

DR. McDERMOTT TELLS GRADUATES TEACHING RESPONSIBLE PROFESSION

(Continued from page one.) Educating are doomed to failure. Make no mistake about it, education divorced from character building is not only a failure but a menace as well. Our task is to produce in each generation an overwhelming number of individuals who will set for themselves high standards of conduct, and cause themselves to live up to those. You do not get such individuals haphazardly or automatically. You get them only by careful training, and each generation must be trained now.

"Next, your message to these young people of ours must be a patriotic one," Dr. McDermott continued by saying that we have come to think chiefly in terms of what our government will give us in return for our allegiance, and that our primary concern has become pensions, bonuses, grants, and special privileges, demanded and won in return for votes. He said that the remedy being offered for this state of affairs is more laws, but he believes that laws will not suffice. "A proper appeal to the patriotic spirit of youth," he said, "must be predicated on some ground other than mere sentiment. It calls for a sound, rational basis for the enthusiasm and the loyalty we seek to arouse. To have a real and lasting patriotism the youth must understand just why he should love and serve and preserve his country. That calls for a thorough knowledge of its history, its institutions, and its ideals. When you have inculcated into the minds and hearts of American youth the history of our Republic, the reasons and the vicissitudes of its founding, its marvelous course down through the years, its meaning in the life of the world. I say when you have rightly told them that story, then the fires of patriotism will be kindled. These young citizens will then begin to realize the privilege that is theirs in living in such a land, and in working to keep it pure and safe. With constant recruits for our citizenship imbued with such a spirit, America can be preserved."

Dr. McDermott ended his speech by saying to the graduates: "I beg of you, tell the story of America unto the youth of the land. Weave into the warp and woof of their character a love of country that will manifest itself in action. Our country is worthy of that kind of love. She is dependent upon it. Without it she is doomed. And when this citadel of human liberty falls, the lights will go out all over the world. My young friends, the crying need of this hour is not for more laws, more commissions, more regulations, more raw ma-

terials, but rather for educators consecrated to the task of producing men and women of noble character and fervent patriotism. I summon you to that high endeavor." President B. B. Dougherty conferred degrees upon and presented diplomas to 174 bachelor of science graduates, and 10 master of arts teacher-graduates. Students graduating with honors included the following: Magna cum laude—Dorothy Smith Hicks, Mount Airy; Carolyn Holt, New London; Rufus McClure, High Point; Carl Boyd Greene, Crossnore; and Charles Hyder, Morganton. Cum laude—Annie Mae Blackburn and C. H. Blackburn, Jr., Boone; William C. Robinson, Castlewood, Va.; Mildred Carnes, Cramerton; June B. Davis, Charlotte; Madeline Jenkins, Cramerton; Joseph Thuman Watts, Morganton; Savannah Day, Roaring River; Tommy Sue Moxley, Laurel Springs; Alice Wright Porter, Raleigh; Betty Sue Hodges, Caroleen; Hyton Babson, Ash; Newell Price, Gastonia; G. H. Collins, Jr., Mount Airy; Welch Tester, Valle Crucis; Robert Yoder, Richmond, Va.; Wayne York, High Point; William Alexander, Shulls Mills; Donald Cheek, Raleigh; Bill Cross, Lenoir; Edward L. Garris, Sumter, S. C.; Ellis Kuykendall, Tryon; Alfred M. Strauss, Sparta; Harold W. Gentry, Mountain City, Tennessee; Ralph B. Shore, East Bend; Nina Annas, Troy; Carolyn Byrd, Wilkesboro; Dorothy H. Griffith, Davidson; Glenna M. Higgins, Hays; Helen Barnhardt, Advance; and Pauline McSwain, Shelby.

Armed Forces Day To Be Featured

The Lenoir High School Band of Lenoir, N. C., consisting of sixty members under the direction of Captain James C. Harper, has the distinction of being selected by the Armed Forces Day Committee in Hickory, N. C., to lead the mammoth Armed Forces Day Parade which is scheduled to take place in Hickory at 2:30 p. m. on May 19, 1951.

Armed Forces Day celebrations are being held throughout the United States in all major cities. The purpose of Armed Forces Day will be to familiarize the American people with the role of their Armed Forces in the preservation of freedom and to encourage wholehearted public support in this vital mission.

In the line of march will be the Army, Navy, and Marine, and Air Corps reserves; National Guard units, civic and veteran organizations together with approximately forty floats. One of the attractions in the line of march will be the Cherokee Ranch Rodeo from the Lone Star State, consisting of 25 Texas horses with cowboys and cowgirls, and donkeys and clowns and a bucking ford.

All citizens residing in Western North Carolina are cordially invited to be present to see this big parade and to pay their respects to those who have paid the supreme sacrifice and those who are now serving with our Armed Forces. The Honorable R. H. McComb, Mayor of Hickory is chairman of the Armed Forces Day in Hickory, assisted by Major W. N. Cowan, commanding officer, North Carolina Sub Military District with headquarters in Hickory.

FARM LAND PRICES The general average price of farm real estate increased 14 per cent between March, 1950 and March, 1951, according to the Agriculture Department, which points out that it is now nine per cent above the previous record set in November, 1948.

Guy Farthing Gets West Point Honor

Guy Farthing, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Farthing of Mocksville, will enter the United States Military Academy at West Point in July of this year.

Representative Charles B. Deane of the Eighth Congressional District released from his office in Washington last week the announcement that Guy Farthing had successfully passed the entrance examination. The West Point examinations were held on March 5.

Mr. Farthing is 17 years of age, a senior at the Mocksville High School, and a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Farthing of Boone.

BROTHER'S RIGHT The president of a large corporation was sitting down to dinner with his family when little Mary turned to her father and said: "Why can't we just pray once a week, Daddy? Why do we have to ask for our daily bread every day?" Her younger brother, looking up in utter disgust: "Do you think we want stale bread?"

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