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Closing Events For Swain High School Begins Friday Evening

50 Young People To Receive Diplomas Monday Night

At final graduation exercises on Monday evening, May 11, 50 high school seniors will receive their diplomas from Swain county high school.

The initial events of the commencement program got underway sometime ago with the presentation of the senior play, "Nobody But Nancy."

The next step in the commencement program for the school will be the pageant to be presented Friday night, May 8th, at 8 o'clock.

The pageant, "While We Studied", will depict important world events taking place during the 11 years the class has been in school. It was written by the class under the direction of Miss Margaret Messer, teacher.

The reader is Miss Peggy Hicks, one of the two salutatorians of the class. Each member of the class of 50 will appear in the pageant.

Immediately preceding presentation of the pageant, a recitation contest will be held. The six contestants and their subjects are: Ann Gilliam, "That We Might Be Saved"; Betty Lou Moffitt, "Elmira's Last Beau"; Catherine DeHart, "Death's Disk"; Lorine Monteith, "A Challenge To American Women"; Peggy Hicks, "Mary Stuart"; and Jack Sherrill, "Education For Everybody."

Miss Ruth Gatlin, director of the band will play several violin numbers, accompanied by Miss Mary Long.

The commencement sermon will be delivered on Sunday afternoon in the elementary school auditorium at 3 o'clock. The Rev. W. H. Covert, pastor of the First Baptist church will deliver the sermon.

The final graduation exercises and the awarding of diplomas, awards and medals will be held in the auditorium Monday evening, May 11, at 8:30 P. M. The graduation program will employ senior class talent when members of the class will be heard in short talks.

Taking top scholastic honors at high school this year were Amy Franklin, valedictorian, and Peggy Hicks and Faye Louise Beard, co-salutatorians.

Awards will also be presented to the elementary school students on Monday evening by Mrs. Reggie Abbott, principal of the school.

Program For Graduation Exercises Monday Night 8:30 O'Clock

Prelude—Miss Mary Long
Processional—Seniors
Welcome Address—Earl Crisp
Hark The Vesper Hymn Is Stealing
Russian Air—Marie Calhoun, Roberta Messer, Loraine Monteith, Freda Reed, Ruth Shook
A Lasting World Peace—Peggy Hicks
God Bless The Farmer—Ernest Childers
Religion Will Win the War and the Peace that Follows—Faye Louise Beard
A Tribute to the Boys in Service—Junior Almond
Moonbeams—Victor Herbert—Girls Chorus
Presentation of Awards and Medals of the Bryson City Elementary School—Mrs. Reggie Abbott
Awarding of Diplomas—Supt. W. L. Lathan
Presentation of Medals and Awards of Swain County High School—J. L. Dennis
Announcements
Valedictory—Amy Franklin
Benediction
Recessional—"Lead On O King Eternal"—Seniors

Rotarians And Rotary Anns Attend District Convention In Asheville

Among the 200 Rotarians and their wives attending the two-day conference of the 190th district of Rotary International which opened at 10 o'clock Monday morning at the George Vanderbilt hotel in Asheville were the following from Bryson City:

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Carey Morgan, Dr. and Mrs. Dan Bryson and Messrs. Simon Davis, S. W. Black, Edwin Whitaker and Wayne Battle.

MRS. LEATHERWOOD, 77 IS TAKEN BY DEATH AT HER HOME HERE

Funeral For Beloved Lady Held Saturday At Presbyterian Church

Following a long life of service to her community and her neighbors, Mrs. Fannie Simpson Leatherwood, 77, died at her home on Leatherwood Hill at 9:15 o'clock Thursday night. A heart attack was the immediate cause of her death. She had been in declining health for several weeks but was confined to her bed only one week before her passing.

The body was taken to the Presbyterian church at noon Saturday where it lay in state until 2:00 o'clock at which time services were conducted by the Rev. Paul P. Thrower, a former pastor of the deceased, but now of Charlotte. Mrs. Leatherwood was buried with her service pin bearing one gold and one blue star, the gold star for her son, James, killed in World War No. 1. Her favorite songs "In the Sweet By and By" and "Rock of Ages" were sung by the church choir, and as a request made by Mrs. Leatherwood prior to her death, "No Night There", was sung as a solo by Mrs. Leslie Brooks.

GOVERT TO PREACH BACCALAUREATE SERMON SUNDAY

Commencement Sermon To Be In Auditorium 3 P.M.

James L. Dennis, principal of Swain High school, has announced that Rev. William H. Covert, pastor of the First Baptist church, will reach the baccalaureate sermon to the seniors, and friends of the school Sunday afternoon, May 10, at 3:00 o'clock.

Order of service:
Prelude—Miss Mary Long
Processional, Lead On O King Eternal—Seniors.

Prayer—Rev. C. O. Newell
O Make Me Love Thee, Abel—Girls' Chorus
Scripture Reading—Rev. C. O. Newell

Announcements—J. L. Dennis
Collection
Berecuse from Jocelyn, Goddard—Miss Ruth Gatlin

Baccalaureate Sermon—Rev. W. H. Covert
Presentation of Testaments
Doxology
Benediction
Recessional.

MARINE RECRUITING SERVICE AT SYLVA THROUGH THE 19TH

A Marine Corps recruiting station has been established at the Sylva Post Office and will remain there until May 19 to examine and accept men from this vicinity for the Marine Corps. This is the nearest recruiting office to Bryson City and the young men of Bryson City are especially invited to come in and investigate the opportunities that the Marine Corps has to offer.

The Marines are offering active service on land, sea, and air, thus giving a man a much wider choice of the type of service that he wishes to do. Schools are maintained throughout the Corps to train the men, and the Marine Corps is the best educated body of fighting men in the world because of this policy. Some 17 schools are offering over two hundred courses to the men in the Marine Corps, all free of charge.

The Marines are now accepting men between the ages of 17 to 30 and in some cases they will accept a man older than 30 if he is well qualified in other respects. The fact that a man has registered and been classified by his Selective Service board does not prohibit him from enlisting in the Marine Corps.

Homer Jones Transferred To Sylva Federation House

Homer Jones, who for the past few months has been assistant manager of the warehouse of the Farmers Federation here, has been made manager of the farm department of the Federation at Sylva. Mr. Jones, son of John H. Jones, has gone to Sylva to take up his duties there.

Army Recruiting Staff Reports Good Success Here

SUGAR RATIONING BOARD SWAMPED WITH APPLICANTS

The army recruiting trailer stationed here Monday and Tuesday is reported to have had very good success signing up young men for the army air corps, according to the officers in charge. They, however, were not able to give the names nor the number of men signed up, because it would be information that our enemies would like to know.

The officers did say, however, that all young men between 17 and 27, having completed high school and in good physical condition, married or single are eligible for cadet training in aviation. Commissions as second lieutenants are waiting these men at the end of seven and one-half months training with pay ranging from \$205 to \$245 per month. Those who did not enlist while the trailer was in town can do so by going to Asheville.

DEMOCRATS TO HOLD PRECINCT MEETINGS

Mrs. Nations Passes Following Heart Attack

Swain County Democrats will hold precinct meetings Saturday, May 9, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention to be held on Saturday, May 16, in the courthouse in Bryson City. The county convention will elect a county chairman, vice-chairman and secretary and appoint delegates to attend the state convention on May 23.

Mrs. Nations had been living in Bryson City since Aug. 22, 1940, when they took charge of the work of the local church. Mrs. Nations had been in ill health for sometime, and her death was not unexpected. She was 31 years of age.

Besides her husband she is survived by her mother, Mrs. Mary Bradley of Wilmot; two sisters, Miss May and Bertha Blanton, of Camp Creek, Jackson county; four brothers, W. A., J. B. and J. T. Bradley, of Wilmot, and Fred Bradley, of West Virginia.

Joe Fee Shuler Is Taken By Death At Land's Creek Home

Funeral services for the late Joe Fee Shuler, who died at his home on Land's Creek, after an illness of some time from a complication of diseases, were held on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Watkins cemetery with Rev. Garland Willis, Rev. Thad Watson, and Rev. Mack England, officiating. Moody Funeral Home was in charge. Active pallbearers were friends from Bryson City. A large number of relatives and friends attended, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful.

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Farm Agent's Office Ready To Assist People In Relocating

The North Carolina Extension Service through the office of your County Agent has established an additional service to the people of Swain County and especially those of the area to be covered by the Fontana Lake. Mr. W. C. Maness has been added to the personnel of the County Agent's office. His special charge and responsibility is to aid and assist the families of the Fontana Lake area in their efforts to relocate in a new community.

Some 400 to 500 families, both tenants and landowners, will have to establish themselves on new places in new communities. Where will they go? How can they find out about desirable places and communities? How can they contact these

possible new locations? These and many other questions are the ones the Extension Service through its personnel in the County Agent's office will endeavor to answer.

We urge you to make free use of this office—we are compiling a list of farms that can be purchased—with a description of each place and its community, also the approximate value of the place.

If you desire to find out about property or living quarters out of the dam area, we will do all possible to assist you through our County Agents' offices in the neighboring counties and state. If you have property to let for sale we will be glad to place the information on file for reference for future buyers from the lake area.

War Bond Selling Campaign Is Officially Launched In County

Chairman Black Issues Information And Supplies To County Canvassers

A meeting of the Swain county War Bond Campaign committee and attended by county and city canvassers was held in the courthouse at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning at which time chairman, S. W. Black gave final instructions to those already appointed to carry on the work in the county and issued the material with which they will work, thus officially launching the War Bond and Stamp pledge campaign in Swain county.

Citizens of Swain county are being counted on more and more to do their part in the War Bond Campaign which, it is hoped, can be completed within 10 to 15 days.

Mr. Black gave some very encouraging figures as to what Swain county people are doing in buying bonds. He said that the county's quota for May has been set by the treasury department at \$4,100 and that during the month of April Swain county citizens purchased \$5,375.00 worth of bonds and stamps from the bank and postoffice, which is some \$1200 more than our May quota, he said the total for April probably would reach \$10,000 as he had no check on all bonds brought during that period.

TVA Men Transferred

Three men, Robert Ford, Henry Arnwine and Fred Davis, rod men, with Maps and Survey office of TVA left Monday to work on the Fort Loudon dam at Lenoir City, Tenn.

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Price per plate, 65 cents.

Club Lunch, Monday, May 11

The annual Woman's Club luncheon will be held at Brookside Grill Monday, May 11, at 1:00 o'clock.

All ladies and friends of our city and club members are most cordially invited to attend.

Price per plate, 65 cents.

YOUR OWN quota, is 10%!

Lend your country 10% of your pay or have the Nazis and Japs take (not borrow) 100%!

That's what we and every one of us face today!

Victory or defeat!
Buying War Bonds or selling ourselves into slavery!

Getting tough with ourselves or getting taken by the Axis!

Your quota—and everybody's quota—is 10% of wages or income saved in WAR BONDS and STAMPS!

Join America's all-out offensive... increase your WAR BOND savings to at least 10% NOW!

Get the details from your employer, bank, post office or other WAR BOND sales agency... TODAY!

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