

Memorial Day Service At Mt. Hope Honors War Dead; Menoher Speaks

Men who died in the service, or as veterans of war, were honored in a Memorial Day observance at Mt. Hope cemetery.

A small but devoted group gathered to witness the ceremony sponsored by local veterans' posts and the USAF Air-Ground Operations school, with Brig. Gen. Pearson Menoher as main speaker.

The Southern Pines school band played patriotic music. After invocation by Father Peter M. Denges of St. Anthony's Catholic church, memorial tributes to the dead were paid by Commander Lyle D. McDonald, Jr., of the Sandhills post, American Legion, and Commander Thom McKenzie of the John Boyd post, VFW. Dr. W. C. Timmons, pastor of the Church of Wide Fellowship, gave a memorial prayer.

General Menoher, former commanding general of Fort Bragg, now retired, in his brief address traced the history of this country's participation in wars, and her contributions to the peace of nations.

After the sounding of taps, a ceremonial decoration was held of the servicemen's graves, with Boy Scouts placing a flag on each one, and Girl Scouts placing flowers.

Concluding prayer was by the Rev. C. V. Covell of Emmanuel Episcopal church.

Foresters Meet At Country Club

The recently organized Sandhill Forestry club held a dinner meeting at the Southern Pines Country Club Wednesday night of last week. It was a stag affair, featured by considerable shoptalk on forestry, its problems and new developments in the field.

Most of the dozen foresters who founded the club in April were present, from several counties. The founding members are: Don Traylor, sawmill forester, Southern Pines; Clifford M. Story, CP&L, Southern Pines; W. J. Marshburn, Jr., forestry consultant, Rockingham; James D. Nicholson, with the Southern Pulpwood Conservation Association, Greensboro; John D. Hill, N. C. Board of Conservation and Development, Rockingham; E. V. Howell, Maxton, and H. F. Layman, Southern Pines, Riegel Carolina Corp.; J. Atwood Whitman, consulting forester, Glendon; E. Woodrow Davis, N. C. Forest Service, Rockingham; C. W. Roberts, International Paper Co., and R. H. Park, Cape Fear Wood Corp.

Eighteen Seniors Are Graduated In Exercises At Vass-Lakeview Tuesday

Large attendance and outstanding programs marked the Vass-Lakeview commencement season, which closed with graduation exercises Tuesday night, at which time 18 seniors were awarded diplomas and numerous prizes were presented.

Theme of the graduation program was "Youth's Hope for Tomorrow." Instead of having a guest speaker, five seniors spoke, after an introduction by Ronald Haynes, class president. They with their subjects were: Sylvia Coore, "Our World Today"; J. T. Hennings, "To Live In Human Dignity"; Joan Bailey, "Toward World Unity"; Hugh McDermott, "Peace With Freedom"; Vivian Ruth Matthews, "Faith In Tomorrow."

The Rev. R. L. Beal gave the invocation, Supt. John McCrummen welcomed the audience, and the high school chorus sang two numbers.

H. A. Matthews of the school board presented diplomas to the following: Joan Bailey, Sylvia Coore, Clayton Chavis, Ernest Evans, Ronald Haynes, Harriet Hardy, Bill Howard Hall, J. T. Hennings, Vivian Ruth Matthews, Bobby Wayne Trogden, Johnny Ferguson, Peggy Willard, Virginia Taylor, Shirley Patterson, Crawford Rollins, Hugh McDermott, John R. Davis, and James R. Thomas.

Mr. McCrummen announced awards as follows: a copy of the American's Creed to each senior as a gift from Rep. C. B. Deane; perfect attendance certificates, with gifts from the senior sponsor, Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, to Sylvia Coore, Johnny Ferguson and Joan Bailey; certificates to bus

drivers for excellent records of service, to Ernest Evans, Coy Blue, Jr., Neill Cameron, Jimmy Thomas, John Davis, Clayton Chavis, and Earl Simpson.

Also, Danforth Foundation awards to Ronald Haynes and Harriet Hardy; Beta Club scholarship awards to Jimmy Key and Elise McWilliams. Hugh McDermott, Beta Club president, delivered these.

Mrs. Jack Morgan, president of the Vass Woman's Club, presented the Woman's Club awards: for greatest improvement in English work during year—freshman, Billy Prevatte; sophomore, Frances Blue; junior, Larry Smith; senior, Sylvia Coore; high school citizenship award, Billy Frye.

Mr. McCrummen, in behalf of the school, made the following awards: scholarship—history, George Baldwin; mathematics, J. T. Hennings; commercial, Roy Frye; home economics, Algene Hennings; agriculture, Neill Cameron.

Also, sportsmanship, Jimmy Thomas; school spirit, Harriet Hardy; activities, Johnny Davis; salutatorian's seal for diploma, Vivian Ruth Matthews; valedictorian's seal, Hugh McDermott. The most coveted honor of all, that of having one's name engraved on the school's honor plaque, went to Vivian Ruth Matthews.

Mary Mac Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ray Pope, and Bruce Morgan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Morgan, were senior mascots and appeared with the seniors on all occasions.

"One Foot On Earth" was the title of the Class Night play, presented Monday night. The stage setting "out under the clouds" was especially beautiful, and the performance was well received.

Sunday night, the baccalaureate sermon was preached by the Rev. L. B. McKeithen, Jr., of Fayetteville. His challenging message to the graduates was timely for all. H. Clifton Blue of Aberdeen presented the speaker, and the Rev. R. L. Beal gave the invocation and benediction.

Friday night, Mrs. Kate Hunter McInnis presented her 33 piano pupils in a recital that drew much favorable comment.

The seniors presented gifts to their sponsor and to Mr. McCrummen, also a gift of \$50 to be used for recreational work in the school. The music pupils gave Mrs. Huhter a gift.

Commencement marshals, selected from the junior class on the basis of scholarship, school spirit, citizenship and personality, were: Neill Cameron, chief; Eunice Howell, Ruth McIntosh, Billy

Frye, Larry Smith, and George Baldwin.

Mrs. Hunter played for all commencement programs and Mrs. Gladstone directed the music.

Eighth grade graduation exercises were held Tuesday morning with the Rev. Eugene Deese, Baptist minister of Aberdeen, as speaker. Mrs. P. A. Wilson and

R. E. Beasley are the eighth grade teachers. Nearly 100 perfect attendance certificates were presented to pupils other than seniors at this program.

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Attend Funeral
Among the out-of-town people here last Friday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Dock Hudson were Mr. and Mrs. James Idol and son of High Point, Mr. and Mrs. George Hargrove and children of Raleigh, Mrs. Ben Arnette and Mr. and Mrs. Arch Cameron and family of Greensboro, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Russell Shelton of Mt. Airy, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hudson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Simmons of Pilot Mountain, and Jesse Jenkins of Galax, Va.

In Hospital
W. D. Smith, who had been sick for several days, entered Moore County Hospital Monday evening.

Johnson To Speak
J. Talbot Johnson of Aberdeen, who with his wife recently returned from an extensive tour of the Holy Land, will speak on his travels at Cypress Presbyterian Church this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Members of the church cordially invite the public to attend this service and hear Mr. Johnson.

Personals
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Gschwind and daughter, Jennifer, of Greensboro visited Mr. and Mrs. Sam Comer and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Gschwind, Sunday.

Mrs. Earl Hunter of Sanford called on Mrs. Thurlow Evans and her mother, Mrs. Ora Thompson of Salem, N. J., Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. McDonald of Greensboro were weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Thomas.

Mrs. Dewey Edmisten and small daughter of Winston-Salem are guests this week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Evans.

Mrs. Bruce Robertson and daughter of Pageland, S. C., visited Evans cousins in the Vass community on Friday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Rambeaut of Goldston were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Parker, Mrs. Rambeaut's sister and brother-in-law.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Womble and children, Dan and Teresa, of Raleigh, visited Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Boggs Sunday.

A. M. Cameron returned home from Duke Hospital in Durham Saturday. Mrs. Cameron and her sister, Miss Martha McKay of Buies Creek, brought him home and Miss McKay spent the remainder of the day here.

Mrs. W. B. Graham is spending the week in Graham with her son, Bernice, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hemphill and daughter, Betty of Hamlet, visited Mrs. W. D. McCraney Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wood of Lexington visited Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Wood Sunday. The Ben Woods moved into their new home on Airport Road last week.

Mrs. J. D. McLean of Cheshire, Conn., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. N. N. McLean several days this week.

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