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Marion High School Finals Begin Friday Evening With Class Play; Graduating Exercises Monday Night

Sermon Sunday By Dr. Bray; Clyde Erwin To Deliver Literary Address.

Commencement finals at the Marion high school will get under way next Friday evening at 8 o'clock when the class night program will be given. "The March of Freedom" will be presented by the senior class.

The principal characters in the play are Jean Sentell, a senior; Roby Conley, Jr., Uncle Sam; Sue Martin, narrator; E. M. Britt, impersonator; Edward Poole, American laborer; Howard Toney, American financier; Bill Ledbetter, marine; Claude Jarrett, sailor; Monty Haire, air cadet; Harry Miller, soldier; Vivian Morgan, Statute of Liberty; Royce McNeil, American Legionnaire; Helen Kanipe, "Old Glory"; Zelma Burleson and Alta Godfrey, Red Cross nurses.

The program will include selections by a quartet composed of Zane Walker, Homer Walker, J. B. Walker and Jack Walker, and a saxophone solo by Mike McCall, accompanied by Daphne Goodman, pianist.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist church, next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock in the high school auditorium.

The graduating exercises will be held on Monday evening, May 22, when Clyde A. Erwin, State superintendent of public instruction, will deliver the literary address. The speaker will be introduced by Hugh Beam, superintendent. Following the address, presentation of awards will be made by D. E. Poole, principal, and presentation of diplomas by Supt. Beam. The salutatory address will be given by Michael McCall while the valedictorian speaker will be Miss Elaine Penninger.

The program for the evening will include a selection by a clarinet quartet composed of Mary C. Sebastian, Lawrence Atkins, Bobby White and Wilma Fowler; a piano solo by Miss Daphne Goodman, and processional and recessional by Junior-Sophomore members of band.

The mascots are Russell Elliott and Betty Lee Conley.

Marshals, chosen on basis of scholarship, are Buddy Bost, chief; Addie Lee Gaddy, Kenneth Welborn, Frances England, Lynn Crawley, Polly Hawkins, and Joanne Fields.

W. F. BROWN SERVING WITH 9TH AIR FORCE IN ENGLAND

Private First Class William F. Brown, whose mother Mrs. Nora J. Brown resides in Nebo, is now serving with the Ninth Air Force Troop Carrier Command in England, according to a recent announcement.

Commanded by Brigadier General Paul L. Williams, the IX Troop Carrier Command flies the C-47 Skytrain, which without fighting armament or protective armor is designed to move airborne infantry and paratroops to behind - the - line positions within enemy territory.

FREE CHILD CLINIC TO BE HELD MAY 22

All Marion mothers who have children entering school next year for the first time are urged to bring them to the Free School Clinic which will be conducted at the Marion Elementary School building Monday, May 22, from 2 to 3 o'clock. The clinic will be held in the interest of the children's health and mothers will be advised after examination of the children.

REVIVAL SERVICES TO BE HELD AT WEST MARION

Revival services at the West Marion Pentecostal Holiness church will begin Sunday, May 21, at 11 a. m. and continue through June 4, Rev. F. J. Burroughs, pastor, announced this week.

Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Marley, of Hendersonville, will be visiting speakers. Special singing will be a feature of the services.

The public is cordially invited.



COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER—
Clyde A. Erwin, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the literary address at the Marion high school next Monday evening.

MERCHANTS TO JOIN IN PRAYER SERVICE BEGINNING MAY 18

At a special meeting of the Merchants Association Tuesday afternoon the members of the association went on record as favoring the Mayor's proposal that beginning Thursday, May 18, at 12 o'clock, when the whistles and sirens blow all employers and employees are to cease work for one minute of silent prayer.

The merchants also went on record as favoring closing their stores two hours for a united prayer service on the day the invasion is announced.

At the regular meeting of the association last Thursday night OPA rules and regulations were discussed and price ceilings given attention. Plans were also made to set up a committee whose task will be to place returning war veterans to work at jobs for which they are best fitted.

LT. HARTLEY AWARDED DISTINGUISHED CROSS FOR EXTRA ACHIEVEMENT

First Lieutenant Louis E. Hartley, 28, of Nebo, bombardier on an Eighth AAF Flying Fortress, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for "extraordinary achievement" while participating in more than a score of heavy bombing assaults on vital Nazi targets in Germany and the Occupied Countries of Europe. He already held the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters.

Lt. Hartley is a veteran of some of the most important bombing attacks carried out in recent months by Eighth Air Force Fortresses against military and industrial targets on the Continent. Outstanding among his many combat missions were attacks on shipping and naval facilities at Kiel, and targets in the key war-making centers of Posen, Emden, Berlin and Rostock.

The AAF bombardier graduated in 1939 from the Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone, N. C., and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie R. Hartley of Vilas, N. C. Before entering service April 1, 1942, at Asheville, he was an assistant instructor in English. He won his wings and commission at the Midland, Tex., bombardiering school. The lieutenant's wife, Mrs. Margaret W. Hartley, is now residing at 15 New street, Marion.

SCOUTS TO HOLD COURT OF HONOR HERE FRIDAY

The Boy Scouts of McDowell county will hold a court of honor at the First Methodist church Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Following the court of honor R. M. Schiele, Scout executive, will show a moving picture of Scout life at Camp Piedmont. Relatives and friends of Scouts and Scouters are invited to attend.

Buy U. S. War Bonds.

LARGE GROUP FROM MCDOWELL ACCEPTED FOR ARMED FORCES

One hundred and forty selective service registrants were sent by the local draft board to Camp Croft, S. C. May 9 for preinduction physical examinations and the following were accepted for service:

For Army: Charles Whisenant, Carroll R. Hall, Gentry M. Miller, Frank R. Bost, Spurgeon Parker, Roby J. Sutton, Raymond D. Workman, Robert H. E. Ballew, Delmar T. Hollifield, Franklin W. Randolph, Garther F. Rhom, Claude A. Murphy, Andrew W. Rymer, Paul Bryant, Willis M. Early, William L. Snypes, Harlin Moody, Louis Evans, Everette G. Johnson, Walter H. Padgett, John R. Morrow, Jonas C. McCraw, Earl A. Glenn, Elva J. Perkins, Selden C. Roberts, Jr., Hubert G. Hensley, Roy L. Lamb, Clarence M. Sheffield, Paul J. Reel, Conrad Baker, Ray V. Greene, Ross Lewis, Charles E. Young, Joseph Williams, Horace W. Gouge, Thomas F. Hollifield, Ruten J. Fowler, Hilliard Ward, Horace R. Rector, Clyde W. Vickers, Walter E. Ollis, Martin H. Mull, William L. Effer, John C. Gilkey, Daniel A. Lamb, Paul C. Pittman, Carl E. Roland, Herschel S. Robertson, Ted R. Souther, Bis R. Lewis, Paul G. Ray, Ransom H. Mann, Ernest Fox, Thomas W. Goforth, Jr., Jake Y. Biggestaff, Donald J. Barlowe, Jimmy G. Vess, Cecil F. Moody, George T. Mathis, Fred L. Hoppes, Therman J. Staton, Homer A. Conner, Gaylon H. Isaacs, Paul W. Simpson, Herman R. Robinson, Cecil E. Mask, Howard G. Woody, Paul L. Davis, William S. Davis, Clyde A. Laughridge and Arria W. Bartlett.

Those accepted for service in the Navy were:

James C. Rabb, Eugene D. Hitchcock, Glenn G. Early, James W. Moore, Woodrow W. Byrd, Robert N. Jenkins, Ervin Washington Martin, Roy P. Rabb, James H. Hollifield and Kenneth W. Rabb.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT MONTFORDS COVE SUNDAY

The annual memorial service will be held at Montfords Cove Baptist church next Sunday, beginning at 10:45. Judge J. Will Pless of Marion will be the principal speaker.

Devotional exercises will be conducted at 11 o'clock by the pastor, Rev. Wade Ruff, followed by the welcome address by G. H. Hemphill. From 11:30 to 12:00 short talks will be made by visitors, followed by the memorial address by Judge Pless at 12 o'clock. Lunch will be served at 1 o'clock. All are expected to bring well filled baskets.

The afternoon will be devoted to a song service.

Relatives and friends are requested to spread their flowers on the graves as they gather at the church.

PLEASANT GARDENS GRANGE MEETING

The Pleasant Gardens Grange elected Henry Stauffer, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of steward at the regular meeting Tuesday night. He succeeds Kenneth Young, who recently entered service.

During the business session a motion was passed to change the time of meetings to 8:30 o'clock, instead of 8:00.

The program subject for the evening was "Safety in the Home and on the Highway."

This was followed by a recreational period.

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson Issues Proclamation On D-Day Services

Mayor J. F. Wilkinson issued the following Proclamation yesterday in regard to the D-Day services that the churches and business houses will be observing today at noon.

The proclamation read as follows: "Starting today, Thursday, May 18th, at 12 o'clock noon, a siren will be sounded from the city hall of Marion, calling to the attention of the citizens of Marion and adjoining communities that they are requested to pause or stop whatever they are doing and offer a PRAYER TO GOD for our fighting men for a period of

Plans Are Made For Preinvasion Prayer Services

Church Services Announced; Daily One Minute Period Of Prayer Starts Today.

At a call meeting of the McDowell Ministerial association Monday night a resolution was adopted calling upon all the pastors and church authorities of the county to be prepared to open their houses of worship for prayer immediately upon the sounding of invasion signals. The signals will come from the city siren, mill and locomotive whistles, church and school bells, etc.

The association was advised of the willingness of the merchants of the city of Marion to close their stores for two hours when the signals are given, that their employees may have time to go to church for the prayer service. This action on the part of the business men is appreciated by the Ministerial Association and the public, and it is the hope of the ministers that every person who possibly can do so will attend some service. There will be no preaching, only such solemn prayer service as each minister may decide to conduct.

After the hour's special service, the church doors are to remain open for the rest of the day that people may come and go as they wish. In some cases there will be soft, worshipful music for certain periods.

Should the invasion signal come after eight o'clock in the evening, the churches will open at six the following morning that people may pause there for prayer on their way to work. In this case, the churches will remain open all day.

In cooperation with Mayor Wilkinson's proclamation, the ministers and merchants have approved the plan for a one-minute period of prayer daily at noon, beginning today.

These one minute noontide services will continue until the invasion is announced, when all are expected to attend the church invasion services.

J. F. SNIPES SCORES HOLE-IN-ONE ON GOLF COURSE AT HOT SPRINGS

J. F. Snipes of Marion, who is spending a few weeks at Hot Springs National Park, Ark., joined the exclusive "Hole-in-one Club" at the Hot Springs Golf and Country Club at Hot Springs last Sunday when he scored an ace on the fifteenth hole of the No. 1 course. Snipes used a No. 6 iron.

He negotiated the course in 83 strokes and was playing with Fred Davenport of Greenville, S. C., who turned in an 89.

POINTS EXTENDED

Housewives were reminded by Mr. Driscoll, district director of the Office of Price Administration at Charlotte, N. C., that Red ration stamps R8, S8 and 98 now valid for purchases of rationed meats, fats and dairy products must last four weeks instead of the customary two.

The only items now requiring red points are beef steaks (except flank) and roasts, butter, margarine, cheese and cheese products and evaporated milk.

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUBS TO HAVE SPRING FEDERATION SATURDAY

The spring Federation of the Home Demonstration Clubs of McDowell County will be held in the office of Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent, on Saturday, May 20, at 2 o'clock, it was announced this week.

The feature of the program will be a sound film shown by Mrs. Lula Austin, home economics specialist of the Duke Power Company. Mrs. Austin will also prepare a meal, demonstrating correct cooking methods and serve members of the audience.

Although this is the first spring Federation to be held in this county, the plan is similar to that of Achievement Day held each fall by members of the county home demonstration clubs for the purpose of reviewing the work of clubs, increasing interest, and promoting a spirit of cooperation.

Mrs. J. L. Haney will preside and reports will be given by club secretaries. All club members and all interested persons are cordially invited to attend.

REPORT \$13,179.86 RAISED IN RED CROSS WAR FUND DRIVE HERE

The executive committee of the local chapter of the American Red Cross and workers in the recent Red Cross War Fund Drive met Tuesday afternoon in the court room with Dr. C. W. McMurray, county chairman, presiding.

Dr. McMurray presented Eugene Cross, local War Fund Drive chairman, with a citation awarded him by the national chapter praising him for his successful leadership and selection of fine workers.

Announcement was made that the amount received from the drive totaled \$13,179.86, exceeding the quota of \$10,200 by \$2,979.86.

The McDowell County chapter was also presented an honor certificate.

Dr. McMurray introduced Mrs. Carrie Hill, North Carolina Red Cross field representative, who complimented the local chapter on the work accomplished.

CLINCHFIELD RHYTHM BAND GIVES CONCERT AT MOORE HOSPITAL

At the request of the American Red Cross, the Clinchfield Rhythm Band, under the direction of Mrs. Bernard Hirsch, gave a concert last Sunday afternoon for the patients of Moore General Hospital.

Fifty-seven members of the band were transported in cars, but even with the gas shortage the trip was well worth it. It was an experience none of the children, parents or teachers will ever forget, and the soldiers were delightfully appreciative and attentive, some of them even trailing down the long corridors to hear another performance.

The concert was given in the recreation hall and auditorium, where the up-patients had gathered, and others from a near-by ward were brought by wheel chair or stretcher. The children also rendered the following request numbers for two wards of bed patients: "Down South" and "Turkey in the Straw" by the band, which also featured singing and dancing; "Star Dust," a merimba duet by Betty Joe Sentelle and Mary Belle Grayson; and "A Heart that's Free," a vocal solo by Joyce Foster.

Recordings were made of each performance, some being given to Mrs. Hirsch and the children, and some kept by the Hospital. By special request Mrs. Hirsch sang three numbers after the last performance, and two of these records were given to her to be sent overseas to her husband, S. Sgt. Bernard Hirsch.

The Red Cross Recreational worker in charge of the entertainment was Mrs. Eunice Wilkinson Bullock, who a number of years ago before her marriage taught in the Marion City Schools.

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB WILL HAVE RECITAL

Members of the Crosby Adams Junior Music Club will be presented in recital at 8 o'clock Friday evening, May 26, in the auditorium of the Marion high school, Mrs. C. W. McMurray announced yesterday. The public is cordially invited.

Military Duty Curtailed For Essential Men

Bulk Of Men Over 26 In Essential Work Will Get Long- er Deferments.

Washington, May 12. — Selective service today ordered deferments for the bulk of men 26 and older now classified 1-A.

The order removes the threat of early induction for the majority of the 1,650,000 1-A's who were in the age group as of April 1.

For "necessary" men 26 through 29 who are regularly engaged in war or essential civilian work, industrial deferments will be granted "for the time being." Even if they fail to meet the "necessary" test and are kept in 1-A, indications were that few in the age group would be drafted before Dec. 1.

For men 30 through 37 who merely are "regularly engaged in" essential activities, deferment will be for "an indefinite period." This probably will carry them well into 1945.

How long the order will remain in effect was not stated. But Maj. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, selective service director, estimated at a press conference that enough men 18 through 25, including those coming of military age, will be available to meet army-navy requirements until Dec. 1—"unless something happens that materially changes the needs of the armed forces."

"We are forced to face the fact," he added, "that eventually there will not be enough men under 26 to fill all calls."

The new order, the life of which obviously will depend on the cost in men of the Western front invasion and other military operations which may be imminent, was formulated at a three-day conference here this week with state selective service directors.

Release Younger Men

It is designed to "release large numbers of younger physically fit men for military service and at the same time provide deferment of greater numbers of (older) men to engage in activities in war production or in support of the national health, safety, or interest."

Selective service board to achieve this end by:

1—Retaining present rigid regulations making it impossible for any but a few physically fit men 18 through 25, to obtain industrial deferments.

2—Liberalizing deferment policy for old men; on a limited basis for men 26 through 29; on a liberal basis for those 30 through 37.

3—Granting local boards virtual carte blanche to expand the war manpower commission's list of 35 essential (deferrable) activities.

The new policy, constituting in effect a stay of induction for 1-A's 26 and older pending review and reclassification, was prompted by these factors:

The armed forces' demand for "vigorous and physically fit young men."

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LT. GOVERNOR BLAKELY VISITS KIWANIS CLUB

In an official visit Lieutenant Governor Bill Blakely complimented the Marion Kiwanis club on the progress it had made during the first four months especially in regard to increased membership, and also in attendance it being one of the highest in the division.

Rev. R. I. Corbett was the principal speaker at the meeting using as his subject "Seeing Ourselves As Others See Us." Kiwanian Corbett also announced plans for Prayer service at all churches on the day of invasion stating that all stores would be closed for two hours the day the invasion started in order that all employees could attend their respective churches.

M. W. Gordon, Jr. announced a meeting of the Directors at the Presbyterian Church Thursday evening at 7:00 o'clock.

E. F. Ormand of Kings Mountain and John Setzer of Marion were guests at the meeting.