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GLENWOOD COMMENCEMENT TO BE HELD MAY 22-24

Glenwood High School Commencement exercises will begin with the Baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, May 22, and final exercises will be held at 8 p. m., Tuesday, May 24.

The baccalaureate sermon will be delivered by Rev. George H. Needham, of Kona, former pastor of Glenwood Methodist church, in a service beginning at 3 p. m., Sunday.

Graduating exercises will begin at 8 p. m., May 24. Student speakers will be Willette Holland, Laura Ann Greene, Ann Simmons, Bonnie Jean Eplee, Jimmy Wise, Helen Thompson, Ruby Holland.

Honor graduates this year are: Ruby Holland, valedictorian, with an average of 94.9, and Willette Holland, 91.3. Helen Thompson received honorable mention.

Graduates this year are: Dorothy Burbon, Bonnie Jean Eplee, Edith (Continued on last page)

Pleasant Gardens Graduation Events This Week

Commencement exercises began Sunday at Pleasant Gardens School with a baccalaureate sermon by Rev. Carson Brittain. Musical selections were presented by the Junior and Senior Glee Clubs.

Tuesday night the Primary Rhythm band was featured in a program under the direction of Shelby Jean Eckenrood.

A music recital will be given at 8 p. m., Thursday and final exercises will be held at 8 p. m., Friday.

DITT NAMED FOR ALL-STAR GAME OF NEXT AUGUST

Coach Art Ditt has been named one of the coaches for an all-star game to be sponsored by the Greensboro Daily News and the North Carolina Coaches association on August 12. The game will be held in Greensboro following the basketball and baseball clinics. Other coaches are George Heckman of Graham and Bob Jamieson of Greensboro.

The clinic will feature coaches Ed Hickory of St. Louis and Henry Frank and Jack Boltz of Tulane and Michigan Universities respectively.

Ditt's record for bowl and all-star coaching began when he was picked one of the North Carolina (Continued on last page)

REA Announces \$460,000 Burke-McDowell Plans

Walker Rites Held Tuesday

Fuller Spurgeon Walker, 73, resident of Marion and Hildebran, died at the home of a son, Lonnie Walker, Hildebran, Sunday morning after a brief illness.

Funeral services were conducted in Dysartsville Baptist church Tuesday at 2 p. m. by the pastor, the Rev. Mr. Pruet, assisted by Dr. B. F. Bray of Marion. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Julia Rogan Walker; one son and two daughters, Lonnie R. Walker and Mrs. G. S. Jones of Hildebran and Mrs. Charles A. McMahan of Marion; six grandchildren; four brothers and one sister, I. Walker, and Troy Walker of Spindale, Roy and J. B. Walker of Marion and Mrs. William E. Cooper of Forest City.

Mrs. Blanton's Funeral Rites To Be Today

Mrs. Minnie Blanton widow of the late Mr. William Pinkney Blanton died Wednesday morning at her home on West Fort street, Marion after an illness of several months. Funeral services will be conducted from the First Methodist church at 3 p. m. Thursday by Rev. James McLarty, pastor; Rev. John Hoyle, District superintendent, and Dr. Carl McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

Mrs. Blanton is survived by three daughters, Miss Annie Laurie Blanton, Mrs. R. J. Noyes and Mrs. Ralph Alexander of Marion; one son, Mr. William Blanton of Charlotte; one brother, W. W. Neal of Marion; one granddaughter, six Evans, Laura Ann Greene, Ruby Holland, Willette Holland, Jeanette Lawing, Anna Belle Ledford, Minnie Lewis, Sarah Jane Marlow, Fay Marlowe, Florence Ledford Poteat, Annie Ray, Ruby Shell, (Continued on last page)

COMMENCEMENT AT NORTH COVE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

Commencement exercises opened at North Cove School last Sunday with a baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Carl W. McMurray, pastor of the First Presbyterian church. Final exercises will be held at eight o'clock, Friday evening.

MEMORIAL DAY AT MACEDONIA NEXT SUNDAY

The annual Memorial Day service will be held at The Macedonia Baptist Church Sunday, May 22. The service will begin at ten o'clock and continue throughout the day, a picnic lunch being served at 12 o'clock. The evening service will be devoted to singers from McDowell county, and surrounding counties. Everyone with musical ability is invited to take part in this service.

Morganton—The Rural Electrification Administration announced last week a \$460,000 loan to the Burke-McDowell Electric Membership Corporation of Morganton, according to a dispatch from Associated Press.

At the time this loan was approved by the State REA, Manager Lee Hatley of the Burke-McDowell corporation said the money would be used to build 200 miles of additional lines, reaching approximately 900 more consumers.

The major part of the work is to be carried out in Burke County, but service will also be improved and extended in Avery, Caldwell, McDowell and Rutherford, according to President W. R. Mullis.

With this loan, virtually every family in the area served that wishes electric service can obtain it, Hatley said.

First judges of the Superior Court in North Carolina were John Williams, Samuel Ashe and Samuel Spencer.

NEW PITCHER FOR MARAUDERS

J. C. Rabb, business manager for the Marauders, stated after the game Tuesday night that an additional pitcher had been signed. According to Mr. Rabb, Lefty Williams, previously enrolled at Lenoir-Rhyne College and a class man of more than three years experience, will begin work with the Marauders tonight.

Elliott Named Director For Better Schools, Roads

NEBO HIGH COMMENCEMENT FRIDAY NIGHT

Rev. M. O. Owens, pastor First Baptist church, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon at Nebo High School last Sunday and Senior Class Night was observed Wednesday.

The Graduation Exercises will be held Friday, May 20 at 8 p. m. The Literary Address will be made by E. C. Carnes, Marion attorney, in the school auditorium.

There will be 11 graduates: Betty Craig, Donald Wells, Hunter Ballew, Lawrence Berryhill, Jack Dobson, Donald Farr, Estene Jarrett, Jean Stacey, Leo Watson, Freida Fender and Wayne Mundy.

Annual Horse Show Held Last Week

Two trophies were awarded at the Third Annual Horse Show sponsored by the Francis Marion club here last Friday and Saturday, in addition to \$2,500 in cash prizes.

Winners of the trophies were: Delightful Lady, owned by Barbara Ford, and ridden by Barbara Ford, first place in the Amateur Five Gaited class.

Naughty But Nice, owned by W. Lee Gettys, ridden by Evelyn Gettys, winner of the Amateur Three Gaited class.

Kalarama Ink Spot, owned by Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., and ridden by Mrs. Eugene Cross, Jr., winner of Amateur Fine Harness.

Time Record, owned by W. J. French, ridden by W. J. French winner Amateur Walking Horses.

Miss Larkin, owned by Mary Jo Cloniger, ridden by Mary Jo Cloniger, winner Three Gaited Pony Championship Stake.

Frances Long, first place Equitation, and first place Junior Equitation.

Virginia McEe, first place Senior Equitation.

Little Deacon, owned and ridden by Elizabeth Cross, winner Five Gaited Ponies.

St. Patrick, owned and ridden by Elizabeth Cross, winner Pleasure Ponies.

WINNER LIST

The complete list of winners follows with the name of the horse first, owner second, and rider third:

Five Gaited Championship Stake: Hazel Lee Peavine, Mrs. E. B. Morgan, E. G. Gilmore; Mighty McArthur, C. R. Segars, Jack Boyd; Maid O' Cotton, Mary Jo Cloniger, Miles Wright; Biltmore Gay Intruder, Tru-

EAGLE SCOUT BADGE AWARDED TO J. D. AYERS

James Dennis Ayers, troop 4, Marion, received his Eagle Scout badge at the McDowell County Boy Scout Court of Honor held Friday night at the First Methodist church. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Ayers of Cross Mill.

Jack Murray, troop 4, Marion, was recommended for the Bronze Eagle Scout rank and Robert Wood-

McDowell County Board Of Health To Be Established

At a special meeting of the Board of County Commissioners held last Tuesday evening, the Board unanimously ordered that McDowell county withdraw from the District Board (Continued on last page)

W. P. Elliott has been appointed a director by the Executive Committee of Better Schools and Roads, Inc., according to announcement this week by Governor Kerr Scott. Elliott is serving as County Chairman of McDowell county to organize for the Election on June 4 and has selected J. Harvey Greenlee of Turkey Cove, his co-chairman.

The following have been named committeemen in their respective sections:

Madison Hensley, North Cove; Dock Good, Sevier; John Burnette, Hankins; Marion Padgett, Cross Mill; John Buckner, Clinchfield; Bill Biggerstaff, Dysartsville; John Simpson, Higgins, Dallas Rowe, Nebo; Howard Harris, Marion; Grady Walker, Glenwood; Joe Laughridge, Chapel Hill, and Frank Pyatt, West Marion.

leck and Reaben, Ed Crenshaw; Solid Genius, Dick Mauney, Dick Mauney; Ace of Fairview, C. L. Whisenant, Rex Watts; Frosty Morning, John Neamond, Torrence Connell.

Amateur Five Gaited: Delightful Lady, Barbara Ford, Barbara Ford; Bit-O-Honey, Evelyn Gettys, Evelyn Gettys; Hazel Lee Peavine, Mrs. E. B. Morgan, Mrs. E. B. Morgan; Peavine's Breeze, Katherine Segars, Katherine Segars; Solid Genius, Dick Mauney, Dick Mauney; Dictator's Choice, Connell Stables, Frances King.

Ladies Five Gaited: Edna Rhythm, Ray Morris, Mary Jo Cloniger; Bit-O-Honey, Evelyn Gettys, Evelyn Gettys; Delightful Lady, Barbara Ford, Barbara Ford; Peavine's Breeze, Katherine Segars, Katherine Segars.

Five Gaited Mares: Sensational Debutante, J. W. Hamer, Jack Boyd; Maid O' Cotton, Mary Jo Cloniger, Miles Wright; Edna Rhythm, Ray Morris, Jack Morris.

Five Gaited Stallions and Geldings: Mighty McArthur, C. R. Segars, Jack Boyd; Ace of Fairview, C. L. Whisenant, Rex Watts; Frosty Morning, Connell Stables, Torrence Connell.

Junior Five Gaited: My Own Sweetheart, Fryant Farms, Jack Boyd; Song Bleu, L. W. Driscoll, E. G. Gilmore; Sweet and Lovely, G. S. Patton, Beck Moehlman; Charming Genius, Billy Franks, Billy Franks.

Three Gaited Championship Stake: Marilyn Hill, Clarence Ross, Red Eagle; Irish Rex, J. H. Saylor, Jack Boyd; Naughty But Nice, W. Lee Gettys, Evelyn Gettys; Réverie (Continued on last page)

Mary Allan Poteat Injured In Accident

Mary Allan Poteat, who was injured in a bicycle accident last week has returned to her home and was reported improving yesterday.

Mary Allan, daughter of Mrs. John A. Poteat, suffered a concussion when she lost control of her bicycle and was thrown to the pavement. She was a patient in the Marion General Hospital until last Sunday when she returned to her home on Rutherford road. The accident occurred Monday of last week.

First Comptroller of the State of North Carolina was John Craven.

Contracts Awarded For Construction Of A New Theatre

LEVI HENSLEY FATALLY INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Funeral services were conducted at Bethlehem Baptist church Sunday for Levi Hensley who was fatally injured in an automobile accident about five o'clock, Friday afternoon, on Highway 221, about 20 miles north of Marion. Rev. Gordon Wilson, Rev. J. L. Henson and Rev. J. R. Surratt officiated.

Patrolman J. T. Jolly, who investigated, said he was informed that Hensley was driving a truck owned by Chesley Cannon and that (Continued on last page)

ALDERMEN SWORN IN LAST THURSDAY

Members of the Board of Aldermen and J. W. Streetman, Jr., Mayor, were sworn into office for a term of two years at a special meeting held Thursday evening in the city hall. The oath of office was administered by S. Dysart Martin, clerk of superior court.

Appointments were made as follows:

C. Frank Goldsmith and D. Pat Davis, pro tem.

Street committee: Joseph L. Noyes, D. Pat Davis and M. W. Gordon. Building committee: Frank Goldsmith, J. W. Streetman, Jr., and M. W. Gordon.

M. W. Gordon, treasurer; B. B. Byrd, city clerk and tax collector; Jack Brown, water and street superintendent; R. W. Proctor, attorney.

Mayor Streetman expressed his appreciation to the retiring Board for its cooperation and especially commended W. S. Shiflet. In part he said: "The Town of Marion owes you a vote of thanks for your untiring efforts, your ability, your knowledge, your brain."

Miss Steele To Speak At State Conference

Miss Jean Steele, county home demonstration agent, has accepted an invitation from Miss Ruth Current, state home demonstration agent, to speak at the Annual Agents Conference to be held in Raleigh, June 13.

Miss Steele will use as her subject, "Through My Office I Extend Extension."

Youth Dies, Man Hurt In Train-Truck Accident

Pyatt Rites Held Tuesday

Walter Martin Pyatt, 63, died at the residence on Nebo, Route 2, Monday morning.

Funeral services were in Nebo, Methodist church at 4:30 p. m. Tuesday by the Rev. H. R. Cornelius. Burial was in Nebo cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Annie Massey Pyatt; five sons and one daughter, Glenn Pyatt of Salisbury, Raymond Pyatt of Glenwood, Robert Pyatt of Pensacola, Fla., Herman and Everett Pyatt of Nebo and Mrs. W. H. Condrey of East Marion; 11 grandchildren; one brother and one sister, John D. Pyatt, of Nebo and Mrs. Jane Gibbs, of Washington, D. C.

Invest in U. S. Savings Bonds.

Contracts for the construction of a new theatre were let Monday by the Marion Amusement company and construction will begin within the next two weeks, Ernie House, treasurer and general manager, said Tuesday.

The contracts let were as follows: Dale Construction company of Morganton, general contractor; W. H. Johnson, Hickory, electrical contractor; Kirksey and Company, Morganton, plumbing; Estes Plumbing and Heating company, Morganton, heating contractor.

The brick building, 60x125 feet, will be erected on the corner of East Court and North Garden streets, opposite Sain-Brooks Motor company. The auditorium will be approximately 60x95 feet.

The building is designed with a stainless steel canopy and mo-sai, stone tower.

MARION HIGH BAND CONCERT NEXT WEDNESDAY

Eight members will be playing their last concert with the high school band on Wednesday, May 25. Of the eight musicians, Dean Seagle leads the list with a record

of having been in the band every year since the 1941-42 school term. John Laughridge also is a member of long standing. Other seniors who have played from one to four years with the band are: Audrey Koon, Charlene Arrowood, Betty Jo Sentelle, Mary Belle Grayson, Dean Morgan and Bobby Curtis.

The concert planned for Wednesday has a nice balance of classical, semi-classical and standard popular compositions. The complete program is as follows:

Knightsbridge March—Eric Coates; Spring Madrigal—Skornicks and Koebner; Odontal Suits—Robert W. Gibbs; Symphony in B Flat (Five Movement)—Paul Fauchet; His Honor March—Fillmore; Summer evening Serenade—Isaac and Lillys; Promenade—LeRoy Anderson; Clarinet Polka—Arranged by David Bennett; Sometimes I'm Happy—Youmans; Star Dust—Hoagy Carmichael.

Concert time has been set back to 8:15 to make it more convenient for Wednesday night churchgoers to attend the concert too. The fifty-five piece band includes the following students:

Flutes: Hilda Goodman, Janelle Harrison, Polly Atkins. Oboes: Harry McCall, Margaret (Continued on last page)

Death of a 19-year-old Bostic youth and injury to a Marion resident resulted when a Diesel freight engine struck the truck in which they were riding Wednesday evening, May 11, about two miles south of here.

Harry Brown was the fatality and Roy Harrill of Marion, partner in Harrill Brothers Candy Company and said by officers to have been driver of the truck, injured in the accident, was dismissed from Marion General Hospital. He suffered shock.

Sheriff C. M. Pool said the train was traveling south when the truck attempted to cross the tracks. The vehicle was demolished and Brown's body was thrown about 50 feet from the point of impact, according to the sheriff. He died soon after in a hospital.

The accident occurred at approximately 6:30 p. m.

Brown, graduated last year from Forest City High School, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Brown.