

### Commencement Ends Vass-Lakeview Year

Students Hear Dr. George Howard of U. N. C. and Eleven Seniors Win Diplomas

Excellent commencement programs last week marked the close of a very successful year at the Vass-Lakeview schools. On Wednesday evening, the annual recitation-declamation contest was held with Alma Crouse and Coker Blue carrying off the highest honors. Other contestants, each of whom was a credit to the school, were Gladys Cox, Edna Earle Richardson, Laster Marks, Connor Cole and Johnnie Alexander.

Class day exercises were held on Thursday evening with Emily Laubscher as salutatorian and Eva Callahan as valedictorian. The program was in the form of a radio broadcast with A. G. Edwards, Jr., as announcer. It was entirely different from anything ever before given in the school and was loudly applauded. Instead of only hearing of the future success of the various members of the class, the audience was allowed to see each of the members in "1954" and to listen to their message by radio. The one who is to become a great musician played several high class selections, but to the untrained ear, every number sounded the same and closely akin to "coonshine." Another appeared with his wife and five children, including a set of twins. The first woman president was there, also. A. M. Calhoun was the director of this program.

Little Mary Emma Laubscher, 18-months-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Laubscher, was the charming mascot and did her part perfectly.

The commencement address was delivered by Dr. George Howard of the University of North Carolina at 10 o'clock Friday morning and was one of the best in the history of the school. The program opened with a processional by a selected group of high school pupils. The invocation was spoken by the Rev. C. A. Lawrence, who also presented the speaker of the day.

N. L. Gibbon of Lakeview presented diplomas to the eleven graduates, Eva Callahan, Emily Laubscher, Janie McFadyen, Laster Marks, Herbert Caddell, H. A. Borst, Jr., A. G. Edwards, Jr., Sidney Dyer, John Coore, Lacy McRae and Worth McMillan.

Supt. John McCrummen awarded 23 seventh grade certificates and around forty perfect attendance certificates and finally, the various medals and prizes. The English prize given by the Woman's Club of Vass was presented to Frances Bailey, the recitation medal to Alma Crouse, the declamation medal to Coker Blue and the scholarship medal to Robert Rosser. "Cyclone Sally," a rollicking three-act play, was given on Friday evening by an all-star cast that had been trained by Miss Elizabeth Cobb. Beautiful choruses under the direction of Miss Elizabeth Wood were given on several occasions and these added much to the programs.

#### ALMA CROUSE AND COKER BLUE WIN SCHOOL CONTEST

Alma Crouse, ninth grade student, and Coker Blue of the tenth grade were the winners in the annual recitation-declamation contest held at the Vass-Lakeview school as the second event of the Commencement season. Miss Crouse gave "The Little Match Girl" and the winning declamation was "The Greatest Battle Even Won." Both speakers did exceedingly well.

Other contestants were Gladys Cox and Edna Earl Richardson, Laster Marks, Connor Cole and Johnnie Alexander, each of whom showed thorough preparation.

Special musical numbers were enjoyable features of the program. A group of boys sang "Carolina Springtime," a chorus written by Mrs. N. L. Gibbon of Lakeview; six girls delighted their hearers with "Mighty Lak A Rose," and the closing number was a mixed chorus by a large number of high school students.

#### CANDIDATES MUST REPORT ON EXPENSES BY MAY 22

All candidates for public offices in North Carolina must file their initial statements of expenditures by Tuesday, May 22, according to the primary election calendar compiled by the State Board of Elections.

Candidates for state and district offices must file statements with the secretary of state. All candidates for state senator in districts composed of only one county, candidates for the house of representatives and all county officers must file their statements with the Superior Court clerks in their respective counties.

All kinds of cakes and pastries at the Curb Market here Saturday morning.

### Farm Housing Survey in Moore Wins State-Federal Recognition

By Mrs. S. R. Smith

Moore county has recently been brought into the limelight through the Federal Farm Housing Survey, not because of its rural homes, but because of the fine job done by the corps of workers making the survey and the superiority of the recommendations for a follow-up program sent in by the county chairman, Mrs. Z. V. Blue, a Moore county farm woman who has a way of doing in a superior fashion whatever she attempts.

This Farm Housing Survey was put on by the Federal Bureau of Home Economics and the Federal CWA in representing areas in forty-six states for the purpose of securing basic facts regarding conditions in farm homes as a preliminary step in a program for improving the farm home and its equipment. Enumerators visited every farm family, going into the matter of houses and families, light and heat, water supply and sanitation, checking the present condition and listing desired improvements. Chairmen were asked to make recommendations for a follow-up program.

#### Federal Recognition

Moore county was one of ten areas in North Carolina selected for the survey, and at the close, the work here was commended in Raleigh by Miss Helen Estabrook, Extension Specialist in Home Management, who was in charge of the survey in this state. But this was not all. A few days ago Mrs. Blue received a mimeographed pamphlet on Better Homes Week, prepared in Washington for distribution throughout the United States, and of the four and one half pages of printed matter, two were filled with "EXCERPTS FROM MOORE COUNTY (N. C.) SUGGESTED FOLLOW-UP PLAN. By Mrs. Z. V. Blue, Carthage, North Carolina." This was sent Mrs. Blue by Mrs. Jane S. McKimmon, State Home Demonstration Agent, who wrote: "Many congratulations on the honor done you. We are proud of you." Miss Estabrook also sent congratulations.

Moore county had a very efficient corps of workers for the survey. One of the requirements was that the chairman be a woman with home economics training, and as far as was possible, women with home demonstration club training were used as enumerators.

Before becoming a farm homemaker, Mrs. Blue, then Miss Mary Rankin of near Greensboro, was a teacher of home economics. An "appealing article" from the pen of Bion H. Butler in regard to the Sandhills Farm Life School is responsible for her coming to Moore county, for it aroused her interest to the point that she sought and secured a place on the teaching staff, which she held for three years. Deciding to cast her lot for keeps with the Moore county folks, she married a young farmer of the Eureka section, and now, with her husband and two fine children, holds an enviable place in her community.

Others of the survey staff were Miss Sarah Rowan, Miss Daisy Matthews, Mrs. S. F. Cole and Mrs. Gladys Warren, clerks; C. E. Ritchie, architect; Miss Alice Ritter, Mrs. J. A. Price, Mrs. G. W. Brooks, Mrs. J. P. Swett, Mrs. J. J. Irvin, Mrs. J. H. Suttentfield, Mrs. Florence Smith, Miss Alice Parker, Miss Flora Street, Miss Elizabeth McCaskill and Mrs. Eva Kelly. Miss Flora McDonald, home agent, cooperated in the work. Office force, architect and enumerators did excellent work and suggestions made by them were very valuable to Mrs. Blue in making out her follow-up plan.

#### Mrs. Blue's Report

The excerpts from this plan as printed in the bulletin under Mrs. Blue's name are as follows:

"It is my opinion that a follow-up campaign should come after the Federal Farm Housing Survey as soon as possible, because people are interested now. They are more interested than when the survey was being made, and more interested than they will be several months from now, if nothing is done to sustain this interest.

"The average farmer in Moore County is going to have a hard time to make a living for himself and his family until fall, or until a money crop is made. For that reason, I suggest:

- I. That Home Improvements Costing No Money Come First.
  - II. That Home Improvements of Small Cost Follow.
  - III. That Home Improvements Costing More Money Be Started in Fall or Winter.
- "If conditions improve, perhaps the farmer can finance his home improvements, but if he gets a loan, I suggest that this help be based upon his having met certain requirements, namely, that he has made some im-

### Popularity Contest

Susan Swett and George Pottle in Lead in High School Voting

George Pottle and Susan Swett have maintained their lead in the popularity contest being conducted at the Southern Pines High School. This contest closes today. Pottle, with 1370 votes, was being given a stiff fight by Tom Carlisle, who had 1315. Edwin Cox was third with 775. Susan Swett led the girls with 1330 votes and Eleanor Sparks was a close second at 1130. These are the standings as of Thursday morning.

Improvements that cost no money, or little money.

"Somewhere in the campaign, I think that sanitary facilities should be stressed, but I believe that appearances will appeal to the people more at first.

I. Suggested Project For Improvements Costing No Money—1. Landscaping and planting. (This will satisfy the urge to get out and dig in the spring of the year.); Shade trees. (Get from Woods.); Plants and shrubs. (Exchange with neighbor); Annuals (Exchange with neighbor); 2. Ditching and drainage. Sometimes drainage can be improved by filling in low places, or ditching. 3. Walks and Drives. In some sections, sand or gravel is convenient to use for walks and drives; 4. Lawn—Plan to establish a lawn in the fall; 5. Yard Boundary and To Stop Washes—In the hilly sections large rocks could be used as a yard boundary, and to prevent washing. If clay and a good top soil are used, this will be a good place for flowers; Results of Making Improvements Outlined Above.

If those things are done, then the people will feel the necessity to clean up the premises. This done, they will want the house painted, and foundation filler, such as lattice, brick, or plantings.

II. Suggested projects for Improvements Costing Small Amounts of Money—Repair steps, or build new ones; Build shelf or shelves where needed; Build bench or window seat; Install kitchen sink; Screens wherever needed; Build closet or closets; Build partitions; Install improved toilet; Interior ceiling; Install ram or hand pump.

The wife should make a list of repairs needed, have hammer, nails, and boards ready (for shelf, floor, or steps) so the husband could do this work at odd times, or on a rainy day.

III. Suggested Improvements for Larger Amounts of Money.

1. Build New House—In some cases a house is not worth painting or remodeling, and a new house is badly needed. Often the farmer can furnish his own timber for his house, and pay for having his timber sawed into lumber by selling additional timber.

2. Add New Rooms—Many times additional rooms are needed for comfort and privacy. I think these needs are more imperative than painting.

3. Exterior Painting—I suggest exterior painting, because if a place looks like somebody lives there, the occupants will probably feel that somebody does live there, and they will not be satisfied until the inside of the house is on a par with the outside.

4. Installation of More Complete Water System—Water is easily accessible, and I think as pride in one's home and its convenience grows, this will include toilet facilities."

The survey in Moore county, as well as throughout the various states, disclosed many startling facts. Of the 2304 farm homes visited in Moore county, 95 per cent are unpainted; 51 per cent are unscreened, and 52 per cent have no toilet facilities. Water is carried, on an average, 308 feet.

From the tabulated data from the forty-six states surveyed will be figured out the most needed feasible improvements by regions and the best ways of financing them.

#### STATE-WIDE WAGE SCALE FOR FERA JOBS GOES OUT

The state-wide uniform wage scale for men employed on FERA work relief projects has been done away with, Mrs. Thomas O'Berry, State Relief Administrator, announced this week. Prevailing scales in the various communities will be paid.

The state-wide scale was 30 cents an hour for unskilled labor and ranged up to 75 cents an hour for skilled labor. That compared with the old CWA wage scale was 45 cents to \$1.10 an hour.

### VASS

Communion service will be held at the Vass Presbyterian church on next Sunday morning following the sermon by the Rev. C. A. Lawrence.

Miss Glennie Keith of Raleigh spent a part of last week at home and on Friday accompanied her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Keith, to Durham where Mr. Keith underwent an examination at Duke Hospital.

Miss Lena Bradley Cameron of Greensboro visited her father, D. A. Cameron last week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Smith and children and Mrs. Arch McGill spent Sunday with Mrs. Annie Thompson at her home near Maxton.

Ernest McNeill and John Jones of Columbia, S. C., spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Jake Hennings spent a part of last week with her mother, Mrs. A. C. Smith, who is ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben H. Wood accompanied Miss Elizabeth Wood, first grade teacher in the local school, to her home in Newton Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. S. M. Crisp of Greenville called on their sister, Mrs. C. A. Lawrence last week.

Mrs. J. D. Cobb and son of Lumber Bridge attended the Vass-Lakeview school play. Miss Elizabeth Cobb returned home with her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cameron and family spent the week-end in Buie's Creek to be with Mrs. Cameron's father, Dr. J. F. McKay on his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Green of Wilmington and Mrs. J. S. Bundy of Raleigh spent a part of last week with Mrs. A. G. Edwards in order to be present for the graduation of A. G. Edwards, Jr.

Bernice Graham and Milton Wood, a student at Campbell College, Buie's Creek, spent the week-end with Bernice's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lambert of Fayetteville accompanied Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lambert to Carthage for the graduation of Miss Margaret Lambert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Lambert.

Misses Ruth and Elizabeth McNeill went to Allen Monday to visit their sister, Mrs. Glee Allen.

Mrs. J. W. Kiker of Wadesboro and Miss Marguerite Horne of Peachland were week-end guests of Mrs. Mattie Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with relatives at Broadway and attended a birthday dinner given in honor of the eighty-second birthday of their uncle, Milo Boggs.

C. M. Goodwin of New Hill has opened a general merchandise store in the Edwards building and has a nice line of new goods. Mr. Goodwin has been associated with his father in the merchandise business in New Hill for several years. His announcement appears elsewhere in this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Moore and little son, who have been occupying an apartment in the home of Mrs. G. W. Brooks, have moved into the Hendricks house on Sunrise Heights.

#### WILLIAMS TELLS OF BIG ST. PETERSBURG FESTIVAL

Charles M. Williams, Seaboard Air Line railroad representative in St. Petersburg, Florida, spent a day this week with officers of the Chamber of Commerce here giving them pointers on the annual Festival of the States, held in St. Petersburg and one of the most successful affairs of its kind in the country. The local officials gleaned a number of new ideas for next year's Spring Blossom Festival here. Herman Pleasants, division passenger agent, of Raleigh, accompanied him.

### CHURCHES

PINEHURST

The Village Chapel  
9 a. m.—Holy Communion.  
10 a. m.—Children's Service.  
11 a. m.—Church Service.

Community Church  
The Rev. A. J. McKelway, pastor.  
Services 11 o'clock Sunday morning.

SOUTHERN PINES

Baptist Church  
Corner Conn. Ave. and Page St.  
J. Fred Stimsoh, Pastor  
Sunday May 13.  
Mother's Day Service at 11:00 p. m.

The evening preaching service will be discontinued until October.

Emmanuel Episcopal Church  
Rev. F. Craighill Brown, B. A., B. D., Rector.  
Sunday Services—The first Sunday in the month, Church School 9:30 a. m.; Holy Communion and sermon, 11:00 a. m.

Other Sundays, Holy Communion 8:00 a. m.; Church School, 9:30 a. m.; Morning Prayer and sermon, 11 a. m.  
Saints' Days Services, Holy Communion, 10:00 a. m.

Christian Science

A service is held every Sunday morning at 11, and the first and third Wednesday evenings of the month at 8 in the church on East New Hampshire avenue.  
The reading room is open every Wednesday afternoon from three to five o'clock.

Church of Wide Fellowship  
The Rev. C. R. Dierlamm of Union Church, Chapel Hill, will preach at the 10:30 Service Sunday morning.

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