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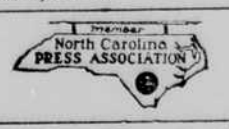
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Sound Advice for 1943 Graduates

Principal T. J. Collier, of the Creswell High School, offered some very sound advice to boys and girls leaving high school in presenting diplomas to the 22 members of the graduating class at his school last Thursday night. His remarks apply not only to the seniors of his school, and it is in the hope that they may gain wider circulation that we present them here this week. Principal Collier said:

"It is a custom when presenting diplomas to accompany them with a few well-chosen words of advice, to draw for the graduates a blue-print by which they can build successfully the structure of their lives. I do not claim for myself the ability or the wisdom necessary to draw such a blue-print for you young people. Furthermore, the chaotic condition of the world in which you must find your places is such that no mere mortal can foretell the future or accurately judge the present. Changes are too great and too frequent. We are forced to alter our sense of values too often. But the principles which I would give you tonight to take with you throughout your lives will furnish you with a skeleton outline to which you can safely build.

"First, I would have you be honest. That, boys and girls, is a commodity of which the world has no surplus. Centuries ago a Greek philosopher, Diogenes, went searching with a lantern for an honest man.

That search still goes on. The world needs and is looking for honest men and women. Let your honesty so shine on your countenance that no lantern will be needed to find you.

"Then I would have you acknowledge the importance of making your lives: lives of service. Because I want you to be happy, I am telling you that happiness is won, not by centering your efforts on advancing your own status—not by serving yourself, but by serving humanity. Look around you—search the pages of history—and you will find the truly happy people and the truly great people those who have devoted their efforts to helping others. Remember the greatest man of all time, Jesus Christ was also the greatest servant.

"Finally, I would give you a belief in God and would have you cling to your faith in Him through every trial and in every difficulty. This is one foundation on which you can safely depend, for He doesn't change. He is with you in every circumstance.

"You are making a departure tonight from the shelter of this institution and in many cases from the shelter of your homes. All of us will be judged by the way you conduct yourselves, for the influences of your homes, your school, and your community have made you what you are. We will watch, rejoicing with you in happiness, suffering with you in sorrow or pain. Creswell School has been a home and a mother to you, and she sees you leave tonight like parents watching the figure of their son or daughter fade in the distance, longing to call him back to their protection, but instead lifting an arm in farewell and blessing and saying, 'Go with God.'"

The Farm Bloc and You
(P. M.)

The farm bloc's victory over the Farm Security Administration in Congress involves you as well as the poor tenant farmer in the South. It FSA you may have less to eat next winter than with it. The FSA program has provided the brightest hope for increased food production. All studies show it is the small and medium-sized farmers who can contribute most to increased food production—but many of them can't do it without the FSA's kind of help. But this issue involves the heart

AMERICAN HEROES
BY LEFF



Marine Pvt. 1st Class M. G. Hoffman, survivor of the U. S. S. QUINCY, was a leader on one of her big guns until she was sunk during an engagement with the Japs off Savo Island in the Solomons. Hoffman is typical of the crew. You are helping Hoffman and his buddies when you buy bonds during the Second War Loan Drive. They give their lives. You lend your money.

as well as the stomach. It involves the simple question of whether we will let the big farmers, like Oscar Johnson and Ed O'Neal, kill off the only agency for helping the small farmers, the tenants, and the share-croppers.

Johnson and O'Neal, whose recommendations have been followed by the House Appropriations Committee in voting planters of the South who want cheap labor and plenty of it.

The more people FSA helps to become successful, independent farmers, the fewer good share-croppers there are for Johnson and O'Neal. It's as simple as that.

But these little guys don't have big powerful lobbies representing them in Washington. So it's up to you. Write to your Congressman and tell him you want the FSA continued.

The PUBLIC Forum
MOTHER'S DAY

One of the least that you read about and one of the most significant of our national days is Mother's Day. America's modern method of observing the day is only 28 years old. May 9th, 1914, President Wilson issued a proclamation, urging the adoption of the idea conceived by Miss Anna Jarvis, following the death of her own mother.

Thus the 2nd Sunday in May was set apart as Mother's Day. Flags were to be raised in honor of it and flowers to be worn in memory of mothers.

Also a deed of kindness as a duty of the day should be done for one's own mother if possible, or to some mother, who perchance had no one to remember her on this day, which honors all mother's here, and beyond.

Our Martyred President McKinley, always wore a white carnation in honor of his mother, who had long ago "crossed the bar."

So, this favorite flower had been chosen as our national Mother's Day badge, white for the dead and for the living, red.

The carnation is the most purely fragrant and lasting flower that blooms, therefore symbolizing how pure and lasting our love should be for each other.

The observance of Mother's Day each year is more widely interpreted. Special boxes of candy, fruit, presents and messages in various ways, are dispatched for the pleasure of mothers.

While on the mounds of departed mothers, flowers are placed as a token of honor to her memory. People that are living in this cen-

Dr. Ralph McDonald Speaks at Creswell Program Last Week

Climax of Commencement Programs; 22 Graduates Get Diplomas

Creswell.—Dr. Ralph McDonald was chief speaker at the commencement exercises here Thursday night of last week, when diplomas were awarded to 22 members of graduating class. Special awards were also made to outstanding members of the graduating class by Principal T. J. Collier. The school term was brought to a close with the class night exercises Friday night.

Diplomas were presented to the following graduates by Principal Collier: Violet Mae Ambrose, Marjorie Barber, Mary Bateman, Evelyn Belana, Helen Onedia Davis, Maude Grace Holton, Eula Lee Patrick, Edna Furlough, Louise Snell, Aletha Odell Phelps, Katy Wells Spruill, Clarence Barber, Guilford Furlough, Cherlock Albertson, Charles Gaither, W. C. Ledford, John Hufton, Walter Peele, Billy Spruill, Sam Woodley, John Stillman and Wilford Spruill.

Certificates of honor were presented to the following: Valedictorian, Samuel Woodley; salutatorian, W. C. Ledford; best home economics student, Irene Spruill; best agriculture student, Zephie Phelps; best girl athlete, Eula ath-

lete, Eula Lee Patrick; best boy athlete, Robert Bateman; and best citizenship, Billy Liverman. Marshalls for the commencement program were: Billy Liverman, chief; Selma Furlough, Lucille Davenport, Lydieth Halsey, and Robert Bateman.

In his speech to the large gathering, Dr. McDonald addressed his remarks to the seniors, explaining that the means by which the democratic way of life can be perpetuated is through education. He reminded them that this was an hour of great responsibility for them—one in which everything civilization has looked forward to for 2,000 years was swinging in the balance, and that the future safety of the world rested upon he youth.

Branding these youth as clean-minded and courageous, and stating that the barriers of space and time are no real essence, he declared the night's program was closely and fundamentally related to winning the war. The youth of today will wage a complete war for the freedom of mankind. By this freedom, he said he meant freedom from ignorance—the fifth freedom, without which no other could exist.

Dr. McDonald declared the war had a dual character. On the surface, of course, it is a military war, involving planes, ships, submarines, sacrifice of homes and lives. But it is also a cultural war, a war between two ways of life, between two sets of ideals, two philosophies; between the Axis way of life and the Christian nations' way of life. He described

OBSERVATION Post Schedule

Following is the Plymouth Observation Post schedule, from 8 a.m. Saturday, May 8, to 8 a.m. Saturday, May 15:

Saturday, May 8
8 to 10 a.m. Lulladeen Jordan
10 to 12 noon Mrs. L. E. Griscom
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. M. J. Davenport
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Albin Fapineau
4 to 6 p.m. Lucille Cashwell
6 to 8 p.m. Iris White, capt.
8 to 11 p.m. Archie Tetterton
11 to 2 a.m. R. E. Dunning

Sunday, May 9
2 to 5 a.m. George Barden
5 to 8 a.m. L. E. Peele, capt.
8 to 10 a.m. Ruby Gurkin
10 to 12 noon Jean Losh
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. Ted Blount
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. W. H. Johnson
4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Zeno Lyon
6 to 8 p.m. Agnes Davis, capt.
8 to 11 p.m. Dave Kulman
11 to 2 a.m. Eddie Getsinger

Monday, May 10
2 to 5 a.m. J. W. House
5 to 8 a.m. W. F. Stubbs, capt.
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. P. M. Apts
10 to 12 noon Mrs. E. H. Duvall
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. P. B. Bateman
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Carlyle Doughtie
4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. Benton Liverman
6 to 8 p.m. Virginia Winesett, capt.
8 to 11 p.m. Jack Willoughby
11 to 2 a.m. Earl T. Phelps

Tuesday, May 11
2 to 5 a.m. Charles Hill
5 to 8 a.m. Bobby Pierson, capt.
8 to 10 a.m. Mildred Dawley
10 to 12 noon Lovejoy Weede
12 to 2 p.m. Miss Nick Ayers
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Clara Carlisle
4 to 6 p.m. Mrs. S. D. Davis
6 to 8 p.m. Katherine Midgett, capt.
8 to 11 p.m. W. R. Hampton
11 to 2 a.m. Dewitt Darden

Wednesday, May 12
2 to 5 a.m. Lin Swain
5 to 8 a.m. Arthur E. Forbes, capt.
8 to 10 a.m. Mrs. Bessie Brown
10 to 12 noon Mrs. W. H. Smith
12 to 2 p.m. Clarice Bateman
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. O. S. Armstrong
4 to 6 p.m. Joyce Bailey
6 to 8 p.m. Bertie Outten, capt.
8 to 11 p.m. Frank B. Dew
11 to 2 a.m. Jack Horner

Friday, May 14
2 to 5 a.m. Maurice Bateman
5 to 8 a.m. Leon Sexton, capt.
8 to 10 a.m. Gwen Hurley
10 to 12 noon Mrs. Hal Willford
12 to 2 p.m. Mrs. W. M. Darden
2 to 4 p.m. Mrs. Jack Booker
4 to 6 p.m. Catherine Bryson
6 to 8 p.m. Mrs. Jack Read
8 to 11 p.m. Jim Swain
11 to 2 a.m. W. A. Davidson

Saturday, May 15
2 to 5 a.m. Rev. B. E. Taylor
5 to 8 a.m. L. S. Thompson, capt.

the culture of Axis nations as predatory, feeding upon other nations; while the United Nations' philosophy is the Christian way of life. Since these cultures can never live together, one must be destroyed.

The speaker outlined the five differences in the ways of life of the contending forces. The first difference was in the relationship between the state and the individual; second, in the concept of personal liberty; third, in belief in race superiority; fourth, in their ideas of national destiny; and fifth, in their entire philosophies of life.

He declared we must win this war

—or these wars, military and cultural. Unless we do, everything we hold dear will be lost; and he said that if the public schools fail, then the struggle will be lost. He concluded his impressive address with the poem, "Victory," by Alfred Noyes.

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RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas; It is with deepest regret and heartfelt sorrow that we record the passing of Brother Guy R. Waters; realizing that a vacant place is left in our midst which cannot be filled; therefore be it

Resolved; That Plymouth Local 356 I. B. P. S. & P. M. W. extend to the bereaved family our most sincere sympathy, and that the original of these respects be mailed to the family.

Resolved; That a copy be sent to The Roanoke Beacon; the local paper; and a copy to The Journal; the official publication of the International Brotherhood Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers; for publication.

Resolved; That a copy be spread upon the minutes of our next regular meeting, and that, with bowed heads, we thank God for the privilege of knowing him and that he was our friend and brother.

JAS S. MIZELLE, Secretary.

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