Duplin Personalities

James Kenan High School's top two seniors addressed their graduating class June 3 at the 1983 Commencement exercises in the Kenan Memorial Auditorium in Kenansville. Andy Futreal and Marcia Boone were the 1983 valedictorian and salutatorian.



Marcia Boone

The topic addressed by Salutatorian Marcia Boone was the role community adults and education play in influencing and molding the lives of school-age young people. Andy Futreal, valedictorian, thanked those who constructively influenced his class and he encouraged each graduate to always do their best. Both honor graduates have definite goals; Marcie plans a career as a pediatrician and Andy, an environmental engineer. However, their most important goal may be plans to return to Duplin County in their prospective career fields after college.

"I decided I wanted to be a doctor when I was in the fourth grade." Marcia Boone said. "Being a doctor will allow me to combine my love for children and science. And, I will not only be rewarded financially as a doctor but emotionally. Marcia graduated with a 95.22 grade point average and plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "My biggest

fear as 1 enter college is not having anyone to listen that I will become one of many and no one will care. "I think our teachers and

the adults within the community did a good job bringing up our class. Most of the 1983 seniors have a lot of self-confidence and are well-

rounded individuals with ability to do a number of things well." Marcia said. Andy Futreal graduates

with a 95.33 grade point average at James Kenan High School. He plans to attend the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. Andy pointed out the decision to pursue a technical career is due to his interest in physics, but for many of his classmates, the choice of a echnical career over the liberal arts was made in aopes of finding employment after graduation from col-

Andy Futreal

"We (seniors) are all concerned about getting a job after college," Andy Futreal said. "I read something every day in the newspapers about unemployment. We are aware of the serious unemployment problems and many of us have chosen study in technical fields over the liberal arts. There are a ot of students whose interests lie in the liberal arts, but we recognize the fact that the jobs are just not there. I feel that our class is as prepared as we can be for college. And, we are anxious to find out things for ourselves.

Andy leaves James Kenan with awards in chemistry, and advanced biology biology, physics, American and world history, and English. He was president of the drama club, participated in the Quiz Bowl, selected Rotary Student of the Month, member of the National Honor Society, and a Morehead nominee. The Artemis Paschal Scholarship at UNC-Charlotte, where he will attend in the fall, was awarded

Jaycees. She received the Kenneth and Barbara Futreal of Warsaw. DAR Good Citizen Award and was selected as a Rotary Marcia is the daughter of Student of the Month. James and Edna Boone of Marcia was also nominated Warsaw. She has served as for the Morehead, Duke president of the National Honors, Kenan and Leslie Honor Society and chorus. Ann Best scholarships. She Marcia was named Homewas awarded the Anna coming Queen by her fellow Foster Memorial Scholarclassmates, served as a ship, Zambo Club Scholarvarsity cheerleader, and was ship, Johnston Award and selected as an Outstanding the Chandelette Club Teenager by the local Scholarship.

On arrival in Louisiana,

Thomas Moore took over the

management of his uncle's

sugar plantations, and at a

later date bought his own

plantation which became a

successful business venture.

family man as he was in

business and politics. In 1830

he married Bethia Jane

Leonard and fathered five

After serving in the politi-cal arena in Rapides Parish

for a number of years. Moore

was elected to the Louisiana

State House of Represen-

tatives in 1848. His political

Moore was as active as a

The Thomas **Moore Story**

Thomas Overton Moore's ory is that of a Tar Heel who made good after going far South - to Louisiana. Born in April 1804 near the village of Turkey, Moore was educated in his home county a few miles south of Goldsboro before leaving at the age of 25 to live with his uncle, Walter H. Overton in Rapides Parish, La.

One of young Moore's paternal ancestors had been politically prominent. James Moore, who had emigrated from Ireland in the 1600s, had become governor of the Carolinas in 1700. On his mother's side, he was a descendant of William Overton who came to Virginia from England about 1670.

rise thereafter was fairly rapid - he was elected to the Louisiana Senate in 1856 and in 1859 won his Democratic ticket race for the state's

children.



sold medicine. Ketchup was once as a

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governor despite being opposed by another popular Democrat, Thomas J, Wells. According to the Dictionary of American Biography.

Moore was "in disposition fiery and inclined to be exacting and uncompromising, (but) nevertheless a through politician who played the political game with great zest and effectiveness

Typical of his zest for taking action was his decision early in 1861 to order Mississippi River below New Rouge. This he did, rightly surmising that the Louisiana legislature would soon adopt a secession ordinance.

After the secession ordinance was adopted. Moore promptly took further measures to make Louisiana an active member of the Conto provide provisions for never entered the political Confederate soldiers.

Confederate President Jefferson Davis asked for 3.000 troops from Louisiana and Moore in April 1861 issued a call for 5,000 troops in addition to those requested by Davis.

Following the capture of New Orleans by Federal troops in June. 1862. Moore's administration was disrupted, but Moore continued to govern central and northern Louisiana. He moved his capital from Baton Rouge to Opelousas and later to Shreveport and functioned as governor of unoccupied areas until the end of his

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arena again, and died at age appointed term in early 1864. 72 on his plantation near In his final days as gover-Alexandria. nor, he issued strict guide-

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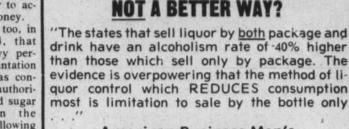
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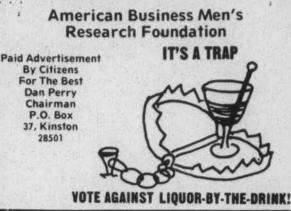
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Federal passports, or to accept or use Federal money. It was at this time too, in the spring of 1864, that

Moore suffered heavy personal losses. His plantation in Rapides Parish was constate troops to take Fort fiscated by Federal authori-Jackson and St. Philip on the ties and his home and sugar mill destroyed. In the Orleans, as well as Fort Pike summer of 1865, following on the Rigolets and the bar- the issuance of an arrest racks and aresnal at Baton order. Moore fled to Havana. Cuba, the refuge point for many Confederate leaders seeking to avoid capture and trial.

Eventually, through the intercession of friends Moore, then in his early 60s. was allowed to return to Louisiana with a full pardon. federacy. He directed the Until his death in 1876. organization of local defense Moore spent the last decade companies, established in his life attempting to supply depots, and had restore his plantation and to packing plants built in order recoup his lost fortune. He





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son County's young men

journeyed south more than

150 years ago to find fortune

and defeat in what was then

the rich sugar country of

Louisiana.