

# Erwin To Address Seniors Tonight

## City Schools Plan To Add New Type Of Eighth Grade

### Speaker Is Head of Public Instruction Of This State

#### 100 Seniors Will Receive Diplomas

Clyde A. Erwin, North Carolina State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will give the commencement address tonight when about 100 seniors receive their diplomas in the graduating exercises at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

Following the procession of 36 twelfth graders wearing white caps and gowns and 12 eleventh graders wearing blue caps and gowns, Rev. G. H. Rhodes, pastor of the Lutheran church, will offer the invocation. The mixed chorus will sing "Calm as the Night" by Broad.

Claid Gregg, superintendent of the city schools, will introduce Mr. Erwin. F. N. Patterson, chairman of the school board, will then present the diplomas.

The class gift will be presented by Mrs. F. N. Patterson, chairman of the senior class. H. C. McFadyen will accept the gift on behalf of the school.

Barbara Crowell will give the valedictory address. The Mixed Chorus will sing "The Land of the Living" by Eichberg will conclude the program, followed by the recessional.

Junita Lawrence is salutatorian of the class, and the Mascots are Lynne De Lotto and Joe Kluttz, Jr.

#### Knotts Is Elected To Head Marshals

Ernest Knotts, Eulalia Tucker, Eunice Smith, Bill Hartsell, Bill Rogers, Martha Ivy, Ticksa Seney, Cabot Carlton, Jean Palmer, Madge Kennedy and Jim Lamar have been chosen as marshals to represent the different grades in the commencement exercises to be held on May 31 and June 2.

These students are chosen, not only for their scholastic ability, but also for their attitude, good conduct and reliability.

Ernest Knotts, the chief marshal, is chosen from the eleventh grade. He has an outstanding scholastic record and very fine character. The duties of the chief marshals are to lead the processional and recessional and also to marshal the speakers to the stage.

Also representing eleventh grade are Eulalia Tucker, Eunice Smith, and Bill Hartsell.

The twelfth graders are Bill Rogers, Martha Ivy, and Ticksa Seney.

From ninth grade, Cabot Carlton and Jean Palmer; from eighth, Madge Kennedy and Jim Lamar.

#### By Their Words

Tom Rabe: "I'm getting good in typing. I get thirty-five mistakes now with five words a minute. I can type a page in about a week or so. I've been typing for several years old, something big happened to me—I learned to speak. I was a dumb kid, but now I would people know of General MacArthur if he had died when he was a little kid."

Gerald Mann: "Women are better figures in money than men. I saw a newspaper in Jordan's store and understanding that would put it little children."

Caleb Leifer: "He likes all sport games."

Mr. W. L. Mann: "It's better to do something and live a short life than to live a long time and barely see out an existence."

#### Commencement Program

Proceional  
Invocation REV. G. H. RHODES  
Chorus—"Calm as the Night"  
Night  
Mixed Chorus  
Address DR. CLYDE A. ERWIN  
Presentation of Diplomas  
By Mrs. F. N. PATTERSON  
Presentation of Class Gift—SAM ANDREW  
Acceptance  
MR. H. C. MCFADYEN  
Valedictory—BARBARA CROWELL  
Chorus—"To Thee, O Country"  
Mixed Chorus  
Recessional

#### K. J. Foreman Is Sunday Speaker

Dr. Kenneth Foreman, professor of Bible and philosophy at Davidson, delivered the annual valedictory address Sunday night in the high school auditorium.

An ordained minister of the Presbyterian church and a writer of quarterly Sunday School literature, Dr. Foreman is a brilliant speaker. Because of his originality, sense of humor, and his appeal to the young people, Dr. Foreman is very much in demand. He has conducted a great number of Young People's conferences.

After the professional of the graduating class, the hymn, "Oh, Worship the King" was sung, after which Rev. J. E. Younts, pastor of Main Street Methodist church, offered the invocation. The mixed chorus, directed by Paul Fry, sang "The Creation" by Rice. Following the Scripture reading by Rev. E. W. Watts, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, the mixed chorus sang "Listen to the Lambs" by R. Nathaniel Dett.

The boys' quartet sang "The Creation" as led by Hahn. After the hymn "Holy Ghost, With Light Divine" Rev. Franklin Board, pastor of Christ's Episcopal church, pronounced the benediction.

Mary Jackson Leifer and Raymond Talbert were the lucky seniors who from the Parkway station were taken to school by the car presented by W. C. Russell of Meigs Jewelry Store last Friday.

For being valedictorian Barbara Crowell was given a birthstone ring.

The Albemarle City schools are planning to add, with the help of the State Department, a new and more elaborate type of eighth grade next fall.

It will be considered a part of the grammar school, but will be carried on in the high school because of lack of space in grammar schools.

The program is to be based on plans submitted by the State Department. Homeroom teachers will have charge of teaching general subjects to the students half an hour.

The other half of the time the students will take special training under specialized teachers for the type of work the student is most interested in, such as science, music, literature and the arts. It is hoped that if time permits, special training will be given in vocational subjects.

The new system is expected to improve the schools a great deal.

#### Scrapbook Shows Year's Activities

Upon the request of Mr. Gregg, a scrapbook, featuring the various activities of the school, has been compiled and put together by two members of the journalism class, Poochie Meigs and Betty Sue Bogie.

Newspaper clippings, programs, booklets and other material contributed by the teachers, were used in making this book. The various departments included in this book are: Music, French, Mathematics, Sports, History, and Miscellaneous.

The covers for this book are made of wood, furnished by the Industrial Arts departments. Coolidge Almond, of the journalism class, did the construction with the aid of Mr. Wilson.

#### Crowell, Lawrence Have Best Records

Barbara Crowell, having made the highest record among the seniors for her five years of work in high school, will serve as valedictorian tonight.

Junita Lawrence, second highest, has been announced salutatorian.

After her first five years, Barbara has made approximately 100 A's and 12 B's.

Notable mention for scholastic rating goes to Arwilla Jones.

#### Vocational Students Are Awarded Medals

Three vocational medals were awarded this morning in chapel by Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Little, industrial arts and home economics teachers of A. H. S.

Grady Mac Drye, an advanced student in industrial arts, and Dick Morrow, a beginner, were awarded medals because of their dependability and skill in the shop.

Caroline Biles was also awarded a medal for her skill and citizenship in the home economics department.

These medals were offered by the L. G. Balfour Company, Battleboro, Mass. This is the first year that medals of this kind have been awarded in A. H. S.

#### « News Briefs »

Seventy-two eleventh graders and thirty-six twelfth graders graduate tonight.

Approximately 180 freshmen have enrolled for next year.

Approximately 39 seniors are returning for twelfth grade next year.

Sixty-eight dollars and eighty-nine cents has been collected in library fines and dues this year.

"Seventeen," the Paramount picture starring Jackie Cooper and Betty Field, was shown recently to the students.

Hilda Honeycutt, high school reporter to the *Steady News* and Press, has had a total of 725 inches of news printed this year.

E. L. Gehring has temporarily accepted the position as coach for the American Legion Juniors.

Recordings of the boys' chorus, boys' quartet, and mixed quartet were made last week by H. M. Thompson of the Albemarle Radio Company.

#### Students Have Their "Say" Concerning War

In these days of uncertainty, A. H. S. students as well as other people have their own way of expressing their feelings toward the war.

Many will agree with Charles Waps, who says, "Looks like we will have to go pig-sticking."

Betty R. has a very wild way of expressing it. "I'll hit the dirt," she says. "I'm not hesitating for even a minute, 'It's a matter of a hair.'"

Pokey M., "Now, listen, I don't wanna be quoted on anything." Ha! What Mildred C. thinks isn't even suitable for a paper. Ann K. can only worry about one thing at a time, so if you want her opinion, ask her June 2.

## Rabe, Cranford, Bullock, Little To Head Students

Tommy Rabe has been elected president of the student body for next year; Frank Little, vice-president; Novalen Bullock, secretary; and Sherrill Cranford, treasurer.

Several runoffs were necessary for president because of the close votes of the other candidates received.

Tommy Rabe, rising twelfth grader, has been outstanding in high school. He was a member of the American Legion team of 1940 that won the Little World series. He replaces Red Gaskin, who is graduating.

Frank Little, rising Junior, is the new vice-president, replacing Frances Mann. Frank was treasurer of the student body this year.

Novalen Bullock will be a twelfth grader next year. She replaces Eulalia Tucker as secretary.

Sherrill Cranford, the new treasurer, is an up-coming tenth grader, replacing Frank Little. Sherrill has been outstanding in high school. She has been in the band and is equally well known for his singing in "Doc's Medicinal Trials."

#### Pictures of Teams Now Hang In Halls

Five group pictures of the high school athletic teams grace the walls of the building now.

These pictures, 12" x 15" photographs taken during the last two school years, were put up by Coach Thompson. The Industrial Arts class made the frames for the pictures.

These pictures are likenesses of the football teams for '40 and '41, of the basketball teams, '40-'41, '41-'42, and the basketball team of '41.

Pictures of each year's teams will be added to these.

#### Graduates May Learn Defense Work at A. H. S.

N. C. Department of Public Instruction in connection with the Federal Department of Education will continue its free training program at Albemarle High school this summer.

The program will be under the supervision of Mr. Wilson. All men and women between the ages of 18 and 55. No special training will be required. High school or elementary education has been made.

All who are treated in this course see the high school or Mr. Sharp at the local employment office.

ALL HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO TAKE THE COURSE.