

MILLS HIGH GRADUATING EXERCISES

LARGELY ATTENDED FRIDAY NIGHT

Dr. Knight of University of N. C. Makes Mills Baccalaureate Address; Forty-Two Graduate

The Mills High School commencement came to a close last Friday evening. Dr. Edgar W. Knight of the University of North Carolina made the address to forty-two Seniors graduating at this time.

The Salutatory was very ably made by Julian Lewis. Talmadge Thomas in her usually fine way delivered the Valedictory address in which she expressed the appreciation of her class for the efforts made by the parents, teachers, school board, County Board of Education and the principals of the school during school life of the senior.

Mr. G. M. Beam, President of the Louisburg Lions Club, presented the 'Lions' Citizenship medals to Talmadge Thomas and Sam Jones Beasley. These two were selected by a vote of the faculty of the high school.

Senior Present Gift to School Willie B. Robertson, President of the Senior Class, presented a check for one hundred dollars as a down payment on a movie projector for the school. This was a most timely gift and will meet a long felt need for progressive teaching in the school.

Graduating Exercises Processional (audience standing)—Mrs. E. C. Jernigan, Invocation—The Rev. Harry S. Cobey.

'A Night Song'—Daniel Protheroe—Girls Glee Club. Salutatory—Julian Lewis. Introduction—Dr. Walter Patten.

Address—Dr. Edgar W. Knight. Presentation of Diplomas—Mr. E. C. Jernigan.

Presentation of Honors—Mr. G. M. Beam. Presentation of Class Gift—Willie Robertson.

Valedictory—Talmadge Thomas. Recessional, Class Song, (audience standing)—Mrs. E. C. Jernigan.

Principal Jernigan delivered Diplomas to the following graduates: Cheatham Alston, Howard Baggett, Beth Beasley, Sam Jones Beasley, Mary Boone, Gerald Bunn, William G. Cobey, Doris Cottrell, John Finch, Walter M. Hall, Sarah Hardwick, Grover C. Harris, Jr., Frances Hedden, George Herman, Virginia Herman, Doris Holmes, Susanne Jernigan, Hazel Kemp, Emmitt Lassiter, Julian Lewis, Horace Marshall, Martha Matthews, Shirley Mills, Billy Moon, Edna Ray Peoples, Vernice Al Peoples, Janice Perry, John Perry, Nell Perry, James B. Ragland, Frank Amis Reavis, Willie B. Robertson, Vivian Rogers, Fenner Spivey, Ada Mae Strother, Talmadge Thomas, Wilson Tucker, Carl Watkins, Jr., Mary Jane Weaver, Edith Wiggins, Catherine Wheeler, Myrtle Wrenn, Maurine Wright.

This is believed one of the largest classes ever to graduate from the Mills School.

The Faculty Sponsor was Mrs. Don J. Dorey; Class Colors, Lavender and White; Class Flower, Rose; Class Motto, 'The past forever gone, The future still our own'; Class Mascot, Hazel Ford. The Marshals were: Larry Lewis, Chief; Juniors: Nancy Griffin, Mary Nelson Smithwick, Jack Cooper, Virginia Partin. Freshmen: Betty Marie Hardwick, Betty Grainger, Nell Rose Lancaster, Earle Murphy, Jr.

Think It Over This world is a funny place. Its wonders never cease. Civilized nations are at war And savages at peace.

—On Pay Day, Buy War Bonds—

COMPLETES FIRST YEAR



MR. E. C. JERNIGAN

Principal of Mills High School, who has completed his first year in Louisburg with a most successful school year.

Franklinton School Closes

Rev. A. R. Batchelor to Deliver Sermon; Dr. Carlyle Campbell to Deliver Address

The baccalaureate sermon of the Franklinton High School will be delivered by Rev. A. R. Batchelor of Richmond, Va., on Sunday evening, May 21, at eight o'clock. Dr. Carlyle Campbell, president of Meredith College, will address the graduates on Thursday evening, May 25.

These two programs will be two of the highlights of the Franklinton 1944 Commencement. This has been a most successful school year at Franklinton, and marks the completion of the first year of Superintendent W. P. Morton.

These two programs are as follows:

Commencement Sermon Sunday May 21, 1944, 8:30 p. m.

Prelude. Processional—God of Our Fathers.

Doxology. Invocation—Rev. S. E. Mercer. Hymn—Onward Christian Soldiers.

Scripture Reading—Rev. S. E. Madren. Prayer—Rev. Bruce Hartsell.

Antem; Stainer—God So Loved The World. Announcements.

Hymn—Come Thou Almighty King. Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. A. R. Batchelor, Richmond, Va.

Antem; Gounod—L. R. Dresler—Adore, And Be Still. Hymn—Blest Be The Tie That Binds.

Benediction—Rev. A. R. Batchelor. Postlude.

Music by the Church Choirs under the direction of Mrs. J. A. Cox and Rev. Bruce Hartsell.

Graduation Exercises Thursday, May 25, 1944, 8:30 p. m.

Star Spangled Banner—Senior Class and Audience.

Pledge to the Flag—Led by Seniors.

Invocation—Rev. S. E. Mercer. Welcome Address—Mary Alice Hale, President of Class.

Morning; Speak-Dels—Girls' High School Glee Club. Salutatory—Edna Earle Hicks. Salutatory—Rachel Jones.

Solo—Rev. Bruce Hartsell. Introduction of Speaker—Mr. A. H. Vann.

Address—Dr. Carlyle Campbell, President Meredith College.

Alumni Song—Senior Class and Audience.

Presentation of Awards. Wings; Fibich-Dels—Girls' High School Glee Club.

Valedictory—Ann Cox. Awarding of Diplomas—Superintendent W. P. Morton.

Class Song—Seniors. Senior Class Roll—Rosalie Allen, Mildred Brown, Alice Cooke, Ann Cox, Clyde Adkins, Clyde Cannady, Mary Alice Hale, Margaret Hayes, Lela Mae Hedrick, Edna Earle Hicks, Thomas Hicks, Milton Hight, Rachel Jones, Eileen Kearney, Ida Mae Lassiter, Elizabeth Leonard, Henry Holding, Charlie Honeycutt, Sadie McGhee, Kathleen Pergerson, Phyllis Poole, Marie Tomlinson, Will Overby, Thomas Preddy, William Avery Wilder.

Marshalls—Herbert Cooke, Chief; Rosalie Kearney, Lena Pace, G. B. Harris, Jr., Charlie Hagwood.

Mascots—Mary Elaine Staunton and Nancy Jane Collins.

Class Colors—Lavender and Gold.

Class Flower—Jonquil.

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COL. FRANCE INSPECTS

8th COMPANY, N. C. S. G.

Company Makes Good Showing; Other Officers Present, Brig. Gen. J. W. Jenkins, Lt. Col. L. M. Barbour, Maj. J. R. Young, Lt. John M. King

Annual inspection was made of the 8th Company, North Carolina State Guard, on Tuesday night, May 16th, 1944, at the Armory in Louisburg, North Carolina, by Lieutenant Col. Douglas C. France, Headquarters 2nd District, 4th Service Command, U. S. Army, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Also present for the inspection were Brig. General James W. Jenkins, Henderson, North Carolina, Commanding Officer of the North Carolina State Guard, Lieutenant Col. Luther M. Barbour, Durham, North Carolina, Executive Officer of the 1st Regiment, Major James R. Young, Dunn, North Carolina, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Battalion, and his Adjutant, Lieutenant John M. King, Durham, North Carolina. Several officers from other units of the State Guard in nearby counties also attended the inspection.

The entire Company made a splendid showing during the inspection and comments were freely made among the inspecting officers as to the improvements which have taken place in the Company since the last annual inspection in the spring of 1943. The criticism made by the inspecting officer was directed at the fact that the following members of the Company were absent without leave:

William Howard Griffin, Gerald Stewart Bunn, Percy Winston Griffin, Joe Jr. Joyner, Percy W. Joyner, Edward Stewart Stovall.

Following the inspection, Col. France stated to the assembled Company that for each man on the firing line in the present war there are 17 men back of the lines, and that each member of the State Guard is counted as one of the 17; that by reason of the State Guard Organizations throughout the United States it is possible for the War Department to release a large body of men for the fighting fronts who otherwise would be required to maintain the home front; and that each man who contributed his services to the State Guard Organization is rendering a service equally as valuable as that rendered by the men across the sea, although without the headlines accorded the men giving full time service in the Army.

Several of the visiting officers made short and interesting talks to the Company.

After the inspection was completed the Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers of the Company were assembled for a critique and discussion of ways and means for improving the local Company of the State Guard, and many valuable suggestions were made.

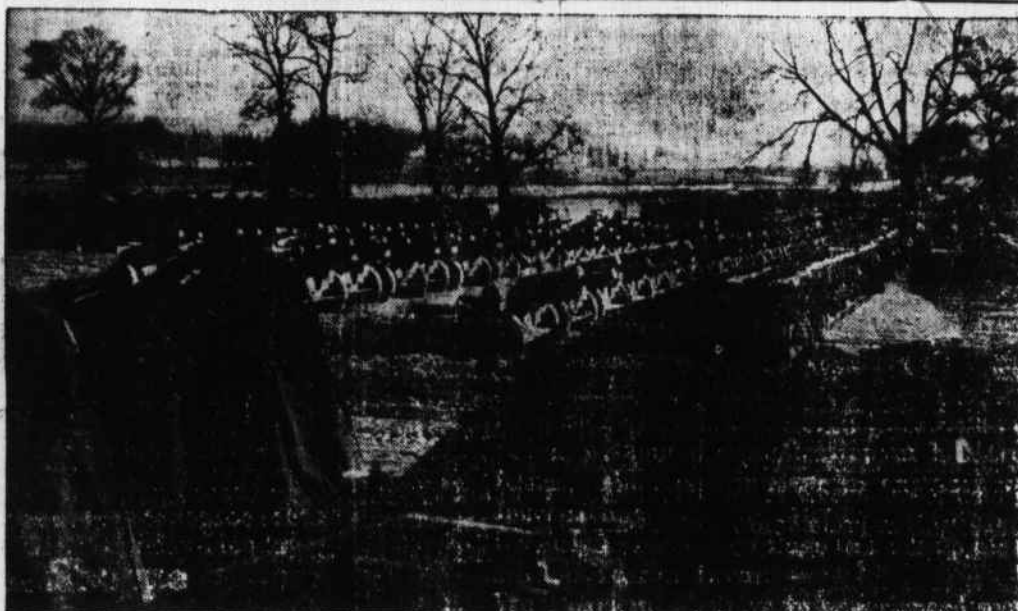
The officers and men of the Company were proud of the excellent showing made on this occasion.

The following is a list of the present officers and men of the 8th Company: Captain, Hill Yarrowburgh; 1st Lieutenant, Paul Elam; 2nd Lieutenant, Robert Lee Johnson; 1st Sergeant, James Lee Pergerson; Sergeants, Grade IV, Felix Hill Allen, Lee Hayden Bell, Delphos Josiah Dark, Maurice Clifton Joyner, Hugh Randolph Moseley, John Astor Parrish, Frank A. Reavis, William James Shearin, Alex Thurman Wood; Cpls. Grade V, Thomas Kent, Jr., Arnold, Thomas Van Nathan Bass, Thomas Howard Baggett, Clyde Shearin, Lancaster; Privates 1st Class, Grade VI, William Howard Griffin, Harvil Harris; Privates, Grade VII, James Barbee Alford, Gerald Stewart Bunn, Leharold Meade Bunn, Charles Gilbert Bass, Huger Strickland Byrd, Norman Exum Conyers, David Lee Faulkner, Perry Winston Griffin, Fletcher Truett Griffin, Sol Crage Jr. Hunt, George Willoby, Hicks, Zolite Thomas Jr. Joyner, Joe Jr. Joyner, Percy W. Joyner, William Cratemon Mullen, Paul Frederick Mullen, Joseph Adolphus Pearce, John Uzell Perry, Gerald Ray Hadford, Chester Arthur Jr. Ragland, Willie Briggs Robertson, Howard Hare Robertson, Joseph William Shearon, Howard Eugene Stallings, John Peyton Sykes, Edward Stewart Stovall.

A Louisburg bride came home to mother with these remarks: "It was a good fight while it lasted, mother, and now I am interested in post-war plans."

A General in a jeep may not look as distinguished as one on horseback, but he can bounce twice as high.

How Could Goebbels Explain This?



Army Signal Corps Photo

This is an American Army artillery park in England. Those grim, shrouded instruments of death will be manned by our boys when the big day comes. Your War Bonds should and paid for their transportation to England where they silently wait for the big push. We'll need more of them before the final reckoning.

From U. S. Treasury

Louisburg College Commencement

The following is the commencement exercises program for Louisburg College, which begins tonight:

Friday, May 19 8:00 p. m. Voice and Piano Recital, Department of Music—College Auditorium.

Saturday, May 20 4:00 p. m. Class-Day Exercises—Northwest Campus.

7:00 p. m. Alumnae-Alumni Banquet, Mr. J. L. Horne, Jr., Speaker—College Dining Hall.

9:00 p. m.—College Social

Sunday, May 21 11:00 a. m. President's Message, Dr. Walter Patten—Methodist Church.

4:30-5:30 p. m. Reception by President and Mrs. Walter Patten for students, parents, faculty, alumnae-alumni, trustees, and other friends of the College—President's Home.

7:15 p. m. Y. W. C. A. - Y. M. C. A. Vesper Service, Dr. E. L. Hillman—Northwest Campus.

Monday, May 22 10:00 a. m. Graduating Exercises: Baccalaureate Address, Dr. F. S. Hickman; Presentation of diplomas, certificates, and honors—Methodist Church.

TOM THUMB WEDDING

On Tuesday evening, May 23, at 8:00 p. m. at Mills auditorium in Louisburg, there will be a Tom Thumb Wedding solemnized under the auspices of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Louisburg Methodist Church.

Little Miss Hazel Ford and Master Louis Wheelless will be the contracting parties, with Master Charles Davis officiating as the Minister.

Much preparation, planning and practice have been devoted to this program and a large crowd is expected. Admission will be 15c and 25c.

The proceeds from this venture will be used in meeting the Gull's pledge to the Chinese Emergency Fund, which is a fund to supplement salaries of local Chinese Ministers, Bible Women and our own missionaries.

Delinquent Draftees

The following is a list of delinquents with the Franklin County Local Board No. 1—Colored: William Festus Jones, Louisburg, N. C. No. 1.

Joseph Perry, Lumberton, N. C. No. 6.

Nathaniel Boothe, Spring Hope, N. C. No. 2.

Lewis Williams, Youngsville, N. C.

William Solomon, Henderson, N. C. No. 1.

Bennie Lee Marshall, Castalia, N. C. No. 2.

Ralph Foster, Henderson, N. C. No. 2.

Nurman Wyche, Louisburg, N. C. No. 1.

John Thomas Alston, Henderson, N. C. No. 1.

Frank Hawkins, Franklinton, N. C.

James Lee Thomas, Louisburg, N. C. No. 3.

Johnnie Cordell, Louisburg, N. C. No. 4.

Morris Higgs, Louisburg, N. C. No. 3.

Willie Rogers, Louisburg, N. C. No. 3.

John Finch Alston, Louisburg, N. C. No. 4.

It isn't so hard to live on a small salary if you don't spend it all trying to keep it a secret.

Sales Tax Saved School System

In his speech Saturday afternoon at the meeting of the Dry Forces in the court house, Mr. H. A. Faulkner asked how Dr. McDonald and Mr. Lumpkin could possibly expect the school teachers and supporters of the public school system to vote for either of them.

"Do they think those who want good schools for their children will ever forget the fact that all schools in North Carolina would have closed during the depression had it not been for the sales tax and how, for the sole purpose of gaining high positions for themselves, Dr. McDonald and Mr. Lumpkin did all in their power to defeat the sales tax—regardless of what might have happened to the schools and the school teachers?" he asked.

"How these gentlemen can have the nerve to even ask a school teacher to vote for them, much less contribute to their campaign fund, is more than I can understand," said Mr. Faulkner.

Recorder's Court

Franklin County Recorder's Court held regular session on Tuesday and disposed of cases as follows:

Johnnie Ervin Baker plead guilty to abandonment and non-support and was given six months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$17 each two weeks for benefit of wife and children and to save the county harmless and costs.

Robert Haley plead guilty to no drivers license, and was discharged upon payment of costs.

A nolle pro was taken in the case of Jack Patton, charged with operating automobile intoxicated.

Probable cause of manslaughter was found against Jack Patton, charged with murder, and was bound over to October term of Franklin Criminal Court under a \$700 bond.

Horman Lee Foster plead nolo contendere to driving after license revoked, execution of sentence of April 25th to issue. Defendant assigned to roads for 60 days. Notice of appeal.

Hubert Cannady was found guilty of abandonment and non-support, and given 6 months on roads, suspended upon payment of \$10 and to pay costs and not depart the State without leave of Court.

Herlie Spivey was found guilty of unlawful possession and transporting, and given 60 days on roads, suspended upon paying \$10 fine and costs.

Roy Blackwell plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$5 and costs.

The following cases were continued: Joe Danse, no drivers license. Irving Gilliam, non-support.

ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING NEGRO

The arrest of Pvt. Edward Bobbitt, 23-year-old Negro soldier, who is charged with murder of Robert Lee Burrell, Franklinton Negro, was reported Sunday by Patrolman M. H. Bynum. Bobbitt is being held in jail here.

The fatal shooting occurred on Thursday night at a Negro school commencement exercises in Franklinton. Bobbitt was arrested late Friday near Youngsville by Patrolman Bynum and Deputy R. E. Neal.

Preliminary hearing, which will be held before E. C. Crews, J. P., at Franklinton, has not been set.

JAPS THROWN BACK

Enemy Surrounded On Three Sides; Chinese Hold Loyang Despite Fierce Attacks

Southwest Asia Headquarters, Kandy, Ceylon, May 17.—Jungle-trained Chinese troops of Lt. Gen. Joseph Stilwell's command cut the main Mogaung Valley road behind the Japanese defending Malakang in northern Burma, a communique announced today, and left enemy troops but one avenue of escape—the wide, shallow Mogaung River.

The Japanese, surrounded on three sides, counter-attacked four times in a vain attempt to clear the road, but the Chinese held firm and the enemy retired.

A second Chinese force to the east cut a trail one mile southwest of Tarongyung which the enemy had long used as a principal supply route, a United Press front dispatch reported.

Heavy Rain Fighting the fast approaching monsoon as well as stiff Japanese resistance, Allied forces both in northern Burma and in the India-Burma frontier area increased the pace of their drives.

A communique issued by Adm. Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters revealed the imminence of the monsoon rains which will impede all activity until fall. Describing the Allied offensive operations on the Manipur front, in the Indian frontier area, the communique said: "Heavy rain made movement difficult."

On this front British forces were clearing out the Imphal-Kohima road, and the Japanese were fortifying themselves for a last stand three miles south of Kohima.

In the Malakawng area 13 miles north of Kamaing in northern Burma, Chinese troops fanned out one mile west of Tarongyung in a flanking movement.

THANKS

I desire here to express my gratitude to the people of Louisburg for the many courtesies shown me during my stay in your midst. The good fellowship manifested in various ways has been a joy which I shall not soon forget. To the school officials, faculty and students, I extend my most hearty thanks for the good fellowship that has prevailed and my wish for the continued success of Mills High School cannot be measured by words.

"To know some one here and there whom we accord with, who is living with us, even in silence, —this makes our earthly ball a peopled garden."

A. W. GEORGE.

PROMOTED

M. S. Clifton, Jr., who for three and a half years has been employed by the Bureau of Yards and Docks, U. S. Navy at Naval Air Station, Norfolk, Va., as principal inspector of Engineering of materials has been promoted to Administrative officer and transferred to the Office in charge of Construction, Naval Ordnance Test Station, Inyokern, California. Mr. Clifton's orders and transfer require that he leave for California on May 9, 1944. His family will visit in North Carolina and Kentucky before joining him in California.

CATCHES JAMES HAYES

James Hayes, colored, who is charged with shooting Leon Maple's, also colored, arm off about three years ago and has been evading the officers since, was caught Friday night by Policeman Thomas Denton and was held under \$500 bond for preliminary hearing before Mayor Webb, next week.

He—How much do you weigh? She—Oh, not enough to spoil the crease in your trousers.

PROGRAM AT THE LOUISBURG THEATRE

The following is the program at the Louisburg Theatre, beginning Saturday, May 20th: Saturday—Ken Maynard, Hoot Gibson and Bob Steele in 'Westward Bound' and Tom Neal and Ann Savage in 'Two Men Under the Stars'.

Sunday-Monday—Kay Francis, Carole Landis, Martha Raye, Mizzi Mayfair, Phil Silvers, Tommy Dorsey and Band in '4 Jills in a Jeep' also new March of Time.

Tuesday—Charles Boyer and Barbara Stanwyck in 'Flesh and Fantasy'.

Wednesday—Ann Gwynne, David Bruce and Vera Vague in 'Moon Over Las Vegas'.

Thursday—Friday—Loretta Young, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Richard Fraser and Diana Barrymore in 'Ladies Courageous'.

CLOTHING FOR RUSSIAN RELIEF

The winter of 1944 will bring an urgent need for clothing for Russian Relief. The Louisburg Chapter of the American Red Cross is now sponsoring a drive for the collection of woolen clothing and shoes. For those desiring to participate in this worthy cause, donations will be received at the local office of the American Red Cross from 9 to 12 A. M.