

# Beaufort Seniors Go to Washington, D. C.

Last September the Seniors at Beaufort High school had a dream. It was all about a trip to Washington, in which everything would be seen. Last week they lived that dream.

Sunday morning, May 9, at 6:00 a.m., the sixth, and last, car arrived at Newport. Everyone was brimming with joy, and the future trip looked as if it were to be a huge success. No one had forgotten his part of the lunch, the camera friends were already at work, and the sun had never shone brighter (or so it seemed to us). Seven o'clock emerged, and with it, Ricks' touring bus, driven by little Mr. Ricks himself.

In five minutes all 27 of us were crammed into the bus, waving goodbye to our adoring parents who were uncertain whether to be glad for a four-day rest from their problem children, or sad to see them go away from home alone for the first time. Be that as it may, we were on our way at long last, with Miss Lena Duncan, our adviser.

The farther from home the bus rattled, the hotter it became. There must be some way to make Mr. Ricks drive faster than 35 miles per hour. And, of course, we found it. Grumbling did no good, wishing did less. So we began to sing, long and loud. An hour later, mopping his brow, Mr. Ricks speeded up . . . to 40!

At 9:00, Washington time, the travel-worn Seniors glimpsed the city of their dreams. It was the loveliest, most welcome spot on the continent. We stayed four blocks from the White House, at the Georgian hotel, which is new and very clean.

Monday morning, at 7:30, the grand tour began. It ended Wednesday at noon. There was, on this memorable trip, "no rest for

the weary." Nothing in Washington was overlooked, and everyone proved lovelier than we had dared hope. Arlington was an illusion, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier awe-inspiring, the Capitol illustrious, the Franciscan Monastery magnificent and splendid. We also enjoyed visiting the Congressional Library, White House, Smithsonian Institution, Bureau of Engraving, Washington Memorial, Lincoln Memorial, Supreme Court in session, Pan-American building, Mount Vernon, and the Jefferson Memorial.

Wednesday morning, we had an interesting tour of the F.B.I. building, where an agent demonstrated his ability with a gun. He gave us the target, which now has an honored place on Miss Duncan's bulletin board. At Union Station, we were both pleased and surprised when a reporter from the Syndicated Press asked to take our picture for a story he was writing on Washington.

Wednesday night, we arrived in Newport — tired, bedraggled, but extremely happy. We weren't sure about people knowing us. How long had we been gone? It seemed more nearly four weeks than four days. Oh, our accents hadn't changed, but our feet were swollen, covered with blisters, we were allergic to steps, and we had many small jokes which no one else could ever appreciate. (Try mentioning "Estelle" to a Senator and see what happens!)

Need I say the entire trip was a huge success? The crowning glory was Mr. Leary's announcement that we need not go to school until Friday. Yes, happiness and contentment reigned supreme. And as we look back we can truly say, "that certainly was a swell trip."

—Sarah Guthrie

## Girls Outnumber Boys By 12 in Class of '48

Beaufort's graduating class this year includes 19 girls and seven boys. Two of the boys, Earl Willis and George Murray Thomas, are veterans.

May Sue Dail is valedictorian, Pauline Mason is the salutatorian, Thomas Eure, historian, Earl Willis, testator, Pat Webb, prophet, Blanche Saunders, grumbler, Lula Dickinson, giftorian, Mary Ruth Nelson, and Sarah Curtis Guthrie, song writers, Joyce Biggs, poet, and Sue Noe, statistician.

## 26 Will Receive Diplomas Friday

Twenty-six Beaufort pupils will receive diplomas this year. They are as follows:

George Murray Thomas, Jr., son of George Murray Thomas, Sr., Earl Willis, son of Mrs. Lola Pearl Willis, Zara Beachem, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Riley Beachem, Joyce Biggs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James D. Biggs.

Ellen Congleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Congleton, Jr., Gladys Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard M. Cox, Mary Sue Dail, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dail, Lula Belle Dickinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl C. Dickinson, Sarah Curtis Guthrie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Guthrie, Frances Kelly, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Kelly.

Pauline Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Mason, Mary Ruth Nelson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Nelson, Sue Noe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence A. Noe, Blanche Saunders, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Saunders, Mildred Simpson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Simpson.

Addie Carrow Thomas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Phil N. Thomas, Pat Webb, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Webb, Elizabeth Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Willis, Patsy Willis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clem Willis, Sally Poole Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Dock Thomas, Charles Edwards, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Edwards.

Thomas Eure, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. F. Eure, Howard Jones, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Jones, Billy Lewis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Nelson T. Lewis, and Milton Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Taylor.

## Service Organizations To Observe Memorial Day

Carteret county service units, service organization, and their auxiliaries will participate in a Memorial Day ceremony, to be held Sunday, May 30, outside the county courthouse.

American Legion Post 99, of Beaufort, will be presented at that time with a plaque, U. S. S. Beaufort, from an active merchant ship, by Navy representatives from Charleston.

In ancient days, Jasper stones were set in rings and supposed to be superior in healing power to other precious or semi-precious gems.

## Scene in the Far East



Attracted by a mysterious "wiring well" at the junior-senior banquet are the juniors and seniors above. In the left foreground is Elizabeth Willis, Billie Lewis, and beside Bill is Jimmy Piner and one of the Springle twins (the guess was Bill Springle). Next to the girls who shunned the photographer are Charles King, Milton Laughton and at the extreme right, Lorraine Willis.

## Class Gives Successful Play

By Charles Davis

At 8 p.m., Friday, April 9, 1948, the curtain of the high school auditorium opened on the senior play, "Papa Says No," a three-act comedy.

Here was a plot in which surprise piled upon surprise until the audience wondered how the complicated mixture of comedy and farce could ever be untwisted. The intricate affair was the result of an idea of Mr. Page, (George M. Thomas) wealthy businessman, that didn't work out as planned. Mr. Page planned to end his daughter, Janet's (Sarah Guthrie) romance with Jack Prescott (Billy and Mrs. Carter) furnished curves and angles, and how. Sue Noe, a widow, made the scene more lovely.

Others taking part were Thomas Eure, (Bill Sykes), Pauline Mason, (Mrs. Hawkins), Mary Sue Dail, (Sallie), Lula Belle Dickinson, ("Liz"), Earl Gillikin, (the detective), and Charles Edwards ("the walking man"), all of whom can be given praise for doing their parts well.

The setting was unusually different and gave a refreshing change from the usual living room interior.

Musical numbers were given between the acts by Blanche Saunders, Sally Poole Thomas, Addie Thomas, Patsy Ruth Willis, Zara Beachem, Ellen Congleton, Mary Ruth Nelson, Gladys Cox and Rufus Carraway. Joyce Biggs was business manager and Mildred Simpson was stage manager.

Proceeds from the play amounted to \$235.89.

Joked hopeless for Jack and Janet until a very lucky incident occurred that solved the difficulty to everyone's satisfaction and complete enjoyment.

Pat Webb as Miss Luella Watts, a meddlesome spinster, deserved most credit for the success of the play, for she was the making of the part. Her realistic portrayal of the part was exceedingly good.

Howard Jones as Joe, a bellhop, and Elizabeth Willis as Toots, the elevator girl, were outstanding also. Frances Kelly and Lorraine Willis, children of Mrs. Hawkins, added wit by their original pop-corn throwing. Milton Taylor as Pete Carter furnished curves and angles, and how. Sue Noe, a widow, made the scene more lovely.

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## The Best is Yet to Come!

When the seniors took their trip to Washington, D. C., they had their pictures taken — of course, with the capital in the background.

After they saw a proof of it, it was so good that they suggested it be in the graduation issue. Upon checking, however, it was learned that the finished pictures would not arrive in Beaufort for another two weeks.

Then the News-Times telephoned the photographer in the nation's capital, explained that we needed the photo pronto and would they please make one, send it special delivery to our engravers. . . .

However, the picture did not arrive in time to appear here. Every effort is being made to obtain it by next week, and with luck, it will be in the News-Times before the class of '48 leaves the halls of BHS.

## Superlative Are The Seniors!

Superlatives chosen by the seniors in Beaufort's graduating class are as follows:

Prettiest, best dancer, best figure, biggest flirt, Elizabeth Willis; cutest, most athletic, most popular, best all round, Lula Dickinson; most likely to succeed, best sport, most studious, Pat Webb; most talented, most musical, best mannered, Zara Beachem.

Prettiest hair, Mary Ruth Nelson; wittiest, Lorraine Willis; most quiet, best disposition, Patsy Willis; most glamorous, Addie C. Thomas; most talkative, Joyce Biggs.

Best dressed, most in love, Blanche Saunders; most talkative, Pauline Mason; most attractive, most original, Sue Noe; best personality, Frances Kelly; most bashful, Sarah Guthrie; neatest, Mildred Simpson.

Most handsome, cutest, best dancer, most talented, wittiest, most popular, best all around, biggest flirt, most talkative, best personality, most in love, Howard Jones.

Most likely to succeed, most studious, Thomas Eure, most intellectual, most original, most attractive, most glamorous, Billy Lewis; best sport, most bashful, Milton Taylor.

Most athletic, best physique, best mannered, Earl Willis, most quiet, best disposition, Charles Edwards; neatest, best dressed, Rufus Thomas.

## Seniors Will Graduate Monday Night, May 31

Beaufort high school's commencement exercises will begin at 8 o'clock Monday night, May 31. The speaker's name, however, was not available at press time.

The Rev. T. R. Jenkins, pastor of Ann Street Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon at Sunday morning's service at 11:15 in the school auditorium. No services will be held at the other Beaufort churches that morning.

Class night will be next Friday night at 8 o'clock. Seniors participating will be Mary Sue Dail, valedictorian, Pauline Mason, salutatorian, Thomas Eure, historian, Earl Willis, testator, Sue Noe, statistician, Joyce Biggs, class poet, Pat Webb, prophet, Lulabelle Dickinson, giftor, and Blanche Saunders, grumbler.

## Class Of '49 Entertains Seniors In Ali Baba's Lavish Oriental Tent

By Sarah Guthrie

How would you like to spend one night of mystery and intrigue in the lavish tent of Ali Baba? The seniors of Beaufort high school received invitations to a banquet held in the All Powerful One's abode Friday night, April 30. Amusement was perhaps the first emotion registered when we, the "know-all" seniors entered the bright-lit anteroom of the old gymnasium. Sand was scattered over the entire floor, and a monstrously grotesque face was standing laughingly in front of us. We walked tremulously into the monster's mouth, and then . . . we were in the tent of Ali Baba!

All were astounded. There was a lovely flower-bedecked bubbling fountain in the tent's center, with a huge crystal ball, changing colors as it whirled, hanging directly overhead. "Oh's and ah's" were heard.

The boys were more interested in the left end of the tent where a U-shaped banquet table awaited their hunger. The girls were attracted to the right side, where, on a splendidly decorated couch, resided Ali Baba himself.

After our first excited daze, we began to look at each other. The girls were lovely in their many-colored dresses, each in its own delicate hue. The boys in their best suits had a wonderful time admiring the girls. Every one was wearing his gayest smile.

Suddenly a loud gong sounded,

signaling us to our seats. Dowd Davis, president of the Junior class, greeted the guests in Ali Baba's stead. Billy Lewis, senior class president, spoke for one and all, in thanking the hosts for the wonderful evening. Mary Fond Mason then told the story of "Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves," which was enjoyed immensely.

Serving was begun, and the food was excellent. The three-course meal was prepared deliciously, in appearance as well as taste. The abundance of turkey on each plate was tasteful especially.

Between courses, we were entertained by the slave girls' dancing and singing. No movie could have presented them more charmingly. The crowning glory was a duet by the vagabond lover, Guy Smith, and a slave-girl, Carolla Willis. A dance by Vera Lou Loftin climaxed the festivities.

We all enjoyed getting the autographs of everyone present, and seeing who could improvise the cleverest verses. For an hour, Ali Baba's tent was pure bedlam.

Dancing was begun and continued until midnight when the party ended. With joy in our hearts, we left the tent to go on to the hotel for another party. Even all of the gaiety could not conceal that this was the end of something big, something indispensable, something that would never again be! So thank you, Mrs. Linnecker, and all of your fine Juniors for such an enjoyable last banquet at good old B.H.S.!

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