Blue, Aberdeen newspaper publisher and State representative; and C. L. Tyson of Vass, chairman of the school board; also Principal John McCrummen and County Supt. H. Lee Thomas. In the large audience was E. B. Thompson, 80-year old father of the Thompson brothers.

The equal number of girls and boys in the graduating class, the girls in white academic robes and caps, and wearing corsages of red roses, the boys in black, and lined up alternately, marched to the platform and with their mascots, Sandra Loftin and Joseph Priest, similarly gowned, were seated at the sides.

The Rev. Mr. Thompson gave the invocation, which was followed by the salutatory address by Mary Ruth Clark. After three well-rendered numbers by the Glee club, directed by Mrs. Edna Howard, Mr. Blue introduced the speaker, presenting him as a graduate of Campbell college and the University of North Carolina's school of journalism, a former top ranking reporter on a Winston-Salem daily, author of two books, a lieutenant commander in the navy during the late war and special assistant to Secretaries of the Army Gray and Royall before assuming his present duties.

Mr. Thompson used part of his time in reminiscing, recalling his stump-digging experiences at Vass-Lakeview High and naming fellow students who shared with him this form of punishment meted out by Mr. McCrummen.

In serious vein he discussed world conditions, the fight between Democracy and Communism, the importance of preparedness and the value of each individual in the effort to bring about world peace.

C. L. Tyson then spoke briefly and awarded diplomas to the following graduates: Edith Bailey, Rosa Lee Chavis, Mary Ruth Clark, Annie Pearle P. Marilyn Ransdell, Edith Ring, Marjorie Smith, Marilyn Wood, David Blevins, Bradley Blue, Charles Caviness, Marvin Holder, J. D. Johnson, Lonnie Priest, Robert Page and Richard Womack. Special Awards

Mrs. E. L. Finch, president of the Vass Woman's club, presented awards given by her organization,

as follows: Citizenship awards (gold pins)—primary department, Doreen Keith, 2nd grade, grammar grade department, Bessie McNeill 7th grade, high school, Rosa Lee Chavis, 12th grade, English prizes (silver pins)—9th grade, Annie Ruth Hudson; 10th, Bobby Brooks; 11th, L. H. Stewart; 12th, Edith Bailey.

The Beta club offered a \$5 scholarship award in the freshman class. This was presented by Marvin Holder to Lois Hinsley.

Mr. McCrummen explained the six medals offered by the school and called the names of the winners, to whom the medals were presented by Superintendent Thomas. They were: home economics scholarship, Mary Ruth Clark; agriculture, Lonnie Priest; history, Nancy Jane Goodman; English, Frances Johnson; interest in school activities, Bradley Blue; school spirit, Leon Crabtree. The school's highest honor, that of best-all-around, went to Lonnie Priest, and his name will be engraved on the honor roll plaque.

Copies of the American's Creed, presented by Congressman C. B. Deane, were given to the seniors. Two seniors received perfect attendance certificates and prizes; Bradley Blue and Marilyn Wood. The valedictory address by Marvin Holder and the recessional ended the program.

Commencement marshals were Frances Johnson, chief, James Davis, Bobby Hoyle, Mary Kathryn Page, Willie Sawyer and Mary Ransdell.

**Other Programs**  
"Seniorella," a Class Day play, was presented Monday night under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, with leading roles being taken by Annie Pearl Prévatte as "Seniorella"; Marilyn Ransdell, Alma Mater, a fairy godmother; and Lonnie Priest, the Prince of Tomorrow. In the Ball scene, where seniors entertained the Prince with the traditional history, prophecy, et cetera, and danced, the tiny mascots completely captivated the crowd with their dancing and their evident pleasure in the performance. In the distribution of gifts, Mrs. Gladstone was presented an orchid corsage by the class.

The commencement season opened with the bacalaureate sermon Sunday night by the Rev. Zeb A. Caudle of Aberdeen. A candlelight procession and special music were pleasing features.

The final program was a 3-act comedy, "Coveralls," directed by Miss Alberta Monroe and presented before an appreciative audience Wednesday night. Each part was well taken. The cast included Bradley Blue, Barbara Haynes, Frances and J. D. Johnson, Eunice Parker, James Blue, Willie Sawyer, Mary Ruth Clark, Marilyn Ransdell and Faye Hardy.

The eighth grade graduation exercises were held Wednesday morning with the Rev. C. K. Taffe as speaker.

**Alumni Banquet**  
Also in connection with the commencement, the Vass-Lakeview Alumni association held its annual banquet in the school cafeteria at 6:30 Tuesday evening, with Mrs. Graham Culbreth presiding and with Miss Evelyn Thomas as secretary.

There was no formal program, but several impromptu talks were made.

The following were elected to office for the coming year: Mrs. Culbreth, president; Mrs. S. R. Smith, vice president; Mack Callahan, secretary-treasurer.

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### FBI Man Describes Work of Bureau At Kiwanis Lunch

When a speaker fails to show up for an engagement he is generally the object of plenty of criticism, but if it happens to be an FBI man, too busy about his job to take time off, that's a different matter.

That was the case at last Wednesday's Kiwanis meeting when Charles W. Brown, special agent in charge of the Charlotte office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, billed as speaker of the day, was obliged to send a substitute when he was called away on department affairs.

Pinchhitter Cole, who took his place, also from the Charlotte office, to judge by his enthusiastic listeners, filled the bill with capability.

Speaking on the work of the FBI in the detection and prevention of crime, the speaker emphasized the great importance of the latter phase of the work.

"It doesn't win the headlines," he said. "It is not so dramatic to hear about, but it is probably just as important as the actual running down of criminals, in ridding our country of crime."

Mr. Cole described how the FBI cooperates in all matters having to do with the attacks on juvenile delinquency problems and the conditions in society which breed crime.

Interesting to his hearers was his description of the records of the department, including the enormous file of finger prints. He said that there were more than 100 million prints on file, stacks which, if piled on top of each other, would equal the height of the Empire State building.

"These are not used only for the apprehension of criminals," he said, and described how often finger prints were used to locate

missing persons, victims of amnesia or other mental ills.

Cole closed with the remark that there are three rules the FBI tried to follow: (1) stay out of politics; (2) stick to law enforcement;

(3) keep the idea of prevention ever to the fore. Crime prevention, he said, through education and the upbuilding of character, can eventually bring the end of crime.

At the meeting, presided over by Garland McPherson, president, the club went on record as favoring a gift to the Moore County hospital building fund of the sum of \$500.

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