

School Finals

29 Graduate At Mount Pleasant

Diplomas and Awards Presented in Program on Saturday Afternoon

Diplomas of high school graduation were presented to a class of 29 seniors in the Mount Pleasant high school commencement finals held on Saturday afternoon.

The commencement address was delivered by Frank Johnson, former commander of the Wilkes Legion post, who also presented the Legion citizenship medal, the winner of the award being Paul Beavers.

S. E. Matthews, principal, presented the diplomas and Charles Elledge, a faculty member, presented the medals to the following students for outstanding performance: Ruth Matthews, Iris Hamby and Sylvia Triplett, for eleven years perfect attendance; Veronica Green and Earle Wolf, seven years perfect attendance; Rena Ruth McNeil and Sam Church, dramatics; Ruth Matthews, Citizenship and scholarship; Arvil Foster and Ruth Matthews, athletics.

The speaker was introduced by C. B. Eller, Wilkes superintendent of schools. The valedictory was by Ruth Matthews.

The school enjoyed a successful year with the enrollment totaling almost 500.

25 Graduate At Ronda Hi School

Awards Made in Final Commencement Program Held Friday Night

Ronda high school closed a successful year on Friday night with graduation exercises and presentation of diplomas to 25 eleventh grade graduates.

E. R. Spruill, principal, presented the diplomas and the following awards were made:

Best school bus driver, Thomas Rumble; athletics medals, Frances Tarpe and Thomas Rumble; Balfour achievement medal, Carl Pardue; Spelling, Elizabeth Burchette; American Legion Award, Clinton Jordan.

25 Graduate At Millers Creek

Graduation Exercises Held Friday Night; Ira T. Johnston Speaks

Diplomas of high school graduation were presented to a class of 25 seniors at the commencement at Millers Creek school Friday night.

The speaker for the evening was Attorney Ira T. Johnston, of Jefferson, who delivered an address dealing with the subject of education in North Carolina. He told of how the state appropriation for schools had increased from a beginning of \$100,000 per year to more than \$26,000,000 yearly.

He stated his opinion that the course of study of the schools may need to be revised in order to better prepare high school graduates for the task of earning a living, citing graduates of orphanage schools, school for the blind and school for the deaf as examples of institutions which prepare graduates for earning a living as well as giving them academic knowledge.

The commencement program opened with processional and invocation to the audience standing and invocation was by M. F. Bumgarner. The salutatorian's address was by Fern Brooks, senior class president. M. F. Bumgarner presented medals for seven years perfect attendance in school to several students.

W. D. Halfacre, in behalf of Wilkes post of the American Legion, presented the Legion's citizenship medal to Ralph Reese. R. V. Day, school principal, presented the high school diplomas and the valedictorian's address was by Winnie Sue McLean.

The speaker was introduced by C. C. Faw, of this city, a former resident of the Millers Creek community and former chairman of the county board of education. He spoke in commendation of the school, reviewing its history from the time the first high school students were taught in one room by one teacher in 1921 to the past school year with 300 high school students and a faculty, high school and elementary, of 20.

Misses Dorris Brooks, Connie Lowe, and Edna Bullis spent Sunday in Galax, Va., visiting friends.

Wilkesboro High Finals Tuesday; 50 In The Class

Rev. A. L. Aycock Delivers Sermon; Gwyn to Speak Tuesday Night

Wilkesboro high school finals will take place on Tuesday night when a class of 50 seniors graduate. The address will be delivered by Dr. P. H. Gwyn, dean of education at Davidson College.

Rev. A. L. Aycock, pastor of the North Wilkesboro Methodist church, delivered the commencement sermon on Sunday night and class night exercises were presented last night. Large crowds were in attendance at both programs.

The school has enjoyed a very successful year with attendance the largest in its history.

Masons-Eastern Star To Banquet

Judge Hayes Will Be Speaker At Banquet at Legion Hut Friday Night

North Wilkesboro lodge No. 407, A. F. and A. M., will entertain with a banquet at the American Legion Hut, next Friday night, April 28, at 7 o'clock, when all Masons and their wives and all members of the Eastern Star are cordially invited to attend. The banquet will be prepared by the ladies of the Eastern Star and a charge of fifty cents per plate will be made.

The speaker of the evening will be Judge Johnson J. Hayes, who will speak on a subject that will be of interest to all who attend.

Those who expect to attend should notify Mrs. Howard Clark, Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star Lodge, or Ira D. Payne, secretary of the Masonic Lodge not later than Wednesday of this week.

The regular meeting of the Masonic Lodge which is scheduled for Friday night, has been called off so that the full evening may be devoted to the banquet and program, at the American Legion Hut.

Legion Planning Variety Program

The Wilkes County Post of the American Legion will present a variety program consisting of a Beauty Pageant, fashion Review, musical numbers and baby popularity contest on Tuesday evening, May 2, at the Liberty Theatre at 8:30 o'clock.

Mrs. H. E. Whitesell, of Elon College, a member of the Walter B. Ellis Post No. 63, American Legion Auxiliary, is directing the program, and is here now making arrangements for the affair.

Sponsors for the baby contest are girls from 8 to sixteen years who will sell votes for the babies at a penny each for the baby she represents. The winning baby will receive a Silver loving cup and the sponsor a diamond ring. Mrs. Whitesell states those wishing to enter a baby may get in touch with her at Bell's store each afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Business firms are sponsoring beautiful local girls to select Miss North Wilkesboro of 1939. Also these girls will model merchandise for those who wish to do so.

A window display is being arranged at Bell's store with pictures of contestants in the baby contest and a chart will be changed daily showing the standing of babies.

The proceeds of this program will be used by the American Legion for the Wilkes County Junior baseball league.

Hinshaw Street Church Revival

A revival will begin at Hinshaw Street Baptist church on Sunday night, April 30 and continue through May 9 with services each evening at 7:30.

Rev. R. F. Day, pastor, will be in charge, assisted by Rev. J. C. Pruitt. The public is cordially invited to every service.

Mrs. J. C. McDiarmid returned home Thursday from a visit with relatives at Fayetteville. She was accompanied home by Mrs. E. A. Johnston and Miss Eloise McDiarmid, both of Fayetteville, who were overnight guests of the McDiarmids.

A RUG OF GLASS



The young lady can roll this "glass rug" because it really is a broken sheet of the new safety type glass for automobiles. A new type of solvent has been placed between two thin layers of plate glass. The broken fragments cling to the solvent.

Wilkesboro Team To Semi-Finals

J. B. Brookshire and Baxter Davis Defeated by Team Winning the Cup

Wilkesboro high school's debating teams again acquitted themselves well in the state-wide debating contest held at Chapel Hill Thursday and Friday.

The affirmative team composed of J. B. Brookshire, Jr., and Baxter Davis advanced to the semi-finals in the debating and were finally eliminated by a High Point team which won the Aycock cup. Before losing to High Point the Wilkesboro team "had" won over Chowan, Thomasboro and Ruffin.

Black Mountain eliminated Wilkesboro's negative composed of Joel Bentley and Flake Steelman.

W. C. T. U. District Elects Mrs. Pearson

Greensboro, April 22.—Mrs. Harry Pearson, of North Wilkesboro, was re-elected president of the northwestern district of the Woman's Christian Temperance union of this state yesterday at the meeting at West Market Street Methodist church. Elected to serve with Mrs. Pearson are Mrs. R. E. Dean, of Stoneville, vice president, and Mrs. Fred Cox, of Lexington, secretary.

Chief address of the day was the inspirational message from the national organization by Miss Roena Shaner, Evanston, Ill., who said that John Barlevorn had been buried face up and scratched his way out by taking advantage of the depression—the result, repeat. This time she predicted the W. C. T. U. will bury John face down so that the harder he scratches the further down he will go.

Mrs. Raymond Smith is a speaker on "International Relations and Peace" reviewed events of today. Declared people are placing profit above peace, asked her listeners to learn facts from unbiased sources, pled for strict neutrality and insisted co-operation among nations is essential to peace.

In a gold medal essay contest Rachel Lambeth of Winston-Salem was winner. Others participating were May Brindle, of Mt. Airy; Mary Brewer, of Wilkesboro; and Rufus Blatt, of Mt. Airy.

Mrs. Ellen J. Y. Preyer related the centennial celebrations which are taking place in this state in honor of Frances Willard. She announced a drinking fountain has been erected in Black Mountain and peonies planted in Greensboro. Special music was by J. Elwood Mitchell, Mrs. Ralph Sykes and Mrs. Ellis B. Snyder.

During a panel discussion the following took part: Mrs. J. S. Flemmons, of Raleigh, state president; Mrs. Fred Cox, of Lexington; Mrs. W. H. Causey, of Winston-Salem; Mrs. G. C. Welch; Mrs. R. E. Dean, of Stoneville; Mrs. R. M. Brame, of North Wilkesboro; and Mrs. James Butler Fleet, of Greensboro. Eight unanimous answered roll call. Mrs. Flemmons made a brief address.

Mr. T. H. Williams, of this city, made a business trip to Greensboro today.

MAYOR McNIEL PROCLAIMS CLEAN-UP WEEK HERE

Mayor R. T. McNeil today proclaimed Clean-Up Week in North Wilkesboro, beginning today and continuing through Saturday, May 29.

Clean-Up Week in North Wilkesboro is an annual springtime event in which all citizens are asked to cooperate and civic organizations are asked to use their combined influence toward making the event a success.

Emphasizing the importance of the occasion, Mayor McNeil today issued the following proclamation:

"Whereas, it has been fitting each year that one week be set aside in North Wilkesboro for the purpose of beautifying our city and eliminating conditions which are not attractive and which are not conducive to good health, I hereby proclaim the week of April 24 to 29 as Clean-Up Week and respectfully ask the cooperation of all public spirited citizens and residents of the city.

During the week it is suggested that every resident and property owner make special efforts to clean up about the homes, places of business and vacant lots.

The sanitary department of the city government will cooperate in every way possible and the people of the city are asked to place rubbish in places where the city employes can haul it away promptly.

Impressions our city will make upon visitors will be determined largely by the appearance of the homes, business establishments, vacant lots and streets. One of the best advertisements we can have is attractiveness and cleanliness.

Let us all work together to make Clean-Up Week such a success that the importance of keeping the city clean and attractive will be a part of our daily habits throughout the years.

Yours for an attractive city,

R. T. McNIEL, Mayor.

Wilkesboro School Board Postpones Election Teachers For Thirty Days

Mrs. I. E. Shepherd, 96, Died On Saturday

Mrs. Mandy P. Shepherd, wife of the late Isaac E. Shepherd and member of one of Wilkes' best known families, died Saturday morning at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Dora B. Foster, in the Purllear route 1 community.

Mrs. Shepherd, who had reached the age of 96 years, six months and 29 days, had been in good health until she was stricken ill about two weeks ago. She was one of the oldest residents of the county. She united with the church in early youth and lived an exemplary Christian life, being a member of Lewis Fork Baptist church near her home.

Surviving are four children: Mr. R. L. Andrews, Purllear; J. R. Shepherd, Clayton, Wash.; D. F. and J. M. Shepherd, and Mrs. Dora B. Foster, all of Purllear. Also surviving are 30 grandchildren, 64 great-grandchildren and 14 great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by three children, Cicero and N. F. Shepherd and Mrs. Emma J. Atkins.

Funeral service was held at Lewis Fork church Sunday afternoon, 2:30, with Rev. Levi Green, pastor, in charge, assisted by Revs. Hamby, Ashley and Watts.

Commissioners Pass Resolution About School

County Board Asks All To Work Together for Cause Of Education

The Wilkes county board of commissioners in session today passed a resolution concerning the schools of Wilkes county.

The resolutions follows: Whereas, it has come to the attention of the Board of Commissioners of Wilkes County that general dissatisfaction and unrest exists in Wilkes county because of the prejudiced acts of some of the school committeemen in firing certain school teachers because of their failure to cooperate in political campaigns; and, in other instances, teachers have been fired without reasonable excuse or justification but at the instance of political leaders and those having personal feelings towards certain teachers; and,

Whereas, we believe this practice is detrimental to the progress of

Three Members Pass Postponement Resolution Over Smoak And Lowe

Meeting for the fourth time over the matter of electing a faculty for the Wilkesboro high school, three members of the district school committee, namely J. T. Prevette, D. J. Brookshire and T. M. Foster, passed a resolution postponing the election of the teachers until Tuesday, May 23, at 5 p. m., although the new state law requires that teachers be notified of their re-election or dismissal before the present term of school comes to an end. The Wilkesboro high school officially closes tomorrow.

The resolution, signed by J. T. Prevette, and presented by him, was passed over the protest of N. O. Smoak, Chairman, and C. A. Lowe.

A full slate of teachers presented by Brookshire, Foster and Prevette was elected at a meeting of the school board held on Friday, April 14th. This list omitted the names of six teachers of the present faculty, and was rejected in entirety by the county board of education, leaving no teacher hired or fired. Another meeting was called by Chairman Smoak, which was attended by a number of patrons of the school who protested the ousting of the six teachers, but Foster, Prevette and Brookshire failed to attend this meeting. Then another meeting of the board was called to meet with a committee representing the patrons of the school and the committee was unable to agree at this meeting on a faculty.

All members of the present faculty have signed a written application, along with Superintendent T. E. Story, head of the school for 11 years, requesting the school board to re-elect them as teachers for next year.

Franklin Child Claimed By Death

Jimmy Franklin, nine-year-old son of G. S. and Ora Miller Franklin, of Wilkesboro route 1, died Saturday morning. Funeral service was held at the home Sunday with Rev. Ed Hayes in charge, assisted by Rev. A. W. Eller, and burial was at Welcome Home.

Surviving are the father and mother and one brother, Charles Franklin.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Carlifon and children, and Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Crowell, Jr., of Statesville, spent Sunday in Winston-Salem with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Cariton, and their guest, Mrs. John Massey, of Bettamans, Md.

Farmers Participating In Soil Program Must Sign New Form Soon

TEMPORARILY TAME



First quadrupeds to be born in the San Diego zoo, these young dingoes (Australian wild dogs) will soon become as vicious as their parents who were imported from Australia two years ago.

Each Must Give Intentions For 1939 Compliance

Meetings Will Be Held Throughout Wilkes County Next Week

Officials of the Wilkes County Agricultural Conservation association today announced that every farmer who plans to take part in the soil program in Wilkes this year and receive a government payment for such participation must sign a form which consists of a statement of his intentions relative to compliance this year.

In making the announcement officials of the association said that it is of much importance that the blanks be signed and an itinerary of meetings will be held throughout the county next week for the purpose of assembling to sign the forms and also to report farm improvements practices which have already been done this year.

Each farmer will be notified by mail of the meeting to be held for his township and it is very important that each one attend his respective township meeting, it was explained.

It was also pointed out that there is nothing binding about the blank to be filled out and signed but it is merely a survey of what may be expected in the way of compliance with the soil conservation program this year. However, signature on a blank is the first step in the year's program.

The farmers will be required at the meetings to be held next week to report all practices carried out so far in which materials were purchased for use, including lime purchased from companies or individuals and a bill from the person from whom the lime or other materials was purchased is required. They will also be asked to report any crop turned under for soil improvement.

Judge Cummings Addresses Club

"What Do We Mean by Liberty" Is Subject of Speech At Kiwanis Meet

Judge Theodore F. Cummings, of Hickory, was the speaker at Friday's meeting of the North Wilkesboro Kiwanis club, delivering an interesting address on the subject of "What Do We Mean By Liberty?"

The program was in charge of Judge T. B. Finley, who introduced the speaker. Judge Cummings explained that without law there is no liberty and that liberty is attained with laws which guarantee liberty. The best man lives above the law and those who live under the law are those who are in prison, was the essence of his address.

Announcement was made by A. H. Casey, division Kiwanis president, that the division meeting will be held at Sedgfield on May 18 and he urged that the membership of the North Wilkesboro club make plans to attend. Announcement was also made of the directors meeting to be held on Thursday evening this week at Hotel Wilkes with Edd Gardner as host.

Lloyd Hendrix Is Superintendent Of Cherokee Schools

Lloyd Hendrix, a member of the Mount Pleasant high school faculty, has been elected superintendent of Cherokee county schools, it was learned here today.

Mr. Hendrix, patrons of Mount Pleasant school say, has been an excellent teacher and has also been active in church and community affairs, being superintendent of Mount Pleasant Baptist Sunday school. He and his wife, the former Miss Marie McNeill, will move to Murphy soon.

Little change is noted in the condition of Miss Nell Bowman who is ill at Winston-Salem.

For mutual advantage do your buying in North Wilkesboro, the trading center of Northwestern North Carolina.