

Announce Awards At Commencement Thursday Evening

Presentation of Cups Im- pressive Part Of Finals Program Here

The announcement of special awards and the presentation of cups formed an impressive part of the final events in the Williamston High School commencement program in the high school auditorium last Thursday evening.

Except in one or two cases, the winners of the coveted awards were not generally known, not even to the recipients until the chosen were asked to step forward and claim the cups.

Making an average of 96.21 during her four years in high school, Sarah Elizabeth Roberson received the valedictorian's cup. Established about twenty years ago by the late W. C. Manning, the cup was presented by J. C. Manning, superintendent of county schools.

The home economics cup, created in memory of Sarah Manning, was presented to Jean Ward Mobley for her leadership in that subject. The presentation was made by Mrs. W. H. Abernathy, teacher, who pointed out that more than half of her class of 99 pupils did outstanding work during the term just ended.

On behalf of the high school athletic association, Coach Carroll Blackberry received the Woman's Club civic award. Mrs. Ernest L. Carraway, president of the club, made the presentation.

W. Harrell Everett, Jr., was awarded the Goodman athletic cup, Mr. Goodman making the presentation.

Holding top scholastic rating in the eighth grade, Frankie Edwards received the eighth grade civic cup, Mrs. Ann Carson Car-gile making the presentation.

Myrtle Ann Nicholson, maintaining an enviable record in the department, was presented the commercial club cup by Mrs. R. C. Whitaker, teacher.

Offered by the Kiwanis Club, the forensic cup was presented to Russell Robertson by Vernon Bunting, president of the club. The young man made a splendid record in public debating during the past two years, it was explained.

Jean Ward Mobley was singled out for more honors when Clarence Griffin, representing the Lions Club, awarded her the club cup for being the outstanding member of both the band and the glee club.

For the second consecutive year, Wilbur Edwards was awarded the Rotary Club citizenship cup. The presentation was made by club Member R. H. Cowen. Rated the best all-round senior, the young man was also awarded a \$25 defense bond by Exum L. Ward, president of the Williamston Jaycees, who established the award.

Serving the commencement series as marshals were, Betty Sue Clark, chief; Wilbur Stewart, Dallas Coltrain, William Roberson, Nancy Gurkin, Lee Handy and Janet Ross. Little Miss Kathy Whitaker and Master Keith Whitaker were marshals.

Graduated From Meredith College Monday Morning

Venetia Stallings, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Stallings of Jamesville, received her B. A. degree in Education from Meredith College, Monday, in the regular June commencement exercises.

While at Meredith, Venetia was a member of the Astrotekton Society, the Education Club, and business manager of the Twig, the college newspaper.

She is planning to teach.

OLD BRIDGE

Dismantled after 'toting' traffic across the Roanoke at this point for more than a quarter century, the old river bridge is being put back into use. Making way for a wider and more modern span, the bridge was moved from her to Whiteville where it was recently erected and checked for missing parts. Soon it will span the inland waterway at Holden's Beach.

Building Construction At High Peak Here Last Month

Building construction here in May reached what is believed to be one of its highest points in any month in recent years, according to a report released yesterday by Building Inspector G. P. Hall. Permits were issued during the month for construction estimated to cost more than a quarter million dollars, Mr. Hall said.

Included in the list of construction projects were ten new homes, estimated to cost \$67,900, the list including a rectory for the Episcopalians estimated to cost \$19,500.

There were six permits issued for the construction of commercial buildings, including a huge storage warehouse, the cost of which will possibly exceed \$100,000. Other projects include two store

buildings costing a combined total of approximately \$25,000, and a \$20,000 filling station. W. S. Faulk is building a \$1,500 business structure near his home on Washington Street, and the property owner is constructing a combination cafe and dance hall on Washington Street that will cost right at \$4,500. The building is replacing old Duk Inn which was destroyed some months ago by fire.

While the May permits for new construction approximated \$230,000, work on old construction projects is progressing fairly rapidly on a goodly number of projects, including the Christian church, a modern office building, homes and a few other projects of various types.

GIFT TO COLLEGE

A gift of \$100,000 to Wake Forest College from Charles H. Jenkins of Aulander, owner of the Charles H. Jenkins Automobile and Farm Equipment agencies in Williamston and several other Eastern Carolina towns, has been announced by President Harold W. Tribble of the college. The gift was made in the form of a pledge and Mr. Jenkins' gift along with that of the Bridger family of Bladenboro was the third of four gifts of \$100,000 to the college since October of last year.

Announce Change In Local Faculty

Several additional changes have taken place in the local school faculty recently, Principal B. G. Stewart announced this week.

Miss Jean DeWitt, teacher in the science department for the past two years, tendered her resignation last week-end, reportedly to enter the matrimonial field.

Before reporting for work and after signing a contract some weeks ago, Joe Lassiter, employed for work in the science department and as assistant coach, has tendered his resignation. No action on the resignation has been taken by the local committee, it was learned.

Mrs. Fred Sherman of Williamston has been employed for one of the fourth grade positions made vacant by resignation. Mrs. Sherman, a 1952 graduate from the University of North Carolina, taught in the Hamilton school last term.

Mrs. Daniel Manning has been employed for a fifth grade position. Leaving the profession a few years ago after having taught at Hamilton five and Farm Life three years, Mrs. Manning plans to attend summer school before entering upon her new duties in the fall.

Sells Interest In Local Business

Mr. Joe David Throver last Saturday sold his interest in the Throver Hardware and Appliance Company here on Washington Street to A. J. Manning and E. S. Peel. Mr. Throver has managed the business since it was opened about ten years ago. He has announced no definite plans, but one report said he was considering going into business for himself just as soon as he could find a location.

More County People Visiting Cancer Clinic

More and more Martin County people are visiting the cancer detection clinic held each Wednesday in the municipal building at Rocky Mount.

Among the thirty-five persons examined at the last clinic were several from Williamston and Everetts, it was announced.

The clinics are held free for persons over 40 years of age, and the people from this county are invited to attend. The clinics are maintained by local cancer societies in cooperation with the American Cancer Society.

County Board In Regular Meeting Monday Morning

Preliminary Budget Figures Are Submitted By Two Departments

Limiting their attention mainly to the handling of routine duties, the Martin County commissioners in a comparatively short session Monday morning agreed to meet in special session on June 16 for a tussle with the 1953-54 budget. Two agencies, the library commission and the forestry service, presented their budget estimates, but they will be studied on budget day week after next. The commissioners are also expected to purge the jury list in their special meeting.

The board recommended that the 1.6 miles of road in Griffins Township, running from Mrs. Hardy Hardison's to 171 near Mack Robertson's be widened. The road, accommodating four families and right much traffic, is too narrow for the operation of a school bus, the petition explained.

No objection was noted when the State Highway and Public Works Commission asked permission to abandon one-tenth of a mile of road in Cross Roads Township leading from Everetts to Gold Point about two and one-half miles from Everetts. It was explained that the road had been relocated.

A contract was entered into with Frank Butler of Rocky Mount for \$650 to make the general county audit for the fiscal year now drawing to a close.

Appearing before the meeting, the Rev. John L. Goff, chairman, and Miss Elizabeth Copeland, librarian, representing the Beaufort-Hyde-Martin Bookmobile Library Service, asked for an appropriation of \$3,025 to operate the project during the next fiscal year.

Forest Warden Marvin Leggett presented a budget request for \$3,570 to maintain the forestry service during the coming fiscal year. It was pointed out that the State would contribute \$6,680 to the service during the same period.

In connection with the budget request, Warden Leggett submitted the following report:

"During the current fiscal year a total of 25 fires burned 1,221 acres and caused a damage of approximately \$4,512. This record represents a considerable reduction in acreage burned as compared to last year when approximately 21,000 acres were burned.

In carrying out the work in the county there was a total of 5,154 hours worked and 13,268 miles traveled by Forest Service personnel. In connection with fire prevention work, 26 visits were made to schools, 6 saw mills were visited and two talks made. Posters and literature were distributed during these visits and 640 personal contacts were made concerning fire prevention work.

A Panama pump has recently been installed in the Hassell warden's truck and a portable radio has been purchased for use in the county. The necessary maintenance work has been done to keep the buildings and equipment in good condition.

The cooperation of other public and private agencies in the county has made the success of this program possible, and we wish to express our appreciation to everyone.

GOOD IMPRESSION

Williamston's Green Wave High School Band made a splendid impression when it participated in the Elizabeth City potato festival last Saturday.

The young musicians, several of them making their last appearances as members of the band, "did all right, and gave a great account of themselves," observers voluntarily declared.

And the youngsters seemed to enjoy the trip, especially the appetizing dinner at the Air Station.

About twenty bands participated in the event which attracted an estimated 50,000 people, and Professor Jack Butler's band compared right along with the best of them, it was declared.

Removes Cataract From 97-Year-Old Patient's Eye

Mr. R. S. Critcher, 97 years old, had a cataract removed from his left eye in the home of his son, Mr. B. A. Critcher and Mrs. Critcher, last Thursday morning.

The operation was performed by Dr. Hawes of Washington. His condition is said to be very satisfactory although he will be confined in bed for several days if not weeks.

Mrs. Long Graduated From Duke University

Mrs. Sallie Hardison Long, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Hardison of near Williamston, was awarded the degree of bachelor of science in medical technology at Duke University's 101st commencement exercises in Durham yesterday.

Earnhardt Speaks To Graduates Here Thursday Evening

Large Crowd Sees The Fifty Seniors Get Their Diplomas

Fifty young men and young women were graduated by the Williamston High School in appropriate exercises before more than seven hundred people in the high school auditorium here last Thursday evening. With the high school here and the one at Farm Life combined to form a perfect single unit, the event climaxed all those held before and attracted more patrons and friends from a larger territory than any other commencement.

Following the preliminaries, the Rev. D. E. Earnhardt, pastor of the Methodist Church, Washington, N. C., made the main address. Although coated in pleasantly keen humor, the speaker's remarks carried timely and serious advice, not only for the young graduates but also for all others.

In his humorous way, Mr. Earnhardt went about explaining how the individual may help himself.

About one's enemies, he declared the best way to whip them is to outlive them, or just leave them alone. The speaker dwelt more on friendship. "Cultivate the friendship of all, but the right number of bosom friends is three," he declared, explaining that two are too few and four are too many. "You can't share joys or sorrows with too many friends," Mr. Earnhardt said, warning that friends are not measured by what they do but by what they are. He declared it is a bad thing to walk alone all through life. Each suggestion was fitted perfectly into a meaningful pattern, supported by a pun or an experience drawn from a colorful life.

"You can also help yourself by being resourceful," Mr. Earnhardt said, pointing out that the young people that if one thing won't work one way, try it another—and use what you have.

"Take what's available and make the best of it," he pleaded, explaining the feat accomplished by Samson with an ordinary jawbone.

To help one's self, one must have initiative, he said, warning the graduates not to stand in the rain at a locked door, but get busy and find an open door, he suggested. "The world has not shut you out; just get busy and tell them to move over," he said.

If one is to help himself he must have personality, it was forcefully pointed out, the speaker going into detail in explaining how to develop personality. "Cynicism will block personality. Pre-judging will destroy it. If you do it like a person that person will not like you," the minister said, declaring that the "bird who sees everything wrong in others, is the one who is wrong." "You must look at and not for what you want to see in another," he said.

Warning against a cringing attitude, Mr. Earnhardt declared it is no sense in having such an attitude. "Your thinking is just as important as the thinking of President Eisenhower," he maintained, urging the seniors not to go through life apologizing. "Don't be ashamed of yourself, for, if you do, you'll hurt your personality." The speaker warned against selfishness, pointing out that there is no need to claim credit for anything accomplished, for it matters little who does a thing. He added that the selfish person has greedy eyes, and greedy eyes will appear as dollar marks.

Allies are needed in this world, Mr. Earnhardt declared, referring to the school teacher and others who have and can say an encouraging word and lend a helping hand.

Loyalty is necessary if one is going to help himself, the speaker said, urging the young people to give their loyalty to the church, for it has something to live for and something to die for.

In conclusion, the humorist stressed control and the power to boss oneself. "If you can boss yourself you can boss your teacher. You must boss your powers and they'll develop you. You ought to have temper, but what are you going to do with it? I'll burn you down if you don't control it," he warned. He also warned that it is necessary to boss your soul and your affections, for, if intelligence does not boss your af-

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Wreck Large Distillery In Griffins District Monday

A large illicit liquor distillery was wrecked in this county Monday afternoon when ABC officers, headed by Chief Cecil Bullock invaded Griffins Township along the Beaufort County boundary. It was the fifth plant of its size wrecked in the county during the past twelve months.

Easily accessible and planned for big-scale operation, the plant was newly equipped and had been in use only a short time. Boiling hot, the plant was running full blast when the raiders moved in, but the operators received a warning in time to make a get away and drive a truck from the sit, Officer Bullock said.

The plant was equipped with a new upright boiler, thirty 200-

gallon capacity pickle hogsheads, thirty-eight barrels of 50-gallon capacity, two 200-gallon wooden stills and two 200-gallon super heaters. The small barrels had never been used at the plant. Gas and pitcher pumps were used to get a supply of water.

Materials on hand beside thirty-five gallons of raw liquor were thirty-five bag of coke, ten bag of rye meal, eighteen 100-pound bag of granulated sugar and various others items.

The plant site was not very far from the one where a similar plant was destroyed several weeks ago.

Making the raid with Officer Bullock were Deputies Wiley Craft, Roy Peel and Joe Smith.

Mrs. A. W. Bailey Died Thursday at Bear Grass Home

Funeral Conducted There At 4:00 O'Clock Last Saturday

Mrs. Lyndia Mizelle Bailey, well-known resident of Bear Grass Township, died at her home there at 8:00 o'clock last Thursday evening. After enjoying unusually good health just about all her life, despite her advanced years, she was taken ill about a month ago and was critically sick during much of that time.

The daughter of the late Seth and Penny Rogers Mizelle, she was born in Bear Grass Township 83 years ago, and spent all her life there. In 1930 she was married to A. W. (Buck) Bailey who died in 1935.

A devoted wife and mother, she was a good neighbor and a thoughtful friend, contributing her part to the welfare of others.

Surviving are five sons, Dennis of Greenville and Seth, Ophus, Lester and Warner Bailey, all of the home community; three daughters, Mrs. A. G. Warren of Greenville, Mrs. W. G. Cratt of Bear Grass and Mrs. N. T. Tice of Griffins Township; one sister, Mrs. W. A. Gurganus of Bear Grass.

Thirty-one grandchildren and 48 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were held from the home Saturday at 4 P. M., with Elder A. B. Ayers officiating, assisted by the Rev. Charlie Hamilton, Freewill Baptist minister. Burial was in the Bailey family cemetery near the home.

Jamesville School Gets New Flagpole

The Jamesville Senior Class presented a flag pole to the school in an impressive flag-raising ceremony Friday morning, May 22, at 8:30 o'clock. The program was held on the front grounds around the flag pole which had been installed directly in front of the building in the middle of the walk.

The program included, devotion by Bobby Rogers and talks about the flag by Peggy Gardner, Erlene Perry, Janice Coltrain, Elmer Ray Beecham and N. B. Lilley, all of whom are members of the senior class.

Thelma Gurganus led the singing of the Star Spangled Banner and America, after which the flag was raised and the pledge of allegiance was given.

The flag was presented by Peggy Mizelle to Principal Baker who accepted it on behalf of the school. Then Old Glory proudly waved in front of the Jamesville School to remind passers-by of the Class of '53.—Reported.

ROUND-UP

Seven persons were rounded up and temporarily detained in the county jail last week-end. Two were booked for public drunkenness, two for drunken driving and two for assaults with deadly weapons, and one for issuing a worthless check.

Six of the seven were colored and the ages of the group ranged from 25 to 48 years.

Members Of Town Board Start New Term Last Night

Abandon Plans To Widen Street; Create Bird Sanctuary

Entering upon a new two-year term last night, Williamston's Town Board of Commissioners remained in session until 11:00 o'clock, the members literally pulling their hair when they tackled the budget in an effort to find money to finance even a small part of the tasks the public would have done.

Administering the oath of office, Justice John L. Hassell congratulated the group and wished each of them a successful administration.

Speaking for a ten-man delegation, Attorney Wheeler Martin pleaded with the officials to spare the trees and not widen North Smithwick Street from Main to Church. To save the trees, members of the delegation discussed the feasibility of making the street a one-way route or eliminating parking on both sides of the narrow and heavily-travelled street. After discussing the plan and agreeing that little could be done to solve the problem, the board abandoned the proposed project in its entirety, for the time being at least.

Property owners asked that Harrison Street, running between the dime store and Darden's Department Store be accepted by the town. It was explained that the owners of the property had dedicated a 30-foot street and a map was now on record. Investigating the plan, the commissioners expressed the belief that some provision should be made for sidewalks, and the petitioners agreed to discuss the plan further.

The trash paper problem is being aggravated day by day, it was pointed out, and action by the police and fire departments is expected shortly.

Representing the Woman's Club, Mrs. Ernest Carraway and Mrs. Meyer M. Levin asked the town to create a bird sanctuary, and pleaded in an effort to have unsightly junk yards cleaned up. The bird sanctuary was established by ordinance, meaning that it will be unlawful to shoot birds inside the town limits with arms of any kind, little can be done to relieve the junk pile eyesores, the club representatives were advised.

Going before the meeting, Ben Hopkins and Bill Arnold, representing property owners in the first block on North Biggs Street, pleaded for paving. They pointed out that a petition had been prepared and presented to the board years ago. Mayor R. H. Cowen explained that no street paving had been undertaken since the petition was presented, that prospects for street construction are not very bright just now. Considerable money is being spent for curb and gutter, and the State had agreed to connect Highways 17 and 64 by paving Sycamore Street. It will be possible that a few streets will be surfaced during the next fiscal year. Just how it will be accomplished, no one is certain. However, a bond issue has been mentioned.

Treasurer C. M. Cobb reported \$30,763.01 in cash on hand, including \$15,613.10 in street funds. It was pointed out that the street fund is being rapidly depleted by a drainage and curb and gutter project in that territory between and including Elm and Sycamore Streets.

Parking meter revenue added up to \$927 last month and sewer rentals amounted to \$909.95, the treasurer reported, adding that approximately \$4,719.42 of the \$99,000 tax levy for 1952 remained uncollected.

Picnic Enjoyed At Bear Grass

The old-timey picnic, greatly enjoyed down through the years until it was abandoned about ten years ago, was revived at Bear Grass last Thursday to mark the closing of the 1952-53 term there.

T. O. Hickman, a former principal of the school, returned to address the large crowd that gathered there for the enjoyable event. A large crowd participated, and the supply of choice foods, prepared to suit a queen's taste, was in ample supply.

Local Theaters Booking Special Safety Picture

A special and interesting safety picture has been booked by local theaters for showing this week and next.

Produced by Better Chevrolet, Corey Plumbing Co., Dixie Motor Co., Chas. H. Jenkins and Co., Standard Fertilizer and Williams-ton Motor Co., and sponsored by the highway patrol, sheriff's office and police department, the picture will be shown at the Vicar the last three days of this week and the Drive-In theater on Highway 64 the last three days of next week.

A non-profit venture, the picture shows many local scenes and county people.

PROLIFIC

Young Robert Haislip, Oak City farmer, has a prolific herd of Hereford cattle on his farm. Three cows added five calves to the herd in two days last week. Sets of twins were born to two cows in one day. Disturbed over the beef cattle price situation which his herd apparently is aggravating, the young farmer sighed and said he only wished he had hogs for sale.