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## COVE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL FINALS

**Seventh Annual Commencement Brings to Close Most Successful Term in History of Institution; 37 in Graduating Class**

Saturday night marked the close of one of the most successful years in the history of the Cove Creek high school. The largest class ever to graduate from the school, 37, in number received diplomas.

Saturday night the commencement program opened with an operetta, "Rainbow's End," presented by the children of the first seven grades. On Sunday night at Henson's Chapel Methodist church, Rev. George D. Reeves, pastor of the First Baptist church of North Wilkesboro, preached the baccalaureate sermon. He urged upon the graduating class the importance of character building if success is to be attained. Music for this service was rendered by the high school glee club and members of the faculty.

Friday night the senior class had full sway for their class exercises. The scene was in Hawaii and the program was in keeping with the setting. The stage was artistically decorated with ferns, Easter lilies, palms and the class colors of gold and white.

On Saturday morning, Mr. Stanley A. Harris, national executive officer, Boy Scouts of America, delivered the annual address to the graduating class. He discussed as essentials to success a strong physical body, energy coupled with a high ambition, a well-rounded and attractive personality and high principles of character.

At this exercise diplomas were presented to the following graduates: Mary Lee Sherwood, J. Max Barlow, W. Claude Eastridge, L. Roy Ellison, Pearl Henson, Thomas G. Lawrence, Hazel C. Norris, Pearl L. Payne, Earle N. Payne, Charles Trivette, Clint Baird, Ruth Curtis, Maude Barlow, Blaine Byers, Clara Clay, Ethel Eller, Bessie Lee Fox, Lucy Glenn, Herman Greene, Orville Hagaman, Willa Knight, Howard Lowrance, Doris Mast, Bonnie Mast, Chalmers Phillips, Lola Reece, Ruth Thomas, Jerry Wilson, Minnie Wilson, Lynn Norris, Nettie Wilson, Annie T. Brinkley, Carl Webster, Beulah Winebarger, Bonnie Jean McBride, Lola Mae Rowe and Mrs. Allie Rowe Perry.

The final program of commencement was given on Saturday night when the senior class gave a musical comedy, "Hearts and Blossoms." This play was perhaps the best ever presented here. Music for this exercise was rendered by the Bluff City string band and orchestra under the direction of Mr. J. Hard Trivette.

A feature of the final exercises was the splendid exhibits in art and home economics arranged by Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Curtis. These exhibits showed the fine type of work being done by the pupils of these classes.

On Friday and Saturday Cove Creek played Mountain City in two very interesting baseball games, winning on Friday from the visitors with a score of 7-5, but lost Saturday to the tune of 15-0.

Saturday morning certificates were presented to the class in home nursing and first aid who completed the first course under Mrs. Smith Hagaman's instruction during the spring. Another course will be presented next year in this subject. Certificates were also given following pupils for perfect attendance during the entire year, being neither absent nor tardy:

**Grade Pupils**  
First grade: Dwight Stout.  
Second grade: Hazel Atkins, Kermit Beach.  
Third grade: Lenwood Blair, Morris Henson, Hoy Isaacs, Hal Johnson.  
Fourth grade: Thelma McGuire.  
Fifth grade: Clyde Cole, Stanley A. Harris, Jr., Clint Elliot, Edna Harmon, Ruby Glenn, Ruth Eller, Ruby Mast, Helen Bingham, Ruby Johnson.  
Sixth grade: Josephine Mast, Marvin Deal, Fred L. Greene, Hensel Stokes, Jack Henson, Mattie Lou Harman.  
Seventh grade: Velma Brown, Mildred Gordon.

**High School**  
Eighth grade: Susie Banner, Mary E. Banner, Nina Church, Robert Dunn, Elizabeth Dunn, Berie Henson, Gladys Mast, Thomas Presnell, Erin Smith, Madge Williams, Lena Woodring.  
Ninth grade: Cecil Glenn, Madge Reese, Otis Reese.  
Tenth grade: Elizabeth Wilson.

## Bowie Will Deliver Address at A. S. T. C.

Rev. W. L. Trivette brought to the college two of his friends, Rev. G. O. Reed of Florida, and Rev. Mr. Blanchard of Boston, Mass. They conducted the devotionals at chapel and the latter addressed the students.

Prof. H. D. Wisby, superintendent of the city schools at Kanapolis, was a recent visitor coming here for the purpose of seeing teachers. He talked briefly with the student body.

Prof. G. O. Mudge of the Bowling Rock high school visited the college Saturday and spoke at chapel exercises.

The English class of Miss Annie Stanbury rendered a splendid program at chapel hour a few days ago, presenting several acts from Shakespeare's plays. The program reflected credit on the training the young people are receiving in this department.

This week at the college marks the busiest of the year. On Monday evening was a graduate piano recital by Miss Mary E. Davis, who was assisted by Prof. A. R. Smith in several vocal solos. Tuesday and Wednesday were taken up with reviews and examinations and this afternoon at 3:30 the senior class is to give its class day exercises. At 8 o'clock a comedy-drama, in three acts will be staged by the members of the senior class. The title of the play is "At the End of the Rainbow," and is pointed out that this is the only exercise of the year for which an admission fee is charged. The proceeds go to the student loan fund and is used to help secure an education for those who are unable to help themselves.

The commencement exercises come Friday at 10 o'clock when about 100 students will get their diplomas. The annual address will be delivered by former Judge T. C. Bowie of Jefferson.

Monday evening at 6 o'clock the debaters of the college who won so many contests they were credited with scoring the state championship, will be entertained at dinner in the domestic science department. The college is proud of the unusual distinction these young people have attained.

## BEAVERDAM DOTS

Thursday night of last week, this section experienced the worst wind storm in the history of the oldest citizens. It blew down Mr. E. F. Vines' barn, killed a fine bull and injured two head of horses. W. Y. Farthing's woodshed was badly wrecked, and his hog pen was demolished. The barn of Mrs. R. S. Tetter was destroyed; the home of C. M. Hicks was partly unroofed. The barn of Mr. John Norris of Upper Beaver Dam was blown down, and a great many orchards were almost completely ruined, along with a considerable amount of fencing. The accompanying cold has practically, if not entirely, destroyed the fruit crop.

## Severe Wind Storm Does Much Damage in County

The terrific wind storm that swept over the county last Thursday night did considerable damage in Watauga. A heavy loss is reported from various parts. Apple trees in many orchards were uprooted and literally blown from the ground. Brown's Chapel, one of the old Methodist churches of the county, on Boone R. F. D. 1, was blown down; the church and school building at Matney were blown from their pillars and badly wrecked; the roof on the home of Rev. George Trivette at Vilas was, in the main, blown off. A barn on the farm of Attorney John E. Brown, near Boone, in which was housed several purebred cattle, was blown down, trapping the cattle. However they were all taken from the debris with not even a broken bone. Much of the young fruit on the trees were whipped off by the violent wind, the most severe that has been witnessed here for many years.

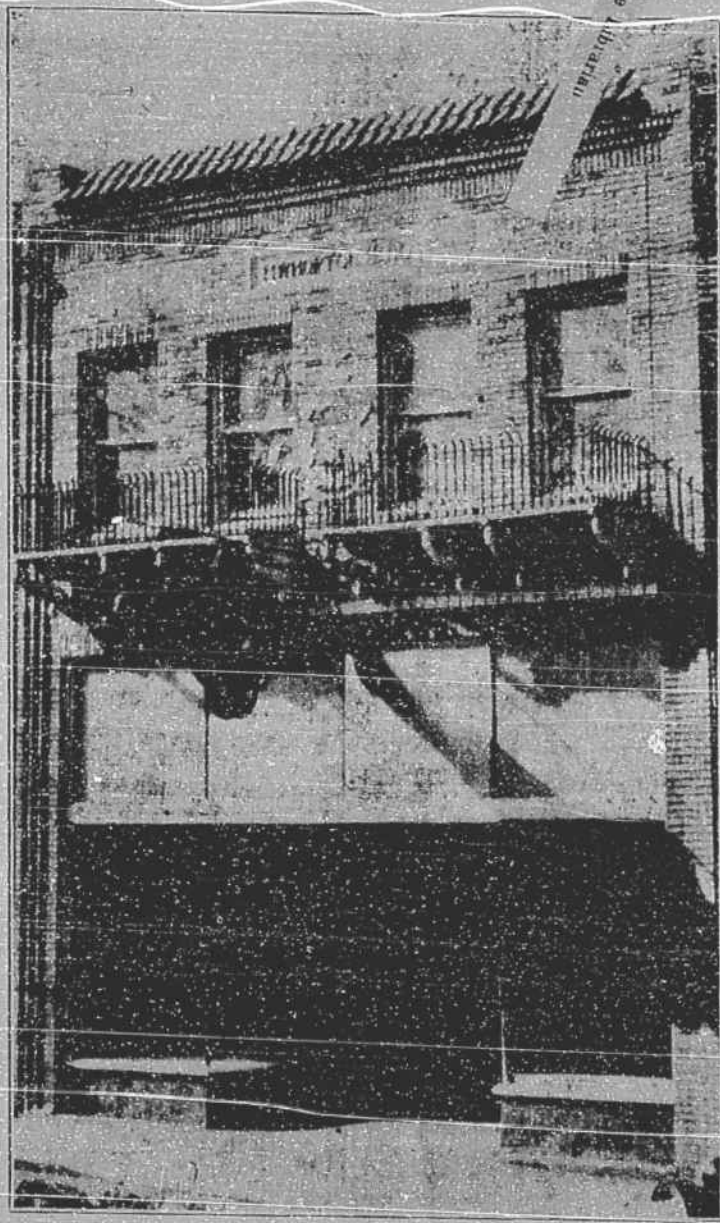
## Noah, Too

When Noah sailed the water blue He had his troubles, same as you. For forty days he drove the Ark. Before he found a place to park.

Marshall Ward, Earl Hayworth, Ruby Fletcher.

Eleventh grade: Bonnie J. McBride, Roy Ellison, Jerry Wilson, Pearl Henson, Beulah Winebarger.

## The New Home of Spainhours'



## SPAINHOURS' TO FORMALLY OPEN FINE NEW BUILDING TOMMORROW 9 O'CLOCK

Unusual interest has been manifested in the announcement of the formal opening of the Spainhours' store in the new H. W. Horton building which is scheduled for tomorrow. Workmen are busy putting the finishing touches on the elegant new structure so that all may be in readiness Friday. The building, located in the heart of the business district, was constructed especially to meet the demands of a modern department store and has a frontage on the main street of 27 feet. Its depth is 97 feet and the main floor has a ceiling of 18 feet, allowing for a mezzanine floor 27x30. The basement has an entrance from the main floor and is used by the Rhodes-Day Company, as a furniture department. Finer and more elaborate fixtures, excellent daylight provisions and the most modern type of show windows yet devised, contribute to the attractiveness of the new store. The second floor will be used as apartment space.

The Spainhours' began their mercantile career on a small scale in North Wilkesboro 58 years ago and today operate a chain of three fine stores. Much of this success, according to J. E. Spainhours, is due to the fact that they operate only in good towns. They have unbounded faith in the future of Boone as is evidenced by the enlargement of their facilities.

In the new building, Spainhours'

will carry new departments and enlarge those already operated. A complete shoe department for men, women and children will be under the direction of Mr. Herbert Jeffries, shoe stylist and expert fitter, while a men's department will feature nationally advertised lines of everything for men except suits and hats. The ladies' ready-to-wear department has been enlarged as has the millinery department. These will be in charge of Miss Helen Patterson.

Mr. R. F. McDade remains as general manager of the store, assisted by Mrs. McDade. The ability of the McDades, their belief in the community and the community's belief in them have contributed tremendously to this forward step in the career of Spainhours'.

The chief factor, perhaps, in the remarkable success of this organization is the fact that it is affiliated with a group having a purchasing power of \$275,000,000 annually. A buyer is sent to New York every four weeks, and the local store is able to show the new merchandise at the same time it is shown in the eastern cities.

Boone now has a thoroughly modern department store and the Democrat joint the citizenship of the town and county in congratulating Spainhours' on their new establishment.

## GAME REFUGE FOR AVERY AND CALDWELL COUNTIES

Members of the board of conservation and development in session in Raleigh last week, accepted an offer from the United States forest service for the creation of a 17,900-acre game refuge in Caldwell and Avery counties on national forest lands. The new refuge is located in Pisgah national forest in a territory embracing Grandfather mountain.

This reserve, James G. K. McClue, member of the board from Asheville, explained, will complete a chain of refuges across the mountain section of North Carolina, beginning with the Sacatowin refuge in Stokes and extending through the Daniel Boone refuge surrounding Mount Mitchell and Wayah Bald refuge in Macon county.

Dublin has a birth rate of 25.12, the highest in Ireland last year.

## No Opposition to City Democratic Ticket

The Democratic municipal ticket won a unanimous victory in Tuesday's election when 202 votes were cast solidly for R. S. Swift for mayor and Dr. J. D. Rankin, Dr. H. B. Perry and L. L. Bingham for aldermen. The Republicans placed no ticket in the field, but on Monday a quantity of opposing tickets, also bearing the names of Democrats, were secretly circulated. When these were exhibited, the men whose names appeared thereon promptly issued a statement to the effect that they were not candidates and were behind the ticket as nominated in the Democratic convention. Accordingly none of the ballots were cast, although their appearance was likely partly responsible for the unusually heavy vote cast, the feeling prevailing that a split in the Democratic vote would result in victory for a third ticket, should one appear.

The newly elected officials are to assume their duties this morning.

## COVE CREEK NEWS ITEMS

Sugar Grove, May 8.—Among those attending commencement last week were Prof. and Mrs. Charles J. Greene, Miss Annabel Bingham and Grace and Ruby Eastridge, and Ruby Arnold.

At a recent meeting of the school committee, the following teachers were elected: Principal, S. F. Horton; English, Miss Grace Blalock; history and science, Miss Constance Shoun, French, Mrs. S. F. Horton; mathematics, W. Y. Perry; home economics, Mrs. Kate R. Curtis; sixth and seventh grades, Dean Swift; fifth and sixth, Miss Blanche Stokes; fourth and fifth, Mrs. Hattie Johnson; third and fourth, Miss Winnie Thornburg; and first and second, Miss Ruth Bingham. Plans are now being perfected to add a teacher of vocational agriculture and manual arts next year.

Principal S. F. Horton submitted the budget for next year and a statement showing the local receipts for the year just ended, to the county board of education Monday. This statement showed that the school had raised in tuition and entertainments, \$1,187.20 during the year. A large part of this amount was turned over to the county to aid in paying the expenses of the last two months of the term.

Work will begin on the school grounds Saturday of this week. The grounds must be sowed in grass and a concrete walk should be built. Any voluntary help will be appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Horton had as guests for lunch Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Stanley A. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hagaman, Mr. and Mrs. Will O. Gordon and Mr. D. F. Horton.

Miss Blanche Horton who has been in charge of the department of public school music and piano in the Moss Hill high school at Kinston for the past eight months, came home Tuesday for the summer vacation.

## Dr. Gordon to Preach to Seniors Sunday P.M.

Rev. W. O. Gordon, D. D., of Cove Creek, will preach the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of the Boone high school in the local Methodist church, Sunday, May 12, at 8 o'clock p. m.

Sunday evening the seniors will present the class play, "The Family Honor," at the college auditorium, at 8 p. m. This play is a five-act comedy, having for its theme "Truth crushed to earth shall rise again."

Friday morning at 10 a. m., representative of the different classes of the high school will compete for prizes in debating, declamation and reading contests. Friday evening the class day exercises will be held in the college auditorium at 8 o'clock.

Dr. W. E. Abernethy, of Rutherford College, will deliver the literary address on commencement day, which will be held Saturday morning. Other addresses will be made by members of the graduating class selected to take part in the exercises. Diplomas will be awarded.

## RAFE KING OUT ON BOND

York, S. C., May 7.—Rafe King, after being confined in the Chester county jail for three weeks as the result of an indictment charging him with the murder of his wife, Faye Wilson King, was given his liberty today on cash bond of \$5,000 granted by Chief Justice Watts. King's home is in Shelby, N. C.

Farmers' wives of Austria are just becoming interested in vacuum cleaners.

## CIVITANS FAVOR CO. FARM AGENT

Club Unanimously Adopts Resolution Asking Commissioners to Take Action on Matter at Once; Dr. Rankin Speaks

At the regular weekly meeting of the Civitan Club last Thursday the organization went on record as definitely sponsoring the movement to employ a farm demonstration agent for Watauga county. The following resolution, which fully sets forth the logic behind the movement, was introduced by Civitan, George P. Hagaman, and after a brief discussion, was unanimously adopted.

## Resolution

Whereas, the financial condition in Watauga county is unsatisfactory; the majority of families are living beyond their incomes; too many people are in debt and getting in deeper every year.

This condition cannot continue without disastrous results.

Watauga is naturally one of the best counties in the state. There are great opportunities for developing:

1. The beef cattle industry.
2. The dairying business.
3. Truck farming, with products well graded and packed.
4. The poultry business.
5. Sheep raising.

The production of kinds of feed for livestock. Fruit growing and many other things.

A good, sensible, well equipped farm agent could be a wonderful help to the farmers in all these things.

Eighty of the best and most progressive counties in the state have agents and will not be without them.

Every county adjoining Watauga has one—Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell, Avery and Johnson county, Tenn.

These counties show big improvement since securing a farm agent. Last year the farmers of Johnson county produced about enough tobacco and other cash crops to pay off their indebtedness. The farmers of Ashe county received \$15,000 each month for beef, Avery county has put a thoroughbred bull of the beef type in every community. Caldwell and Wilkes have made wonderful progress in dairying, poultry raising and the use of lime and clover in soil improvement.

The cost to the county is comparatively small. The state and federal governments pay all the expenses and one-half the salary. It will cost the county \$900 a year for the next two years. The assessed valuation of property of the county is \$9,222,322, so the tax rate for an agent will be a little less than one penny and one-half the salary. It is an average of about 15 cents for each tax payer.

The business men of the county are practically all in favor of this proposition and we think nearly every farmer will be when he figures on the proposition.

Resolved, therefore: That this Civitan Club endorse, unreservedly the proposition of the employment of a county farm demonstration agent for Watauga county and that a committee of three be appointed to present these resolutions to the board of county commissioners on the first Monday of May.

The membership of the club, as follows, strongly endorse the employment of a county agent:

L. L. Bingham, W. E. Comer, Tracy Council, M. P. Critcher, C. M. Critcher, D. J. Cottrell, S. C. Eggers, W. H. Gragg, Dr. J. M. Gaither, I. G. Greer, W. C. Greer, Will O. Gordon, G. P. Hagaman, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, A. P. Hicks, Edw. N. Hahn, R. D. Hodges, A. Y. Howell, H. W. Mast, J. F. Moore, G. K. Moore, C. H. Moser, R. F. McDade, J. C. McConnell, J. L. Qualls, E. S. Qualls, A. E. South, J. B. Steele, Leo B. Vaughn, W. R. Winkler, D. L. Wilcock, J. A. Yount and M. W. Beach.

President G. K. Moore named G. P. Hagaman, J. F. Moore and A. E. South on the committee to present the resolution to the commissioners and to urge favorable action on same.

## Dr. Rankin Speaks

Following the adoption of the foregoing resolution, Dr. J. D. Rankin, dean of the faculty of the Appalachian State Teachers' College, made a short but very interesting talk on the progress education has made in North Carolina during the

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Asbestos mining is being developed in Rhodesia, South Africa.