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The Graduation Exercises For Farmville High School To Be Held Tonight

Dr. Maynard Fletcher To Deliver Commencement Address

Diplomas will be presented to thirty-two graduates of Farmville High School in the final Commencement program tonight at 8:30 o'clock in the School Auditorium.

The speaker, Dr. Maynard O. Fletcher, who is general manager of Taylor's Hospital, Washington, will be introduced by D. H. Conley, Superintendent of Pitt County Schools. Other addresses will be delivered by Flora Dean Johnson, Salutatorian, and Lorenzo Daw Braxton, Jr., Valedictorian. Rev. M. Y. Self, pastor of the Methodist Church, will give the invocation.

John B. Lewis, Chairman of the School Board, will present the diplomas. Other members of the Board are Irvin Morgan, Secretary, A. C. Monk, Jr., Arch J. Flanagan and Dr. John M. Mewborn. Dr. Paul E. Jones represents Farmville on the County Board of Education.

Prizes will be awarded by Superintendent J. H. Moore as follows:

To the pupil making the most improvement in mathematics, given by J. Y. Monk, Jr., in Memory of his mother; to the pupil making the most improvement in ninth grade English, given by the Farmville Literary Club; to the pupil in the eighth, ninth, tenth and twelfth grades making the most improvement, given by the Kiwanis Club; to the pupil making the most improvement in Bible, given by Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Melton; to the pupil making the most improvement in Home Economics, given by Mrs. Paul Burton, of Wilmington; to the home room making the best attendance record, given by Mrs. Frank Davis, Sr. Prizes will also be presented pupils in piano.

Baccalaureate Sermon

Rev. F. W. Paschall, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church, Wilmington, spoke to the graduates Sunday evening, choosing as the basis for his remarks the 13th Chapter of First Corinthians, discussing Faith, Hope and Love and their contribution and effect in daily life.

The speaker was introduced by Rev. M. Y. Self, Rev. E. S. Coates, Presbyterian minister, offered prayer.

A choir composed of members of various churches and a quartette, Mrs. M. V. Jones, Miss Nellie Butler, E. C. Holmes and J. R. Shearin, sang. The class colors, green and white, and the class flower, the red rose, were effectively carried out in the stage decorations, under supervision of Mrs. Archie Speight and Mrs. Luther Thomas. The roses were from the garden of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Davis.

No '46 Graduates
Since the twelfth grade has been added, there will be no graduating class next year.

WAR IN BRIEF

Jap defenses on Okinawa broken, says American corps commander; Americans raise Old Glory over Shuri castle.

Japan indicates most of great port city of Yokohama burned out; 60,000 homes destroyed in Tuesday's great raid.

Syria pleads for Anglo-American intervention and Lebanon calls military volunteers as violence spreads in Levant.

Japs set fire to former American air base of Liuchow as they retreat towards Kweilin.

In Burma heavy bombers rock Japanese troop concentrations in Moulmein with 100 tons of bombs; Indian troops in lower Irrawaddy sector repulse seven Japanese attacks.

American bombers battle Japanese on Luzon with 510 tons as U. S. troops pushed forward toward Cagayan valley and east of Manila.

Memorial Services To Be Held Sunday

Memorial Services honoring the Nation's dead, of all wars, will be held under the auspices of the local Post American Legion and Auxiliary on Sunday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, in the Forest Hill Cemetery.

John Hill Taylor, of Farmville and Raleigh, will deliver the Memorial address. Mr. Taylor, who is with the OPA in Raleigh, is a member of the local post and has been most active in Legion work since the organization of the American Legion.

C. A. Tyson, Commander of the Farmville Post, will be in charge of the program. The local Auxiliary will decorate the Graves of fallen veterans.

The public is cordially invited. Especially urged to attend are veterans of the Spanish-American War, World War I and World War II.

Jack Batchelor of Halifax County is grazing 125 pigs on 15 acres. He needs 3 bushels of oats, 25 pounds of lard, and 3 pounds of corn in early spring, says Jack Kelly of State College.

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

Promoted
Edward T. Moxingo, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moxingo, has recently been promoted from Staff Sergeant to Flight Chief. He is at present stationed in Galveston, Texas.

In his new duties, Flight Officer Moxingo has under his supervision 15 planes and 30 men. He is entirely responsible for the planes being in flying condition and must account for his men at all times and direct them in all plane repair work.

In The States
Sgt. Malcolm Hardy has notified his parents Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hardy, that he arrived in the States several days ago and expects to be home within a few days.

Sgt. Hardy is in the 8th Air Force. He went overseas in September, 1942, and has been stationed in Africa the entire time except for a short while spent in Cairo, Egypt.

Training In Norfolk
Herbert M. Moore, 19, seaman, second class, USNR, of Walsenburg, N. C., arrived at the Naval Training Station, Norfolk, Va., May 3 to train for duties aboard a new destroyer of the Atlantic Fleet.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Moore of Walsenburg, he has a brother and sister in the armed forces, Horace, a private, first class, in the Army and Gladys a corporal in the WAC. Before enlisting, he worked on his father's farm. He attended Walsenburg High School.

Congratulated
England, V-E Day — Among the 185,000 men and women of the Eighth Air Force congratulated today by Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle, who assumed command of the Eighth in January, 1944, are Pfc. John R. Harris, 31, telephone operator, husband of Mrs. J. R. Harris, of Miami Beach, Fla., and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris, of Farmville, N. C., and Cpl. Willie T. Baker, 514 W. Church St., Farmville, N. C.

"I wish to extend my personal congratulations and my heartfelt appreciation to every one of you for the magnificent job you have done," Gen. Doolittle said in a message to all personnel.

"Each of you," he continued, "may be proud of your part in the defeat of Germany. I am proud of you. The world is proud of you."

The Eighth Air Force was the world's mightiest strategic bombing force. Its personnel of 185,000 was the equivalent of 12 infantry divisions, and it could send 21,000 aircraft in 2,000 four-engine bombers and 1,000 fighters over Germany at one time, a combat effort possible only through the support of tens of thousands of non-flying specialists.

Airmen of the Eighth were the first Americans to attack Germany. As the Eighth grew in strength, it was assigned the task of crushing the German Air Force.

After beating the Luftwaffe into relative impotency, the Eighth threw its growing weight against Germany's rail system and vital sources of oil. These campaigns, in conjunction with the British Royal Air Force and the U. S. 15th Air Force, disorganized all transport in Germany, restricted German military operations in the air and on the ground, and paved the way for the march of Allied armies across Europe.

In Okinawa Waters
Aboard a U. S. Destroyer-Minesweeper off Okinawa—(delayed)—Billy Thomas Cash, seaman, first class, USN, whose mother, Mrs. C. A. Cash, lives at Route 1, Farmville, N. C., was aboard the first warship to enter Okinawa waters.

He was there a week before the invasion of the island, at his battle station aboard this minesweeper as it cleared a path toward the beach for other units of the Pacific Fleet.

Before the giant battleships hurled their loads of destruction against the island defenses, before the other fire support groups, the cruisers and destroyers, and before the transports, supply vessels and landing craft came, this little minesweeper led a squadron of others into the backyard of Japan.

During the week before the landings, the squadrons of "sweepers" came within range of enemy shore batteries, sailed through waters, some uncharted, where the chance of underwater explosions was high, and braved the hazards of Jap suicide pilots.

Even after the waters were swept clear, the job of the minesweeper was not finished. They were on the job screening larger units, escorting merchantmen, and patrolling against submarines and motor torpedo boats. They also did their share of bombarding shore positions.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

A visiting Missionary from Argentina will speak at the 11:00 o'clock hour Sunday.

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Tobacco Sales Regulations For The 1945 Season

Daily Sales Limited To 1,400 Piles On The Floors of North Carolina Belts; 3 1/2 Hours Selling Time

Daily sales volumes on all tobacco belts throughout the flue-cured area will be limited during the 1945 selling season in an effort to avoid congestion in redrying plants, according to an agreement reached by warehouse groups and tobacco-buying interest, recently.

Announcement of the new marketing procedure was made in Raleigh, Monday, by Fred Royster, of Henderson, president of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association, and J. M. Broughton, association counsel.

According to the agreement, drawn by the board of governors of the Bright Belt Warehouse Association representing the Middle, Border, Old and Eastern Tobacco belts and all flue-cured belts from Georgia to Virginia, daily market sales will be limited to a total of 1,400 piles on all belts except Georgia-Florida, where the maximum will be 1,800 piles. However, a tolerance of not more than 15 piles may be allowed if necessary to prevent stopping in the middle of a crop.

Selling Hours Set.
Selling hours on all belts will be three and one-half hours a day except in the Georgia-Florida belt, which will be allowed four and one-half selling hours. In all belts the average rate of speed of selling will be 400 piles an hour. Piles will have a maximum of 250 pounds a pile.

For the purpose of tabulating and checking the count of piles sold, there shall be a competent person employed for each set of buyers at the joint expense of the warehouses and the buying interests, this person will follow each sale immediately behind the sale and enumerate each pile sold and each buying company, not including purchases by warehouses or speculators.

May Modify Plan Later.
Buying companies will be asked to instruct each of their individual buyers on all markets to comply strictly with the procedure.

Warehousemen have agreed that in the event the procedure adopted should result in over-all sales of tobacco beyond the capacity of redrying plants to handle it, they will consent to such modifications of the plan as will meet the emergency. In the event warehousemen or buyers fail to comply with the provisions of the selling formula, representatives of both groups will have a joint meeting to deal with the situation.

The procedure as drawn has been accepted by the marketing committee of the tobacco association of the United States, representing buying interests, it was stated.

On those markets where the number of sets of buyers in 1944 was reduced below the number in 1943, additional selling time will be allowed to offset such reduction in buyers.

NAZIS EXECUTED

Stockholm, May 30.—The newspaper Dagens Nyheter, quoting the Copenhagen newspaper Berlingske Tidende, said today that 50 German Gestapo guards from Troselev Concentration camp in Denmark had been sentenced and executed by an Allied military court.

The report, which said the trials took place at Flensburg, was the first of the execution of German war criminals reaching here.

As of April 25, a total of 66,700 applications had been written for insurance on the 1945 cotton crop of the South.



FARMVILLE BOY SCOUT ACTIVITIES

Kiwanis Club Sponsoring Cub Pack; Rotary Troop Meets

Young boys of the Farmville Community, between the ages of nine and twelve, have the opportunity of joining a Cub Pack which is along the lines of Junior Scouting. Otherwise it is a program of supervised back yard play to teach boys of this age the principals of fair play and how to deal with their fellow man.

At the organization meeting, the Kiwanis Club borrowed a sufficient number of Scouts from the Rotary Troop to use as Den Chiefs until next fall when the Cub Pack will also organize a Scout Troop. Those selected by the Cubmaster are Robert Rollins, Jack Turnage, Wilbur Bennett, Billie Russell, James Thorne, Emerson Roebuck, Dan Satterthwaite and Charles Joyner.

The Cubs are to assemble once or twice each month as a Cub Pack but are to meet each week with their respective Den Chief. It is hoped that parents will take turn about in inviting the Cubs to their homes each week for one afternoon of fun and play under the supervision of the Den Chief.

Chief Charles Joyner has Charles Allen, Thomas Allen and Bob Smith in his Den with Jimmie Chambliss and Paschall Barrett as prospects. Den Chief Robert Rollins has Bert Warren and Donny Bryan with Glen Bundy, Tommy Little, Marvin Corbett Hathaway and Jack Lewis as prospects.

Den Chiefs Jack Turnage and Wilbur Bennett have Jessie Spencer, Charles Greene, William Rollins and Emmett Pickett with Martin Parker as a prospect. Den Chiefs Billy Russell and James Thorne have Charlie Fitzgerald, Jan Cayton and Albert Cannon with Rodney Edwards as a prospect.

The Cubs have their own Cub Promise and Law which is especially designed for younger boys. A Cub advances from Bobcat to Wolf, both Gold and Silver Wolf and Bear, both Gold and Silver Lion. When they are twelve years of age they graduate into Scouting.

In addition to the Cub Master, Kiwanians G. L. Gilchrist, Lath Morris, David Harris and other members have pledged their assistance and agree to help in every way possible to enable the Cubing and Scouting programs to grow in the Farmville District.

Members of Rotary Troop No. 31, met recently and had a report of the Camporee in Wilson, various Scouts, through their respective Patrols, mentioned outstanding activities enjoyed.

Scouts expressed appreciation to all who helped in any way that they might attend, and for tents and other equipment loaned them by people of the town.

WAR BOND SHOW WINNERS OF WEEK

The Paramount Theatre announces the following winning numbers from Tuesday's War Bond Show: drawing: War Bond, 2567; value, 1261; waste basket, 2391; newspaper subscription, 1657; skin cream, 1410; cigarettes, 2333.

The Bond has already been claimed and other winners are asked to call for their prizes before next drawing.

One more War Bond Show is scheduled for June 5. Buy more "E" Bonds today and have more chances at these valuable prizes. First prize is a \$250.00 War Bond, given by the Paramount Theatre.

"Back The Attack—With War Bonds"

Tokyo Admits Big Damage In Attack Upon Yokohama

San Francisco, May 30.—Tokyo radio today said yesterday's American incendiary raid on Yokohama left 250,000 inhabitants of Japan's second largest port homeless—with 60,000 houses destroyed, but the count of dead and injured would take some time to complete.

The city's communications and transportation lines were knocked out, providing more war worries for Premier Kantaro Suzuki, who conferred today with six former premiers of the empire.

Nervous Nation.
While the broadcast, heard by the FCC, gave no details of subjects discussed by Suzuki and some of his ministers with ex-premiers, Donal news agency hinted at the agenda with the report that the nation was filled "with trepidation" over raid damage to the imperial palace.

The former premiers attending the conference were listed as Kuniaki Koiso, Hideki Tojo, Baron Kichiro Hiramatsu, Prince Fumimaro Konoye, Keisuke Okada and Koki Hirota.

Other broadcasts emanating from Tokyo reported seven more of Nippon's admirals had died in battle, bringing the total to more than 100 in less than a year, and said Vice Admiral Kikunori Ishii, "dean of Japan's diplomatic service," probably was killed in last Saturday's Tokyo raid. In 1917, Ishii came to the United States to conclude the so-called "gentlemen's agreement" governing Japanese immigration.

Other Big Ships Killed.
Two other prominent men probably killed in the Tokyo raid were identified as Tsunetsugu Taniguchi, vice governor of the Bank of Japan, and Dr. Yozoru Oda, Japanese authority on international law.

Tokyo termed the Yokohama raid "by far the largest in the number of planes" participating and continued to make unconfirmed claims of shooting down 20 Superforts and 12 escorting Mustang fighters, with another 59 planes damaged. American communications have announced the loss of two B-29s and three Mustangs.

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Walstonburg Glee Club To Sing Here Sunday Evening

A program of sacred music will be presented at the Farmville Baptist Church, Sunday evening, June 3, at 8:30 o'clock, by the Walstonburg High School Glee Club.

Mrs. Carlos Walston, director, has announced the program as follows: "God Bless Our Land," Kountze; "Glory Now To Thee Be Given," Back; "Cherubim Song" (No. 7), Bortynsky; "Abide With Me," Shelly; "Send Out Thy Light," Gounod; "Finlandia," Sibelius; "O Sacred Head Now Wounded," Back; "Were You There When They Crucified My Lord" and "Steady Away," Spirituals; "Beautiful Savior," Christianson; "When I Survey The Wondrous Cross," Watts; and "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," Lutkin.

The Club is noted for its close harmony and musical effectiveness and music lovers of the entire community are looking forward to this program. All people of the community are cordially invited to attend. The Churches of Farmville will suspend their evening services in behalf of this concert.

Many a girl who looks smart, isn't. Unfortunately.

AMERICAN DRIVE CRUMBLES JAP DEFENSES ON OKINAWA

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Visitors at the Service Men's Center during the week were: Farmville, Lt. Lucy J. Rumley, of Washington, D. C., and Hubert E. Webb, S.K. 2/c, c/o Fleet Post Office, New York.

Cherry Point, Opl. Frank Demynovich, Lincoln Park, Michigan, and Pfc. Dale B. Martin, Knightsville, Ind.

Camp Lejeune, Pfc. John C. Delaney, Harvell, Mo., dinner guest Sunday of Miss Tabitha M. DeVivanti, and Pfc. Richard E. Newman, Troy, Ohio.

Henry F. Bland, C.C.Sd., Hattiesburg, N. C., and Fort Pierce, Fla.; Pvt. and Mrs. Shirley D. Shackelford, Portsmouth, Va., and Geiger Field, Spokane, Wash.; Sunday night guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wave Holston; Cpl. Charles C. Sholdes, Greenville, Air Base and Cleveland, Ohio, guest Thursday, Saturday and Monday nights of Miss DeVivanti, and his brother, Pvt. Raymond Sholdes, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Paris Island, S. C., was also her guests on Saturday and Monday nights.

A letter from Henry Skinner, Ph. M. 2/c, says "If the people at home could know just what the men in the war zones are doing for the freedom of our homeland they would never hesitate to buy a bond or give a pint of blood to the Red Cross. Each Service Man is doing his job with a willing heart and civilians can never realize what it means until he gets in the actual fighting. It just can't be put in words." He has traveled a bit in the Pacific—the Admiralty Islands, New Guinea, the Philippines and numerous other places he can't tell about now. He states that he is feeling fine and enjoying good health but is looking forward to the day when we have total peace and all can come sailing home, and appreciate the wonderful things being done for the Service Men by the Farmville people through the Center.

Pfc. Glen J. Hallman, Kankakee, Ill., and Finney General Hospital, Thomasville, Ga., who brought a patient here and spent the night, wrote that the time spent here was most enjoyable and he arrived at the hospital in a rested condition due to the hospitality he received.

Mrs. S. G. Gardner donated a dozen individual pecan pies; Mrs. B. A. Norman, milk; and Miss Elizabeth Davis, time magazines.

The P. & G. Electric Membership Corp'n. Meets Here Saturday

The annual meeting of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership corporation will be held here tomorrow, Saturday, June 2. The program will begin at 3 o'clock in the High School Gymnasium, with J. Lee Tugwell, president, presiding.

Mayor J. W. Joyner will give the address of welcome, with J. L. Small and Retha Suggs of Snow Hill, responding.

Reports of officers on the success of the previous year's operations will be heard. Membership has been increased from 1,148 in December, 1943 to 1,218 in December, '44. Membership to date totals 1,304. Total cash investments and prepayments as of January 1, 1945 totaled \$48,086.98.

The Election of Directors will be held and members will be asked to authorize the Board to borrow additional funds for construction and also authorize amendment of charter to serve members outside of Pitt and Greene Counties.

The address will be given by Irvin Morgan on "The Value of Co-operation."

A large number is expected. In order to make this annual meeting a legal success it is necessary for 600 members of the cooperative to be present. Members are urged to attend and participate in forming the future policies of the cooperative.

The following attendance prizes will be given, one year light bill not to exceed \$25.00, six months light bill not to exceed \$12.50 three months light bill not to exceed \$6.25, and a fourth prize to be announced later.

The construction program has been limited during the year due to government regulations and scarcity of material, and only a small number of those desiring electrical connection were eligible under existing conditions. Many of these restrictions have now been removed and as soon as labor and material is available, it is hoped that every farm home available to the system may have electrical service. This cannot be accomplished during one month or one year, but within the next two or three years our entire territory should be electrified. Post War plans are to complete our electrification program.

Farmers may shift from the production of cotton and wheat to the production of designated war crops without fear of losing their average allotments, says the WPA.

Charlotte Marine Leads Dash On Shuri Fortress, Now Under American Flag; Allied Gains Reported In Philippines and On Tarakan Island

Guam, May 31.—U. S. Tenth Army troops on Okinawa raised the American flag over ancient Shuri Castle Wednesday and poured reinforcements into the fortress while forces attacking the broken Japanese defense line were within 2,000 yards of a junction below the city.

Lt. Gen. Simon Bolivar Buckner, Jr., commander of the Tenth Army, announced that the 5th and 7th Divisions were raised over the castle at 1:45 p. m. Wednesday. Marines hold the area in and around the building, once the seat of Okinawa's kings and former Japanese military headquarters.

Led By Charlotte Man.
Rains made a quagmire of the battlefield. But First Marine Division patrols drove into Shuri from the west to join elements which reached the castle the day before. Strong units prowled through the city, cleaning out nests of resistance.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz reported today that Marines of Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's First Division strengthened and built up their positions in the castle ruins, first reached Tuesday in a swift dash by Company A of the Fifth Regiment, led by Capt. Julius Dusenberry of Charlotte, N. C.

Other divisions were continuing their offensive aimed at encircling and reducing the big enemy stronghold, once the keystones of the Japanese defense line.

Main Defense "Busted."
Maj. Gen. John R. Hodge, 24th Army Corps commander, said the main defenses of the enemy had been "busted" after 90 days of battle. "I think we've got them," he told correspondents.

Only 2,000 yards separated Sixth Marine Division troops and Seventh Infantry forces southeast of occupied Naha, capital of Okinawa. The Marines were pushing toward the Kokuba River mouth from Naha. The Infantrymen have reached a point only 1 1/2 miles from the west coast, according to front reports.

Adverse weather made the going tough for the Marines and soldiers. But it also limited Japanese aerial attacks against Pacific Fleet units off Okinawa. The enemy made several isolated raids during Tuesday and succeeded in damaging two light U. S. naval units. Eight Japanese planes were shot down during the attacks.

The Americans hammered the last suicide outposts of Shuri. The advance into the dwindling southern pocket from Yonabaru and Naha threatened to split the area and divide Japanese forces in the north and south.

The 77th Infantry Division northeast of Shuri continued to meet stiff resistance. Battling through the strong ridge fortifications protecting the city, the soldiers made slow progress through network of cave, pillbox and blockhouse positions.

Enemy Withdrawing.
The Japanese fought a vicious rearguard action in that sector. Front dispatches have reported a withdrawal of Japanese from Shuri and it appeared the enemy's main forces have been pulled out of the sector to avoid encirclement.

Marines pushed into the western side of Shuri after advance elements had driven to the castle in a lightning thrust that caught the enemy by surprise. The western flank of the Japanese defense line collapsed with the victory.

Unofficial estimates said that between 5,000 and 6,000 dazed Japanese dead still littered the ruins of Shuri. Everything from grenades at 15-yard range to the 16-inch shells of battleships had blasted the enemy in the last furious week of battle for the key-stone fortress.

Seventh Infantry Division troops operating from captured Yonabaru on the east coast are carrying out three drives to split the southern pocket. One force is driving down the Kokuba River Valley. They captured high ground near Yonabaru, a half-mile due west of Yonabaru.

They are pushing along the Naha-Yonabaru highway but were three and a quarter miles from the tip of Naha Harbor on the west coast.

Other Seventh Infantry units were spreading out around Kamishiro, two and three-quarters miles south of Shuri. They were advancing northward to meet the Fifth Marines driving southward from Naha.

The third drive was toward the southern shore of Okinawa. Advanced units who pushed 3 1/2 miles below Yonabaru were less than two miles from the coast.