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Commencement Programs

The 24 members of the Senior Class of Vass-Lakeview High School and a large congregation of parents and friends Sunday night in the school auditorium heard an earnest and impressive sermon by an alumnus of the school, the Rev. Angus McK. Cameron of Englehard, in which he pointed up the importance of faith in God and a life of service through daily work in conformity with His teachings. The speaker was introduced by the Rev. Walter C. Smith, Methodist pastor.

The service opened with a piano prelude, "Adoration," played by Mrs. H. D. McInnis, pianist for the entire service. This was followed by the processional of seniors, the girls dressed in white caps and gowns, the boys in black, accompanied by their mascots, Vicki Evans, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Evans, and Robert McGill, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. McGill.

After an invocation by the Rev. Mr. Smith a chorus of 60 high school students, directed by Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, sang two pleasing numbers, "Beautiful Savior" and "Show Us The Way." The Rev. Thomas Wolfe, Baptist minister, gave the benediction.

The stage was decorated in the class colors, pink and green, with baskets of pink gladioli and small pines effectively placed.

Commencement marshals are: Janice Graham, chief; Elise McWilliams, Johnnye Cameron, Joan Baldwin, Douglas Johnson, Jimmy Key, and James Howell.

Opening the commencement season was a piano recital of very high order presented Friday night by pupils of Mrs. H. D. McInnis. All numbers were played from memory, and each performer, to this year's beginners, showed careful training and some displayed much talent.

Pupils presented in the recital were: Janice Cameron, Joan Causey, Brenda Blalock, Steve Frye, Dorothy Ferguson, Joan Flanigan, Henry Matthews, Barbara Ring, Linda Nicks, Danny Williams, Peggy Curtis, Myrna McRae, Charles Cameron, Barbara Jessup, Bonnie Hicks, Bonnie Campbell, Sandy Eastwood, Leon Keith.

Also, Judy Bailey, Mac McCrummen, Patsy Callahan, Ann Edwards, Paul Cummings, Bonnie Callahan, Dana Thomas, Jeanette Mullinix, Judy Cameron, Doreene Keith, Betty Key, Johnnye Cameron, Jerry Gullledge, Elise McWilliams, Sue Cameron, and Kay Keith.

Graduation exercises will be held at 8 o'clock tonight, Thursday.

Final Service

The Rev. Walter C. Smith, who is graduating from the Divinity School of Duke University, will conduct his final service as pastor of the Vass Methodist Church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. After graduation he plans to return to his home community near Washington, D. C. and join the Baltimore Conference.

The Methodist Church has never had a more popular pastor and there is general regret throughout the church at his going. Both he and Mrs. Smith have been active in the work of the young people and children, and she has taught the Ladies Bible Class during most of their two years with the church.

The District Superintendent has disclosed that another student minister, who has one more year in Divinity School at Duke, will be assigned to the church, the Rev. James Eskridge. Both he and his wife are from Mississippi.

Students Visit Raleigh

Miss Neolia McCrummen's seventh grade pupils of Vass-Lakeview School spent last Friday in Raleigh, touring points of interest. They visited the Museum, Hall of History, the Capitol, the new News and Observer-Raleigh Times building, the Governor's Mansion, Memorial Auditorium, State School for the Blind, and Pullen Park, and had lunch at the YMCA.

The group consisted of Jeanette Mullinix, Joan Flannigan, Catherine Simpson, Jo Anne Priest, Bonnie Callahan, Hazel Holder, Bessie Cummings, Barbara Jessup, Dorothy McNeill, Daisy Blue, Linda Jackson, Louise Ledbetter, Magdalene Furr, Ila Ring, Judy McNeill, Fleta Howell, Peggy Curtis, Clara Thomas, Mary Lynn Oldham, Barbara Ring, Shirley Blake, Judy Reynolds, Josel Ross, Roger Beal, Edwin Causey, Charles Cameron, Eddy Caviness, Gilbert Cummings, Howard Hennings, Fairley Cameron, James McNeill, Cecil Faircloth, David Jones, Paul Cummings, and Miss McCrummen.

Attend Funeral

Sons and daughters who came

home to attend the funeral of E. B. Thompson were Mrs. Jasper Blevins of the home, who had been in Tip City, Ohio, since February, undergoing surgery, and recuperating at the home of her daughter; Stacy Thompson of Chicago, Ill.; the Rev. A. L. Thompson and family, Wilmington; Clary Thompson, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. R. Brown and son Billy, Dallas, Tex.; and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Koda, Pittsburgh, Pa.

Among other relatives and friends from a distance who attended were: Mrs. A. K. Thomp-

son, Burlington; Mr. and Mrs. Jack Maness, Mrs. Joe Brown, Misses Mae and Jacqueline Jackson, and Mr. and Mrs. Prince Maness, Robbins; Misses Sue Lassiter and Frances Scott, Hamlet; Mrs. R. H. Thompson and two daughters, Asheboro; Mrs. Pauline Thompson Ellis and Russell Thompson, Shelby; Mrs. S. Correll, Concord; Mrs. W. T. Suggs, Apex; Miss Sarah Currie and Theron Currie, Laurinburg; Miss Sadie McDuffie, Mrs. John McDuffie and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin McDuffie, Raeford, the Rev. O. L. Hathaway, Fayetteville, and several minister friends of the Rev. A. L. Thompson from various parts of the State.

Entertain Seniors

Seven mothers of members of the Vass-Lakeview Senior Class entertained the class at a barbe-

cue supper at the Lakeview Community House last Thursday night. The high school faculty members were invited, also, and the following were present: J. E. Gregory, Mrs. H. D. McInnis, Mrs. Avery Evans, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Gladstone, and Mrs. E. L. Finch, also Mr. Finch.

The table was decorated in the class colors of pink and green, and the centerpiece featured the class flower, pink carnation, used in combination with pink snapdragons.

Hostesses were: Mrs. H. A. Monroe, Mrs. Martin H. Cameron, Mrs. R. S. Burnette, Mrs. W. J. Graham, Mrs. T. S. Hennings, Mrs. L. S. Jessup, and Mrs. A. L. Keith.

Willard-Ring

Miss Betty Jean Ring, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bundy Ring of

Vass Route 2, and Virgil C. Willard, Jr., son of Mrs. V. C. Willard of Carthage Route and the late Mr. Willard, were married in Bennettsville, S. C., on Sunday, May 13.

After a wedding trip to Tennessee they are now at home with his mother.

Mr. Willard is employed by Hudson's Gulf Service in Vass. Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Joe Blue witnessed the ceremony.

Lions Officers

At a recent meeting of the Vass Lions Club, Ray Griffin was elected president. Other officers chosen were A. L. Keith, 1st vice president; John Alex Smith, treasurer; W. E. Gladstone, secretary; and Horace Mullinix, tail twister. New directors are Hurley Jones and A. G. Edwards, Jr.

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