

Finals at High School Are To Begin Tonight

Sevier To Deliver Graduating Address Friday, Class Exercises To Be Held Tonight.

The final programs of the Marion high school commencement will be held tonight and tomorrow night in the school auditorium.

The class night program will be presented tonight at 8:00 o'clock with the seniors taking part in a play, "The Wedding of Miss Senior Class and Mr. Life of Service." The play will be presented in two acts, showing the wedding and the tenth anniversary of the marriage. Featured characters are Elizabeth Leonard as the bride and Robert Rowe as the groom.

The class prophecy will be given by Bill Moody. Others taking part in the program are Irene McKenzie, historian; Aline Bowman and Sam Bowman, giftors; and Clifford Reese, testator.

Dr. Joseph Sevier, president of Fessifern school for girls in Hendersonville, will be the guest speaker at the graduation exercises to be held in the auditorium Friday night at 8:00 o'clock. A total of 51 seniors will be presented with diplomas by Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools.

Members of the high school graduating class are as follows:

Virginia Arrowood, Risberth Arrowood, Nancy Barnes, Bill Bolton, Aline Bowman, Joe Bowman, Samuel Bowman, Willie Mae Bright, Glenys Buckner, Ben Carson, Marie Crowley, Louis Cutlar, Kathleen Davis, Mary Margaret Elliott, Demaree Ellis, Ray Epley, Mary Lou Ferguson, Bryan Gibson, Elizabeth Good, Robert Gourley, Frank Hall, Joyce Henline, Mildred Jarrett, George Knisley, Mary Laundermilk, Elizabeth Leonard, Hazel Lewis, Ruby Lewis, Irene McKenzie, Bill Moody, Margaret Moore, Clifton Morgan, Marcia Norman, Frank Parker, Virginia Parris, Clyde Pennington, Juanita Pool, Helen Ray, Clifford Reese, Louise Ross, Robert Rowe, Murrell Seagle, Bill Smart, Reba Smith, Fannie Mae Snipes, Mildred Snipes, Josephine Taylor, Jeanne Tennant, Willard Toney, Vera Mae Twigg, Hazel Wages.

DAIRYMEN TO COOPERATE IN MILK USE CAMPAIGN

McDowell county dairymen will cooperate in the national campaign to emphasize the importance of milk and dairy products to the individual and in the home, it was decided at a meeting here Tuesday night. The campaign will be conducted throughout the nation during the month of June.

Miss Isabelle Moseley, representative of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, explained to county dairy farmers the aims of the national campaign. The consumption of milk per day in the state is less than one glass per individual, she said. This year, for the first time, North Carolina is participating in the dairy month program, a plan that has greatly increased milk and dairy products consumption in other states, she said.

Elected to a committee to manage the dairy month program in McDowell county were J. R. Jameson, chairman, Austin Frisbee, J. H. Greenlee and W. C. McIver.

GROCERS TO CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS

All grocery stores in Marion will be closed on Wednesday afternoons during the summer months, beginning June 5, announced Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, this week.

There is a possibility that other stores in Marion may decide later to close on Wednesday afternoons, said Mr. Cartier.

New closing hours for Marion stores on week days and Saturdays are now in effect. General stores close at 5:30 p. m. on week days and 8:00 p. m. on Saturdays. Grocery stores close at 6:00 p. m. on week days and at 8:30 o'clock on Saturdays.

BACCALAUREATE SERMON DELIVERED BY JENKINS

Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the First Methodist church of Marion, in delivering the baccalaureate sermon to 51 members of the graduating class of the Marion high school last Sunday night, stressed the need for the development of qualitative and quantitative life.

Using as his text "He that followeth Me shall certainly not walk in the darkness but shall have the light of life," he stated that people today have available for their education and advancement the light of the past, of history, of science, the new knowledge shed on human nature, the new democracy, the future government of nations by a federation of states and of religion. Religion is the introduction to qualitative life, he said.

The invocation and the scripture reading were given by Dr. Carl W. McMurray. Rev. Jenkins was introduced by Hugh F. Beam, superintendent of Marion city schools.

The Marion Choral club presented three selections on the program: the processional, "O, For the Wings of a Dove" by Mendelssohn, and "As Torrents in Summer" by Elgar.

Marshals were Emily Holton, chief, Inez Rufty, Elaine Bowman, Elizabeth Seagle, J. B. Walker, Marvin Lovin and Ted Mace. They were chosen on the basis of scholarship.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Jenkins.

FINALS HELD FRIDAY AT OLD FORT SCHOOL

The final commencement exercises of the Old Fort school were held in the school auditorium on Friday night, May 17. Diplomas were awarded to 33 members of the graduating class by S. A. McDuffie, principal. The salutatory address was given by Virginia Early and the valedictory by Marilyn Byrd.

After the awarding of diplomas, Marvin S. Giles, president of the Senior class, gave the speech of acceptance. During the exercises a brief but inspiring address was given by N. F. Steppe, superintendent of McDowell county schools.

On Sunday, May 12, Rev. W. E. Pettit, pastor of the Old Fort Baptist church preached the baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class. The pupils of the seventh grade presented to a capacity audience on Thursday night, May 16, an operetta, "Sonny on Sunnyside." On Friday morning two short plays were presented, one by a section of the first grade and another by a section of the fifth grade. During these exercises certificates of promotion were awarded to 53 members of the seventh grade by Mr. Glenn Tolliver, one of the seventh grade teachers. About 75 pupils of the elementary and high school received perfect attendance certificates for being neither absent nor tardy during the school year.

OLD TIMERS TO HOLD MEMORIAL REUNION HERE

The Old Timers, an organization made up of former telegraph operators, will hold a Memorial Reunion in Marion this summer, it was announced this week. The date of the event will be announced later.

D. A. Grayson, of Marion, is one of 105 men chosen as honorary guests for the Reunion.

The reception committee, which is making arrangements for the Reunion in Marion is composed of George W. Sandlin, J. Q. Gilkey and W.K.M. Gilkey.

Officers of the Old Timers organization are Frank Burgin of Atlanta, Ga., president, and Horace Payne of Morganton, secretary.

COMMITTEES FOR JULY PICNIC ARE TO MEET

The first meeting of committees to arrange the community picnic for the town of Marion on July 4 will be held Friday morning at 10 o'clock in the Community building. A chairman to direct the program arrangements will be selected.

The July 4 celebration is being planned by the Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the Francis Marion, Rotary, Kiwanis and Junior Woman's clubs, the American Legion and the Marion Fire Department.

New Drug Store For Marion To Open Friday

Tainter To Operate Concern Specializing In Luncheon, Drug And Fountain Service.

With the installation of new equipment and stock nearly completed, the opening of the Marion Drug Company has been set for Friday morning, May 24.

The new store, owned by Dean Tainter, is located on the corner of Main and West Court streets across from the James Hotel in Marion.

The exterior of the store has been refinished in black glass and chromium fittings with ample display windows having been provided. The interior of the store is of modernistic design with completely new equipment.

To be featured at the new establishment is the luncheonette service, for which a completely modern kitchen and luncheon equipment have been provided. The store will also have prescription, fountain and drug service. A registered pharmacist will be on duty at all times.

On the opening day, Friday, the management is offering special prices on many drug articles, and fountain specialties will be given to customers several hours during the day.

MAN SUFFERS HEART ATTACK WHILE AT WORK

Delbert P. Walker, 66, of Old Fort, suffered a heart attack while at work on the Lake James road near Nebo about 11:00 o'clock Monday morning and died soon afterwards.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday morning at 11:00 o'clock at the Bethlehem church by Rev. Robert Hughes. Interment was in the Salem church cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Florence McGinnis Walker; three daughters, Mrs. Effie Jackson, Mrs. Annie Marlowe and Mrs. Margie Epley; three sons, George, Mack and Walter Walker; five brothers, Lock, John, Luther, Henry and Dan Walker; three sisters, Mrs. Marida Nollert, Mrs. Lizzie Bartlett and Mrs. Mary McGinnis; and 21 grandchildren, all of Old Fort and vicinity.

EMPLOYER-EMPLOYEE BANQUET PLANNED

An employer-employee banquet, sponsored by the Marion Chamber of Commerce, will be held in the Community building on May 30 at 8:00 o'clock p. m.

According to Walter J. Cartier, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, all business houses, stores and manufacturing plants in Marion are invited to take part in the program. Employers will be expected to furnish tickets for their staff workers attending the banquet. "The purpose of the banquet is to build a friendlier and more co-operative spirit between employers and employees," said Mr. Cartier.

C. F. James will be the guest speaker at the banquet. Other features on the program include a movie, specialty numbers, group singing and a social-recreation hour for all attending. The program is expected to last for about two hours and a half.

General chairman of arrangements for the banquet is Dan Hitchcock. Others directing various parts of the program are Jack Spratt, Mrs. H. W. Stauffer, Max Poteat, Miss Hazel Grubbs, Carl McCall, Mr. Cartier and Miss Frances Nanny.

Tickets for the banquet went on sale today.

REDECORATION DONE AT STREETMAN'S DRUG

The interior of Streetman's Drug Store on the main street of Marion received a complete redecoration this week.

Walls were repainted and woodwork was done over in mahogany colors. New equipment has been installed and stock and tables have been completely rearranged.

The store was closed one day this week while work was in progress, but it is now open for business.

Candidates to Be Selected In The Primary May 25

Democrats Have Three Contests In County; Governor's Race Of Most Interest.

Considerable interest is being manifested in the primary which takes place Saturday, May 25, and a much heavier vote than was cast two years ago is expected. In the Democratic primary of 1938 there were only 2,868 votes cast in McDowell county as compared with 4,379 in 1936 when keen interest was manifested in the gubernatorial race. A complete new registration was ordered by the Board of Elections this year and over 4,000 Democrats have registered.

There being no contest for county offices on the Republican ticket, probably less than 1,000 Republicans registered.

The polling places will open at 7 a. m. and close at 7 p. m.

On the Democratic ticket L. J. P. Cutlar and Ashby Robinson are candidates for the State Senate while D. F. Giles, J. C. Rabb and Horace J. Hall seek the nomination for the House of Representatives.

For Register of Deeds there are five candidates, the incumbent, R. V. McGimsey; G. W. Chapman, M. L. Dixon, Zeb L. Lackey, and John M. Stepp.

The candidates for county commissioners, surveyor and member of the Board of Education had no opposition and do not appear on the ballot.

The state ticket is as follows:

For Governor: Paul Grady, Thomas E. Cooper, Wilkins P. Horton, A. J. Maxwell, J. Melville Broughton, Arthur Simmons, and L. Lee Graveley.

For Lieutenant Governor: W. Erskine Smith, Dan Tompkins, R. L. Harris and L. A. Martin.

For Secretary of State: Walter Murphy and Thad Eure.

For Auditor: George Ross Poul and Charles W. Miller.

For Commissioner of Agriculture: W. Kerr Scott and C. Wayland Spruill.

For Insurance Commissioner: William B. Oliver and Dan C. Boney.

For Congress: Zebulon Weaver, Sam M. Cathey and Earl Donnahoe.

POPPIES TO BE SOLD FOR AID TO CHILDREN

When the citizens of Marion put on their memorial poppies on Poppy Day, May 25, to honor the World War dead, they will be helping children of dead and disabled veterans to a fair start in life, according to Mrs. C. A. Workman, child welfare chairman of McDowell Unit of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Money contributed for the poppies will help maintain the Auxiliary's child welfare activities during the coming year, she explained. Much of it will go into emergency aid for families left dependent by the death or disability of a veteran, helping keep the home together until a permanent means of support can be found, keeping the children in school and preventing the father's patriotic sacrifices from handicapping their development.

In their joint child welfare program last year, the Legion and Auxiliary brought aid to 395,342 children of veterans. A total of \$1,968,632.28 from Legion and Auxiliary resources was expended in this program. Much of this money was made up of the dimes, quarters and dollars placed in the contribution boxes on Poppy Day.

"Hardships and exposures of war service are striking down many of our veterans in the prime of life," said Mrs. Workman. "Almost every veteran now dying or becoming disabled has dependent children. Unless he has established legally that he was disabled in the war, the government can do nothing for his family. The Auxiliary is determined that no children shall be left in need because their fathers served the country, and with the help of the patriotic citizens who wear poppies on Poppy Day, we are able to carry out this determination."

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM COMPLETED AT GLENWOOD

Graduating exercises at the Glenwood school were held Wednesday night, May 15, with the Hon. Walter Murphy, Salisbury attorney, delivering the finals address to the seniors.

Mr. Murphy gave an inspirational address, reviewing early North Carolina history and pointing to the advantages of democracy as set forth in the state and national Constitutions. He was introduced by L. J. P. Cutlar, of Marion.

The valedictory address was given by Freddie McKinney and the salutatory by Bill Crawley. Medals and certificates were awarded by C. L. Norwood, principal. Diplomas were given by Dr. J. B. Johnson, chairman of the County Board of Education.

Seventh grade promotion exercises were held at the school on May 10 when George T. Greenway presented certificates to 30 graduates. The class presented a play, "The Courtship of Miles Standish."

On Friday night, May 10, the Glenwood glee club, directed by Miss Hazel Bolick and Mary Frances Harrell, presented a recital.

The baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class was delivered on Sunday, May 12, by Dr. W. A. Ayers, pastor of the First Baptist church of Forest City.

Class night exercises were held on Tuesday night, May 14, with John McCulloch as historian, Eugene Rumpf presenting the class will, Shirley Ward as statistician, Elizabeth Hunt as the prophet and Sybil Owenby as giftorian.

NEAL TO HEAD DRIVE FOR EUROPEAN RELIEF

Grayson Neal of Marion has been appointed chairman of the Red Cross drive for funds in McDowell county for the relief of refugees in the war torn countries of Europe, it was announced this week.

A quota of \$600 has been set for the county as its part of the ten-million-dollar relief fund that is being raised by the Red Cross for European relief.

According to a telegram received here this week by Zeno Martin, chairman of the Marion chapter of the Red Cross, "The chief needs of Belgian-French peoples are reaching staggering proportions. . . . Our representatives in France report thousands dying by roadsides of wounds, frost and hunger."

The Red Cross made a special plea that the funds might be raised as soon as possible.

Donations to the fund in McDowell county will be received at the Marion Industrial Bank. Announcement of the committee heading the drive in the county has not been made.

MOTOR CLUB TO SPONSOR CONTEST

George H. Brisbane, representative of the Carolina Motor club, is in Marion this week working with the Chamber of Commerce and arranging for a Marion entry in the "Miss Carolina Motorist Tour."

According to Mr. Brisbane, entrants in the contest being sponsored by the Motor club may be given a 10,000 mile expense paid trip and a job as touring counselor with the Motor club. Four girls will be selected from North and South Carolina.

TO BEGIN REVIVAL AT EAST MARION SUNDAY

Rev. J. A. Brock, pastor of Spindale Baptist church of Spindale, will assist Rev. R. Von King in a series of revival services to begin at East Marion Baptist church Sunday, May 26, and continue through June 9. Services will be held twice daily, at 1:30 and 7:30 p. m. There will be special singing. Rev. Brock is a widely known pastor and evangelist. The public is cordially invited to attend.

M'NEILL DATE CANCELLED

Due to conflict in engagement elsewhere, Robert H. McNeill, Republican candidate for governor, will not speak here tonight, as previously announced, it was stated yesterday by Dr. D. H. Crawford, Mr. McNeill will not be able to visit Marion this week and the speaking date here has been cancelled.

Pick Teachers For Schools Of McDowell Unit

List Of Principals And Teachers Announced by Supt. N. F. Steppe.

Teachers appointed for McDowell county schools for the year 1940-41 were announced this week by N. F. Steppe, county superintendent.

A total of 83 teachers and principals for the county have been announced, including five teachers for three colored schools.

Appointments for the county schools for next year were given as follows:

Pleasant Gardens—W. A. Young, principal, John L. Johnson, Mrs. Theodora R. Johnson, Miss Caroline Gray, Mrs. Nell W. Young, Mrs. Minnie C. Hinshaw, Mrs. Delia G. Westmoreland, Mrs. Mabel M. Haire, Mrs. Edna M. Henderson, Miss Zelma Atwell, Mrs. Harry H. Hendrix, Miss Geneva Link, Mrs. Carl S. Gibson, Mrs. Sallie P. Willis, Miss Elsie H. House, Miss Lula Hicks, Miss Ola Wall.

Old Fort—S. A. McDuffie, principal, E. W. S. Cobb, Harry Swofford, Miss Louise Frazier, W. J. Cotten, Miss Hazel C. Herring, Mrs. Lucile C. Gray, Glenn Tolliver, Mrs. Margaret K. Greenlee, Mrs. Gladys W. Kanipe, Mrs. Margaret L. Harris, Mrs. Emily H. Bradley, Mrs. Ruth Mull Tolliver, Miss Margaret Marley, Miss Laura Hicks, Miss Marjorie M. Hinsdale, Mrs. Elizabeth B. Gibbs, Miss Eunice Stacy, Miss Charline Hemphill, Miss Mary G. Burgin, Mrs. Beulah C. Nichols, Miss Della Williams.

North Cove—B. C. Wilson, principal, J. M. Tyler, Miss Alba Padgett, W. C. Twiddy, Mrs. Kathleen J. McMahon, Miss Mattie L. Summey, Mrs. Guy M. Grant, Miss Locky Hennessee, Miss Esther Beam, Mrs. Grace M. Steppe, Mrs. Laura H. Brown, Miss Harriet Wilson.

Nebo—Stanley Livingston, principal, Miss Rose L. Stacy, Miss Dorothy Rhinehardt, Miss Helen W. Plant, Thos. W. Staggs, Miss Lottie H. Wilson, Mrs. Georgia S. Corpening, Miss Maggie S. Taylor, Mrs. Mabel G. Hemphill.

Glenwood—C. L. Norwood, principal, A. L. Eggers, Miss Marie Fitzgerald, Miss Hazel Bolick, Mrs. Thelma Poteat King, Miss Mary Frances Harrell, Geo. T. Greenway, Miss Frances Doggett, Miss Lillie M. Pyatt, Miss Jessie Hunt, Miss Evelyn Tanner, Miss Barbara Wagner.

Dysartsville—Richard A. Shaw, principal, Miss Inez Daves, Miss Jennie Lee Laughridge, Miss Glossie Pyatt.

Sugar Hill—W. J. Waters, principal, Miss Lucille Holland.

COLORED

Old Fort—Myrtle C. Hemphill, Mary B. Muldrow, Fannie H. Rhuffin, Bridgewater—Rose C. Greenlee. Vein Mountain—Gary F. Peade.

SCOTT EXPLAINS NEED OF BETTER MARKETING

Speaking to a McDowell county audience at the court house here on last Saturday morning, W. Kerr Scott, candidate for renomination as Commissioner of Agriculture of North Carolina, pointed to the need of a better marketing system for the state.

North Carolina has advanced in education, road building and rural electrification, he said, and this same leadership will lead to a progressive program for agriculture. Industry, cooperating with agriculture can assure progress and prosperity for the state, he said.

Pointing to the important part agriculture in the United States played in the World War, he stated, that it should be placed on a sound basis now to prepare for another possible world struggle.

BIBLE SCHOOL

A daily vacation Bible school will be held at the First Presbyterian church, beginning Monday morning, May 27th, at nine o'clock. There will be classes for ages four to fourteen years. Mrs. G. W. Kirkpatrick will be the superintendent of the school.

Mexico has a rayon yarn shortage.