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41 WILL GRADUATE FROM BOONE H. S.

Senior Play Tonight, Literary Program Friday Morning, Class Day Exercises Friday Evening and Graduation Program Saturday

The finals at the Boone High School get actively under way this evening at eight o'clock when members of the senior class compose the cast for a five-act play, entitled "The Family Honor." Blackface comedy mingled with the pathos of a well-laid love plot, combine to make an interesting evening's entertainment.

On Friday morning at 10 o'clock, the literary program, featured by declaimers, readers' and debaters' contests, will be rendered. The subject for the debate is, "Resolved that the United States should enter the World Court." The affirmative is represented by Walter Edmisten, Len Hagaman and Edgar Brown, while the negative is sponsored by Roger Greene, Luther Jeffcoat and A. E. Moretz. The contests are to be interspersed with piano and vocal solos.

Class day exercises are Friday evening at 8 o'clock, when members of the senior class will be in complete charge of activities. This is the first time in the history of the school when a graduating class has rendered a class day program, within itself. The numbers are as follows: Welcome address, A. E. Moretz; history, Mary Estes; last will and testament, Geneva Hayes; "souvenir," Stella Taylor; poem, Joe Goodnight; prophecy, Jessie Greer; "Bells of St. Mary's," Inez Gragg, Bessie Moretz, Eugenia Graham, Margaret Stanberry, Roger Greene, Walter Edmisten, Charles Stanberry, Joe Goodnight, gifts, Stella Taylor and Edgar Brown.

The graduating exercises on Saturday morning at 10:30 o'clock will be featured by the address of Dr. W. E. Abernethy of Rutherford College. The remainder of the program follows: Invocation, Rev. C. H. Moser; salutatory, Inez Gragg; "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," Council Cook; valedictory, Nell Trivette; class song; benediction, Rev. P. A. Hicks.

Superintendent of Schools Smith Hagaman will present diplomas to the following class of 41:

John Edgar Brown, Jr., Council Cook, Pearl Leona Cooke, Edna Fula Davis, Walter Farthing Edmisten, Mary Pinkney Estes, Ralph Moore Estes, Albert C. Farthing, Rubye Florence Farthing, Joe P. Goodnight, Inez Margaret Gragg, Pearl Alice Gragg, Agnes Eugenia Graham, Roger T. Greene, Dot Greer, Jessie Virginia Greer, Len Doughton Hagaman, Geneva Clara Hayes, Nellie Inez Henderson, Tom R. Jackson, Luther Hall Jeffcoat, Bonnie Marie Lewis, Dare Alfreda Maltba, Bessie Elizabeth Moretz, Arlie Earl Moretz, Ruth Edna Phillips, Charles Edwin Stanberry, Bertie Lee Stone Susan Farthing Swift, James Howard Taylor, Ruth Taylor, Stella Mae Taylor, Arthur Edward Townsend, Nell Virginia Trivette, Sallie Louise Vines, Lora Edna Ward, Betty Wellborn, Iva Dean Wilson, Gladys Louise Winebarger.

SENATE PASSES FARM RELIEF BILL WITH DEBENTURE PLAN

Washington, May 14.—By a vote of 54 to 33 the senate late today passed the farm relief bill, containing the export debenture plan to which President Hoover is unalterably opposed.

Eight Republicans and one Democrat, who voted against the debenture scheme last Wednesday, joined the procession today of those who were for the final passage of the measure that provides half a billion dollars to set up stabilization corporations for the purpose of handling crop surpluses and regulating marketing. The bill now goes to conference.

AMERICAN LEGION TO MEET WITH AUXILIARY

A joint meeting of the American Legion and Auxiliary will be held tomorrow night at 8 o'clock in the hall over the Central Tire Co.

The Boone Civitan Club is sending a committee at this time to assist the Legionnaires in working out the plans for the fourth of July celebration. Refreshments are to be served and Legion officials hope to have a full attendance at this important session.

MISS MARCELLA COOK DEAD

Miss Marcella, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Len Cook, died at her home here yesterday morning at 4 o'clock, following an illness with pneumonia covering a period of many days. Deceased was one of the most popular young ladies of the city and had a wide circle of friends who sorrow with her family in the bereavement. Up to the time The Democrat went to press no funeral arrangements had been made.

Finals at Blowing Rock Consolidated School

Blowing Rock, May 15.—Prof. I. G. Greer of the Appalachian State Teachers' College will be the speaker here Friday night at the graduation exercises of the elementary department of the Blowing Rock Consolidated School, when 24 pupils receive their diplomas.

The program will be opened with the invocation by Rev. P. A. Hicks of the Boone and Blowing Rock Baptist churches, and this will be followed by choral singing. The welcome will be delivered by Shuford Edmisten, the class statistics by Estha Dula, the poem by Elizabeth Greer, the prophecy by Blair Sudderth, the oration by Murrill Gragg, the will by Oma Greene, and the valedictory by Pauline Greene.

After the class song, Prof. Greer's address will be heard, and diplomas will then be presented by County Superintendent Smith Hagaman. Rev. C. H. Moser will pronounce the benediction.

The following pupils will receive diplomas: Blair Sudderth, Gladys Pitts, Lena Greene, Mary Lou Young, Ruth Mays, Annie May Galven, Shuford Edmisten, Estha Dula, Murrill Gragg, Arnold Boitick, Terrence Triplett, Emma Coffey, Oma Greene, Mary Craig, Elizabeth Greer, Pansy Gragg, Pauline Greene, Blanche Hodges, Mae Teaster, Hazel Moody, Opal Pitts, Mae Shore, Muriel Story and Lemuel Gragg.

The high school seniors will give their class night exercises on Monday night and will receive their diplomas Wednesday night following a commencement address by Dr. J. H. Highsmith of Raleigh. They will hear their commencement sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, delivered by Rev. C. H. Moser.

The senior play, directed by Principal G. O. Mudge, was given Saturday night with much eclat. Harley Mudge, in the title role, "The College Chap," was both laughter and tense silences as the no-good son, crusading editor and much-buffed lover, while comedy and a second thread of interest centered about the lobby of the New Occidental, the at first run down, later rejuvenated, inn owned by the college chap's parents. Music was furnished by the local band, directed by Donald Johnson.

The cast included Pem Robbins, Elizabeth Sudderth, Lucille Coffey, Christine Johnson, Corine Knight and Byrum Crisp, seniors, with supporting roles by Joe Bolick, Harry Coffey, Omer Coffey, Annie Coffey, Parks Knight, Archie Sims, Bill Lentz and Mary Robbins.

Between the scenes a vaudeville skit was given by Joe Ellis and Bob Chamberlain of Charlotte who were the guests over the week-end of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Panella.

The commencement program of the Blowing Rock High School has been announced as follows for Monday night, May 20:

"At the Sign of the Gypsy"

Cast of characters and acts: Class song, high school class; Madame Varinsky, Gypsy fortune teller, Beulah Wooten; class president, Byrum Crisp; historian, Elizabeth Sudderth; statistician, Velma Cannon; poet, Lucille Coffey; piano solo; grumbler, Harley Mudge; prophet, Lucille Reid; speaker, for motto, Christine Johnson; speaker for flower, Corine Knight; gitorian, Edna Miller; testatorian, Pem Robbins; mascot, Cecil Rae Critcher; song, "Singing to You, Old High," class.

Commencement exercise, Monday night:

Piano solo, Miss Hazel Blalock; song, "Greeting the Old High," graduating class; invocation; announcements by principal of school; vocal solo, Miss Annie Greene; address, Dr. J. Henry Highsmith, state inspector of high schools; saxophone solo, Don S. Johnson; presentation of diplomas, Principal G. O. Mudge; song, "Farewell to Thee," graduating class; benediction.

The second edition of the Blowing Rock Bulletin, giving information about Blowing Rock and furnishing a means of advertising for residents and business men, is in the process of being printed, following a meeting called last Thursday night by Mr. H. C. Martin, president of the Chamber of Commerce.

A pre-school clinic held last Friday evening in the room of the primary teacher, Mrs. Addie Sale, under the direction of county health officer, Dr. Hodges, assisted by Dr. Scales of Blowing Rock and by Miss Lamb, nurse from the state health department, examined thoroughly over forty children of pre-school age, and a clinic will be held here next summer to make corrections necessary to put the children examined into proper condition for efficient school life.

Other guests in the party spending the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Panella were Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Orr

100 GRADUATED FROM THE COLLEGE

Judge T. C. Bowie Delivers Annual Literary Address to Largest Graduating Class in History of Normal; Senior Play Aids Loan Fund

Marking the close of the 25th year of the Appalachian State Normal College, Judge Thomas C. Bowie of West Jefferson delivered a strong address at the commencement exercises on last Friday when almost 100 students received diplomas—the largest class in the history of the institution. A few of those included in this number were forced to abandon their school work on account of illness and their diplomas will be presented at the end of the summer term.

The subject of the former jurist's address was "Contribution of the Hebrew Race." In a brief but impressive manner he reviewed the rise and fall of the more powerful of the ancient governments and the subsequent loss of their influence. He attributed the loss of their power to moral decadence, brought about by heathen religions, while the lasting influence of the Hebrew nation was cited as a result of the worship of the true God. In closing he warned his hearers against the danger of those conditions which would tend to bring about a weakening of our general moral fabric.

On Thursday evening preceding the commencement the seniors provided the cast for a splendid play. A large audience was present and a goodly sum for the student loan fund was realized from this, the only event of the college year for which an admission fee is charged.

SCHOOL BUSES COST COUNTY 6.1 CENTS MILE

Watauga county holds 82nd place among the 100 counties of the state in per pupil cost per mile of operating school buses, according to the University News Letter. It cost 6.1 cent per mile to transport Watauga's 391 pupils to the consolidated schools in the county. Forsyth, Johnston, Sampson and Wilson counties all operate school buses at a cost of 4 cent per pupil per mile, while in Swain county the cost was 7.1 cents.

North Carolina stands first among the 48 states of the union in the number of pupils transported, the amount of money spent for pupil transportation and the per pupil per mile cost of transportation, according to the University publication.

SOLDIERS STRIVE TO KEEP ORDER AT ELIZABETHTON

Elizabethton, Tenn., May 14.—There was indication of martial law in Happy Valley tonight, as national guardsmen and special officers redoubled their vigilance to prevent a recurrence of today's disorders and wholesale arrests of textile strikers.

More than 200 strikers were arrested today on charges of intimidating employes returning to the two rayon plants here. The arrests caused a near riot, several fights and frequent use of sticks, clubs and threatening bayonets by angered strikers, "dual" workers and officers.

Bill Farr, special policeman, arrested 150 of the strikers this morning after, he said, they stopped buses filled with workers riding to the plants. The crowd began shouting and threatening him and a company of guardsmen rushed to his aid.

The jail was too small to accommodate them and the strikers were held in the Carter county court room for two hours. They were released by Attorney General Allen after he warned them to leave other workers alone and threatened them with arrest if the disorders occurred again.

Farr was charged with attempt to commit murder by several of the strikers. He was bound to the grand jury and was in jail tonight on default of bond. The prosecution said he violated the law by training a gun upon the strikers.

Misses Elizabeth Panella and Vera Duckworth of Charlotte.

An eight-pound baby girl, Ramona Jane, arrived Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Z. M. Koontz, at the home of Mrs. Koontz's mother, Mrs. M. J. Dula of Boone's Fork. Mrs. Koontz, formerly Virginia Dula, is well known in Watauga, where she taught before her marriage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Gragg gave a dinner party Sunday in honor of Mrs. Gragg's aunt, Mrs. Docia Blalock of Bend, Oregon. Those present were Mr. A. E. Mercer, Mr. Ralph Askew, Mr. Howard Young, Mr. Charlie Young, Mrs. E. G. Young and Miss Hazel Blalock.

WHAT WATAUGA COUNTY OUGHT TO DO IS WHAT IT CAN REASONABLY DO

By SMITH HAGAMAN, County Superintendent of Schools

We had last year 4,005 cows. We ought to have 1,000 more. This would add \$84,000 of wealth in milk production. We had 4,605 other cattle. We ought to have at least 4,605 more. This would add \$115,000 through the sale of beef and stock cattle each year. This is only 800 more than we had seven years ago.

We had last year 9,914 sheep. We ought to have had 20,000. This would add in sale of lambs about \$80,000, plus additional wool, about \$25,000.

This additional income from cattle and sheep could easily be \$300,000 annually for the county. This alone would put the county in fine shape—fill the banks with plenty of money with which to do

business. Farmers could meet their obligation and turn the balance to the other side of the ledger.

You say this is too high. Not at all. This would be only getting us back to what we were in cattle production. Of course this will be more sheep than we have had, but not more than we ought to have. We have plenty of feed and grass to care for this number. In fact this is not a matter of idle conjecture—it is an absolute necessity as every man knows who has studied county-wide conditions.

Perhaps you have not figured just how much Watauga is spending beyond its income. The day of settlement is beginning to appear already.

Spainhours' Declare Opening Successful

Perhaps the largest crowd ever assembled in Boone for the opening of a mercantile establishment was in Boone last Friday and Saturday when Spainhours', Incorporated, opened the doors of their fine new store in the Horton building and were hosts to visitors from over this entire section of the state. A number of young ladies of the town assisted the management in entertaining the visitors and a desk was provided near the entrance, where the guests were registered, after which they were shown through the fine establishment—the main floor, the ready-to-wear department on the mezzanine and then to the attractive furniture department in the basement which is operated by the Rhodes-Day Company. There, when the tour of inspection was ended, refreshments were served and a general good time enjoyed.

On the main floor extra sales people were employed, including an expert shoe stylist, while three factory representatives were with the furniture department for the occasion. The store was open until late at night both days and Manager R. F. McDade, from the records available, deduces that scarcely less than two thousand people came to inspect the modern new store. They were two red letter days in the history of Spainhours' and the management is delighted with the whole-hearted spirit shown during the opening, the attendance and the amount of business transacted having been beyond expectations.

HARDWARE MEN WILL MEET AT BLOWING ROCK IN JUNE

Lenoir, May 12.—James F. McGimpsey of Morganton, president of the Hardware Association of the two Carolinas, and Arthur R. Craig of Charlotte, secretary, were in Lenoir last night arranging final details for the annual convention of the hardware men, which will be held in Blowing Rock June 11, 12 and 13.

It is expected that this will be one of the largest meetings in the history of the association, as upwards of 300 members have signified their intention of attending. The meeting will be held at Mayview Manor and President McGimpsey will preside.

MR. THOMAS SELLS FARM

The Bel Air Times of Bel Air, Md., has this to say of our friend and former countyman, W. N. Thomas, Esq., who recently sold out there and came to Mountain City, Tenn., and located temporarily. This only expresses the sentiment of all our people who knew and admired the splendid citizen before his leaving for Maryland several years ago: "Tilley Bros. and Irwin and Graybeal, real estate dealers, report the sale of the 154-acre farm of Mr. William N. Thomas on the Conowingo Road, near Hickory, known as the 'Old Grafton property' to Charles H. Harrell and W. M. Kinzie of Patrick county, Va., for the sum of \$21,000, this price including all stock and farming implements. The purchaser will take possession about October 1st.

"Mr. Thomas, since coming here from the south, has developed this farm into one of the best paying agricultural propositions in the county, and it is frequently pointed to as one of the prize farms of Hartford, and a deal of credit is due to Mr. Thomas for bringing it up to its present shape. Mr. Thomas is one of Hartford's most prominent citizens, and probably no man in the community has endeared himself to his neighbors more than he for his square dealing, unassuming manner, and for his interest in the community. Some years ago he was chosen by the Republican party as a candidate for county commissioner, and although defeated, made a most excellent race."

GRACE CHURCH TO OPEN MAY 20

Dedication Festival of New Lutheran Edifice Here Will Continue Throughout Week; Many Notable Speakers on Program

Fellowship night, Monday, May 20, at 8 o'clock, will be the beginning of the dedication festival of the members and friends of the Grace Evangelical Lutheran church, celebrating the successful completion and consecration of their new house of worship in Boone. Greetings will be brought to the local congregation by the following neighboring ministers, Dr. W. A. Deaton, Rev. P. A. Hicks, Rev. C. H. Moser, Rev. L. F. Kent and Rev. W. L. Trivette.

Tuesday evening, Dr. J. F. Ohl, member of the board of inner missions is to speak, his subject being, "The Duty of Praising God in Sacred Song." Dr. Ohl comes from Philadelphia. After the address there is to be an organ concert, using the new Moller organ that is being placed in the church. A representative of the Moller Organ Company is to have the musical program in charge.

Wednesday, May 23, at 8 p. m., Rev. H. W. Jeffcoat, former pastor and organizer of the congregation, will preach, and the subject for this sermon is "Pressing Forward for Christ."

Thursday, May 23, Dr. Brent Schaeffer, president of Lenoir-Rhyne College, Hickory, will preach on the theme, "Belonging to Christ." Friday, May 24, 8 p. m., Dr. J. L. Morgan, president of the United Lutheran Synod of North Carolina, whose home is in Salisbury, will preach, his subject being "A Growing Church."

Saturday, May 25th 8 p. m., Mrs. W. F. Morehead of Salem, Va., president of the Woman's Missionary Society of the United Lutheran Church in America, will deliver an address, on the subject, "Except the Lord Build the House."

Sunday morning, May 26, at 10:30 o'clock, this pretty new church will be dedicated. The sermon is to be preached by the noted Dr. F. F. Fry, secretary of home missions of the United Lutheran Church in America, his sermon theme being, "What the Church Stands For."

A treat is in store for all the people of Boone and the surrounding communities, and a hearty welcome awaits every one. Each of the speakers are most excellent, and the public is especially invited to hear every one of them and to rejoice with the congregation in the celebration of the completion of the new church and the dedication of the same.

Sunday evening after the dedication at 8 o'clock, Rev. N. D. Yount, a former pastor, is to preach on the subject, "Jesus, the Church Member."

JUDGE HAYES SERVES NOTICE ON RUM RUNNERS

Winston-Salem, May 13.—"I am going to work on this liquor business from both ends and in the middle," declared Judge Johnson J. Hayes, in United States court here today as he gave further notice of continuance of the federal government's war on rum runners in this part of the country.

Judge Hayes called attention to the fact that the press, pulpit and school have placed every violator of the laws against transporting liquor on guard.

"If men with families want to remain with their families and out of the penitentiary they must remain away from automobiles hauling liquor," said the jurist in pointing out that rum runners afford markets for the little blockaders and keep them in business.

The "live-and-let-live" law will soon be invoked and rum runners, heretofore getting off with from a year and a day to two years, will get sentences in Atlanta penitentiary for five years, and receive heavier fines, the judge warned.

LINVILLE GETS PARK MEET

According to information given the Lenoir News-Topic by Mark Squires, chairman of the North Carolina park commission, Linville has been selected for the meeting place of the national conference on parks for 1930. The meeting will likely be held in May or June and will be attended by probably 200 delegates, all of whom are well known in park work, as well as by prominent people in government affairs.

ponent of prohibition should be on the commission. I am also of the opinion that at least one member should be a woman. After all the value of the work of the commission will depend on the facts delivered and the recommendations made on the basis of these facts."