

COMMENCEMENT

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by the Reverend Donald W. Shriver, Jr., on Sunday evening, May 24, at 8:00 o'clock, in the school auditorium. Reverend Shriver is the Presbyterian chaplain at North Carolina State College. He is a native of Norfolk, Virginia. He graduated from Davidson College in 1951 as valedictorian of his class. He holds a B.D. Degree from the Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia. He also has a Ph. D. Degree in Religion and Society from Harvard University. He was pastor of the Linwood Presbyterian Church in Gastonia from 1956-1959. Reverend Shriver has been active in the various organizations of his church. He has also written a number of articles for church publications.

Reverend Shriver was the Tar Heel of the Week in the Raleigh News and Observer on May 10, 1964.

In 1953 he married Peggy Ann Leu, of Pella, Iowa. They have three children: Gregory, 10; Margaret Ann, 7; and Timothy, 3.

Special music will be given by a group from the Girls' Glee Club under the direction of Miss Flora Parker.

Local ministers will assist with this service.

The graduating exercises will be held in the school auditorium on Friday evening, May 29, at 8:00 o'clock. The speaker for this occasion will be the Reverend La Fon C. Vereen of Raleigh. He is the Executive Director of the Board of Missions and Church Extension for the North Carolina Conference of the Methodist Church. Reverend Vereen is a native of Latta, South Carolina. He has a B. S. Degree from Clemson College and a B. D. Degree from the Duke University Divinity School. He has served pastorates in Durham, Oriental, Stonewall, Fremont, Warrenton, and Farmville, North Carolina. He is a past president of the Durham Ministerial Association. He was co-counsellor of the North Carolina European Caravan going to Europe in the summer of 1954. They visited France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Belgium, and England, working with the Methodist churches in those countries.

He is married to the former Joyce Griffin of Lemon Springs, North Carolina. They have two children: Joyce Marie, age 18, and Ronald Lloyd, age 12.

The salutatory will be given by Joan Cooke, daughter of Mrs. W. L. Cooke, Route 3, Smithfield. The valedictory will be given by Whitty Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Whitley of Route 3, Smithfield.

Following the valedictory, those graduating will receive their diplomas. Special senior awards will also be given at this time. The marshals for the commencement exercises come from the junior class. Van Denning, president of the junior class, will be the chief marshal. The other marshals are the following: Susan Barnes, Janet Lee, Jean Lee, Peggy Lee, Sandra Lee, Dianne Massengill, Anna Ratcliffe, Tamara Strickland, Jenny Talton, Mary Lillie Talton, and Ginger Wellons.

The senior class mascots are Sue and Will Avera, twins of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Avera of Route 1, Smithfield.

IN APPRECIATION

May I take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to all who have helped in any way with the operation of the Smithfield Schools during the year that is drawing to a close.

Whatever success the schools have had is due to the splendid cooperation received from all concerned -- students, teachers, parents, the PTA, the local school committee, the county school board, the county superintendent and his office personnel, the helping teachers, the maintenance departments of the schools, the lunchroom personnel, the janitors, the various organizations of the town and community, and many individuals who might not fall into the above-named groups. For the fine cooperation and attitude shown by everyone, I am indeed grateful.

A. G. Glenn, District Principal
Smithfield Public Schools