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Judge Parker Speaker At Duke University Finals

Durham, Feb. 12.—Judge R. Hunt Parker of the Superior Court of North Carolina and Captain W. N. Thomas, chaplain of the United States Academy, will be speakers at the Duke University spring commencement this month.

Judge Parker is to speak at the graduating exercises to be held on February 24. The commencement sermon will be preached by Chaplain Thomas on Sunday Feb. 20.

Approximately 55 graduates are to receive bachelor of arts, bachelor of science and bachelor of science in engineering degrees. A feature of the spring commencement will be the commissioning as ensigns the first group from the Duke unit of the N. R. O. T. C. Nine graduating seniors are scheduled to become ensigns, and there are 75 students, juniors and others not graduating, who will probably receive commissions as ensigns. They have been called into active service.

This will be the third mid-year commencement held at Duke since last autumn. Under the wartime accelerated academic program students are enabled to receive their degrees as they complete their courses of study. Students of the Woman's college again will serve as marshals as they did at the two previous mid-year finals.

RECORDERS COURT NEWS

K. B. Blocker and Eddie Gibson both white of Roanoke Rapids were found not guilty of possession and manufacturing liquor. Leander Bryant, colored at Scotland Neck charged with non-support nol pros with leave.

H. E. Blake, colored of Lewiston pleaded guilty of driving without license and was fined \$10.00 and costs.

Mitzi Cheak, colored of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of possession and sale of liquor and was given 3 months jail to be suspended on payment of a fine of \$20 and costs and on condition she violates no criminal statute for two years.

W. C. Perry, white of Scotland Neck pleaded guilty of speeding and prayer for judgment continued upon payment of costs.

James C. Lynch, white of Hobgood pleaded guilty of driving with out license and judgment is suspended on payment of costs.

Cary Williams and Clecy Duke, white were charged with manufacturing liquor. Duke found not guilty. Williams was given 12 months on the roads suspended on payment of a fine of \$125.00 and costs and that he appear the first Tuesday of each month for two years and show good behavior.

Dave Bell, colored of Enfield pleaded guilty to driving while drunk and was fined \$100.00 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Clayton Morris, white of Enfield pleaded guilty to driving while drunk and was fined \$100.00 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

McKinley Edmonds and Harvey Wiggins, colored of Scotland Neck pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon and were given 8 months on the roads each to be suspended upon payment of a fine of \$35 and 1-2 the costs each and good behavior for two years.

P. T. Neathery, white of Halifax was found not guilty of driving while under the influence of liquor.

James Vines, colored of Scotland was found guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs and \$50 for use of Mrs. P. L. Allsbrook. License revoked for 12 months.

G. J. Elkins, white of Scotland Neck pleaded guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$100 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Jake Whitaker, colored of Enfield pleaded guilty to indecent exposure and was given 8 months on the roads.

J. F. Phillips, white of Cary was found guilty of speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Roosevelt Wilson, colored of Scotland Neck pleaded guilty of driving while drunk and after license had been revoked on Dec. 28, 1943. Fined \$150.00 and costs

Halifax County Plasma Ambulance At Work now In New York

Contributors in Halifax County who made possible the purchase of an ambulance for the collection of blood to be used in giving transfusions to wounded and sick soldiers and sailors will be interested in knowing that the ambulance which their money bought is in active service in New York City.

Miss Marion Weinel, field representative of the American Red Cross on a recent visit to the county reported that the outfit was in operation on the streets of New York, and that the ambulance bears an inscription stating that the vehicle was bought by funds which Halifax County citizens gave in honor of the boys from the County under arms.

The use of plasma has been hailed by the medical profession as the most important advance in medicine during the war. It should be comforting to those who gave, to know that they have helped in putting blood into the veins of injured and sick Americans.

PROMOTED

Thomas S. Turner has been promoted to the rank of T-4 at Fort Brady, Mich.

Sgt. Turner was also recently awarded the Good Conduct Medal for service in the United States Army with the 729th Military Police Bn. He is the son of Mrs. May Turner of Gastonia and the brother of B. F. Turner of Weldon.

and license revoked for 12 months in addition to revocation of Dec. 28, 1943.

Ocie Silver, colored of Enfield pleaded guilty of larceny and was given four months on the roads.

Jesse Simms, colored of Littleton charged with larceny nol pros with leave.

James Arrington, colored, charged with assault on female nol pros with leave.

Robert Lee Cameron, white, pleaded guilty of reckless driving and was fined \$15 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

John Harvey, colored of Enfield pleaded guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Howard H. Erwin, white of Roanoke Rapids pleaded guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of costs.

Jordan Lassiter, white of Lewiston pleaded guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

Thomas Barkley, white of Roanoke Rapids pleaded guilty of driving while drunk and was given 4 months on the roads.

Eddie Jones, colored of Roanoke Rapids pleaded guilty of assault on a female and was given 4 months jail.

W. D. Conwall, white of Roanoke Rapids was found guilty of driving while drunk and reckless driving and was given five months on the roads.

James Britt, colored of Halifax, pleaded guilty of driving while drunk and was fined \$50 and costs. License revoked for 12 months.

V. E. Joyner and Waddell Fields, colored of Hobgood charged with selling homebrew. Joyner found not guilty. Fields guilty and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs and good behavior for two years.

Henry Williams, colored of Enfield was found not guilty of hit and run.

Albert Pridgeon, white of Weldon, charged with driving while drunk nol pros with leave.

Taylor Bryant of Norlina pleaded guilty to reckless driving and was fined \$15 and costs.

Betty V. Pierce, white of Roanoke Rapids pleaded guilty to speeding and prayer for judgment continued on payment of the costs.

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Sgt. F. H. Britton with Army Signal Corps in Texas was recently promoted to Warrant Officer. He is the nephew of W. B. and G. F. Joyner of Weldon and prior to induction was employed by the Joyner Furniture Company.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT



Here's a specific and practical use of the leftover kitchen fats women save in their kitchens. This Army Machine Gun Trainer, which pretty R.K.O. starlet Elaine Riley is sighting, is on display at the Army Ordnance Exhibit at the Chrysler Building in New York, and uses plastic bullets for practice. Fatty acids, derived from used fat, are necessary in the manufacture of these bullets, which makes the cost of firing the gun for practice negligible. If real ammunition were used, it would cost \$180 a minute. Using these plastic bullets, the trainee becomes accustomed to machine gun action and recoil. A phonograph inside reproduces realistic battle sounds while the gun is firing its plastic pellets.

Fourth War Loan Drive Is Successful In County

Matthew Wilson Lucas

Funeral services were conducted from Tabor Methodist Church on Wednesday afternoon for Matthew Wilson Lucas, 43, who died suddenly Monday afternoon at his home in Seaboard. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Mr. Lucas was a native of Halifax County, having been born and reared in the Aurelian Springs section. For some time he was connected with the State Prison Camp near Jackson but recently was serving as Chief of Police in the town of Seaboard.

Survivors include his wife, three sisters, Mrs. E. N. Dickens and Miss Rhoda Lucas of Weldon. Mrs. Paul Hawkins of the Hawkins Chapel community, and two brothers, John B. Lucas of the Hawkins Chapel community and Joe Lucas of Roanoke Rapids.

Bruce B. Loykin

Funeral services were conducted this afternoon from the residence in Halifax for Bruce B. Boykin, 72, who died early on Wednesday morning after a lingering illness. The rites were conducted by the Rev. E. C. Crawford, pastor of the Halifax Baptist Church.

Mr. Boykin was a native of Sampson County, but had made his home in Halifax for 23 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary McArm Boykin, one son, Chas. H. Boykin of Halifax and one brother, L. H. Boykin of Ivanhoe.

Auxiliary Police Square Dance

The Roanoke Rapids Auxiliary Police are sponsoring a Square Dance each Friday night from 9 'til 1 o'clock at Downtown Hall in Roanoke Rapids. There is plenty of floor space and good music is furnished by Jay Saunders and His Band. The proceeds from these dances are being turned over to various charitable organizations.

World Day Of Prayer Feb. 25th.

The World Day of Prayer will be observed at Grace Episcopal Church on Friday, February 25 at 5 o'clock. This service is sponsored by the Missionary Society of the Weldon Baptist Church, the Weldon Methodist Church and the Woman's Auxiliary of Grace Episcopal Church. The public is cordially invited to attend. The church will be open all day for silent meditation and prayer.

Brewing Industry To Celebrate Its Anniversary

Raleigh, Feb. 17th.—The fifth anniversary of the Brewing Industry's voluntary cooperation program in North Carolina will be celebrated May 18.

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Edgar H. Bain of Goldsboro, former State Senator and a veteran of World War I, has headed the program in this state during these five years.

BURLEY TOBACCO

Jim Crane of Walnut, Madison County, says a new variety of Burley tobacco, Kentucky 41-A, developed by the Kentucky Experiment Station produced 2,184 pounds of leaf on 1.2 acre this past season, and sold for an average of 54 cents a pound.

MORE OIL

Recent research by the Southern Regional Federal Laboratory in New Orleans has pointed the way to reducing the loss of oil in damp cotton seed. More of this oil means more food for the table, the research men say.

Wilson Fails In Effort To Collect Damages From Roanoke News

Settlement of 3 Damage Suits Affect- ed by Attorneys of Both Sides

Ben Collins Gets Silver Wings

Pfc. Benjamin F. Collins, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin F. Collins, Elm Street, Weldon, N. Carolina, was given his silver gunner's wings and promoted to the grade of corporal when he completed the flexible gunnery course for radio men at the Yuma Army Air Field this week. Prior to his training in flexible gunnery, Corporal Collins graduated from the Radio Operators and Mechanics School, Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is a graduate of Weldon High School.

IN ENGLAND

1st Sgt. Luther Taylor Oakes has arrived safely in England, according to word reaching his parents here today. His new address is as follows:

1st. Sgt. Lutheq. T. Oakes
34454845
Hdq. & Hdq. Sqdn. 32nd. Ser-
vice Group, APO No. 638
Postmaster
New York, N. Y.

Bill Davis Enters Advanced Flying

Bush Field, Augusta, Ga.—Aviation Cadet Wilfred O. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred O. Davis, has completed approximately two thirds of his pilot training at the 72nd AAF Flying Training Detachment, Augusta, Georgia, and will report soon to one of the Army Air Forces Eastern Flying Training Command's Advanced Flying Schools for the final phase of his flight training.

Having finished the second part of his flying course, Cadet Davis is now well trained to step into the faster, more powerful planes he will become familiar with at the Advanced School.

Upon the completion of his advanced course he will be awarded his wings, a rating of Flight Officer or Second Lieutenant, and assigned to one of the many tactical units of the Army Air Forces for flying duty.

P. T. A. To Observe Founders Day

A regular meeting of the P. T. A. will be held Monday afternoon, February 21st at 4:15 in the High School Library. Mrs. Chas. R. Daniel will be the speaker for the afternoon and she will give a history of the North Carolina P. T. A.

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The trial of the \$10,000 libel suit filed by Carroll L. Wilson of Roanoke Rapids against The Roanoke News Co., Inc was brought to a close last Friday when Judge Walter C. Bone, presiding, directed the verdict in open court. There was no award of damages.

The suit by Wilson, division highway commissioner, was based on an editorial printed in The Roanoke News in July, 1942, criticizing Wilson for some of his activities as highway commissioner.

The case had been on trial all last week when it was halted Thursday morning because George C. Green of Weldon, leading attorney for Wilson, became suddenly ill while cross-examining B. F. Turner, Editor of the "News" and first witness for the defense. The court was recessed until Friday morning.

Thursday afternoon when it became apparent the case might not be completed at the present term of court, ending in a mistrial and would have to be tried over again at a later term of Superior Court the attorneys for both sides held a conference and arranged a settlement. The terms of the settlement agreed on were: the defense would rest its case and not put on its witnesses to further justify the editorial "The Commissioner Builds Himself A Road" and accept a directed verdict; the Plaintiff, Wilson, would recover no damages; both sides to split the court costs and pay their own witness fees; Wilson agreed to enter a retraxit in the suits pending against Dr. B. M. Nicholson of Enfield for \$25,000 and against B. F. Turner for \$25,000.

The retraxit and judgment signed in the cases against Dr. Nicholson and Turner forever bars any trial of these cases which grew out of an editorial published by Turner, entitled, "Commissioner Wilson Should Resign". Dr. Nicholson is alleged to have caused this editorial to be published in The Enfield Progress.

Meetings Planned To Discuss Peanut Experiment Work

College Station, Raleigh, February 17th.—A series of meetings will be held in the peanut producing section of North Carolina from February 22 through 24 to give a progress report on an experimental work conducted so far with this crop, according to an announcement from Dr. L. D. Bayer, director of the Experiment Station at State College.

Meetings will be at Tarboro on February 22 at 2 p. m.; Halifax, February 23, 7 p. m.; Jackson, February 23, 2 p. m.; Winton, February 23, 7 p. m.; Windsor, February 24, 2 p. m.; and Edenton, February 24, 7 p. m.

Peanut producers are urged to attend the meeting which is most convenient to their time and location, Dr. Bayer says.

The three topics around which the discussions will be based are breeding, soil fertility and disease control. However, all phases of peanut production will be taken up in the order in which they are conducted. This order is varieties, width of spacing, time to plant, seed treatment, fertilization and dusting.

Among the members of the Experiment Station's staff who will be present for these sessions are Dr. Bayer; Dr. R. W. Cummings, head of the Agronomy Department; N. C. Brady, associate in the Agronomy Department; Dr. G. K. Middleton, Associate in Agronomy; and Dr. Luther Shaw, associate in botany.

B. Troy Ferguson, district agent with the State College Extension Service, and the farm agents in each county where the meetings will be held, will also attend the discussions.

Pvt. Joe Green of Parris Island, S. C. and Sgt. Bill Green, who is also stationed in South Carolina were recent guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Green.

American Red Cross War Fund Quota for Weldon \$5,000.00

Be prepared to help in this drive