

## Special Awards Go To Students In School Here

### Meritorious Work Recognized At Meeting In The School Friday

Hard work and meritorious accomplishments on the part of local school students were recognized during an awards day program last Friday morning and at the graduation exercises that evening. A large number qualified for the awards and there was keen competition for the top honors.

The W. C. Manning valedictory cup was awarded to John T. Gurkin by Mrs. Ralph Gorham, teacher. "So many high school girls and boys seem more interested in the pursuit of happiness or what they think is happiness that they do not have time to pursue studies and work," Mrs. Gorham said, adding that the valedictory this year had worked hard, that he was industrious, honest, cheerful and pleasant to work with.

The Sarah Manning home economics cup was awarded to Miss Elizabeth Whitley by Mrs. Gorham who pointed out that the winner had done superb laboratory work, maintained high grades and made an excellent contribution to the department.

Mrs. Wheeler Martin, Jr., president, presented Hilton Peel, band president, the Woman's Club civic cup in recognition of the progress the band had made during the year.

The salutatory award was won by Miss Edna Hadley, and Miss Thelma Ward's work as editor of the high school annual was recognized.

William B. Rogerson received the Ray H. Goodmon athletic trophy from the hands of Mr. Goodmon. Rogerson was a letter man in three sports and was a good sportsman.

Making the best record in his grade, Ernest Taylor received the Eighth Grade cup. In his absence the cup was delivered to his mother by Mrs. Wheeler Manning, teacher. Mrs. Manning also presented an award to Miss Gertrude McLawhorn for excellent work in the commercial department.

School Committee Chairman Robt. L. Coburn presented diplomas to thirty seniors.

Seventh grade scholarship, Jean Mobley; most outstanding member of the glee club, Bobby Taylor; most outstanding first-year student in home economics, Jean McLawhorn; most outstanding character in junior class play, Bobby Taylor, in senior class play, Lola Peel; most promising student in science, Ronnie Levin; best shorthand student, Carrie Dell Peaks; winner in school competition with paper on world peace, Lilybet Muse; citizenship medal, (to the boy in the senior class who, during four years of high school, best exhibited true citizenship) Mac Manning.

The following students were recognized in a Beta Club ceremony: Sadie Banks, Rachel Chesson, Ronnie Levin, Jessie Mae Melson, Lilybet Muse, Elizabeth Patterson, Nancy Roberson, Mara Ada Shuller, Elizabeth Whitley and Frank Wynne.

Typewriting certificates were awarded to the following, the figures showing the words each typed per minute: First year, Madeline Chesson, 60; Rachel Chesson, 60.

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## Minor Changes In Recreation Plans

A few minor changes have been made in the recreation program here because of developments recently coming up.

One of the changes will be in the matter of charges for use of the municipal swimming pool. It was announced last night that the hourly rates will be abolished and flat charges will be made for each period the pool is open. For instance 10c will be charged for children under 13 years during all periods, morning, afternoon and night while 20c will be charged for those over 13 years during the morning and night periods while 25c flat will be charged for this older group during the longer afternoon period.

The complete schedule for the swimming pool appears on the editorial page of today's Enterprise.

The price changes were made to give greater enjoyment to users of tickets and to help defray the additional expense involved in operating the recreational program here.

## New Theatre Opens Here Thursday Night

### Movie House One Of The Finest In Eastern Carolina

#### No Formal Program Planned for Opening at 7:00 O'clock

The Viccar Theatre, one of the finest movie houses in Eastern North Carolina, will hold its premiere showing Thursday evening of this week at 7:00 o'clock, it was announced yesterday by the owner-operator, Dr. Victor E. Brown. No formal program will mark the opening, the owner explaining that the picture "Panhandle" will be flashed on the screen promptly at 7:00 o'clock to mark a new era in entertainment in this section. A special release was gained for the picture which is one of the latest productions with a top rating.

Two shows are scheduled for Thursday, one at 7:00 and the other at 9:00 o'clock with a regular schedule—1:00 to 11 o'clock P. M.—going into effect on Friday.

Constructed at a cost of approximately \$80,000, the theater building embraces the most modern architectural plans and conveniences. The equipment will boost the total cost to almost \$100,000.

Of fireproof construction, the building is air-conditioned and has one of the most unique heating systems with the pipes encased in the floor and out of sight. Special materials were used to give the building perfect sound effect, and no detail was overlooked in making the building ideally comfortable.

The theater has approximately 500 seats, including 150 in the balcony. The seats are the very latest thing for theaters. Offering complete comfort, the seats are so constructed that one can shift it to permit another patron to pass without getting up. They are installed in such a manner that one does not have to lean to one side to look around the head of the person directly in front. The management explained that due to the limited seating capacity on the main floor, the balcony would be reserved for white patrons.

In addition to the main auditorium and balcony, the theater has modernistic rest rooms on both floors and several offices.

The front of the structure is of modernistic builders' glass and the marquee, lighted with several hundred bulbs, is of the latest design.

For the present the operation of the theater will be under the direct supervision of the owner. Actual operation will be handled by Mrs. Mary Clark Pate and Miss Edna Ray Thomas, in the ticket booth, and Messrs. Dan Ray Pate, (Continued on page five)

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## Voters Settle Politics In The County For Another Two Years In Primary Election Saturday

### Three Car Wrecks In Past Few Days In Martin County

#### Car Skids On Wet Pavement, Tears Into Ditch And Climbs a Tree

Driving east on Highway 64 between Robersonville and Everetts last Wednesday night about 10:00 o'clock, Russell Bailey Wynne of Everetts lost control of his 1946 Ford when it skidded on the wet pavement. The car skidded down a ditch for about 155 feet and flew into the air, striking a tree and tearing limbs off the tree ten or twelve feet from the ground, according to a report coming from Patrolman B. W. Parker who made the investigation. Wynne says he was driving about 50 miles an hour at the time. Riding alone, Wynne was not hurt but damage to his car was estimated at \$650 by Patrolman Parker.

Last Saturday afternoon Charles E. Moore, Plymouth man, wrecked his car, a 1947 Dodge, not far from the scene of the Wynne wreck. Moore lost control of his car on the graveyard curve between Everetts and Robersonville when the machine skidded on the wet pavement. Part of the fence around the roadside graveyard was torn down when the car plunged into it and turned over. Moore was not hurt, according to Patrolman B. W. Parker who

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Fifty-six pupils established perfect attendance records in the local schools during the term just ended, Principal B. G. Stewart announced.

Names of the record holders are:

First grade, Sylvia Rachele Moore and William Ray Bunting; second grade, Billy Ray Bowen, Janette Leggett, Peggy Ann Stevenson and Paul Roberson; third grade, Priscilla Gurganus, Molly Biggs, and Henry Handy, Jr.; fourth grade, Athemus Sfetos, Maeana Willard, Joseph Clayton, Joyce Baker, Dickie Clayton, Lee Glenn, Jr., and Kenneth Hardison; fifth grade, Betty Carol Gurganus; sixth grade, Gerel Lamm, Betty Mobley, Ann Peel, Virginia Price, Judith Rogers, Patricia Smithwick, Patty Williams, A. O. Coltrain, George Harris, Jr., Allie Mae Howell and Theresa Modlin; seventh grade, Wilber Edwards, Billy Harris, Billy Roy McKeel, Jerry Savage, Hugh Spruill, Jr., Bettie Lou Dudley, Fitzhugh Fussell, June Glenn and Gloria Taylor; eighth grade, Joyce Andrews and Peggy Carson; high school, Albert Ray Phelps, Gloyd Stewart, Reg Coltrain, Alice Peaks, J. D. Hines, Louise Corey, Marie Griffin, Bobby Edmondson, Harriett Ward, Edith Harris, David Carson, Marilyn Fussell, Edna Hadley and William Rogerson.

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## County First To Report Returns

Thanks to the precinct election officials and other interested parties, Martin County was one of the first in North Carolina to complete and report the vote returns in the primary last Saturday.

Registrar Clarence Stallings of Jamesville came in first with a report, and a short time later reports started pouring in from the other precincts. Several hundred studied the returns as they were posted in the Enterprise windows.

Representatives, J. C. Smith and Chas. Manning for county judge; W. M. Harrison and W. Tom Roberson for county commissioner, Griffins-Bear Grass district; Nat Johnson and Henry S. Johnson, Jr., for county commissioners, Hamilton-Goose Nest district, and J. D. Woolard, Cecil B. Powell and H. C. Norman for board of education. The count shown here is unofficial.

## How They Voted In County Last Saturday

The figures below reflect the vote cast in this county by precincts last Saturday for district and county offices. J. D. Woolard led the ticket and John Rodman was second. The line-up shows O. L. Williams, Sam M. Campen and John Rodman for State Senate; A. Corey and Edgar Gurganus for house of representatives;

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In the other races, Thad Eure was renominated for secretary of state. H. P. Taylor won for lieutenant governor by more than a two-to-one majority over Dan Tompkins. Henry Bridges won over Charles W. Miller for auditor, and Brandon Hodges got a majority over James Vogler and Z. W. Frazelle. State Labor Commissioner Forrest Shuford won over D. B. Stewart.

In the lone Republican contest, W. H. Gragg led G. L. Willard three to one for the commissioner of labor nomination.

## Hold Funeral In Bear Grass Church For Mrs. Gurganus

### Mrs. Addie Mason Gurganus' Died At Daughter's Home Here Sunday

Mrs. Addie Mason Gurganus, 74, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Clyde D. Anderson, here on Marshall Avenue Sunday morning at 9:50 o'clock. She had been in declining health for a long time and her condition was critical for several days.

The daughter of the late John and Margaret Gurganus Mason, she was born in Pitt County on February 19, 1874, and spent her early life there. Following her marriage to Mr. Ralston Gurganus in 1901 she moved to this county, locating in the Bear Grass Community where she was held in high esteem by neighbors and other friends for nearly half a century. She had made her home with her daughter here since last Christmas, but her feeble health made it almost impossible for her to get out very much.

Mrs. Gurganus was a faithful attendant upon the religious services in the Bear Grass Primitive Baptist Church and the body was moved from her late home there at 2:00 o'clock Monday afternoon for the last rites at 3:30 o'clock. Elder A. B. Ayers, assisted by Rev. James I. Lowry, Presbyterian minister, and Rev. Stewart B. Simms, pastor of the Memorial Baptist Church in Williamston, conducted the services. Interment was in the family cemetery near the old home in Bear Grass Township.

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## Unofficial Vote On State Ticket

In the principal State contests with about 100 scattered precincts unheard from J. Melville Broughton was leading Wm. B. Umstead for the U. S. Senate 193,612 to 171,406. Charles M. Johnson was leading the field for governor with 162,304, and Kerr Scott was second with 153,822 votes. R. Mayne Albright polled 72,124 to take third position in the count and a strong bargaining place in the second round. What stand Albright will take has not yet been announced. Some politicians are of the opinion that he'll discharge his supporters from any further obligations, leaving Johnson and Scott to scrap it out alone.

Oscar Barker, holding fourth position in the governor's race, polled 10,800 votes, and W. F. Stanley, Sr., led Olla Ray Boyd 2,320 to 1,850.

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## Letters Issued To Band Members

Nine letters were issued to members of the local high school band last Friday by Director Jack Butler, and Hilton Peel was awarded a medal for being the outstanding member of the organization during the past year.

Letters were given to the following: Mary Lou Lee, Ronnie Lewis, Robert Ferguson, Lee Butlock, Julian Mason, Sally Bate, Hardison, Bobby Taylor, Bobby Clayton, Hilton Peel and Lucy Roberson.

## Marshall Speaks To Seniors Here On Friday Night

Dr. W. E. Marshall, dean of men at E. C. T. C., Greenville, delivered a timely address to the graduating class and a large number of patrons and friends in the high school auditorium here last Friday evening, marking the close of the 1947-48 term in the local schools. Dr. Marshall said:

This is perhaps the most important event that has occurred in the lives of you who are finishing twelve years of hard and diligent study—and who are now preparing to further your educational career in some college or university, or to enter directly into the great American society to carve out your place in business, industry, agriculture, or any other field of activity that most nearly suits your desires.

I should like to say to you now: "Best wishes for the greatest possible success in your chosen field of permanent life activity."

So for the next fifteen or twenty minutes I want to talk to you seriously and conscientiously about some qualities or characteristics of life that are essential that you possess if your life from now on is to be a success. I want to talk common sense. I want to talk with you about several vital qualities that you must possess, each of which is common knowledge to you and to all of us, but which most of us merely acknowledge and recognize as important and let the matter drop at that point.

Confucius once said: "It isn't square acres that make a country great, but square men." That is true. And it is on that particular phase of life that I want to talk this evening—the necessity or essentialness of "square men," men with character, if we, as individuals, as members of our communities, and as citizens of our state and nation are to remain great and free.

The basic source of the strength and vitality of American civilization is not to be found in the natural resources of our country, the wealth of our people, or the power of our government, but in our fundamental faith in man as an end in himself. We believe in man. We believe in men not merely as production units, but as the children of God.

And the most important possession of any man is character. Now character is an individual matter. You cannot have another's character. You may try to imitate the character of some great man; but to the man himself, who is his own master, his character standeth or falleth. Character is that something within you which receives and impresses on your mind, and writes in indelible letters on your heart your thoughts, your words, your deeds. Character is that something that points you onward and upward in life. Someone has well-said: "Character is not something that is added to your life, but it is life itself."

Character-building is not the work of a moment or a day. You cannot jump into character as you would a suit of clothes, unless it is an assumed character. And the man with an assumed character is a hypocrite, an impostor, whom we all despise. Character must be worked at continually, and we are building even when we are not conscious of it. We are adding to it each day by little things—little deeds of kindness.

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