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TEN CENTS

SP School Finals Begin June Fourth With Annual Sermon

Twenty-six Diplomas
Will Be Awarded; Four
Programs Scheduled

Commencement exercises which will mark the completion of public school training for a class of 26 seniors of Southern Pines High School will begin with the commencement sermon at 8:30 p. m. on Sunday, June 4th, in the Church of Wide Fellowship. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. George Mauze, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Winston-Salem, a former instructor in the John Marshall High School, Richmond, Va. There will be special music by the Glee Club.

Class Night will be held Tuesday, June 6th, at 8:30 p. m., at which time the seniors will present a program entitled "Behind the Guns". This and the remaining programs will be held in the high school auditorium.

Honors Day will be observed Wednesday, June 7th, at 11:30 a. m., with the presentation of medals and other awards.

Graduation exercises Wednesday, June 7th, at 8:30 p. m. will be the final event. The Rev. Wade Framp-ton, Presbyterian minister of Cheraw, S. C., will deliver the address. He will be introduced by Gordon M. Cameron of Pinehurst, chairman of the Board of Commissioners of Moore County. Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the Southern Pines School Board, will award the diplomas.

The alumni will march with the seniors at graduating exercises, as usual.

Members of Class of '44

Members of the 1943-44 graduating class are:

Irene Alexander, Imogen Ann Bradin, Ethel Blue Britt, Herbert Bortek, Louise Mae Gracey Brooks, Burton Walter Brown, Frances Elizabeth Calloway, Elizabeth Jean Council, Isabel Blanche Dupree, Hazel Burlein Garner, Bill A. Hall, James Elmer Harrington, Lewis Hodgkins, Elizabeth Catherine Johnston, Dorothy Anne Kaylor, Grace Klabbatz Hawk, John Lewis McCain, William Arch McDonald, Mabel Louise Norton, Nancy Ruth Osborne, Betty Lou Palmer, Mona Beall Shepard, Helen Louise Short, Joseph Calvin Thomas, Jr., Curtis Myron Williams, and Jacqueline Worsham.

Harry Lee Brown, Jr., will receive a twelfth grade certificate.

BAND CONCERT

The 541st "All Jumping" Parachute Infantry Concert Band, of which Mr. Sgt. Fernando Perez is conductor, will give a concert in the City Park, Southern Pines, at 4:30 p. m. Sunday, May 28th. Col. Ducat McEntee is the commanding officer.

Those who have heard this musical organization in its delightful concerts here in the past will not want to miss this Sunday afternoon treat.

SLIGHTLY INJURED

As Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Jones, returning home from church, were proceeding west on New Hampshire Avenue Sunday at noon, their car was struck at the East Broad Street intersection by the automobile of an army nurse going north. The door of the Jones car was smashed and Mr. Jones was slightly injured. The nurse, who was on her way from Nebraska to Georgia, is reported to have admitted that she was at fault, explaining that she was trying to get back to the highway and was watching for signs.

TIME OUT FOR A FRESH-UP

Chiswell's Coffee Shop will close Saturday night, May 27th, for repairs, opening again on Tuesday, June 6th, fresh and clean after being repainted.

BRUSH FIRES

Little back yard brush fires keep firemen busy these hot days. Late Saturday afternoon they were called to the extension of Ridge street south of the Morganton Road, and again at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon to the block of New York Avenue between May and Ridge Streets.

BACK FROM OVERSEAS



T/Sgt. WILLIAM D. MCGILL

T/Sgt. William D. McGill, who before his induction into the Army in February, 1941, was owner of Bill's Shoe Service in Southern Pines, returned home last week following eighteen months' service overseas, where he served principally as Parts Supply Sergeant.

He participated in the African, Sicilian and Italian Campaigns, including the Anzio Beachhead landing, and has been awarded the American Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal, the European, African, Middle Eastern Theater Campaign Award, the Bronze Battle Honor Star for the Sicilian Campaign, and the Bronze Battle Honor Star for the Italian Campaign.

Sgt. McGill was delighted to get back to the U. S. A. and he has a deeper appreciation of trees than ever before after having been where there were few trees other than olives. Natives, he said, gather up tiny twigs and dry grass to use as fuel for cooking.

With a rating of "excellent," Sgt. McGill was given a Commendation signed by his Commanding Officer, which says, in part:

"You have always, under every condition which presented itself in the field before, during, and after actual combat, exhibited a remarkable degree of cooperation, morale, and ingenuity. These characteristics on your part have enabled those under whose command you have served to point you out as an individual example of the high standards of morale and efficiency in your unit in particular, and in the Army as a whole.

"You have the highest recommendations of your Commanding Officer."

Sgt. McGill's wife is a floor supervisor in Moore County Hospital. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. McGill, reside at Vass.

SERVICES CHAIRMEN

E. H. Garrison, Jr., chairman of the Executive Committee, Moore County Chapter of American Red Cross, announces the appointment of the following chairmen of Services: L. L. Woolley, Home Service Committee; Col. Geo. P. Hawes, Jr., Disaster Preparedness Committee; Mrs. C. L. Warner, Junior Red Cross; Frank Kaylor, First Aid Corps.

STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

A barn on the farm of County Commissioner Thad L. Blue, who lives in the Eureka section midway between Carthage and Vass, was struck by lightning around 8:00 p. m. Sunday. The barn, together with a nice supply of hay, was burned, but the livestock was saved.

BANKS OBSERVE HOLIDAY

Memorial Day, Tuesday, May 30th, will be observed as a holiday by the Citizens Bank and Trust Company of Southern Pines and the Bank of Pinehurst and its branches, it has been announced.

ATTEND OFFICERS SCHOOL

Police Chief C. E. Newton, Auxiliary Policemen James Schwartz and James Colton, and M. A. Lewis of the F.B.I. attended the annual school for civilian and military policemen at Lumberton Thursday afternoon of last week.

POPPY DAY—MAY 27

Saturday will be Poppy Day—the day upon which we wear a poppy to honor the dead and help the living.

The material from which the the poppies are made is bought by the American Legion for the disabled veterans, who make the flowers. The Legion then buys the poppies and sells them, using the funds received from the sale for relief work among the suffering servicemen and their families, which now include those of World War II.

The idea of the poppy as a memorial flower for the World War dead sprang up as naturally as the wild flower itself grows in the fields of France and Flanders. The flower was the one touch of beauty which survived amid the hideous destruction of war. Along the edge of the trenches, beneath the tangled barbed wire, about the ragged shell holes and over the fresh graves it raised its brave blossom. It seemed to be the one immortal thing in that region where death reigned. The soldiers of all nations came to look upon it as the living symbol of the sacrifices of their dead comrades.

Soon many millions of the little red flowers were being worn each year in all parts of the English-speaking world, to honor the World War dead and to aid the war's living victims.

The influx from the front, is very urgent. So, remember to buy a poppy to help the boys.

Stimson Takes Post at Camp for Boys

Baptist Church Enjoyed
Splendid Progress During
His 15-Year Pastorate

The Rev. J. Fred Stimson, whose resignation as pastor of the First Baptist Church in Southern Pines effective the middle of June was recorded in this paper last week, resigned to accept a senior staff membership of the Chimney Rock Boys' Camp at Chimney Rock in western North Carolina, Mr. Stimson has disclosed.

This camp, located in the heart of the Blue Ridge Mountains on the shore of Lake Lure, is nationally known. It enrolls selected Christian boys between the ages of seven and seventeen and offers all forms of sports activity, with emphasis on character development.

Those who know the Rev. Mr. Stimson well can readily understand the appeal this type of work would have for him. However, his camp work does not mean desertion of the ministry as he will have much time to devote to that, the camp activities being mostly seasonal.

Mr. Stimson took up his work here with the Baptist Church the first of November 1928. The membership of the church when he came was listed as 114 and is now listed at 230. In addition to his church work, which has included the erection of a new building—now debt free—he has served as local chaplain of the American Legion, chaplain of the Masonic Lodge, director and vice president of the Chamber of Commerce and director, president and lieutenant-governor of the Kiwanis Club.

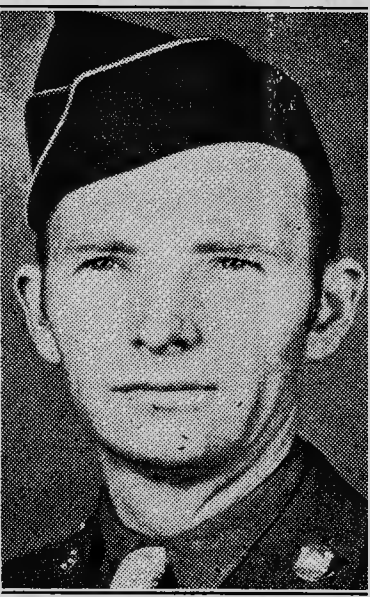
SCHEDULE CHANGES

The Southern Pines Surgical Dressings Room will go on a summer schedule beginning May 29th. From then on, the room will be open only five mornings a week. Monday through Friday, from 8:30 to 12:30.

SMALL FRY

Two business houses in town were broken into Tuesday night, apparently by barefoot juveniles. At Colin Osborne's garage the prowlers removed an 8 by 12 pane of glass and entered and despite the fact that the cash register was open, practically demolished it. At Dorn's store, the other place visited, there was only an 8 by 8 opening. Nothing was missed from the store.

ARRIVES OVERSEAS



SGT. ROBERT K. McDONALD

Sgt. Robert K. McDonald, formerly a mess sergeant with the Engineers Corps at Camp Phillips, Kansas, landed somewhere in the British Isles early in May, his sister, Mrs. John Blue and brother, Parker McDonald, of Southern Pines have been informed.

He worked with the T. A. Loving Construction Company at Cherry Point and Shaw Paint and Wallpaper Company in Southern Pines before entering the service.

Heart Attack Fatal to Benjamin Bortek

Manager of Aberdeen Hosiery Mills Dies at His Home Here Sunday night

Benjamin J. Bortek, for the past three years manager of the Aberdeen Hosiery Mills and a resident of Southern Pines, died suddenly from a heart attack shortly after midnight Sunday. Mr. Bortek, who was 40 years of age, was born in Russia, but resided in Philadelphia before coming to Southern Pines. He was a member of the Masonic Order.

Surviving are his widow and one son, Herbert. The body was carried to Philadelphia for funeral service.

D-DAY FUND

The suggestion recently made in these columns that D-Day, the day on which the invasion of western Europe begins, would be appropriately recognized by special gifts to the Red Cross has received general approval and the hearty endorsement of the local chapter. All who approve of the idea and would like to participate in this very practical and timely demonstration of home front loyalty are therefore invited to send their contributions to the local headquarters at any time or to hand them to boy and girl scout collectors on D-Day. It is hoped that the twelve-hundred-dollar deficit in the recent drive can thus be made up.

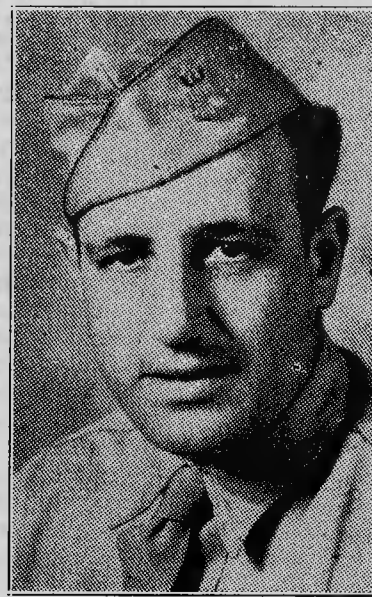
Lt. Donald A. Currie, Jr., Pilot of a Flying Fortress, Is Decorated Again

1st Lt. Donald A. Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald A. Currie, Sr., Pinehurst, who is serving as a pilot of a Flying Fortress crew of the Eighth Air Force now carrying out operational missions over Germany and enemy-occupied Europe, continues to win honors.

Holder of the Air Medal and three Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal, he has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for his gallantry while on a bombing mission over Germany on February 22, 1944. The citation accompanying the award reads as follows:

"For extraordinary achievement, while serving as Pilot of a B-17 airplane on a bombing mission over Germany, 22 February 1944. The formation was subjected to a heavy barrage of flak as it withdrew from the target area, Lieutenant Currie's aircraft sustaining severe damage. The tail assembly was partially destroyed, numerous control cables severed and one engine disabled. Unable to remain with the formation, he headed his aircraft for England.

IN THE ARMY



PFC. ANDREW PANOS

Pfc. Andrew Panos is in the radio department of the 702nd Twin Engineer Flying Training Squadron at the Blytheville Army Air Base, Blytheville, Ark. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rapatos, and lived here for the past several years. His parents are in Greece.

VOTE EARLY!

The Primary election in Southern Pines will be held at the Town Hall in the Municipal Park Saturday, May 27th. The polls will open at 6:30 a. m. and close at 6:30 p. m.

PRIMARY CANDIDATES

STATE TICKET
(Democratic)

UNITED STATES SENATOR

Cameron Morrison
Clyde R. Hoey
Arthur Simmons
Marvin Lee Ritch
Giles Yeoman Newton

GOVERNOR

R. Gregg Cherry
Ralph McDonald
Ollie Ray Boyd

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

W. I. Halstead
L. Y. Ballentine
Jamie T. Lyda

SECRETARY OF STATE

W. N. Crawford
Thad Eure

STATE AUDITOR

Fred S. Hunter
George Ross Pou

STATE TREASURER

Charles M. Johnson
L. J. Phipps

STATE TICKET

(Republican)

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

George L. Greene
Robert L. Lovelace
A. Harold Morgan

STATE TREASURER

Hiram B. Worth
S. B. Roberts

Saturday Will Tell Tale in Political Nominations Battle

No Contest in Moore,
But Several State Of-
fices Hotly Contested

Saturday shortly after 6:30 they'll start counting the votes and soon the results of another Democratic Primary will be known. So far as Moore County itself is concerned, there will be no contest as not one candidate is opposed.

However, with some of the State candidates, the story is different. Especially active have been Major R. Gregg Cherry and Dr. Ralph McDonald in the race for governor, and the outcome remains to be seen.

McDonald's campaign manager has expressed confidence in a sweeping victory in Saturday's Primary, saying that a broad swing of voters to his candidate in the closing days of the campaign indicated that McDonald would enjoy a wide margin of triumph.

On the other hand, Gregg Cherry, in commenting on rumors that he said had been "whispered up and down North Carolina," said that "these personal attacks of the last few days have only served to bring out in great force a support from people of North Carolina who have previously been passive or inactive in this political campaign."

"The personal attacks that have been made on me come from the hopelessness of the campaign of others. It was born of desperation, as was the case in 1936, when similar tactics were unsuccessfully used", he declared.

Both Cherry and McDonald have announced that if elected they will seek a state-wide liquor referendum.

There is much interest, also, in the race for the United States Senate and Lieutenant Governor.

Kiwanis Club Hears of Welfare Program

Aim Is To Give People
An Equal Chance in Life,
Says Head of Department

Miss Pauline Covington, superintendent of the Moore County Welfare Department, addressed the Sandhills Kiwanis Club at its luncheon Wednesday at the Pinehurst School. She told the Kiwanians of the work the Welfare Office in Carthage is doing in this county, declaring that the ideal of Public Welfare is not to create a dole system, but to look after the welfare of the home and community. It is the plan of Democracy, she said, "to give people an equal chance in life."

She explained that the Welfare Department has professional workers, trained to go into the homes and help solve the problems of unfortunate people.

Miss Covington described the classes of work that are being done: First, helping those of mental deficiency; second, aiding those who are unable to provide for themselves third, conducting clinics and a study of criminal delinquency, and fourth, providing homes for children and protecting the health of children in regard to work.

In conclusion she explained that the Welfare Department also acts somewhat as a Bureau of Information for securing allotments for mothers whose husbands are in the Armed Forces.

The speaker was introduced by J. Vance Rowe, Judge of Moore County Recorder's Court.

Haynes Britt of Pinehurst and H. A. Matthews of Southern Pines were inducted into club membership by Dr. T. A. Cheatham.

SUMMER KINDERGARTEN

Miss Kate McIntyre, Miss Bess McIntyre and Miss Elizabeth Heins of the local school faculty are planning to conduct a kindergarten at the Southern Pines School for six weeks during the summer if there is sufficient interest to justify it. The hours will be 9:00 to 12:00, daily, Monday through Friday. Their announcement will be found on page five. Information may be obtained by calling the school office, 5582.