

Hoke Seniors Honored At Mock Graduation

Twenty-five students were inducted into the Hoke County High School Senior Hall of Fame at the annual Mock Graduation February 19. The honor students are:
Rose Parish, Judy Scull, Dana Connell, Ginny Leach, Terence Malloy, Linda Sizemore, Venus McLaurin, Pam McNeill, Bill Sellars, Linda Goodman, Brenda Blue, Darryl Cromartie, Gena Jackson, Patrice McRae, Eva McPhatter, Tammy Locklear, Eldred Blue, Deborah Love, June McAllister, Fran Buoyer, Geisela Barnes, Pam McRae, Rowena Leggett, Debbie Williams and Cynthia Smith.

At the program also the Future Homemakers Club of the high school gave recognition to the

club's seniors who have done outstanding service in the club. They were given certificates with roses attached.

The FHA seniors honored were: Elaine Allen, Debbie Clark, Mariah Colborn, Angela Conoly, Sandra Goins, Cecilia Hall, Shiela Hardin, Tony Headen, Renee Hurst, Rowena Leggett, Wendy Linthicum, Wanda Locklear, Orlando McArm, Shelia McDonald, Jackie McLean, Angela Morrisey, Stephanie Peterson, Dora Strickland, Myke Thomas and Gathael Wood.

Special recognition also was given these seniors of the Student Government Association:

Pamela McNeill, Student Body president; Eva McPhatter, secretary; Venus McLaurin, treasurer; Terence Malloy, president of the Senior Class; Tammy Locklear,

vice president; Pamela McRae, Secretary/Treasurer; Patrice McRae and Brenda Kelly, representatives of the class.

The guest speaker for the Mock Graduation was MSgt. Ronald Helton of the Army's Raleigh District Recruiting Command. Dr. Lenwood Simpson, Hoke High principal, introduced him.

Hoke High Assistant Principal Harold Livingston presented the graduation certificates, and the students for membership in the Hall of Fame. Assistant Principal L.M. MacDonald gave the recognition to the SGA and FHA seniors.

The Hoke High Chorus and Chorale sang, and Teresa Pickett, president of the Junior Class, gave the invocation.

The ushers were members of the Junior Class who are in the National Honor Society.



Hoke High seniors who were inducted into the schools Senior Hall of Fame. [Staff photo by Pam Frederick.]



Background Scripture:

Mark 1:21-45.

Devotional Reading:

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25.

When I was a seminary student in the mid 1950's, the miracles of Jesus were a problem for a many of us. The reason: All of us were well-grounded in the basic principles of science and those principles seemed utterly unaccommodating to belief in miracles, at least, not as the Bible presented them to us. Some of us found the solution in rationalizing the miracles: Jesus didn't really multiply the loaves and fishes, he simply shamed the crowd into sharing what they had with each other. Sharing is no small miracle, we reasoned.

Others of us decided that we could resolve the conflict by maintaining that Jesus lived in another "dispensation," a time of supernatural events, while we live in another age, the age of reason and science. Some, following the lead of the theologian Bultmann, decided that the miracle stories were simply "myths," and could not be accepted on a literal basis. And still others avoided the conflict altogether by never thinking about it.

Today, the miracles of Jesus need no longer be a stumbling block. New scientific perspectives have helped us to see that, as St. Augustine explained it, "a miracle is not contrary to science, but only to what we know of science." Some of the miracles performed by Jesus are being studied by serious scientists and many acts that at one time might have been labeled "impossible" are now regarded as simply "beyond our present knowledge."

Actually, wonderful as the miracles of Jesus are, they are not really as difficult perhaps as some of Jesus' other feats—acts not regarded as "miraculous." For example, Mark tells us of Jesus' remarkable power to command "unclean spirits."

"What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" they cried. "Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." And the crowds grasped the significance of this recognition and exclaimed: "With authority he commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."

The obedience of the "unclean spirits" to Jesus' command was certainly impressive. Mark gives us the impression that these spirits obeyed, not willingly, but because they could not withstand the power of Christ. He commanded and they had to obey. They could not say no.

More difficult, however, was Jesus' ministry to people. Instead of commanding, instead of compelling people to follow him, Jesus used the much more difficult means of persuasion. The "unclean spirits" he commanded and they had to obey. But Jesus appealed to the crowds—"Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men"—and no one had to obey him. Commanding the spirits was an impressive feat, but calling disciples is always a much more difficult accomplishment. Yet Jesus possessed that power—"they were astonished...for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes."



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