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Commencement Program
Announced by J. W. Talley

Announcement of the program for Roanoke Rapids High School commencement exercises, to be held in the high school auditorium at 8 p. m., May 30, was made this week by Joe Talley, principal.

It had previously been announced that Rev. C. C. Burris, president of Wingate College of Wingate, would deliver the baccalaureate sermon at 5 p. m., May 25 in the auditorium.

The program for the commencement exercises will be as follows:

Professional, High School Band; invocation, Rev. John Walker; the Lord's Prayer, Glee Club; introduction of speaker, Billy Harris, president of Senior Class; address, Dr. Gerald Johnson, editorial writer, Baltimore Sun; announcements, J. W. Talley; presentation of diplomas, W. L. Medlin, chairman, board of school trustees; recessional, High School Band.

Officers of the class of 1947 are: Billy Harris, president; Charles Johnson, vice president; Louise King, secretary; and Martha Ann Starke, treasurer.

Two Adult Graduates of Textile School

In addition to the regular graduates of the high school, Talley announced that George Curley and Albin Merle will be graduated from the Textile School, adult division, which at present is being attended by 65 students.

A list of graduates as released by Talley included: Richard Brown Allebrook, Junious Lloyd Andrews, Jr., Silas Edward Baggett, James Wilbur Bailey, Roland C. Bailey, Samuel D. Barnes, Jr.

Ruby Lorene Blowe, Donald W. Bennett, William Jackson Boyd, James Elliott Bridgman, Doland J. Brigman, Gwendolyn Britt.

Guy Britton, Jr., James G. Britton, Sarah Louise Burke, Robert Roy Burton, Priscilla Jean Busbee, Louis Edward Butler.

Claudia G. Byrd, Thomas Lee Clark, Lacey McCoy Clary, Ronald Willis Connor, Virginia Rose Cooksey, Piccola Cooper.

John E. Crutchfield, Jr., Elizabeth Davis, James Russell Dickens, Edward Dwight Dobbins, Louise Coleman Doyle, Robert Draper.

Doris Kathleen Edwards, Chas. C. Etheridge, Dullie Catherine Gantt, John T. Garner, Jr., Alvis Owen George, Jr., Raymond Earl Gibson.

Earl Glover, Hattie Mae Gray, Roland Cecil Hancock, Margie Alesse Harp, Mason Long Harp, Wilmer Long Harris.

Merle Jean Hasty, Helen Ardell Hawkins, Jack R. Hazlewood, James Hodges, Rachel Virginia Hodges, Howard Randolph Howell, Jr.

Roy Beckwith Humphlett, Audrey Mae Hux, Synthra Mae Incoe, George Douglas Jernigan, Charles Thomas Johnson, Jr.

Pattie Louise King, Pearl Virginia Kinnin, Kenneth Mack Knight, E. Eugene Lehman, Jr., Mary Kathryn Liverman, Mary Elizabeth Lynch.

Donald Cameron MacKenzie, Clyde Desmond Martin, Jr., Ruby Martin, Elizabeth Maxine Maurice, Joseph Cecil Messer, Dorothy Victoria Miller.

Elvin Myrel Mizell, Archie Lee Moody, Mildred Virginia Moody, Stancel Elmo Moody, William Talmadge Moore, Anne Elizabeth Mossely.

Frank J. Nantz, Eugene Nicholson, Lanwood Lee Nixon, Charlotte Ann Norwood, Herbert Clayton Oliver, Geraldine McCoy Perkinson.

McAdoo Pleasant, Kathleen Alesse Porth, Robert Hoyt Powell, Muriel Faye Price, Charles Robert Pullen, Charles Eugene Rawlings.

Robert F. Rawlings, Jr., William L. Reid, Margaret Geraldine Revelle, Willis C. Ricks, Horace Cole Riggan.

Mary Lee Riggan, Frances Robert Rightmyer, Hazel Carol Robinson, William T. Sadler, Howard Preston Short, Gladys Irene Smith.

Lewis M. Smith, Ruby Lee Spivey, Martha Ann Starke, Virginia Elizabeth Taylor, Ruth Winston Thomason, Priscilla Leah Tikel, Eugene W. Tidwell, Christine Gloria Topping, James L. Webb, Flossie Marie Whitby, Lucille Williams Whitby, Wilmer Whitefield, Paul Linwood William and Joyce Adair Witherspoon.

T. H. Dickens on Hamilton street between Second and Third streets, in the amount of \$4,000; T. H. Cook, addition of two rooms to residence at 915 Jackson street, \$1,000.

Ernest's brother-in-law, Rev. G. L. Price, pastor of the First Baptist Church, constructed the frame for the work bench and Chet Chase, son of Mayor-elect J. T. Chase, built the cabinets, which now contain tools, spare parts, etc.

When it was mentioned to Ernest that quite a few people were being given "credit lines" he surmised that his mother was deserving of most of the credit. With true grace which characterizes the unselfishness of a mother's love, Mrs. Eubank responded, "I've done no more than my duty."

Which leads to the inevitable conclusion of anyone who has observed the triumphs of men—when a man is being acclaimed, there is always some good woman standing in the shadow of his glory—in the main responsible therefor. We thing Ernest Eubank will agree.

Playgrounds
Open June 3

By WILEY WARREN
Coach Cranford Hoyle, director of the city recreation for the summer, announced today that the playgrounds would open Tuesday morning, June 3, at 8:30.

Hoyle stated that there would be five playgrounds operating this summer. The four graded schools, Rosemary, Vance Street, Central and Clara Hearne, will resume operations for all white boys and girls between the ages of four and 12. The colored children will be invited to attend the John Armstrong Chaloner School.

At each school there will be a supervisor for boys and also one for the girls. Reuben Slade and Grace Taylor will handle the duties at Rosemary, O. B. Crumpler and Miss Clark will be at Vance Street, Wiley Warren and Hazel Lee are scheduled for Clara Hearne, and Harry Weathers and Sara Lou Debnam will be at Central. Nick Long was named assistant to Hoyle.

The playgrounds will be conducted five days each week. The morning sessions will begin at 8:30 and run until 11:30 and will be open from 2 until 4:30 in the afternoon.

Each playground will sponsor one and possibly two teams if necessary of playground ball which will be entered in the city league. The schedule has not been drawn up but it is expected that there will be three games each week.

If enough turn out softball teams will be formed for the girls. There will be sand boxes for the children as well as miscellaneous games.

Hoyle declared that the Rosemary swimming pool would definitely not be open. "The state health department has condemned the pool," he said, "because it has no mechanical chlorinator or filtering device."

However, he revealed that a regular knot-hole gang would be organized for those boys in regular attendance at the playgrounds and that they would be admitted free to all CPL week-day games here. This group will occupy an area along the left field foul line and will be required to remain in a group which will be under the supervision of playground officials.

Mary Brewer and Hazel Ivey, who conducted a very good playground last year, will be back at the John Armstrong Chaloner School.

So if it's good wholesome recreation you're looking for, just attend any one of these playgrounds during the summer period. Tennis courts have been added at the high school in order to meet the many demands.

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W. L. Pace, one-story frame residence, four rooms and bath, on Rapids street between Third and Fourth streets, \$5,500; E. A. Wrenn, one-story residence on Third street between Jefferson and Charlotte streets, \$4,500; Sydney Cannon, one-story, 4-room, cement block residence on South Roanoke Avenue between Fourth and Fifteenth streets, \$2,000.

J. R. Downing, two-story brick residence, six rooms and bath, on Cedar street between Sixth and Seventh streets, \$10,000; H. M. Hudson, one-story brick residence, six rooms and bath on Washington street between Fourth and Fifth streets, \$7,500; W. H. Proctor, one-story brick veneer residence, 5 rooms and bath on Vance street between Third and Fourth streets, \$7,500.

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City Restricts Building
In Area Near Hospital

Home Building Increases
This Year Over 1946

Although building permits totaling \$222,250 or nearly a quarter of a million dollars were issued during the first four months of 1947 by municipal authorities, that total represented a decrease of \$122,650 from the overall total in the same period last year.

Home building this year, however, rose from an \$117,000 total of last year to \$186,150, showing a substantial increase and indicating a continuation of the trend begun in the first three month period of 1947.

All other construction showed substantial drops not, however, indicating any recession in general building but, as contractors are careful to point out, due to staggered periods of remodeling and commercial building which must also be issued permits by the CPA.

Remodeling last year totaled \$80,900; commercial building, \$144,300; and manufacturing and miscellaneous ran \$2,700. Comparable figures for April, 1947 included \$27,200, remodeling; \$7,000, commercial, and \$1,900, manufacturing and miscellaneous.

In April, 1946, home building, however, was only \$25,500, as compared to \$50,500 worth of new residences in April of this year. Other April, 1946, figures were: remodeling, none; commercial, none; manufacturing and miscellaneous, none. For the same month this year the figures were: remodeling, \$5,000; commercial, none; manufacturing and miscellaneous, none.

Eleven permits were issued this April for construction of new homes as against nine in April, 1946, with two permits for remodeling compared to none last year.

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State College
Officials at
Club Meeting

Col. J. W. Harrelson, chancellor of North Carolina State College, Head Football Coach Beatie Feathers, Backfield Coach Babe Wood and Allen Nelms, secretary of the Wolfpack Club, were here guests at a rockfish muddle held by the Upper Halifax County State College Alumni Club in the Weldon community center Friday night, May 16. Col. Harrelson, in addressing the club, stressed the importance of technical college training as a factor in the economic development of the state.

He stated that the enrollment at State College this year has reached 5,000 and that it is not expected to drop below this even after the present influx of veterans is over.

Coach Beatie Feathers gave the club his ideas as to the possibilities in store for the Wolfpack next season. Interesting talks were also made by the backfield coach, Babe Wood, and Allen Nelms, secretary of the Wolfpack Club. About 35 State College alumni were present at the muddle, which has become an annual event for the club. The rockfish muddle for the occasion was prepared by Tom Holmes and Dutch Seifert.

The meeting was presided over by Tom Holmes, president. Officers elected for the ensuing year were J. E. Gurley, president; J. W. Johnson, vice president, and G. B. DeLoach, secretary-treasurer. Another meeting of the club is scheduled to be held in Roanoke Rapids this fall, at which all State College alumni in this area are invited to be present.

Banks and P. O.
To Close Friday

Commercial banks of Roanoke Rapids: The Roanoke Bank and Trust Co. (including Rosemary branch) and Citizens Bank and Trust Co.; and the Postoffice will be closed all day Friday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

Legion Nine Launches Card
Here Monday with Edenton

The Roanoke Rapids American Legion nine will launch its 13-game schedule Monday night by battling the Edenton Aces at Simmons Park. Game time is slated for 7:45.

Coach Cranford Hoyle has not yet decided on his starting pitcher, but it is expected that Troy Hasty or either William Wheeler will get the nod.

With only one week of practice under their belts the Rapids crew will seek their first win not yet fully organized.

Battling with time Hoyle is still undecided about his starting lineup. Staging a battle-royal for No. 1 receiver's duties are Teeny Elting, Jax ace; Tommy Wheeler and Robert Wright. There is a possibility that Elting might be shifted to first base or to the outfield.

At the initial post Billy Clement and Raymond Edwards are the only candidates besides, of course, Elting, Thurman Bullock and Clyde Waters, local products, and "Kitty" Knitter and Bobby Oakes, both of Weldon, are fighting for the second base slot.

Two Days of Racing Here
Starts Saturday, May 31

Chockoyotte Park, one of the fastest tracks in the South, will be the scene of two days of harness racing May 31 and June 1 when the Atlantic Coast Racing Circuit begins its season schedule in Roanoke Rapids.

According to T. B. Glover, Roanoke Rapids business man and secretary-treasurer of the circuit, the horses began arriving for the meet last Sunday and are being quartered at the race track stables. The public is invited to view training activities as the horses prepare for the second year of racing on the local track.

Previous announcement of the racing loop schedule failed to make mention of fair racing and although plans are still incomplete, they are expected to be announced in the near future.

Horses entered in the local meet and their owners thus far include: Mickey Volemete, trotter, Mr. O'Neal of Hyde County; Lucinda Hanover, pacer; Charlie Boy, pacer; Voltare, trotter, and Scottie Hanover, trotter, all owned by J. L. Horner, Richmond, Va.; Sunlight, pacer; Real American, pacer; Bonaparte, trotter; Princess Min Watts, trotter; Miss Bear, trotter, all of Frank Albertson's stable, Hampton, Va.; V-Day, trotter; Shirley Temple, trotter; E. Casey, trotter, owned by T. B. Glover of Roanoke Rapids.

Butternut Jay, trotter; Connie Pahn, trotter; Colgate, pacer, and

Ordinance Provides Quiet
Zone for Two-Block District

Rose's Store
Will Reopen
On Saturday

Closed out by fires in two previous establishments in Roanoke Rapids, Rose's 5, 10 & 25c store will renew business contact with local citizens on Saturday when doors of their completely remodeled store will be thrown open.

Rose's, an old established firm with 123 stores (of which this was No. 21) in North and South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Virginia, saw a first local venture burned out in November, 1942. Moving into a new location, company officials carried on until, in December of last year, they were again losers in a battle with flames.

This Saturday, under the management of W. H. Jones, and with the expected help of company officials and buyers, Rose's will start once more to serve citizens of Roanoke Rapids and Halifax county in a 50 by 70 foot store building, newly remodeled since the December fire.

Recorder's
Court News

James Amos, colored, of Weldon, was found guilty of hit-and-run and prayer for judgment continued upon payment of the costs and the sum of \$106.01 in the damage to the car of B. S. Millikin.

Ellsworth Butts, colored, of Weldon, was found guilty of non-support of his child and was given eight months on the roads, to be suspended upon payment of the costs and the sum of \$65 for the use of Hattie Smith and that he pay or cause to be paid \$4 per week for the use of Sandra Smith.

James Clark Rackley, white, of Wallace, plead guilty to driving while drunk and was fined \$75 and costs. His operator's license was revoked for 12 months.

James Calvin Lewis, white, of Enfield, plead guilty to driving while drunk and was fined \$5 and costs. His license was revoked for 12 months.

Roger Avery, colored, of Roanoke Rapids, was found guilty of reckless driving and was fined \$20 and costs.

Henry A. Bryant, colored, of Palmyra, plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$15 and costs.

James W. Matthews, white, of Nashville, plead guilty to speeding and drew a fine of \$15 and costs.

Raymond Alston and Irene Hicks, colored, of Litleton, were found guilty of fornication and adultery and were each given six months in jail to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$50 and one-half the costs each.

James Oliver Horton, colored, of Enfield, plead guilty to the larceny of four hams from Frank Pierce and prayer for judgment was continued to June 17.

Young Gives His
Quarterly Report

The Halifax County Board of Health met in regular session in Halifax May 23. Dr. Robert F. Young, health officer, presented his quarterly report.

The board passed a resolution of regret at the resignation of V. C. Matthews as superintendent of the Halifax County Schools, and of appreciation for his work while a member of the Halifax County Board of Health, a position he held automatically by virtue of his school position.

County Budget
Slightly Revised

A revised budget estimate for the fiscal year 1947-1948 for Halifax County, as released this week by county accountant, C. S. Vinson, varies but slightly from that published in last week's issue of the Herald.

Total estimate budget as shown in the previous publication was \$597,678.75 which now reads \$601,878.75 due to a revision from \$20 to \$4,620.00 in aid to dependant children.

Cooper Grizzard of Washington, D. C. will arrive Thursday to spend some time with his mother, Mrs. J. M. Grizzard.

Union Loses Out

Employees of the Riverside Manufacturing Company of Murfreesboro voted by a 250 to 138 count yesterday, against union representation.

The vote was called for by District 50, United Mine Workers, an AFL affiliate. This was the second election in the past six months.

The general meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service will meet Sunday evening at the Rosemary Methodist Church immediately after evening worship.

Miss Sarah Thompson, Miss Ruth Glover and Mrs. W. O. Thompson will be hostesses for this meeting.

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