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List Candidates For Graduation In White Schools

Senior Class Largest In The History Of The County School System

The five Martin County white schools combined are graduating their largest number of young men and women in the history of the school system in this county. There are 185 candidates for graduation, including 97 girls and 88 boys. Last year there were 144 graduates, including 67 girls and 77 boys. The largest previous class was in 1951 when 179 young men and women were graduated in the five white schools.

A brief review of the commencement programs and a list of the candidates for graduation in four of the schools follows.

Jamesville

Following the annual sermon Sunday by the Rev. Paul Nickens of Plymouth, the Jamesville High School will present its next event in the finals program Wednesday evening at 8:00 o'clock when the seniors hold their class night exercises. The theme will be, "The Isle of Our Dreams", the seniors taking an imaginary trip to Ireland.

Dr. White of Atlantic Christian College will deliver the commencement address Thursday evening at 8:00 o'clock. Principal William C. Gay will make the special awards.

The seniors include seventeen girls and eleven boys: Shirley Barber, valedictorian; Gaynell Gardner, salutatorian; James L. Knowles, Jr., testator; Joyce Mizelle, historian; Rose Napier, prophet; Jean Jennings, poet; and Peggy Mobley and Anne Stynes, giffarians; and Anne Price, Shirley Price, Colan Albert Martin, John Lilley, William Earl Lilley, Jarvis R. Modlin, Dorothy Perry, Jean Beacham, William H. Harrison, Betty Jones, Joan Hardison, Lynette Carter, Ronnie Modlin, Betty Lou Griffin, Shirley Lilley, Margaret Daniels, Jas. Elwood Holliday, Ken Modlin, Clayton Overton and James Jennings.

Bear Grass

Dr. Leo Jenkins will address the seniors and patrons in the Bear Grass High School Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock. Thursday awards will be presented at 10:00 o'clock a. m., followed by a speaking and picnic dinner. The school is graduating sixteen young men and women, ten girls and six boys, as follows:

Shirley Aushon, Shirley Bailey, Willette Brown, Janie Cherry, Evelyn Cowan, Jearl Lee, Dot Mendenhall, Marylen Peele, Penny Rogerson and Janice Wynne, and Milton Bowen, W. B. Bullock, Russell Cowan, Comer Griffin and Dillon Rogers.

Robersonville

Robersonville is graduating forty-five, including twenty-two young women and twenty-three young men, as follows:

Shelby Jean Ayers, Paul Williamson, Bailey, Russell Ward Beach, Hilton Ray Biggs, Phyllis Ann Carson, Daniel Eason Clark, A. P. Curtis, Betty Jean Davenport, Janie Blanche Edmondson, Jo Ann Edwards, Lila Jeanette Edwards, James Lowell Everett, Maurice Everette, Mary Carolyn Harris, Shirley Faye Hines, William Mayo Howell, Darel Cooper Hurley, George Robert James, Henry Davis Jenkins, Charles Elliot Johnson, Jeffrey Lee Lane, Peggy O'Neil Long, Gene Harold Martin, Jane Ayers Martin, Dallas Ward Matthews, Mildred Matthews, Lydia Lorraine Mobley, Mary Glyn Norman, Peggy Jean Peaks, Charles Taylor Peel, Nancy Carol Rawls, William Joseph Roberson, William Thomas Roberson.

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Returning Home From Korean War

Pusan, Korea—Pvt. Nathaniel Davis, 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Davis, Rte. 3, Williamston, N. C., is returning to the U. S. after serving with the 44th Engineer Construction Group in Pusan, Korea.

He was a rock crusher operator in Company C of the 434th Engineer Battalion. In the Army since July 1952, he arrived overseas during January 1953. His decorations include the Korean Service Ribbon with two campaign stars and UN Service Ribbon.

Candidates For Representative



The race for Martin County Representative in the North Carolina General Assembly is gaining momentum rapidly as the primary date nears, and is moving to a ranking position in field of contests. The candidates are A. Corey (left) Jamesville man, and R. Frank Everett of Hamilton.

DEMONSTRATION

Postponed week before last on account of rain, the demonstration in the application of anhydrous ammonia to corn is scheduled for Wednesday afternoon of this week on the Sherrod farm near Hamilton. The demonstration will get under way at 2:00 o'clock, and farmers and other interested parties are invited. The use of anhydrous ammonia has great possibilities and the demonstrations can prove of value.

A similar demonstration is scheduled for early next week on the O. P. Wolfe farm about two miles from Jamesville on Highway 64.

Sisters Make School Record

A unique record, started in 1942, is reaching its climax in the Bear Grass High School this week when a fourth sister serves as class salutatorian.

Mrs. Naomi Brown Edwards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brown of Bear Grass, was salutatorian in the class of 1942. She was followed in the same position by her sisters, Miss Mattie Faye and Mavis Lee Brown, and now Miss Willette Brown is handling the honor assignment.

Mrs. Edwards and Miss Mattie Faye, after attending College at Franklin Springs, Georgia, got their degrees at East Carolina College. Miss Brown is a member of the Emmanuel College faculty, and Mrs. Edwards is teaching English in the Bear Grass school. Miss Mavis Lee Brown, also a graduate of East Carolina, is a member of the Winterville High School faculty.

The younger sister, receiving her diploma Thursday, enters East Carolina College on June 7.

Politicians In Big Final Push

Candidates for various offices are making a big final push, striving for an advantage when they go into the primary on Saturday of this week. Appeals are being directed to the voters from every direction—by personal contact, newspaper, leaflets, cards, posters, radio and television.

Receives Special Award In Business Education

Mrs. Dorothy Smith Whitehead of Oak City was honored during commencement exercises at East Carolina College, Greenville, Monday morning when she was presented the Thomas Clay Williams Memorial Award. Presented by the college chapter of Pi Omega Pi, national honorary business education fraternity, the award goes annually to the graduate with the highest scholastic record for four years of work in the department of business education.

Local Firm Plans Big 'Open House'

The Corey Plumbing Company in Williamston, popular as the "store with the orange front", will hold open house Friday and Saturday, May 28 and 29, continuing late each night. The event will include the presentation of over \$1,000 in valuable prizes, with each person attending receiving a door prize and other surprises and refreshments. A number of representatives from various agencies will be there to make the open house one of the biggest ever to be held in this territory. It will be broadcast and people interviewed over WIAM.

Among the many gifts to be given away Saturday night to lucky registrants, there will be a Carrier room air conditioner, Bendix Automatic Washer, Youngstown kitchen sink and wall cabinets, D. W. Whitehead Water heater, National Lavelette and a Plastic pantry base. The Florida Citrus Growers, became interested in the "big orange" event and are providing "big Florida oranges" to be given away, while the Suncrest Bottling Company are carrying on with the "big orange" theme by serving "big orange" soft drinks to all the visitors. There are other surprises that will be announced at this time, but Mr. Corey assures everyone that it will be well worth their time to stop by during this event. Demonstrations will be held and any questions answered by the representatives attending.

Among the representatives to arrive Thursday night are Mr. Beverley Johnson of Raleigh of the Stahl-Rider Corporation, Mr. Lewis E. H. Brandon from the color engineering department of the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., Mr. Joe Gully of Norfolk and Mr. Bob Alexander, of Richmond, both with the famous Youngstown Kitchens, Miss Margaret Tyler, Bendix Home Economist, Mr. Carl Davis with Minneapolis-Honeywell Corporation, Messrs. Bill Sammons and Ray Roberts with Carrier Corporation in Charlotte, Mr. Bob Cattrell of Elwood City Pennsylvania with National Plumbing Fixtures Corporation, Mr. George Boettner of High Point and National Plumbing Fixtures.

Few Respond To Inspection Call

The call for voluntary motor vehicle inspections is receiving only a voluntary response in this immediate territory, according to reports released by local motor companies this week.

During the first few weeks of the voluntary inspection service, 308 vehicles have been inspected by local garages, it was learned. The inspection service is free and is made without obligation. Quite a few hidden defects have been uncovered by the inspections so far, meaning that possibly accidents and the consequences have been avoided.

Injured In Accident At High School Saturday

Billy Dudley, 16, was painfully but believed not seriously injured when a temporary coal chute toppled over and pinned him against the building at the high school here last Saturday evening.

Local Girl Honored At Greenville College

Miss Harriet Ward, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Herbert Ward of Williamston received a high honor at East Carolina College, Greenville, a short time ago when she was chosen for membership in Kappa Delta Pi, a national honorary society in education. Only eight were chosen for the honor.

More Car Wrecks Reported On The County Highways

One Victim Painfully Hurt; Three Others Uninjured In Another Accident

Two persons were injured, one of them painfully, in two car accidents on the highways in this county during the past few days, according to reports coming from the Highway Patrol office in the county this week.

Driving toward Hamilton on Highway 125 about 10:00 o'clock last Wednesday night after attending a commencement rehearsal in Oak City, Joe Haislip, Jr., of Hassell, lost control of the 1953 Buick belonging to Staton Leggett, also of Hassell. The machine went through a fence about one-half mile out of Hamilton, struck a cypress stump and turned over two and one-half times before coming to a stop with the top against a tree. Receiving a bruised leg, Roy Thomas was given hospital treatment and discharged. Haislip and another passenger were not injured, the investigating officer said. Damage to the machine was estimated at \$800. It was reported that Haislip passed another car and lost control when he turned back to his side of the road to miss an approaching automobile.

When his brakes failed, Eugene Rawls overran his lane at the intersection on the Bear Grass-Corey's Cross Roads road at 7:00 o'clock last Thursday evening, and cut all kinds of capers. The machine, a 1952 Pontiac, jumped a small canal, plowed up dirt and roots to a depth of about eighteen inches and struck a pine tree, a glancing blow. The car flew seven feet into the air and struck another pine tree, and bounced back into still another tree. Rawls lost seven teeth and suffered a number of broken ribs and painful bruises about the body. He was removed to a Williamston hospital, and transfers to Veterans Hospital, Fayetteville, for further repairs. Damage to the car was estimated at \$1,000.

Ellis Keel, Williamston man, lost control of his 1953 Plymouth on Highway 64, about one mile east of Bethel in Pitt County Sunday morning about 3:00 o'clock, and clipped an electric pole in two. The machine stopped in the woods. He was said not to have been hurt. Damage to the car was estimated at \$300.

Crop Damaged By Hail In County

Hail, falling last Thursday, damaged crops in various parts of this State and South Carolina. Beaufort County reported considerable losses in the Chocowinity area, but the main damage was centered in the Fayetteville and Franklin County sections.

A heavy fall was reported in the Poplar Point area of this county about 4:30 o'clock that afternoon, making replanting necessary on a large scale. Damage was reported on the farms of Z. H. Beddard, T. B. Slade, Ivey L. Murphy, Willis Williams and Don Johnson. No figures were released, one report explaining that the loss would have been total had the crops been a bit larger.

It was the first hail to fall in the county this year and was limited to a small area.

Engineers Will Meet Tomorrow

The East Carolina Engineers Club, composed of engineers from cities and towns in Eastern North Carolina, will meet on Wednesday, May 26, at Williamston, for their regular monthly meeting.

The club will be addressed by Mr. Stancil Dilda of the Matheson Chemical Company. Mr. Dilda is Irrigation Manager. Since this is the last meeting before the summer vacation, all members are urged to attend. The meeting will take place at the Switch and is scheduled to start at 6:00 p. m.

Negro Loses His Arm When Hit By Train Saturday

Russell Sherrod "Passed Out" On Railroad Near Town Of Oak City

A drunken nap cost Russell Sherrod, 27-year-old Negro, his right arm and nearly resulted in his death on the railroad just outside of Oak City last Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock. His arm cut off right at the shoulder, Sherrod was removed to a Tarboro hospital where he is expected to recover if no complications develop.

Sherrod, a lumber mill worker who imbibed freely of the spirits just about every week-end, was seen about 8:30 o'clock that morning staggering down the railroad. He apparently fell and went to sleep between the rails, his head in the direction of Oak City and his right arm resting on the iron rail.

The freight train of about 18 cars was running from Weldon to Kinston, and just as it rounded a curve the engineer saw the man but could not stop until after the diesel and ten cars had passed over the man. It was first thought Sherrod had been killed, and a trainman ran about 600 yards back up the track and summoned officers, Coroner W. W. Biggs and an undertaker. Found alive but unconscious, Sherrod was pulled from under the train and quick first aid rendered by Fireman H. G. Corey of Portsmouth and Willie Bryant, brakeman of Hobgood, kept the man from bleeding to death. Corey found the leaking artery and tied it, according to reports reaching here.

Although married and the father of several children, Sherrod had separated from his wife and was living with his sister a short distance from Oak City. He was on his way home, following a short route when he fell.

No detailed report on the victim's injuries could be had immediately, but, in addition to losing his arm, he suffered minor head cuts and possibly an injury to his back.

When the ambulance arrived there from Hobgood about an hour after Sherrod was run over, an attendant picked up the arm and the victim, rallying a bit, advised him to handle the severed limb carefully and not to hurt it. "You won't feel it," the attendant was quoted as saying.

While the report appears to be fantastic, officers are investigating the charge that Sherrod was attacked and placed on the track by his assailant. The victim has not recovered sufficiently to stand up under questioning at this time, it was explained.

Eight Graduated From EC College

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Those from this county who received the B. S. degree were, Miss Edna Faye Jones, Mrs. Rose Hardison Ennett and Mrs. Betty Heath Woodard of Williamston, Misses Barbara A. Grimes, Delphia T. Rawls, Betty Jean Warren and Margaret Ross Roberson of Robersonville, and Miss Dorothy S. Whitehead of Oak City.

Awarded Scholarship At Woman's College

Greensboro—Jane Gould Whitaker of Williamston, has been awarded a Roxie Armfield King Scholarship to the Woman's College of U. N. C. Miss Whitaker, daughter of Mrs. R. C. Whitaker, 305 Ray Street, plans to enter W. C. as a freshman this fall.

During her four years in high school she has been a member of the Future Homemakers of America, Glee Club, Latin Club, Science Club, Journalism Club, cheerleader, member of the high school band, and was president of her freshman and sophomore class.

He has been a member of the Navy for two years and 11 months. Mims has seen Korean Service and Guam, M. I. duty.

Hamilton Man Establishes Awards In County Schools



DON G. MATTHEWS, SR.

Interested in promoting the finer things in life, Mr. Don G. Matthews, Sr., of Hamilton, this week established the Matthews Awards which are to go to the best and second best pupils in each of the five Martin County high schools, it was announced today by the office of county superintendent of schools, Mr. Matthews is offering \$50 bonds to the best and \$25

to the second best pupils in each of the five schools. Recognized as the most valuable ever offered in the high schools of this county, the awards are being made available for this and next year with the possibility that they will be made permanent, according to information released. "If it develops that enough interest has been manifested for the amount involved, I might consider putting the awards on a permanent basis," Mr. Matthews was quoted as saying.

To Handle Poppy Sales Saturday

The following persons will handle the Poppy sales in this county on Saturday, May 29, it was announced by the sales chairman today:

In Williamston, Mesdames Mary B. Gurganus, John A. Harrison, Joseph D. Jones, Edmond D. Harris, Julius Gurganus, John A. Ward, Authur White, W. B. Gaylord, Rush Bondurant, James E. Bullock, W. E. Dunn, J. Sam Getsinger, W. W. Gurganus, Clyde M. Ward, James M. Ward, Roy L. Ward, Julian Jackson, Mack Hill, Joe Johnson, R. T. Taylor, Ange, W. W. Beard, T. B. Barrislow, Joe Johnson, R. T. Taylor, W. O. Griffin and Walter Gardner.

Jimmie Bullock, Judy Bullock, Jean Coltrane, Carolyn Coltrane, Frankie Everett, Bettie F. Griffin, Lynda Hanell, Betty Sue Clark, Sandra Gardner, Gary Gardner, Jeanie Glover, Betsy Davis, Guy Thomas, Jr.,

Girl Scouts, Polly Bunting, Jeannie VanNortwick, Hannah Goodard, Lou Godwin, Monty Godwin, Lela Francis Hanell, Martha Rawls, Winfred Taylor, Sharon Harrison, Mary Eva Peel, William Odum, Carla Reese; Farm Life, Mrs. A. C. Roberson, Asa J. Harrison, At Perry's Store, Mrs. Bruce L. Peele and Hugh B. Griffin. In Jamesville, Mrs. J. A. Ellis and P. M. Holliday. In Robersonville, Mrs. Mack Winn and Robersonville American Legion Post 361.

Local Boy Gets Special Honor

HM 3 Elmo Mims, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Mims of Williamston, is making a splendid record for himself out at Camp Pendleton, California.

The following story recently appeared in the Camp Pendleton Hospital paper:

Camp Pendleton Hospital authorities announced that the "Corpsman of the Month" award goes to Hospitalman Elmo D. Mims, whose outstanding ability as a corpsman has won for him many friends among the patients and staff personnel.

His devotion to duty is in keeping with the best traditions of the Hospital Corps.

Prior to entering the service, he graduated from Williamston High School, Williamston, N. C. HM 3 Mims has been working in the Central Supply Room, U. S. Naval Hospital, for the past four months.

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Sixty-Six In Line For Graduation In High School Here

Former Local Minister To Deliver Commencement Address Thursday

Closing the current term Thursday evening of this week, the Williamston High School is all set to graduate its largest class, exceeding the previous high record by fifteen or sixteen students. A year ago the school graduated fifty—twenty-six young men and twenty-four young women. This year the number stands at sixty-six—thirty-four girls and thirty-two boys.

The class, in addition to being the largest ever to go out from the school here, is rated one of the best.

The first in the commencement programs was held Sunday evening when the Rev. R. E. Walston, pastor of the First Methodist Church here, delivered the sermon to the seniors and a large number of patrons and friends in the high school auditorium. Music was furnished by the Glee Club under the direction of Miss Mary Wallace Foy.

Thursday morning at 9:30 o'clock, awards are to be announced, and that evening at 8:00 o'clock the Rev. James I. Lowry, a former pastor of the Williams Presbyterian Church, will deliver the commencement address.

The speaker comes here from South Norfolk where he now holds a pastorate. Professor Jack Butler and his band will be on the Thursday night program.

The last of the examinations are being held today.

Candidates for graduation include the following:

Patty J. Alphin, William C. Bailey, Lois R. Beach, Betty L. Bennett, Shirley F. Bonds, Joyce F. Bowen, Jean Bryant, Jimmy Bullock, James H. Carraway, Mabel L. Casper, Calvin Chesson, Betty Sue Clark, Robert L. Coburn, Jr., Dallas F. Coltrane, Joan Carol Coltrane, Geoffrey H. Corey, June M. Corey.

William E. Cullipher, David R. Davis, Barbara Edwards, Sarah D. Everett, Betty L. Gardner, William R. Glover, N. D. Griffin, Harold D. Gurganus, Nancy G. Griffin, Olivia Leathers, Alvin M. Hardison, George Harris, Bennie S. Harrison, Gene C. Johnson, Gerel Lamm, Bill Lassiter, Betty I. Manning, Janice A. Manning, Richard S. Manning, Reginald Turner Manning, Melvin L. McKeel, Betty H. Mobley, Bobby R. Mobley, Dorothy A. Mobley, Elver Modlin, Annie Theresa Modlin, Ralph J. Parker, Ann D. Peele, J. Ward Perry, Virginia Price, Bobby Gene Roberson, William C. Roberson, G. Evelyn Roebuck, Su Jo Rogers, Dorothy M. Rogers, Janet M. Ross, Mavis N. Sav-

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Racial Issue Boomeranging

The plan to inject the racial issue into the current United States senatorial campaign is boomeranging, and is definitely costing Lennor votes, according to reports heard here during the past few days.

Not only have Lennor supporters, including a number of newspapers, condemned the questionable practice, but those who were undecided on their candidate have taken a stand against Lennor and his tactics.

Quite a few persons in Martin County have commented, following their comments with the declaration that they will go with the Scott forces.

Candidate Scott, holding the identical position as Lennor on the racial question, has pledged his full support to Governor Wm. B. Umstead in any plan advanced by the Governor.

Scott is scheduled to make State-wide appearances on the radio and television this week and point out the fallacies in the charges directed at him.

Political Rally In Robersonville Planned

According to unofficial information reaching here, A. E. Turner, one of the seven candidates for the United States Senate, is planning a political rally in Robersonville tomorrow night.

UNIQUE RECORD

Mrs. Mattie Allsbrook, treasurer for the Town of Oak City since 1935, has a unique record when it comes to collecting taxes and handling the financial affairs of a municipality.

While Martin County and several of its towns annually publish delinquent tax accounts for sale, Mrs. Allsbrook is offering for the ninth year a balanced tax book.

Four Booked On Liquor Charges

Four persons were arrested in the county last week-end for alleged violation of the liquor laws. Trials are to be scheduled.

Joe Harvey Farmer, Jr., and Mrs. Elizabeth Farmer were charged with the possession and transportation of two gallons of raw liquor in Robersonville last Friday evening about 8:30 o'clock.

Joe H. Farmer, Sr., was booked minutes later at his home for the possession of nine gallons of white liquor. The officers, including Cecil Bullock and Wiley Craft of the County ABC Enforcement unit, Chief Wm. Smith of Robersonville and a State ABC officer, followed the Farmers down a dead-end street and charged them with the violation near the slaughter house.

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ROUND-UP

All was fairly quiet on the crime front in this county last week-end when only four persons were arrested and temporarily detained in the county jail.

Two were booked for being drunk and disorderly, one for an assault with a deadly weapon and the other was described as a mentally ill patient.

Two of the four were white and ages of the group ranged from 23 to 29 years.