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TEN CENTS

So. Pines Holds Commencement At School Auditorium

Class of Ten Win Honors & Awards Receive Diplomas

With commencement exercises taking place the evenings of June 10, 11, and 12th, the Class of 1945 completes its final year at the Southern Pines High School. One of the smallest in the recent history of the school, due to the change in the curriculum, from an eleven to a twelve year course, the class is nevertheless outstanding in the quality of its members.

Sunday night at eight thirty, the commencement sermon was delivered by the Reverend R. E. Brown, of the Hay Street Memorial Church of Fayetteville. The service took place at the Church of Wide Fellowship, local ministers taking part. The Rev. Tucker G. Humphries gave the invocation, the Rev. F. Craighill Brown the scripture reading, and the Rev. S. J. Erwin the benediction. The Glee Club sang a Bach chorale and one of the students, Jean Olive, sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte. The evening closed with the recessional: Elgar's "Pomp and Circumstance", played by Mrs. N. L. Hodgkins at the organ.

Awards

On Monday night the Honors and Awards Exercises took place at the school auditorium. The American Legion's yearly prizes were given, the Auxiliary's Essay Prize going to Jane McCain and the Legion's Citizenship Medal to Anne Field. The Junior Chamber of Commerce presented a prize to Alton Blue, Jr., as the student who had shown the greatest improvement during his senior year. The Danforth Awards were then made. These awards are yearly prizes donated by the Danforth Foundation, a national organization, to the boy and girl of the Senior class who have shown the greatest ability in leadership during the year. This year they were won by Lewis Hodgkins. (Continued on Page 5)

Baptist Choir To Sing Cantata

Twenty voices comprising the Southern Pines First Baptist Church Choir will sing Frank L. Sealy's "Thou, O God, Art Praised in Zion", a three part chorus for women's voices, at the regular Sunday evening worship service, June 17. The entire service will be composed of music and scripture under the direction of Sgt. Ken Hurd of Camp Mackall, with Mrs. C. R. Mills at the organ. The Reverend Mr. Erwin, pastor, will preside.

In addition to the cantata, the choir will sing as a processional, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and the well known hymn, "Fairest Lord Jesus". Two anthems, "Lead Me, Lord" by Wesley, and "May Now Thy Spirit" will conclude the program by the choir. The duet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul" by Neddington will be sung by Jerry Masters Hurd, soprano, of Miami, and Sgt. Ken Hurd, baritone. Members of the choir are:

1st Sopranos: Miss Carol Thomas, Mrs. Jerry Masters Hurd, Mrs. T. K. Gunter, Mrs. R. L. Chandler, Mrs. N. S. Kimball, Mrs. William Dale, Miss Mildred Witherspoon, Miss Margaret Gale, Mrs. Ann Morgan, Miss Gladys Cranfill, and Miss Atress Cranfill.

2nd Sopranos: Mrs. A. Kelley, Mrs. W. E. Kivette, and Miss Mary Gale.

Altos: Mrs. Bruce Lewis, Miss Jean Olive, Mrs. Robert Bruce, Miss Louise Witherspoon, Miss Bonnie Cranfill, and Miss Dot Hendrich.

The public is cordially invited.

Hodgkins Elected

Lewis Hodgkins, of Southern Pines who has served as a member of the Young People's Service League of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina during the past year, has been elected secretary of the Thank Offering for the coming year. The League, on June 10, completed its annual three day convention at Camp Vade Mecum. On Sunday morning the new officers were installed by Bishop Penick who delivered the convention sermon.

Graduating Class of 1945



Above are the members of the graduating class of the Southern Pines High School. Reading from left to right they are: Back row: Mary Frances Wilcox, Fred Hall, Jr., Lewis Hodgkins, John W. Neal, Jr., Margaret Ann Bush, Front row: Betty Ann McCue, Tyler Terry Overton, Jane Bradin, Robert C. Morrison, Anne Field.

Community Work Is Aim of Clubs

There is no group of people with a greater multitude of duties than the rural homemakers of Moore County, yet they take time to assist with war work or with any program that will build a stronger and happier community. They have the good of the public at heart above all else.

Several Home Demonstration clubs have reported, at a recent meeting, war work accomplished. The Jackson Springs club made 75 kits for the soldiers at Camp Mackall, since Christmas, and many carried kits home to finish. The Mt. Holly club contributed \$55.00 to the Red Cross; also \$9.00 to the Cancer Fund. The Springfield club decided to collect crossword puzzles for the wounded soldiers in hospitals. Plans were also started to make two quilts as a money making scheme, the proceeds to be used to buy war bonds for a future club house. The Stanton Hill club held a food sale at the home of Mrs. Ernest Badgett, the club president. A total of \$18.70 was cleared from the sale and will be invested in war bonds. The Eureka club heard an interesting talk by the president, Mrs. Z. V. Blue, on the importance of food to health. Mrs. Blue suggested that housewives should endeavor to make the table setting attractive. This, she said, would make home life more pleasant and send the children away from home with a feeling of confidence and well-being.

The Red Cross drive was presented at every club meeting by community leaders and many mothers whose sons were prisoners of war or reported missing urged support of this worthy cause. All the clubs, also, cooperated with local agencies sponsoring the used clothing drive, and approximately 2000 pounds of (Continued on Page 5)

Red Cross Rooms Closed For Present

The Moore County Chapter of The American Red Cross has completed its war production quotas and the work rooms will be closed until another emergency. This was announced at the regular meeting of the executive committee held at Southern Pines, Tuesday night. Col. Percy Hawes, president of the Chapter, presided at the meeting.

ADD TWO MORE

For sale, 453 air-raid sirens. Slightly used and still in good voice. Owner going out of the alarm and hulla-balloo business offers them at your own figure. Convenient in family discussions of military bills, wartime meals, red points, black-market prices, etc., when words fail. Just the thing for relieving the feelings. Every home should have one. Father Knickerbocker, City Hall, New York, N. Y.

(Add two more, Father K, well tested in southern climate, guaranteed to deafen all within twenty miles. So. P. Town Bored.)

KILLED IN ITALY

Mr. and Mrs. Joel Flinchum of Carthage, Route 1, have received a message from the War Department stating that their son, Joel Flinchum, Jr., was killed May 11 in an airplane crash in Italy. He was a graduate of Carthage High School and was at home on furlough shortly before going overseas.

Legion Has Annual Meeting; Officers For 1945 Elected

Delegates Chosen For Convention Represent Sandhills Community

The Sandhills Post of the American Legion held its annual meeting Wednesday night in the Legion Hut in Southern Pines. The primary business of the occasion was the election of new officers and of delegates to represent the local post at the 1945 annual convention.

The newly elected post officials are as follows: Commander: Leonard Van Fossen of Southern Pines; Vice Commanders: Talmadge Shaw of Pinehurst, Virgil Clark of Southern Pines and Robert B. Donaldson of West End; Adjutant: Lloyd B. Woolley of Southern Pines; Finance Officer: Paul Dana of Pinehurst; Sergeant at Arms: W. Thomas Wilson of Manly; Chaplain: Lloyd B. Woolley of Southern Pines; Historian: R. E. Wicker of Pinehurst; Athletic Officer: J. F. Sinclair of West End; Americanism Officer: Struthers Burt of Southern Pines; Boys' State Officer: Colin P. Osborne of Southern Pines; Boy Scout Officer: Capt. Des Pland of Southern Pines; Publicity Officer: Chester Williams of Pinehurst.

Elected to serve as delegates to the convention were: John H. Stephenson, (chairman of the delegation), Leonard Van Fossen, and Chester Williams, (secretary of the delegation). The alternates were Paul Dana, John F. Sinclair, and Virgil Clark.

The meeting was well attended, with members agreeing that it was one of the most important held in many years. Due to the present situation as regards returning veterans the Legion is anticipating a busy and useful year. It was held, also, that the Legion could play a large part in keeping up civilian morale and in spurring on both servicemen and the home front to carry the war against Japan to a speedy and successful conclusion.

Young Women Of C. P. & L. Hold Group Meetings

During the past two weeks, group meetings of the women employees of the local division of the Carolina Power and Light Co. have been taking place in the headquarters of the division, Southern Pines. Young ladies from the towns of Asheboro, Troy, Siler City, Rockingham, Hamlet, Sanford, Wadesboro and the local office have been assembling in groups of ten each, for three regular meetings.

Discussion, covering a wide range of subjects on the routine procedures of the company, are held during the two day period. In the evening the members of the group have been entertained by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Chandler at their home.

This is only one section of the type of group meetings carried on by the Carolina Power and Light Company with its employees, the company holding to the belief that full understanding of its problems by all employees is essential to that cooperation between employer and employee without which no company can hope for success in serving its public.

MEAT INSPECTION

A Federal Meat Inspector has arranged to be in Carthage every Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, beginning June 7, 1945. Any Farm Slaughterer wishing to have his meat inspected may leave his name with the War Price and Rationing Board.

Full Town Board Meets for 3 Hours On Hottest Night

Discusses Ridge St. Change, Present Needs Post-War Projects

At an important meeting of the Town Board of Southern Pines, held Wednesday night, some fifteen matters pertinent to the future development of the town were brought up. Discussion was long and detailed with careful consideration given to the various points. The report of the planning committee was taken up and was accepted with thanks to the committee for their good work. Of the four or five projects suggested, the commissioners voted to take up those of an urgent nature having to do with necessary repairs to streets and sewage lines, with the less urgent matters set aside for future consideration.

The School Board submitted a report on the proposed enlargement of the school property. This, if carried through, would involve closing the block on Ridge Street between New York and Massachusetts Avenues, in order to make room for the new buildings and playing fields under consideration. The Commissioners went on record as favoring the plan, but felt that no definite action should be taken without full consultation with the property owners living along the block in question. It is planned to proceed with consultations immediately.

THE PILOT will carry a more complete report of the Commissioners' meeting next week.

Fourteen Colored Men Inducted at Fort Bragg Today

Fourteen colored men from Moore County have been called to report for induction at Fort Bragg Friday, June 15. They are to leave Carthage by bus at 10:00 a. m.

The list includes Clarence Stanback and Fred Boggins, of Southern Pines; Willie Guy Wall, Levon Harrington and James Buddy Alford, of Pinehurst; Daniel Currie and Robert Lee Thompson, of Cameron, and Winston Walker of Route 1, Cameron; Cleve McMillan of Addor; George Stella Manness of Robbins, Route 2; Jack Junior Brower of Carthage and Hubert Johnignis Dowd of Route 2, Carthage; Henry Tyson of Aberdeen, and James Elijah Hargrove of West End, Route 1.

W. So. Pines Class Of 17 Graduates

On Friday night, June 8th, the Graduation exercises of the West Southern Pines High School took place. Seventeen students received diplomas at the close of a dignified and interesting program in which the Glee Club took part.

On the platform were: Dr. G. G. Herr, chairman of the School Board, Philip Weaver, principal of the Southern Pines School, J. T. Saunders, principal of the West Southern Pines School, P. R. Brown, the ex-principal and now head of the Morrison Training School, and J. W. Seabrook, head of the Fayetteville Teachers College, who was the principal speaker. The two undergraduate speakers were Naomi Barenette Brown, salutatorian, and Mary Doris McLean, valedictorian.

The graduating class included, besides the above: Orilla Gay, Walter Lee Funderburk, Eva Lee Martin, Marie C. McIver, Bernice F. Caldwell, Thomasenia Lois King, Walter Harrison Gray, Chester Floyd Goins, John Allen Jr., Wiletha Mae Marsh, Bernice J. Ross, Addie Mae Livingstone, Helen Elizabeth Medlin, Coretha A. Oats, Mabel R. Walden.

DAWSON TAKES NEW WORK

A. C. Dawson, principal of the Southern Pines School, has accepted a position for the summer with the U. S. Public Health Service as area engineer of Malaria Control in War Areas, Fayetteville, Whiteville, Laurinburg, Hamlet, Rockingham, Aberdeen and Southern Pines are in his territory, and he will continue to live here. He assumed his new duties Monday.

Only 55 Percent of Moore County's Overall War Bond Quota Is Reported Sold; "E" Bond Sales Are Lagging

Southern Pines Has Exceeded Overall, But Needs E Buyers

CULLOM RESIGNS

The following statement has been issued by the president of the Bank of Pinehurst; Richard Tufts: "At a meeting held at the Bank of Pinehurst on June 13, of the Board of Directors of the bank, the resignation, as a director, of Mr. F. Shelby Cullom, former executive head of the bank, was received and accepted." Thus concludes Act 11. of the drama. Act 111. will doubtless give to an interested public the name of the director and manager who has been chosen to fill the vacancy created by Mr. Cullom's resignation.

OPA Doesn't Get Boots Medlin, But The Law Steps In

Local Man Admits Stealing Meat and Chickens To Sell

James Harold "Boots" Medlin, colored, of Southern Pines, might possibly be charged with black marketing, but no one could rightly accuse him of selling at higher than ceiling prices. According to his own story to The Law, he traded a ham and a shoulder of meat for one quart of bootleg liquor, and sold three hens at half a dollar each, low cost of production being the secret of his being able to undersell his competitors.

Six hens were stolen from the chicken coop of Beatrice Broadway in West Southern Pines a recent Saturday night. Sunday morning the owner found three of them on the sidewalk, their necks broken. She notified the local police department and in due time "Boots" Medlin was taken into custody.

"Boots" finally told the whole story. According to officers, he said that he first went to the coop about midnight and took three hens, which he went out and sold at fifty cents each. Later the same night he returned for three more, but just as he reached the sidewalk an automobile approached and he dropped the chickens, whose possible squawks he had already silenced as a precautionary measure.

There was another larceny case which had never been solved, one in which a shoulder and a ham of meat had been stolen from Will Morrison, also of West Southern Pines, so Medlin was questioned as to his knowledge of this. Again he told all. He was boarding with Morrison at that time, which was last January. The elderly man went to the spring to get some water and while he was gone Medlin took the meat from a box and (Continued on Page 8)

LOCAL BOY WINS

Not long ago a citizen of Southern Pines, of tall and dignified mien, was walking across the street. A car driven by an army captain whizzed in under his coat-tails, practically boosting him into the air. No whit flustered, the citizen stood aside while the car whirled into a parking space and hit the curb a resounding blow. The citizen looked up to meet a glaring military eye. "You'd better move faster," barked the captain. "I just about hit you."

"That so?" said the local citizen. "You just about hit the curb, too, didn't you? You know if you pull back a little and take another run at it, say get her up to about fifty this time, you might go right over it!" Hopefully the citizen waited, but discretion was the better part of the captain's valor. With one dreadful mutter he flung out of his car and dove for shelter in the nearest store. "As you were, Captain!" murmured the citizen, and ambled happily on his way.

Reports on the results of last week's bond selling show the E-bond sale still far behind expectations. This type of bond, so much more effective toward the purpose for which the Mighty Seventh is being raised, must be sold in emergency quantities if the country is to meet the critically urgent call.

Moore County overall figures show; \$338,857.25 raised, which is 55 percent of the quota for the county. The E-bonds show 44 percent of the quota raised, or \$133,658.75.

Individual town reports show Southern Pines to be ahead, having exceeded its quota by 32 percent, in overall figures \$226,372.50 Of these \$89,050.00 are E-bonds. This amount being only 80 percent of the E-bond quota, Southern Pines will go on to try for the full sum in E-bonds.

Pinehurst reports about \$98,000.00 of its \$140,000.00 quota raised, of which about \$30,000.00 is in E-bonds.

False Report On Fire At Vass Gets Many On The Run

Not Gas Truck, But Gas Barrel Blazes; SP Firemen Answer

False information in regard to a fire in Vass Monday night resulted in quite a bit of excitement and in a hurried trip for the Southern Pines Fire Department, which was called at 10:00 o'clock for aid.

The excited person who turned in the alarm at Vass is said to have reported that the oil truck of A. M. Cameron, Esso distributor, was burning, endangering the home of J. J. Parker, driver, who lives on Union Church Road about a mile from town. In a matter of minutes a long procession of cars dashed to the Parker home, where there was no sign of fire. They sped back to town and it was soon learned that the fire was a mile farther up the same road, where a 45-gallon barrel of gasoline was burning on the premises of Archie Parker.

The Southern Pines truck went to the scene, but it was not found necessary to use any chemicals as most of the gasoline had burned and no buildings were threatened. Mr. Parker, who operates a tractor on his farm, had the barrel of gas under a tree some distance from the buildings. One of his sons is reported to have gone out with a lantern to draw gasoline.

THAYER BUYS HOME

The Misses Margaret and Flora McQueen have sold, through A. S. Newcomb of the E. C. Stevens Agency, their bungalow at 26 S. May street to Paul Thayer of Carlisle, Pa.

The Misses McQueen occupied this house several years until they moved to Dunn, N. C., to be with their brother, Dr. Angus McQueen, pastor of the Presbyterian Church there.

Mr. and Mrs. Thayer will take possession in September when they will come here to live permanently. Mr. Thayer, a retired orchardist, is this summer engaged in experimental work at the Pennsylvania State College Fruit Research Laboratory near Gettysburg, Pa.

McQUEENS RETURN HOME

A pleasant caller at THE PILOT office Wednesday was Moore County's own John R. McQueen, who for several years has been engaged in the lumber business at Fairmont. The labor situation became so bad that Mr. McQueen was unable to continue operations, and he knew that it would not improve until after next fall's tobacco crop money was spent, he said, so he and Mrs. McQueen, the former Miss Annie McNeill, have returned to the McNeill home in Lakeview for the summer. Mrs. McQueen has not been well for some time.