

Bethel Commencement Starts Sunday P. M.

Forty-three seniors are to receive diplomas from the Bethel high school on Friday, March 26, at eight o'clock, it was announced yesterday by W. P. Whitesides, superintendent.

The baccalaureate sermon will be the first of the series of commencement activities, and will be held at the school auditorium at three o'clock Sunday afternoon, with Rev. H. G. Hammett, pastor of the First Baptist church bringing the message.

On Thursday evening at 8, the senior class will repeat their class play, "Absent Minded Professor."

Reba Burnette is valedictorian and James Mathis is salutatorian.

Members of the graduating class are:

Frances Blaylock, Francis Boger, Clara Brown, Lorena Burnette, Reba Burnette, Wilson Caldwell, Ava Chambers, Billie Cogdill.

Norvelle Deaver, Howard Donaldson, Manuel Grant, Jane Gregory, Ruby Huskey, Louise Knight, Ray Lanning, Norman Maples, Ernest Mathis, James Mathis, Frankie Mease, and Way Mease, Jr.

Edith Morris, Edna Parker, Carroll Pless, Cody Pless, Doris Powell, T. J. Powell, Lillian Pressley, D. B. Queen, Hilda Revis, Evangelical Robinson, Retha Robinson, Mark Russell, Floyd Sharp, Audrey Sherrill, Velma Swanger, J. T. Taylor, Maurice Trull, G. L. Warren, Edith Welch, Edith Wells, Thelma West, and Bertha Williams.

Mascots are Ted Wells and Margaret Sherrill.

Brother Of Mrs. Allen, Dies

Mrs. W. C. Allen has been notified of the death of her brother, Samuel Walter Wilkinson, 81, who died at his home at Wilkinson Station Sunday morning at 7:30 o'clock following a heart attack.

Mr. Wilkinson was the son of the late George and Mary Jane Wilkinson, of Belhaven, and was born on March 2, 1862. He received his education at Pantego Academy.

Mr. Wilkinson was a master farmer and for many years had been interested in the development of swamp lands in Eastern Carolina. It was through his interest and that of his brother, the late John A. Wilkinson, that what is today Terra Ceia was developed. In recent years he had become interested in potato and onion farming and at one time had under cultivation the largest acreage of onion for shipping purposes in the United States.

Surviving are his wife, two daughters, Mrs. W. D. Boschen, of Terra Ceia and Frechold, N. J., and Mrs. Luther Raper, of Richmond, Va.; two sons, Ralph Wilkinson, of Belhaven, and John A. Wilkinson, of the Coast Guard, stationed in Jacksonville; three sisters, Miss Lida Wilkinson and Mrs. Margie Yackel, of Belhaven, and Mrs. W. C. Allen, of Waynesville; one brother, George Wilkinson, Washington and 8 grandchildren.

51 Days in Lifeboat



VICTIM OF A TORPEDOING off West Africa, Mrs. Margaret Gordon, an Australian, spent 51 days of hunger in a lifeboat. She witnessed the drowning of her husband and the deaths of 16 others. Mrs. Gordon and the ship's Third Officer were the only occupants of the lifeboat at time of rescue.

Nathan Green, Jr., U. S. N., Stationed at Richmond

Nathan Green, Jr., U. S. Navy, 17, son of Mr. and Nathan Green, of Fines Creek, is taking a motor machinist course in Diesel engines. After completion of the training he will be given the rating of second class petty officer.

Young Green was first stationed at Norfolk and after finishing his training there, he was transferred to the naval training school in Richmond, Va.

He has been in the service for the past three months and at the time he entered the navy he was a student in the Fines Creek high school.

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R. E. A. Offices to Close Each Wednesday at 1:00

The offices of the Cruso Electric Membership Corporation will be closed each Wednesday afternoon beginning at 1:00 o'clock, it was announced this week by the officials.

The action was taken to conform to the closing hours of the other business firms on Main street at this time.

Cpl. Woodrow Arrington Stationed At Moultrie

Corporal Woodrow Arrington, son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Arrington, of the Dellwood road, is now stationed at Moultrie Field, Ga. He has been in the service for the past 22 months, having volunteered for the air corps.

He was stationed for sometime with the 3rd Air Force on Tampa, Fla., and from there was transferred to his present post.

Cpl. Arrington is very anxious to get overseas and be on the fighting front.

Named to New Post



DEFEATED in the November election, Representative James M. Barnes (D) of Illinois, has been named by President Roosevelt as one of his six administrative assistants at a salary of \$10,000 a year. Barnes was formerly a county judge of Morgan County, Illinois.

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Maybe I wouldn't like the work?



People are happiest doing what they do well. Every effort is made to place you where your service will count most toward final Victory. You may have some latent talent that will fill a particular need for work interesting and new to women—such as repairing the famous secret bomb-sight, rigging parachutes, operating the fascinating new electronic devices—or driving an Army jeep over foreign terrain.

Then I have a chance to learn something new?



Yes, indeed. And the list of WAAC duties grows constantly. The training and experience you get in the WAAC may equip you for many stimulating new careers opening up for women.

What are my chances of promotion?



Excellent. The Corps is expanding rapidly and needs new officers, both commissioned and noncommissioned. Those who join now have the best chances. All new officers now come up through the ranks. If qualified, you may obtain a commission in 12 weeks after beginning basic training.

What is the age range and other requirements?



Very simple. You may join if you are a U. S. citizen, aged 21 to 44, inclusive, at least 5 feet tall and not over 6 feet, in good health—regardless of race, color or creed. But the Army needs you now—don't delay. Total War won't wait!

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At The Depot

First of all, is the WAAC really needed?



Emphatically yes! Already the President has authorized the Corps to expand from 25,000 to 150,000. The Air Forces and Signal Corps have asked for thousands of WAAC members to help with vital duties. Both Ground Forces and Services of Supply are asking for thousands more. Members of the WAAC may be assigned to duty with the Army anywhere—some are already in Africa and England.

Can the WAAC really help win the war?



The whole idea of the WAAC is to replace trained soldiers needed at the front. If American women pitch in now to help our Army (as women in Britain, Russia and China do), we can hasten Victory—and peace.

What can my college education contribute?



College training is important equipment for many WAAC duties too long to list. Cryptography, drafting, meteorology, laboratory work, Link trainer and glider instructing, for example. If you are a senior you may enroll at once and be placed on inactive duty until the school year ends. See your WAAC faculty adviser for more details.

But can I live comfortably on WAAC pay?



There are few civilian jobs in which you could earn clear income, as WAAC enrolled members do, of \$50 to \$133 a month—with all equipment from your toothbrush to clothing, food, quarters, medical and dental care provided. WAAC officers earn from \$150 to \$333.33 a month.

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