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ABERDEEN HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS 17 DIPLOMAS

Auditorium Crowded for Final Exercises of 1930 on Wednesday Night

MANY PRIZES AWARDED

With the auditorium crowded to capacity with their relatives and friends, seventeen members of the Senior Class of the Aberdeen High School received their coveted diplomas after interesting and enjoyable graduating exercises Wednesday evening. Those graduating with the Class of 1930 were:

Lacy Barrett Adcox, Wilson Woodrow Bobbitt, Clyde Edwin Boyles, Lucille Brooks, Elizabeth Willis Johnson, Bradford McLean, Lula Grace McBride, Edson Gregory, Lou Martin Miller, Fannie Mae Morton, Sarah Stowe Peele, Margaret Pleasants, Frances Pleasants, Hazel Ellen Smith, Wilmer Moore Smith, Raymond Blackwell Wicker and Alice Wilson Wilder.

The exercises started with the presentation of prizes by the President of the Board of Education, Murdoch M. Johnson, and the County Superintendent of Schools, H. Lee Thomas. After these honor students had been handed their awards with fitting congratulatory remarks, the curtain rose on a stage set for a picnic amid profuse shrubbery and stumps of trees. The seniors filed in, sat on the stumps, opened their picnic baskets and began munching, during which the following program was put on by the class:

Salutatory, Margaret Pleasants; Sailing, Class; History, Frances Pleasants; Tribute to the Colors, Lacy Adcox; Mascot's Speech, Russell Bachelor; Tribute to the Flower, Lucille Brooks; Beyond the Gate of Graduation, Class; Class Poem, Fannie Mae Morton; Prophecy, Alice Wilder; Mascot's Song, Bettie Barber; Last Will and Testament, Lou Martin Miller; Giftoorian's Remarks, Hazel Smith; Valedictory, Bradford McLean; Farewell Song, Class.

Following this, Superintendent of Schools N. E. Wright presented the diplomas.

The various medals and prizes for excellence in work were awarded as follows:

List of Prizes

A gold medal given by Masonic Order for exemplary citizenship, to Miss Margaret Pleasants.

Medal given by the D. A. R. for highest average in American History, Miss Lucille Brooks.

Science prize given by G. C. Seymour to be awarded for highest average in Science classes, Richard Colnett.

English prize given by the Aberdeen Book Club for highest average in year's work, Billy Bowman.

Latin medal given by Dr. A. H. McLeod, as a memorial to his father and

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DEWBERRY SEASON ON, BRING 38 CENTS NORTH

The dewberry season is on in the Sandhills and by next week will be in full swing. The first shipment of the season to go out from the express office in Vass started on its way to New York on Friday of last week, May 23. It consisted of three crates shipped by H. C. Vetterlein of Niagara. Eight Vass growers sent express shipments on Monday and for the next three or four weeks many crates will be handled daily.

The first sales in the northern markets brought 38 cents a quart, with subsequent sales running around 35 cents. Several shipments have been made from the Hoffman section as well as the Cameron and Vass territory.

Rowe V. Clark, "the berry man" from Rochester, N. Y., has arrived in Vass for the season and is being welcomed by the many friends he has made during his annual visits to this community for the past several years. Mr. Clark is very optimistic in regard to the dewberry situation. With the strawberries out of the way, he sees no reason why the growers should not realize good prices on their fruit.

Shields Cameron Would Shift Burden of Taxation on Bankers and Lawyers

Senatorial Candidate Thinks Dan McLauchlin and Murdoch Johnson Have Edge on Him Because One Can Lend Money and the Other Can Bring Suit

To the Editor of The Pilot and Democrats of Moore County:

Since telling some of the boys over at Carthage last fall that I would be a candidate for the State Senate from this district, if the former senator from Moore did not choose to contest my candidacy, I have had two surprises. Both of them have been candidates for the said office. I thought I was about the only man around who didn't have much to do during January and February, but it seems that the money lending business must be kinder slow down around Vass with Dan McLauchlin and the lawyer business in the same fix with Murdoch Johnson down in Aberdeen. Anyway these two fellows started firing the woods on both sides of me, and unless I do some mighty fast back-firing am afraid they will run me out of the wire grass and into the swamp.

Mr. McLauchlin kind of has the edge on both Murdoch and me on account of him having a bank and being able to lend a little money around at strategic points. I sent him word myself the other day that I knew a mighty good man who might vote for him in the primary if the proper discount could be arranged for a certain slow note I have of. Haven't heard any favorable reply so guess I might as well go ahead and plan to vote for myself.

Murdoch Johnson, though, has

brought a scheme up from South Carolina that I believe will beat anything either Dan or I can think up. That is a pledge card with a whole lot of lawyer-like whereases and inasmuchases in it that he is getting all the folks down in Aberdeen to sign. Guess that he intends to sue 'em for breach of promise after the election if he don't win. I thought once of doing the same thing but decided not to because I would have to hire me a lawyer to do the suing and then I'd be worse off than if I hadn't sued at all, because the lawyers might think I was a big corporation and make me put up a big retainer fee to keep them from suing me for the thing I was about to sue somebody else for.

Politics is a queer thing. When I started out I was determined I was going to lower the taxes on farms and homes, boarding houses and hotels, but immediately found out that we had voted a whole lot of bonds on ourselves to build school houses and roads and things, and that these bonds had to be paid back from somewhere, so I went to looking for the man to put the taxes on, but so far I haven't been able to find him. Everybody wants it put on somebody else, and somebody else wants it put on everybody. But I haven't given up yet. I have one more plan and I believe it

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J. A. McPHERSON DIES AFTER TWO WEEKS' ILLNESS

Prominent Young Business Man of Cameron is Victim of Pneumonia

SERVED IN GREAT WAR

James Alexander McPherson, prominent young business man of Cameron, passed away at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon in the Central Carolina Hospital in Sanford, following an illness of almost two weeks of pneumonia. Mr. McPherson's condition had been alarming from the beginning of his illness, causing relatives and friends intense anxiety, and while they were in a measure prepared for the outcome, yet his passing was a great shock and has cast a pall of gloom not only upon Cameron, but upon the neighboring communities where this popular young man numbered his friends by his acquaintances.

Alex McPherson was the son of Mr. and Mrs. H. P. McPherson who have been leaders in the social and business life of Cameron for the past generation. He was born Nov. 29, 1892, and grew up, along with two sisters and a younger brother, in a home of culture and refinement. He was educated at State College in Raleigh, and in December, 1917, answered his Country's call by enlisting in the aviation department of the army as a mechanic. He served first at Fort Thomas, Ky., then, in recognition of his skill and ability, he was promoted to the position of instructor in the school for aviation mechanics at St. Paul, Minn., where he remained until the close of the war. Upon his return to Cameron he was for a time associated in business with his father, and later started up a business of his own where he continued

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SOUTHERN PINES DEFEATS ROCKINGHAM AT GOLF

Southern Pines Country Club golfers gave their Rockingham guests a rather severe drubbing when the teams met on the Southern Pines course Wednesday afternoon, winning the match 16 to 6 under the Nassau system of scoring. Those playing for Southern Pines were Woodward, Tarlton, Medlin, Bowman, R. N. Page, Daniels, Jordan, Bloxham, Clark, Healy, Keith, Montgomery and Davis.

SOUTHERN PINES 2,525, ABERDEEN 1,382 IN CENSUS

Former Shows Remarkable Growth of 1,777 in Ten Year Period

VASS POPULATION 606

The population of Southern Pines has jumped from 748 in 1920 to 2,525 in 1930, a gain in the ten years of 1,777 persons, according to the official Government census figures announced by A. I. Ferree of Asheboro, supervisor of the census for this district.

The population of Aberdeen is officially reported by Mr. Ferree as 1,382, and of Carthage as 1,129, making Southern Pines the largest, Aberdeen second and Carthage third in size of the towns of the county. The figures for Pinehurst have not been released. Vass is credited with 606 persons. Sandhills Township outside of Aberdeen is given a population of 2,803.

The census in Southern Pines was taken by Mrs. S. B. Overton, and the figures include only those residing within the corporate limits, and do not include West Southern Pines. The figures are the official accepted figures, and mean that Southern Pines will rank among the highest in the country in percentage of growth for the decennial period. The Aberdeen growth for the ten years is around 500 persons.

ASHE LEAVES, BOYETTE JOINS KIWANIS CLUB

John Bloxham talked about insurance problems, Miss Maidie Lee Wade sang and played the piano, and Ed Ashe bid farewell to the club at the weekly luncheon meeting of the Kiwanis Club on Wednesday at the Civic Club in Southern Pines.

Ed Ashe, who has represented the Standard Oil Company in this immediate section for some time, has been promoted to a responsible position with the company's office at Charlotte and will make his headquarters there. His loss in this section will be keenly felt, as R. N. Page told him as the spokesman for the club in bidding him adieu.

M. G. Boyette, County prosecuting attorney, was inducted into the club as a new member, J. Talbot Johnson extending the official welcome.

SOUTH CAROLINA TO IMPROVE U. S. HIGHWAY NO. 1

Roads to Which Tourists Have Objected to Be Rebuilt Before Fall

BIG AID TO SANDHILLS

Every once in a while some brother rises up to say, "Thank the Lord for South Carolina," and frequently the gratitude arises because South Carolina by standing next below us saves us from being at the foot of the class. But South Carolina is not all foot of the class, by any means, and in some respects by its activity it stimulates North Carolina to do some lively sprinting to keep from having its heels trampled by the neighbor to the South.

Just at the present South Carolina is stating a road campaign that is regarded highly in this belt of ambition for the summer will see a large mileage of hard road laid on Federal highway No. 1, that great route of travel through the Sandhills connecting Miami with New York and Boston. South Carolina has been a little more cautious about jumping into road construction than North Carolina, so when the tourist hit the boundary down below Rockingham he said some rude words about South Carolina roads, and as a consequence the southbound traffic has been filtering by devious ways down through our neighbor state, which means by devious ways through our own state. But the news comes that some forty miles of hard road will be built on Route 1 in South Carolina this summer, and that during the progress of the building the existing roads will be maintained in good shape and that by fall the new highway will be open for the increasing traffic steadily increasing and Moore county Sandhills can announce to their patrons who make this section a stop over in their Florida travel that Florida routing will be of the finest character for the coming season.

From the South Carolina line northward the Federal route No. 1 is a hard road to the North. Also a choice of hard roads offer, one by way of Durham and Henderson getting back to Route 1 at Henderson, or by way of Oxford and South Hill reaching Route 1 at South Hill by way of a hard road all the way. The announcement this week is to the effect that the work at Moncure has been completed so that Route 1 is to be open at once for travel to Raleigh and up that way. This will avoid the detour by Pittsboro, and make things much better for travel to the Sandhills as both Durham and Raleigh will be again on the map. From Durham north the road by Oxford and up through the heart of Virginia by Farmville and Culpepper to Washington or to Frederick, Maryland, is open and in good shape. The road by Roanoke and that by Lynchburg also offer choice of routes north.

A meeting of the people along the road from Augusta, Ga., to points on Federal Route No. 1 up this far is planned some time in the early future to discuss plans to bring this route more emphatically before the travel from the North to the South and announcements will probably be made pretty soon as to what is contemplated. All in all it is evident that no lack of facilities for highway traffic are to interfere with the outlook for the coming season.

THIS IS MEMORIAL DAY WITH POSTOFFICE CLOSED

This, Friday, May 30th, being Memorial Day, a national holiday, post-offices in the various towns of the Sandhills will be closed from 10:00 o'clock in the morning for the remainder of the day.

GROVER TENNIS CHAMP

Malcolm Grover is the new singles, tennis champion of Southern Pines, winning the tournament just completed and the new E. C. Stevens trophy. Miss Lillian Johnson won the ladies' singles and a tennis racquet donated by C. L. Hayes. The men's doubles and mixed doubles have not been completed.

Peaches on Move

Prospects for Real Old-Fashioned Sandhills Season Said to Be Bright

Peaches have begun to move from the Sandhills peach belt, and the first shipments brought high prices in northern markets, some crates selling for as high as \$6.00.

Twenty-nine crates were shipped out one day last week, coming from the Candor section through Aberdeen. By Wednesday night of this week the traffic had grown to 250 crates.

Throughout the entire section come reports of good fruit and splendid prospects for a quality crop. Some have even gone so far as to predict one of the best seasons since the "big years" of the industry in the Sandhills. Reid Page, the Vetterleins and other local growers as well as the peach farmers of the Candor section seem more optimistic than they have been in several years, claiming more justification for optimism.

18 SENIORS TO WIN DIPLOMAS AT SOUTHERN PINES

Class Day Thursday Will Be Followed by Graduation Exercises Friday

JUNIORS GIVE BANQUET

Commencing with Class Day events at 10:00 o'clock Thursday morning and followed by a banquet to be tendered to the Seniors by the Juniors of the Southern Pines High School in the Civic Club and graduation exercises in the school auditorium Friday evening the school year will be ended for the eighteen members of the graduating class of 1930.

With two more than the class of '29 the proportions are almost the same, six boys and twelve girls: Margaret Carmen Adams, Martha Cromartie Campbell, Carolyn Jane Drew, Mary Elaine Fisher, Mary Hall, Lillian Rebecca Johnson, Emma Christian Hewitt, Mary Scott Newton, Sarah Keith Patterson, Roselind Lela Stroud, Iris Lillian Tate, Natalie Lenaeete Wheeler, Archibald Chase Cameron, Elmer Merritt Donaldson, Andrew Morrison Eadie, Jr., William Ayott Pyle, George Henry Schaefer and Charles Paul Stevick.

Charles Paul Stevick will be class valedictorian, Sarah Keith Patterson, salutatorian; Carolyn Jane Drew, historian; Mary Elaine Fisher, prophetess; Andrew Eadie, grumbler; Natalie Wheeler, testator; Lillian Johnson, giftoorian, and Roselind Stroud, musician; Sarah Keith Patterson is president of the class.

While many details of the momentous occasion remain to be worked out it is now understood that the Rev. J. F. Stimson will deliver the invocation and that State Examiner John H. Highsmith will present the diplomas.

Seeks U. S. Road to Little River Town

Hammer Introduces Bill to Tie Together Loose Ends of Hoke County

Ever since Fort Bragg was established Little River township in Hoke county, lying north of James creek and Little river, has been cut off from the rest of the country by the military reservation. It has been inconvenient for the people of that section to get to Raeford or to the rest of the county, and talk was heard occasionally of joining that part of Hoke county to Moore. But that would not help much. Now a bill has been introduced in Congress by Mr. Hammer to appropriate \$200,000 to construct a road from Little River township through the reservation to Raeford that the two portions of the county may be united. Should such a road be built it would strengthen the efforts to extend the road now building in Little River toward Manly from the Lobelia and Overhill direction, and it might signify considerable development in all that section of the country.

SEYMOUR OUT OF RACE FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERSHIP

Former Mayor of Aberdeen Ineligible Due to Late Filing of Candidacy

ONLY THREE IN FIELD

One scrap in the forthcoming Democratic primary has been automatically removed from the slate due to the enforced withdrawal of G. C. Seymour of Aberdeen from the ranks of those contending for places on the County Board of Commissioners. Due to the recent death of his father and his enforced absence from the county to attend the funeral, Mr. Seymour failed to file his candidacy for office before the time for filing under the election laws of the state had expired.

Regrettable as it is that the former Mayor of Aberdeen is restrained from making a fair bid for one of the three county commissionerships, and general as is the feeling of regret on the part of his many friends in the section, the fact that in the remaining three candidates, whose election is now as good as over, the county has men of caliber and fitness for the management of its affairs removes any feeling of rancor or concern from Mr. Seymour's withdrawal. With but three candidates left in the field, G. C. Shaw of High Falls, Wilbur Currie of Carthage and E. C. Mattheson of Eagle Springs are assured of the commissionerships for the next term of office.

No Sectional Feeling

Mr. Seymour was the only candidate from the Sandhills section of the county, which has not been represented on the board for a considerable period of time, and but for the confidence placed throughout the entire county in the men now to be elected there would be a deeper feeling of regret over the unfortunate situation which has arisen. However, Messrs. Shaw, Mattheson and Currie are all well known in this immediate section and are known to be men interested in the county as a whole, irrespective of section, men who will give the entire county the best of their time and energy during their tenure of office. Mr. Mattheson is a member of the present board, the only member seeking re-election. Moses McDonald of West End retires at the end of the present term due to pressure of business affairs, while D. A. McLauchlin announced his retirement in order to seek the Democratic nomination for the State Senate.

Other Contests

With the primary but nine days off candidates for various county and state offices are speeding up their campaigns locally and the street corners and drug store crowds are talking about little else. The three-cornered fight for the State Senate from the 12th Senatorial district enters its final week with Murdoch M. Johnson of Aberdeen, Shields Cameron of Southern Pines and D. A. McLauchlin of Vass all confident of nomination. Sheriff Charles McDonald is not worrying much about the opposition in his campaign for reelection, standing in his record in office as his biggest campaign asset. Judge George H. Humber is expected to win a renomination to the Recorder's Court despite opposition from D. A. McDonald of Carthage. Other Democratic candidates for county offices are without opposition.

How the county will go in the primary fight between Senator F. M. Simmons and Attorney J. W. Bailey of Raleigh for the United States Senatorship is causing much conjecture, with both forces predicting they will carry it for their man. Frank Buchanan of Southern Pines is heading the Bailey campaign in Moore, with the Simmons leadership in the hands of Edwin T. McKeithen of Aberdeen. This race is attracting nation-wide attention, being listed as one of two Senatorial fights involving the wet and dry issue, the other being that in New Jersey where Dwight Morrow, a pronounced wet, is competing for the Republican nomination against Representative Franklin Fort, one of the dry leaders of Congress.