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FINALS PROGRAM AT MURPHY WILL END ON APRIL 20

Sixty-One Seniors Now Preparing for Graduation Exercises

The Murphy school bell will toll the knell of parting ways for 61 high school seniors here Tuesday night, April 20.

The largest graduating class in school history is now preparing for commencement activities that will keep them busy for the next month.

Besides being the largest class to graduate from the Murphy high school, the Seniors this year have one of the best records behind them ever made by a graduating class.

Mrs. E. L. McKee, of Sylva, senator in the present session of the State Legislature will deliver the commencement address on the evening of April 20 when the seniors will get their programs.

The sermon to the graduating class will be delivered by the Rev. Geoffrey Hineswood, vicar of Grace church, Gainesville, Ga., on Sunday morning, April 18, at 11 o'clock in the school auditorium.

Complete programs for these services will be announced later.

Other features of the commencement program are the junior-senior banquet to be given in the gymnasium next Saturday evening, "Hobgoblin House," a mystery play, will be presented by the seniors on Friday evening, April 7.

Mrs. J. W. Davidson will present her elementary music pupils in a recital on the evening of April 15 and the following evening the high school class will give its recital.

A speech and essay contest will be held on Monday, April 19, to determine the winners of the medals offered for the best declamation, recitation, and essay. All essays written this year for this contest are on some phase of educational progress in (Continued on back page. This Sec.)

Last Rites Are Held In Murphy For Mrs. Voyles

Funeral services for Mrs. Mary Josephine Voyles, 70-year-old Murphy resident, were conducted from her home Tuesday with the Rev. Stewart H. Long and the Rev. Fred Stiles officiating. Interment was in the Hiwassee cemetery. Peyton G. Ivie was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Voyles widow of the late Enoch Voyles, who at the time of his death a year ago was a member of the Cherokee County Board of Commissioners, died at her home Monday morning at five o'clock.

Pallbearers were: Zack Ramsey, J. D. Plemmons, B. E. Dockery, N. W. Mintz, N. E. Hunsucker and J. Plemmons. Nieces acted as flower girls.

"Aunt Mollie" was one of the town's oldest residents and had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances in this community.

Surviving are seven daughters, Misses Mattie, Edyth and Edna Voyles, Mrs. J. D. Plemmons, Mrs. B. E. Dockery, Mrs. N. W. Mintz and Mrs. N. E. Hunsucker, all of Murphy, and one son, W. R. Voyles, of Lakeland, Fla.

Weather Vane

Following are maximum and minimum temperatures for the past week compared with temperatures for the same period last year:

Date	1937		1936	
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.
16	43	16	74	41
17	56	17	53	28
18	54	37	47	27
19	75	41	60	25
20	74	54	55	32
21	70	42	55	28
22	69	30	70	24

RAINFALL

	1937	1936
Since March 1	2.35 in.	3.47 in.
Since Jan. 1	16.63 in.	21.16 in.

Baptist Pastors To Meet On Saturday

The Baptist pastors of the Western North Carolina and the West Liberty associations will meet at the Murphy Baptist church Saturday at 10 o'clock for an all day conference.

M. A. Huggins, state secretary, and other Baptist leaders will be the speakers.

Lunch will be served the pastors at the church. All the pastors are urged to attend for the fellowship, information and inspiration.

SAYS FIRST BASE BALL GAME TO BE PLAYED APRIL 20

While the ball park in Murphy was being put in shape this week, H. H. Hickman was arranging to play his first game on the local ground Sunday, April 18, "with weather permitting."

Hickman said right now he was trying to raise money to buy the boys some new uniforms and equipment and that practice would begin soon.

The manager also says that he has a number of TVA players lined up and that one of the best teams in years should come to the field on the opening date.

"Tell them I'll be around with my hat out soon", he said.

Roll Fair Grounds In Preparation For Meet

The Murphy fair grounds Tuesday were undergoing overhauling, and a huge roller was used to level out the ball park and the Murphy high school athletic field.

Part of the work was in preparation for the track meet which will be held by the Murphy high school, April 2, and the other part was leveling off the baseball diamond.

Harley Lovingood Is Initiated Into Frat

Cullowhee, March 5.—Harley Lovingood, of Marble, was initiated into the Beta chapter of the Alpha Tau Pi fraternity here at Western Carolina Teachers College in a recent meeting.

Mr. Lovingood finished his required work for a degree at the end of the fall quarter. He has since then been employed in the Eryson City school system.

'Old Maids' And 'Battleaxes' Tie In Game 17 to 17

The famous battle of the "Old Maids" and the "Battle-axes", no less furious or important than the battle of Bunker Hill itself, is over—and the result is as surprising as the game was interesting.

The single girls, off to a 13-2 lead in the first quarter, were bottled up by their married friends and the game ended in a tie—17-all.

Playing on Coach O. W. Deaton's single girls team were: Misses Fanny Hathcock, Bruce Speight, Grace Barnett, Grace West, Miriam Stillwell, Ruth Morgan, Meredith Whitaker, Pearl Baker and Woodfin Posey.

Playing on Neil Sneed's "Battle-axes" (which is the way referee H. Bueck referred to them) were: Mrs. Lyle Martin, Mrs. Buster Bayless, Mrs. E. L. Holt, Mrs. Maude Duncan, Mrs. Mutt Fain and Mrs. Ruth Nichols.

About \$10 was realized from the game which will be used by the high school athletic fund.

Cherokee Students To Return From Mars Hill

MARS HILL, N. C., March 25.—Miss Edith Breedlove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Breedlove, and Edward Pipes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Pipes, both of Murphy, are returning home from Mars Hill college for the spring holidays from March 25th to 30th.

DISASTER SCENES, STORY PUBLISHED IN THIS ISSUE

Expedited service permits The Scout to give its readers in today's issue a complete picture of the New London, Texas, school explosion late last week which snuffed out the lives of five hundred children and teachers.

Special news pictures, together with a comprehensive article, combine to give an accurate description of the most disastrous tragedy in years.

A special corps of Photographers and correspondents was moved to the scene immediately. The story and pictures in today's issue are the results of their work, giving a vivid description of the catastrophe.

ASSEMBLY ENDS WITH 1200 NEW LAWS ON BOOKS

Adjournment Comes Tuesday; Budget Balanced, Liquor Legalized

RALEIGH, March 25 — North Carolina's 1937 general assembly, which balanced the largest budget in the history of the state, legalized liquor, complied with all phases of the social security program and authorized free textbooks for children in elementary schools, adjourned sine die at 5:38 o'clock this afternoon.

Officially, the legislature quit at high noon, when the old fashioned clocks in the house and senate chambers were stopped.

Actual adjournment, however, came more than five and a half hours later, after the enrolling office had had an opportunity to copy last minute bills. The board of education omnibus measures had been enacted and the house had killed a measure allowing counties and municipalities to issue revenue anticipation bonds to match federal funds.

When all legislative remnants had been disposed of, the tall doors of each chamber were thrown open so that Speaker R. Gregg Cherry of the house and Lieut. Gov. W. P. Horton of the senate could see each other, across the corridors and the circular hallway at the base of the capitol dome.

Gov. Hoey On Rostrum
Both officers raised their gavels. Governor Hoey was on the rostrum with Horton. Persons in the crowded galleries craned their necks as the law-makers lined up in double file in the aisles.

Then Horton nodded slightly and both mallets descended simultaneously.

Just before adjournment Representative Dellinger of Gaston asked that his bill, which would have substituted electricity for lethal gas as a means of capital punishment, be revived. His motion was shouted down.

Both houses passed a bill to exempt male merchantile employes from the maximum hour law. The representatives, however, killed a senate-passed measure which would have allowed the manufacture and assembling of slot machines in the state.

The house concurred in senate amendments to validate certain bonds issued in connection with WPA projects.

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MISS BELL NAMED TO PHI BETA KAPPA FOR SECOND TIME

Miss Grace Bell, of Murphy, is the only student on the campus of the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina to be elected to Phi Beta Kappa, honorary scholastic fraternity, two years in succession.

The honor was bestowed on her Tuesday morning while 12 other students and two alumnae were initiated into the club.

Miss Bell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Bell, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa last year as a junior and this year as a senior, performing almost an unprecedented feat from a scholastic standpoint.

New L and N Station Agent To Come Here

S. M. Bobo, of Fairmount, Ga., is expected to arrive here some time next week to assume his new duties as Louisville and Nashville railroad station agent in Murphy.

He will take the place of O. W. Hendricks, former agent, who transferred to Cooperhill, Tenn., last Wednesday.

Mr. Bobo, who was former L and N station agent at Fairmount, will reside here with his family.

HEAVY CRIMINAL DOCKET AWAITS JUDGE PHILLIPS

One of the largest criminal dockets to ever be tried before a Superior court judge in Cherokee county will face Judge F. Donald Phillips when the spring session convenes in Murphy Monday.

John W. Donley, clerk of the court, said Tuesday that "although the criminal docket this session is one of the largest we have ever seen" there are no particularly important cases on it, most of them representing trials of various whiskey charges and petty offenses. No murder cases are scheduled.

Civil suites will also be tried at the two-weeks term.

Mr. Sherman Forrister, 85, Is Buried Saturday

Funeral services for Sherman Forrister, 85-year-old resident of the county home and devout church-goer, were conducted Saturday afternoon with his pastor, the Rev. Stewart H. Long, officiating. Interment was in the new Murphy cemetery. Mr. Forrister died Saturday morning.

Only distant relatives survive.

Slogan Interesting To Gasoline Company

Harvey Jones, manager of the cafeteria at the Hiwassee dam site, was advised over long distance phone Monday night by a member of the advertising staff of the Standard Oil company, from New York that a representative would call upon him concerning a slogan for the company's gasoline which Jones entered in a recent contest.

The slogan contest was held last fall, but Jones did not win a prize at the time.

Club Meeting Held At Home Of Mrs. Ben Mann

The Good Will club met at the home of Mrs. Ben Mann Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock. The meeting opened by reading the Scripture, Prayer and song. A business session followed.

Iced muffins and hot coffee were served.

Mrs. Orrie Carringer was added as a member. Margie McDonald and Mrs. Eula Belle Stiles were visitors. Twelve old members were present. The club quilt will be given away to the winner Wednesday afternoon at the home of Miss Rinda Cornwell's.

The next meeting will be at Mrs. George Staicup's Friday, April 2nd.

String Music Program To Be Given At Ogden

A program of string music will be offered at the Ogden school house, nine miles east of here in Clay county, Monday night, Frank Smith, principal of the school has announced.

"Ted and Raymond and The Boys from Kaintuck," stars of radio station WSB in Atlanta, Ga., will provide the entertainment.

Proceeds will be used by the school.

Miss Mallonee Is Initiated Into Club

Greensboro, March 25.—Among students at the Woman's College of the University of North Carolina who were initiated recently into the zoology field club is Miss Mary King Mallonee, of Murphy.

FEDERAL AGENTS TAKE 4 CHARGED WITH KIDNAPING

Will Be Tried In U. S. District Court In Asheville Soon

Federal Bureau of Investigation agents Thursday transferred four prisoners held in the county jail in Murphy for more than a week on charges of kidnaping to Asheville where they will be tried in the U. S. District Court there at a future date.

The prisoners included one man and three women all of Atlanta, Ga., who allegedly forced Dave Ellison, 30, regional radio salesman, also of Atlanta, to bring them to Murphy during an all-night ride March 10.

Those taken to Asheville are Bill Wilson and three female companions, Jerry Golden, Marie Wilson and Odell Thrasher.

After the quartet was arrested here by Chief of Police Fred Johnson, March 11, a hearing was held in Mayor's court and bond for each was set at \$500. Ellison was also put under a \$500 bond as material witness in the case, but was bailed out by Hadley Dickey and returned to Atlanta.

Later the bonds for Bill Wilson and the Golden girl were raised to \$1000 each, and when Mr. Johnson learned that the Federal Bureau of Investigation was interested in the case, all four were ordered held without bond.

According to Ellison's testimony, he picked Bill Wilson up on the way to Jacksonville, Fla., from Atlanta, and instructed him to drive while he (Ellison) slept.

During the trip the three girls were picked up and Miss Golden is said to have held a knife on Ellison when he discovered they were in Blaisville and ordered them to return to Atlanta.

It is understood in the case of a conviction in the case that a reward will be given the captor of the alleged crime.

Baptist Men's Meeting To Be Held Monday

A meeting for the Baptist men of the Western North Carolina association will be held at Marble church Sunday, it was announced by W. A. Adams secretary of the association.

For the 11 o'clock hour all men not having services in their own churches are invited, and the afternoon sessions will be devoted to all men of all churches. Mr. Adams said women would not be excluded. For those attending the morning service, dinner will be served on the grounds.

"This meeting offers a splendid opportunity for our men to get together and consider Kingdom matters", Mr. Adams stated in announcing the meeting. "Dr. Walter N. Johnson, the Rev. T. F. Deitz, the Rev. J. C. Pipes, the Rev. C. F. Rogers, the Rev. A. C. Ammons and secretary M. A. Huggins are expected to be with us."

The program is as follows: Morning session at 11 o'clock, "My Church and I—What Are We For?" by Mr. Huggins; Sermon by Mr. Deitz. Afternoon session, 1:45, Devotion and music; 2 o'clock, "The Men of Our Association," Mr. Ammons; 2:20 o'clock Conference period led by Mr. Adams; 2:45 o'clock music; 2:50 o'clock "Our One Hundred Thousand Men" by Mr. Rogers; at 3:30 o'clock music; 3:35 o'clock "A Worthy Program for a Baptist Church" by Mr. Pipes; 4 o'clock music, Announcements and offering; 4:05 o'clock "Men Marching the Master of Men" by Dr. Johnson. All hours are Eastern Standard Time.

Mr. Adams said a delegation is expected from every church.

Mr. T. T. Lindsey returned to Murphy Saturday from Chattanooga, where he was attending to TVA business.