

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; Marcia 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 I 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 technical career over the liberal arts was made in hopes of finding employment after graduation from college.



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 lot 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, biology and advanced 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, a 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 to Andy. He is the son of

Kenneth and Barbara Futreal of Warsaw.

Marcia is the daughter of James and Edna Boone of Warsaw. She has served as president of the National Honor Society and chorus. Marcia was named Homecoming Queen by her fellow classmates, served as a varsity cheerleader, and was selected as an Outstanding Teenager by the local

Jaycees. She received the DAR Good Citizen Award and was selected as a Rotary Student of the Month. Marcia was also nominated for the Morehead, Duke Honors, Kenan and Leslie Ann Best scholarships. She was awarded the Anna Foster Memorial Scholarship, Zambo Club Scholarship, Johnston Award and the Chandelette Club Scholarship.

The Thomas O. Moore Story

Thomas Overton Moore's story 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.

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.

Moore was as active as a family man as he was in business and politics. In 1830 he married Bethia Jane Leonard and fathered five children.

After serving in the political arena in Rapides Parish for a number of years, Moore was elected to the Louisiana State House of Representatives in 1848. His political 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

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 state troops to take Fort Jackson and St. Philip on the Mississippi River below New Orleans, as well as Fort Pike on the Rigolets and the barracks and arsenal at Baton 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 Confederacy. He directed the organization of local defense companies, established supply depots, and had packing plants built in order to provide provisions for 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

appointed term in early 1864.

In his final days as governor, he issued strict guidelines laying down non-fraternization measures to be followed by Louisiana residents — they were forbidden to trade with the enemy, to enter Federal lines, to bear 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 confiscated by Federal authorities and his home and sugar mill destroyed. In the summer of 1865, following the issuance of an arrest 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. Until his death in 1876, Moore spent the last decade in his life attempting to restore his plantation and to recoup his lost fortune. He never entered the political

arena again, and died at age 72 on his plantation near Alexandria.

The historic marker in the center of Turkey is a visible reminder that one of Samp-

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.

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