

Program Complete For Commencement For Local School

Exercises Will Begin Sunday, May 9th, With Sermon By Dr. Taylor

Pageant Monday

Hon. Clyde Erwin, State Superintendent, Will Make Principal Address

Plans for commencement are practically complete at the local high school and the class of 53 seniors will have a busy four days beginning on Sunday, May 9th.

The class day exercises this year will be in character with the historic trend of education, using the pageant, Out of the Past.

Tuesday, May 11 is graduation day when diplomas will crown the eleven years' work of the group.

On Wednesday, May 12th, report cards will be given out to the school and the final business of the term completed.

Safety Record Of City Draws Award

For the second consecutive year Asheboro has won a place on the National Traffic Safety Council's roll of honor for cities between 5,000 and 10,000 population.

The honor certificate, presented for an unblemished traffic safety record of no motor accident deaths for 1936, was received by City Manager Walter Yow Saturday.

Asheboro is one of only two cities in its population class in North Carolina to receive this award, Mt. Airy being the other.

City Not To Have Primary Election

There will be no primary election for selecting town officers City Clerk Amos Wittingham said Saturday morning as the last day for filing Friday, passed without any new candidates filing in opposition to the single complete ticket already filed.

The candidates, whose election now becomes a mere formality, are for the chief part, already holding the offices they seek.

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ORPHANAGE HEAD ACCUSED BY GIRL INMATES



Charged with attempted assault on accusations of girl inmates, Philip Provandie, 65-year-old superintendent of the Windham County (Conn.) Temporary Home for Children, was held in \$1,000 bail at Putnam, Conn., while investigation of the institution was conducted.

Building & Loan Committee Busy

Ramsour Folk Hold Meeting To Determine Desire For Building & Loan Assn.

Lumber Co. Opening

Garden Club Holds Interesting Meeting Centering Around Wild Flowers

Ramsour, April 17.—Ramsour folk want a building and loan association at least the best evidence is the fact that they are willing to back their good intentions with their dollars.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Thomas and Mr. and Mrs. Guy Lane spent some time with Rev. and Mrs. W. A. Elam at Shelby this week.

Mr. and Mrs. K. H. Phillips and Miss Catherine Phillips of Jonesboro and Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Kelly of Sanford were guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Baldwin Sunday.

The Southern Lumber company is buying considerable lumber, which is being dried for planing at the old Fleta Lumber company stand.

J. C. Luther of Liberty was a business visitor one day this week. "Knowing Our Native Plants" was the topic for discussion at the regular meeting of the Ranoca Garden club Wednesday when it met with Mesdames Henry Curtis and Walter Miller at the home of the former, with thirteen members and one visitor, Mrs. J. M. McAlister present.

Mrs. J. W. Dixon read an interesting article on wild flowers in the garden which was followed by a discussion on our own native plants. Mrs. C. B. Brown had charge of a guessing contest in which she displayed a number of wild flowers mounted on cardboard.

Keeping pace with the baking, roasting and frying, a series of salads and frozen delicacies will parade in and out of the adaptable electric refrigerator, which will reveal its host of possibilities for simplifying labor and marketing, and contributing to good health and good food.

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Courier Cooking School Is Already Focusing Interest

No Special Invitations Needed By Any Person Interested In Home Improvement

Erect Marker To Jonathan Worth

Highway Marker Honoring Gov. Worth, Asheboro Resident, To Be Placed Here

On Salisbury St.

Memorial Will Be Erected On Old Court House Site Thursday Morning

Thursday, April 22, has been set as the date for the erection of the highway marker in honor of Governor Jonathan Worth, it was announced Friday by L. H. Wilson of Greensboro, division sign supervisor for the state highway and public works commission.

Plans for putting up a marker in memory of this distinguished former resident of Asheboro have been under way for several months, but have only recently been successfully concluded.

This is one of a number of markers in honor of noted persons in the state's history which are being established throughout North Carolina under the supervision of Paul Kelly, assistant director of the department of conservation and development.

At the closing session of the annual meeting of the North Carolina Branch of Women's Work of the Methodist Protestant church at Tabernacle church Thursday, Mrs. R. M. Andrews of High Point was elected president, assuming the position held for 28 years by Mrs. W. C. Hammer, who had asked that some other woman than herself be chosen.

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Mrs. D. S. Coltrane of Greensboro, formerly of Asheboro, was re-elected first vice president, and Mrs. W. F. Redding, Jr., of Asheboro was named second vice president. Miss Esther Ross, also of Asheboro, was chairman of the nominating committee which made the selections for office.

Other officers elected were: Mrs. J. T. Bowman, of Denton, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Coy L. Kearns, of Denton, treasurer; Mrs. George C. Haltom, of Denton, recording secretary; Mrs. P. S. Kennett, of High Point, assistant treasurer; Mrs. W. A. Hornaday, of Greensboro, auditor.

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Especially Interested This Work In Randolph And In North Carolina

Appeals For Help

Has Written To Both Senators, Congressman And Mr. Barden For Support

Henry L. Ingram, senator from Randolph, has taken an active part in the vocational educational program. Mr. Ingram says, "I am deeply interested in vocational education, particularly in Randolph county and North Carolina; and believe that it is one of the most forward steps that can be taken educationally at this time, because in educating high school boys and girls in some particular line of work those who do not attend college upon graduating from high school can immediately, by reason of vocational training, take their place in the business world in those vocations which they have studied in high school."

"All too often today our boys and girls graduate from high school and start out in the world trying to find work and when asked what they can do there is not any one particular thing in which they have been trained. They cannot say to the person questioning them, 'I can do plumbing, electrical wiring, carpentry, brick-laying, drafting, or any one of the many other things which one does to make a living.'"

"I have received replies from the senators and representatives indicating their approval of the Harrison-Black-Fletcher Bill. With reference to Randolph county we should, in order to further local vocational education, contact our local school board, county school board and county board of commissioners asking them to take under advisement and promulgate plans for this work and instruction beginning with the next school term."

He has written letters concerning this to Senators Reynolds, Bailey, Congressman Cooley and Hon. Graham Barden which says in part:

"I am informed and believe that the Harrison-Black-Fletcher bill now before the house committee if enacted into law will, insofar as North Carolina is concerned, greatly improve the schools in our state and be of inestimable value to the young men and women who will be the future leaders of North Carolina."

"Since North Carolina has taken forward steps toward offering greater educational opportunity for children we are today under our present set-up excellently qualified to participate in the benefits which the aforementioned bill offers to the states. I earnestly solicit on my behalf and also on the behalf of many other interested citizens your active support in the interest and passage of this measure."

"I am also deeply interested in vocational education and find among our citizenship a like interest and belief that we should immediately begin a program heretofore neglected, which will give to that very large number of boys and girls in our high schools who are unable to attend institutions of higher learning a specialized training qualifying them for immediate work in the many fields of specialized endeavor, so they may be able to step into such upon graduation from high school."

"Should you be able to furnish me information in the furtherance of vocational education without undue inconvenience to you or your office I will appreciate it very, very much."

High School Room Is Again Winner

Miss Virginia Barker's eighth grade room was the winner for Sunday, April 11, in the church and Sunday school attendance contest being carried on in the local schools. This room had a percentage of 68.33, slightly less than that which was made by Miss Mary Little Steele's room in winning the week before.

An improvement was noted for the entire enrollment, however, many of the lower ranking rooms bettering their percentages greatly. In second place, pushing the winners for the prize, was the first grade room of Miss Ina Cockrell in the west school, with 68.08 percent.

Backs Education

Cooley Backing Education Bill

Speaks Before Sub-Committee In Favor Of More Vocational Education

George-Deen Act

Authorizes Large Sum For Preparing Teachers, Settling Up Subjects

Harold D. Cooley, congressman from the fourth district of which Randolph is a part, speaking before the sub-committee of the appropriations committee in behalf of vocational education, drew considerable attention during the past week.

The George-Deen vocational act was passed by the 74th congress and approved by the president on June 8th, 1936. The act authorizes the appropriation of \$12,000,000 for vocational education; \$1,000,000 to be appropriated for preparing teachers, supervisors, and directors of agricultural, trade and industrial, and home economics subjects; the act authorizes the appropriation of \$1,200,000 for salaries and necessary traveling expenses of teachers, supervisors, directors, and maintenance of teacher training in distributive occupational subjects.

The George-Deen act replaces the George-Elizay law which provides \$3,000,000 annually for vocational education and which expires June 30, 1937. The George-Deen act increased the authorization from \$3,000,000 annually to a total of \$14,200,000.

The bureau of the budget has recommended to the congress that the appropriation under the George-Deen act be fixed at only \$3,000,000.

Mr. Cooley said in part: "While I am not commissioned to speak for the North Carolina delegation in congress I feel quite certain that I express the sentiment of our entire delegation in appearing here to approve vocational education and to urge the appropriation of the maximum amount which has heretofore been authorized by congress. I feel quite certain that when this matter reaches the floor of the house that every member of the North Carolina delegation will approve the action of this committee in the event the committee in its wisdom recommends the appropriation of the \$14,200,000 which congress has authorized to be appropriated for this very necessary and vitally important educational work."

From communications which I have received with reference to this subject from Honorable Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of public instruction, T. E. Brown, director of vocational education, from vocational teachers and others uniformly interested in the work in my state, I am thoroughly convinced that the people of North Carolina are practically unanimously in favor of the maximum appropriation."

The governor of North Carolina has expressed great interest in vocational education and made definite reference to it in his inaugural address. Our people are sold on the idea of vocational education. In the language of our state superintendent of public instruction, "North Carolina has become vocationally-minded."

I am quite sure that every member of this committee appreciates the value of vocational education. I shall not therefore undertake to discuss the splendid work which has been done by the vocational teachers in this country. I only desire to impress upon the committee the necessity of continuing, enlarging and expanding government.

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Chamber Commerce Takes Leadership

Charles Bossong, President Of Chamber, Appoints Various Sub-Committees

Any Citizen Of Asheboro Eligible

Several Prizes Well Worth Trouble Of Beautification; Homes, Gardens, Lots

A proposition to carry on an extensive movement to enhance the appearance of homes, grounds, and gardens in Asheboro as part of the city beautification campaign being conducted by the Chamber of Commerce was presented by the committee on homes and gardens and approved by the entire group at a joint meeting of all the various committees entrusted with direction of the improvement activities Thursday afternoon.

This committee, composed of Mrs. Dan Burns, chairman, Mrs. Charles Fox, and Mrs. James Neely, is making arrangements for a contest to be designated as "Asheboro's Better Home and Garden Contest." The contest will commence April 18 and close October 15, and the selection of the winners will be based on the improvement made in this period.

Prizes totaling \$115 will be awarded, this sum having been donated by members of the committees and local organizations. First prize will be \$50; second, \$25; third, \$15; fourth, \$10; and there will also be three \$5 awards.

The homes and gardens committee will appoint three judges, qualified and experienced in this field, to make the selections. To aid the judges in their task and insure a definite standard for judging the committee has worked out a scorecard containing the good points of an attractive home. Immediately after the contest opens on April 30, the judges will make the rounds of the homes entered in the contest and check each good point of every home. There will probably be an inspection during the summer, but the final inspection will take place between October 1 and 15, when the judges will again check the items. The difference between the scorecard as checked at the beginning and as it is on October 15 will be the basis of the awards.

Anyone within the Asheboro city limits is eligible to enter the contest. Registration opens Monday, April 19, and closes April 20. The committee will have a representative.

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Decrease In WPA Expenditures Is Behind Schedule

Director Harry Hopkins Not Moving Workers As Fast As He Had Planned

Vital To Budget

President Had Depended On Reducing Relief Costs To Balance Budget

Despite the president's declared intention of reducing WPA expenditures, the decrease in the number of workers is far behind the schedule announced by Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator.

In the month preceding March 20, the report showed 24,426 workers dropped. Hopkins proposed to trim the total by 600,000 between mid-winter and June 1.

On March 20, the WPA reported, there were 2,134,000 WPA workers in the continental United States. In addition, 380,000 persons were employed in Civilian Conservation Corps camps and 338,000 in other federal work relief activities.

The WPA figures were made public while congress waited for President Roosevelt's recommendations for relief in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1. His message is scheduled for early in the week.

In his January budget message, the president said that, exclusive of debt retirement, next year's budget could be balanced if relief expenditures did not exceed \$1,537,000,000.

WPA officials estimated today that expenditures during the current fiscal year would run between \$1,800,000,000 and \$1,850,000,000. They said this would compare with an outlay of \$1,715,000,000 last year.

Smallpox Case In Randolph County

The first case of smallpox in Randolph county in seven years was reported to Dr. George H. Sumner, county health officer, Friday. The person with the disease is Lena Frazier, colored woman of Trinity. Her chances are good, said Dr. Sumner, but he and four High Point physicians who diagnosed the case before he was notified agree that the matter is serious.

Dr. Sumner is urging all people in the county to be vaccinated against the disease. The health authorities have not been able to discover how the woman caught smallpox, as she had, not been away from home for several days and there was no apparent point of contagion. Since this is the case there is no way of knowing when anyone may be exposed, so the need for vaccination is more urgent.

Randolph county has a very good record in regard to smallpox in recent years, this being only the fourth case in the past ten years.

Asheboro Senior Class Play Decided Hit With Many People

Presented before a large and highly appreciative audience at the Capitol theatre Friday evening, the senior class play, "Three Days of Gracie," was decidedly a hit. Led by Sarah Hayworth in the title role, the entire cast gave an excellent enactment of the humorous situations in the three act comedy and showed the influences of the expert coaching of Miss Clara Gill and Miss Anne Fuller Young.

While Miss Hayworth carried off first honors by adding a clever interpretation of her part as the humor-scram Gracie to the laugh-provoking lines given her by the author, she received able support from all involved.

Alice Rachel Frazier as Effie, a lackadaisical maid, also won many laughs from the audience, not only for her drawlingly comic utterances, but also for the comedy in her resigned attitude and hesitating manner of walking, reminiscent of a camel with an unbalanced load.

Clyde Shaw, with his "darling mustache," was a surprisingly mature and capable Dr. Cashion, and Thad Moser turned in a splendid performance as Gracie's sneeze-ridden young swain. Faced with the most difficult role in the play, that of the old-maid aunt, Mary Black Covington came through with colors flying; and Ruth Lloyd, Gracie's school chum, was thoroughly at ease in a part which called for a good deal of good acting without the opportunity to make clever speeches.

The cast was as follows: Grace Warner, Sarah Hayworth; Philippa Waring, Ruth Lloyd; Kate Waring, Mary Black Covington; Janet Waring, Helen E. Brown; Effie, Alice

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The stage crew composed of Velna Williams, Betty Prevette, Worth Shaw, and Bill Allred did a fine job, as did the property mistress, Gladys Steed. Carol Lea Hall directed the ticket sale and Mildred Millsaps was in charge of publicity.

Who's Who With Asheboro Shoppers

The Courier publishes another of the Who's Who with Asheboro Shoppers today. The photograph shown was snapped on Sunset avenue among the busy shoppers a few days ago. As has been the idea in previously published random snaps the young lady is unknown to any member of this newspaper's staff.

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