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Seventy Graduates Of Marion High School Awarded Diplomas

Commencement Finals Held Tuesday Night With Clyde A. Erwin The Speaker.

Seventy diplomas were awarded graduates of the Marion High School Monday night in commencement exercises which closed the 1944 school term. In addition to the seventy members of the class receiving their diplomas as mentioned above, four other members of the class will also receive their diplomas. Miss Thelma Autry, who, with her family moved to the state of Florida last week, will be mailed her diploma. Three boys, James Bryson, James Ray Robinson and Paul Eugene Flack, popular members of the senior class, have been inducted into the service of the nation's armed forces, their induction taking place during their last semester of school life, are eligible to receive their diplomas.

Dr. Clyde A. Erwin, state superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the address Monday evening. He spoke in a forceful manner of changing world conditions and exhorted all seniors to be on the alert to meet these changing demands of every day living. He encouraged all those who could to continue their educational work, pointing out that the needs of the day require highly developed technical skills.

Hugh Beam, Superintendent of Marion City Schools, presented Dr. Erwin to the audience. After the address Mr. Beam presented the diplomas to the class. D. E. Poole, principal of the high school, presented the awards. Miss Frieda Elaine Penninger received highest scholastic honors and was valedictorian of the class. Michael McCall, as salutatorian for the class, received second highest honors. Other scholastic awards were as follows: Howard Toney, Edith Biddix, Lois Nance, Helen Kanipe, Jack Walker and Sue Martin. Medals were given for achievement in several activities as follows: best athlete, boy, J. B. Walker; best athlete, girl, Miss Faye Ayers; music, Michael McCall; citizenship, boy, Royce McNeill; citizenship, girl, Dorothy Neighbors.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered Sunday evening to a large audience, by Dr. B. F. Bray, pastor of the First Baptist church of Marion. Those who heard Dr. Bray were deeply impressed by the message he gave.

Class day exercises were held last Friday evening.

Members of the graduating class are:

Virginia Lee Hensley, Rosemary Hensley, Edith Jane Biddix, Annie Sue Gaddy, Kathryn Ellen Ballew, Nell Lee Styles, Betty Jean Rabb, Zelma Louise Burleson, Lucille Elмира Hemphill, Margaret Montgomery Honeycutt, Alta Jane Godfrey, Lois Evelyn Ross, J. B. Davis, Bernice Virginia Brown, Hazel Ruth Owenby, Frances Sue Martin, Jewel Naomi Harris, Alma Audrey Conley, Betsy Lee Erwin, Peggy Lee Carrigan.

Margaret Gibbs Westmoreland, Iris Velma Ayers, Mary Vivian Morgan, Mariam Jeanette Smith, Millie Lucy Poteat, Wilma Hattie Bright, Nora Elizabeth Crawley, Ila Lucille Fisher, Harry Bernard Miller, Bruce McNeal, Gene Russell Horton, Leonard Leroy Wilson, Virginia Grace (Continued on last page)

JUNIOR MUSIC CLUB WILL HAVE RECITAL MAY 26

Members of the Crosby Adams Junior Music Club will give a recital Friday evening, May 26th, at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The public is cordially invited.

The following members will participate: Pat Shiffet, Dorothy Hensley, B-Linda Finley, Jane Bradford, Patsy Watkins, Jimmie Laughridge, Jane Shiffet, Roxanne Dark, Loretta Silver, Sonja Hagna, Arnold Pyatt, Peggy Lassister, Frances Proctor, Adaline Neal, Gray Proctor, Mary Allen Poteat, Patsy Teague, Mary Lou Beaman, Virginia McBee, Hilda Goodman, Pollyanna Atkins, Anne Hildebrand, Jimmie Kathryn Biggerstaff, Dorothy Harvey, Joanne Field, Kathryn Ballew, Elaine Penninger, Elizabeth Ann Stepp, and Daphne Goodman.

INCREASE IN POPPY DAY SALES PREDICTED

The biggest poppy sale in the history of the American Legion Auxiliary is predicted by Mrs. H. C. Mangum, president of the local Unit, who said yesterday she would not be surprised if more than double the usual number were sold Saturday, May 27.

As few people know what the arrangements are for making these Memorial Day flowers, Mrs. Mangum explained that the materials are furnished free to the veterans by the American Legion Auxiliary. Volunteer workers teach the disabled men to make the poppies. The entire poppy program, from the supplying of the poppy materials, to the distribution of the finished flowers to the American public, is under the management of the Auxiliary.

"The veterans and their dependents are the ones who benefit from our poppy sale," she said, "not only from the money that results from selling poppies, but also from having something tangible to do instead of having to rest, read or talk. These men in the government hospitals are delighted to keep their fingers busy and their minds occupied with the intricacies of fashioning the poppies. Needy wives and children also reap benefits from the sale of the flowers.

"We have been selling these Memorial Day flowers for twenty-four years and each year the poppy becomes more closely identified with the American Legion Auxiliary and with our disabled men. We hope the service will continue indefinitely."

RED CROSS MUST MAKE 100,000,000 DRESSINGS

The U. S. army has made a contract with the American Red Cross to supply them with one hundred million surgical dressings per month, the local Red Cross work rooms announced this week.

McDowell County has approximately 2500 men in service. If every woman who has a son, brother, husband or sweetheart will spend one afternoon a week at the surgical dressings room it is estimated that quotas could be filled on schedule.

It was stated that an average of eight women work each day and at least thirty are needed.

Work rooms are open Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 till 12 and every afternoon from 2 till 4. Tuesday evenings from 7:30 till 9:30.

SCRAP PAPER TO BE COLLECTED SATURDAY

Scrap paper will be collected from residences and business houses north of the railroad bridge on Saturday, May 27, it was announced this week. All persons having paper to be collected are asked to have it on porches of homes or in front of business establishments by 8:30 o'clock Saturday morning, it was stated.

Paper will be collected from all points south of the railroad bridge on Saturday, June 3.

EAST MARION P. T. A. ELECTS OFFICERS

The last meeting of the East Marion Parent-Teacher Association for this school year was held Thursday afternoon. Officers were elected as follows:

Mrs. Kermit Fender, president; Mrs. C. O. Smith, vice-president; Mrs. Sara M. Giles, secretary, and Mrs. Lula McCurry, treasurer.

A program was presented by the Glee Club, piano pupils and the Rhythm Band.

COMBINE SCHOOL TO BE HELD IN MARION

S. L. Homewood, County Farm Agent, announced this week that Mr. Bickle, of the Agricultural Extension Department of State College, will conduct a combine school in Marion on June 9. Mr. Homewood stated that no definite place had been selected for the school, but that the place will be announced later.



TO SPEAK TONIGHT—Major Gregg Cherry, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, is scheduled to make a radio address over a state-wide hook-up tonight.

THREE GRAGG SONS SERVE IN ARMED FORCES

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Gragg, of the Sugar Hill section, are the parents of three sons serving in the U. S. armed forces.

Pfc. Lloyd M. Gragg, 28, has been in the service of the army for the past twenty months and is now serving somewhere in the southwest Pacific. He stated in a recent letter to his parents that he has the special distinction of being the only one in his company who has not missed a day from duty since entering service. He attended Glenwood high school where he was a member of the basketball team.

Frank Gragg, seaman second class in the navy, is 26 years of age. He entered service two months ago and is now stationed at Bainbridge, Md. He was also a member of the basketball team and a graduate of Glenwood high school.

Ralph Gragg, Merchant Marine, is 22 years of age and entered service about 11 months ago. He is serving somewhere at sea.

All three sons were students at Glenwood high school and all three were employed by the North Carolina shipbuilding company at Wilmington, N. C. when called into service.

JACK WHITENER FOUND DEAD AT HIS HOME IN DYSARTSVILLE SECTION

Clutching a .22 rifle in his hand and bullet wounds in his right temple, Daniel Jack Whitener, 31, was found dead in an outbuilding at his home in the Dysartsville community, 12 miles south of Marion, last Saturday morning when his wife awoke to find him missing from the house and started a search. He died as a result of self-inflicted bullet wounds, it was stated by Coroner S. J. Westmoreland.

Whitener had just completed his boot training at Great Lakes, Ill., and was home on leave. Acquaintances said he appeared to be in a depressed state of mind since his return.

He is survived by his wife, one son, Freddie Jack; one daughter, Nora Elizabeth, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Whitener, and half brother, Eugene Whitener, of Forest City.

Funeral services were held Monday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at Laurel Hill Baptist church with Rev. Gordon Wilson officiating, assisted by Rev. Sam Pyatt.

ROSELAND FLORIST MEMBER OF F. T. D. A.

The Roseland Florist has been accepted as a member of the Florist Telegraph Delivery Association, it was announced last week. This is a large, international organization established for the purpose of sending flowers to all parts of the world.

The Roseland Florist began operating here last October under the capable management of Mrs. R. D. Thompson and has shown a marked increase in business during the past seven months.

DISTRICT YOUTH MEET AT METHODIST CHURCH

The McDowell County sub-district meeting of the Methodist Youth Fellowship will be held at the First Methodist Church on Thursday evening at 8 o'clock, it was announced yesterday.

Announce Plans For A Program Of Recreation

Marion P. T. A. Announce Plans Under Way To Begin Ten Weeks Program June 5

The Marion Parent-Teacher Association has announced plans to sponsor a program of recreation for all children of school age in the Central high and elementary schools. The program will probably begin on June 5th and continue for ten weeks, it was announced.

E. L. Carter, science teacher at the Marion central school, has been appointed director of the program. Mr. Carter has had experience in this type of work. The committee appointed to assist Mr. Carter in this work has been named as follows: Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., chairman; Mrs. Albert Shiffet, Mrs. R. W. Proctor, Mrs. Roy W. Davis and Mrs. J. A. Wier.

The program will be held on the grounds of the Marion high school and the community building and will include tennis, softball, outdoor ping pong, horse shoe and other sports. In addition there will be parties for each age group.

Although the program has not yet been completely mapped out, it was stated that each program will be properly and adequately supervised.

FORMER RESIDENT OF MARION KILLED IN STORM IN CHARLOTTE

Charles C. Dale of Charlotte, and former resident of Marion, was killed instantly last Friday night about 8 o'clock when a log building in which he had taken refuge from the storm collapsed, near Charlotte. The roof caved in and the heavy log sidewalls fell upon Mr. Dale, crushing his skull and breaking both legs.

Mr. Dale had alighted from a bus near his home, a short distance from the intersection of Wilkinson Blvd. and the road leading to Morris Field, and ran into the cabin for shelter.

He was 57 years of age and had been employed by the Observer Printing company for the last 25 years.

He is survived by his wife, one brother, Lee Dale of Asheville, and two sisters, Mrs. C. R. Wilcox of Newark, N. J., and Mrs. Robt. E. Shuford of Marion.

NORTH COVE 4-H CLUBS ACTIVE IN WAR EFFORT

The 4-H Club boys and girls of the North Cove school have been busily engaged in making articles for the war effort for the past few weeks, according to announcement this week by the office of Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration agent. These were donated to the Red Cross.

The senior 4-H girls made and contributed one afghan and the senior boys 7 wooden puzzles and four walking canes. In addition 6 ash trays were given.

The junior 4-H clubs gave 5 sets of puzzles, made by the boys, 3 books and 2 games.

All articles the students did not make were purchased with money earned by them.

KIWANIANS TO HAVE LADIES' NIGHT JUNE 27

Vice-president J. B. Laughlin presided over the regular weekly meeting of Kiwanis in the absence of the President, R. W. Twitty. Ladies' night will be observed June 27th at the Marion Lake Club. Past Presidents night will also be observed at that time. The committee on arrangements insists that all Kiwanians and their wives or sweethearts be present for this meeting as well as all past presidents. The club passed a resolution to support the recreational program which is being sponsored by the Parent Teachers Association.

Frank Parker, of the U. S. Navy Air Force, and Morris Coleman of the Asheville Kiwanis Club were guests at the meeting.

Buy war bonds and Stamps.



RALPH W. McDONALD

TO VISIT MARION TODAY

Dr. Ralph W. McDonald, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor, will be in Marion on Thursday morning, May 25, to meet friends and acquaintances and consult them concerning his candidacy, it was announced by friends yesterday.

BOY SCOUT COURT OF HONOR HELD FRIDAY

The May court of honor for McDowell County Boy Scouts was held at the First Methodist Church Friday evening when 18 boys received advancement and 33 were awarded merit badges.

Advancements were made as follows:

Tenderfoot — Kenneth Green, George Walter Putman and James Dennis Ayers, troop 4, Marion; Fred J. Taylor, troop 3, Marion; Fred Pumpfeldt and Glenn Toney, troop 2, Marion.

Second Class—Gene Norris Huffman and Robert Mace, troop 2, Marion; Mitchell G. Clark, Jr., Johnnie King, Edgar W. Miller and Leon Tate, troop 5, Marion; Johnnie Wise, troop 1, Glenwood.

First Class — James Austin and Charles Inscan, troop 2, Marion; Pat England and Gilbert Packett, troop 5, Marion; Dean George, troop 4, Marion.

Merit Badges

The following merit badges were awarded:

Angling: Howard Hoover, Jr., troop 6, Marion.

Art: Bill Giles, troop 6, Marion. Athletics: Ralph Gouge and Jackie Lonon, troop 4, Marion.

Cooking: J. D. Anderson and Arnold Roland, troop 2, Marion; Norris Murray, troop 4, Marion; Clarence Morgan, troop 1, Glenwood.

Home Repair: Frank W. English, and Joe Ray English, troop 1, Ashford; James Rustin and Harold Hall, troop 2, Marion; Earl Bright, James Duncan and Joe Jenkins, troop 4, Marion; Henry S. Brown, troop 1, Ashford.

Pathfinding: Charles Inscor, troop 2, Marion.

Personal Health: Howard Biggerstaff, troop 3, Marion; Wayne McCall, troop 1, Glenwood.

Physical Development: Franklin Peace, troop 3, Marion.

Public Health: Howard Biggerstaff, troop 3, Marion and Earl Rabb, troop 4, Marion.

Reading: Ralph Gouge, troop 4, Marion.

Safety: John Poteat, troop 6, Marion.

Scholarship: Bill Giles, troop 6, Marion.

Swimming: J. D. Anderson, Leonard Moody and Arnold Roland, troop 2, Marion.

Star Rank: Howard Hoover, troop 6, Marion; J. B. Morgan and Hubert Epic, troop 1, Glenwood.

Life Rank: Jackie Lonon, troop 4, Marion and Franklin Pace, troop 3, Marion.

Awards of previous courts were presented and the meeting closed with the Scout benediction.

BOWMAN PURCHASES STATION FROM RABB

The Main Street Service Station, located on the corner of North Main and Fort Streets, has been purchased from Roy Rabb by J. S. Bowman, according to announcement by Mr. Bowman this week.

Mr. Rabb was recently accepted for service in the U. S. Navy.

The service station will continue to operate under the same business policies and will be known as Bowman's Texaco Service Station, Mr. Bowman stated.

State Primary Will Be Held Next Saturday

Light Vote Expected; U. S. Senator, Governor And Others To Be Nominated.

Democratic leaders here predict one of the lightest votes in recent years in the primary to be conducted next Saturday. Few party leaders expect the number of votes cast in McDowell county to exceed 2,000, while some place the total below this figure.

Important factors which will bear on the number of votes cast is no contest for county offices, gasoline and tire rationing, and lack of interest in politics attributed to the war.

In the primary two years ago, with two for county offices, a total of 3,906 votes were cast in this county.

Candidates for state offices will be voted on nomination in the primary Saturday. Candidates for county offices have no opposition for re-election and will be voted on in the general election in November.

Precinct polling places will open at 6:30 a. m., eastern war time, and will close at 6:30 p. m., eastern war time.

Candidates for the governorship on the Democratic ticket are: R. Gregg Cherry, former speaker of the state house of representatives from Gastonia, Dr. Ralph McDonald, runner-up to Clyde R. Hoey eight years ago, and Olla Boyd of Pine Town. Frank Patton of Morganton is unopposed for the Republican nomination for governor.

Five candidates seek the Democratic nomination for the U. S. senate seat now occupied by Robert R. Reynolds of Asheville. They are former Governor Hoey, of Shelby; Cameron Morrison, former governor and senator from Charlotte; Giles Yoeman of Newton, Arthur Simmons of Burlington, and Marvin Lee Rich, Charlotte lawyer.

Democratic aspirants for the nomination for the lieutenant governorship are Jamie T. Lyda, W. I. Halstead and L. Y. Ballentine. The Republican candidates for the post are George L. Grené, Fobert L. Lovelace and A. Harold Morgan.

State Treasurer Charles M. Johnston will be opposed by L. J. Phipps for that office, and Republicans seeking the nomination are Hiram B. Worth and S. B. Roberts.

State Auditor George Ross Poulson is opposed for the Democratic nomination by Fred S. Hunter of Huntersville.

76 McDOWELL WOMEN AT SPRING FEDERATION

Seventy-six McDowell county women attended the Spring Federation of Home Demonstration Clubs here Saturday afternoon in the office of Miss Jean Steele, home demonstration agent.

Miss Anna Rowe, western district agent, addressed the group on the importance of carrying on the home front and explained the influence of women in the war effort. She spoke briefly of the annual state meeting to be held in Raleigh in August.

Mrs. Lula Austin, home economics specialist of the Duke Power Company presented a movie on electrical equipment and demonstrated efficiency in preparing a meal.

Each member of the Federation brought a book to the meeting to be donated to Moore General Hospital.

During the business session a motion was passed to contribute \$16 to the Cancer Control Fund. Announcement was made that the Home Demonstration Club women of McDowell county had contributed \$257.30 to the Red Cross through club donations direct. This amount did not include money contributed through channels other than the Home Demonstration clubs. In addition 29 afghans have been made and contributed to the Red Cross and a number of books and magazines donated.

It has been proved that the sun's spots bear a direct influence upon the earth in the form of magnetic storms.