



32 GRADUATES RECEIVED HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS FRIDAY

In graduation exercises at the Farmville High School auditorium on Friday evening, thirty-two graduates were presented diplomas and heard an address delivered by Dr. Maynard Fletcher of Washington.

Dr. Fletcher spoke of the "Highway of Life" and its many signposts. He discussed physical, moral and spiritual developments, the qualities of a good citizen including a patriotic devotion to one's country and the attributes of success.

He reminded his listeners that success is not attained by abilities and talent alone. He mentioned great leaders of a former day and of the present who have overcome many difficulties as they traveled the highway of life and became successful. Among definitions of success Dr. Fletcher quoted "He who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, etc."

He charged the graduates to render such unselfish service to humanity that the world's highway may be better for their having traveled it.

Splendid addresses were also given by Flora Dean Johnson, Salutatorian, and Lorenzo Daw Braxton, Jr., Valedictorian.

Superintendent J. H. Moore awarded prizes and medals to the following: a Bible to Aaron Tyson for the most improvement and most interest in Bible; \$5.00 to Cornelia Mills for most improvement in Home Economics; \$5.00 to Emily Barrett for most improvement in 9th grade English; \$5.00 to Johnnie Moore for most improvement in Mathematics; \$5.00 to Mrs. L. P. Thomas' seventh grade for best room attendance for the year; \$5.00 to Johnnie Moore for most interest in Spanish. This latter prize is given by Irvin Morgan, Jr., and Mrs. J. I. Morgan, Sr., in memory of the late J. L. Morgan.

Music medals given by Mrs. Haywood Smith went to Patricia Corbett, for most improvement in piano; Helen Thomas, for most improvement in sight reading and to Connie Rollins for best public performance.

Medals given by the Farmville Kiwanis Club to the individual in the 8th, 9th, 10th and 12th grades who has made the most improvement, were won by James Murphy, Emily Barrett, Daphne Yelverton and Lonnie Belle Rouse.

KIWANIANS-ROTIARIANS TO MEET IN SOFTBALL CONTEST

The Rotary Club accepted the challenge of the Kiwanis Club to play them in a game of softball, proceeds from the game to be used in some charitable manner. The game is causing considerable interest as it is very evident that the Rotarians are out for revenge for the defeat handed them by the Kiwanis in a very close and hard fought basketball game last spring. The Kiwanis are just as determined to win this game and make it two straight over their civic club rivals.

An interesting feature of the game will be that many players who are presently playing in the Sunday School league as team mates will be playing against each other in this game, and many who have been playing against each other will be pulling for their former opponents. There is lots of talk about which club will have the largest number of backers who will be yelling and pulling for them next Wednesday afternoon, June 13th, at 4:30 sharp.

The Rotary Club will depend on the following to play for them, Curtis Flanagan, J. H. Moore, Geo. Stergeon, James Monk, F. K. Ewell, Ed Nash Warren, Robert Rouse, Walter Jones, Josh Menden, Frank Williams, Irvin Morgan, Bill Duke, John Lewis, John Mewborn and R. N. Freeman. They are being ably led by a committee, composed of Monk, Flanagan and Jones.

The Kiwanis Club will draw their players from the following list: Ed Chambliss, Grady Gilchrist, Frank Allen, Fred Satterthwaite, Bob Fiser, Froggy Pickett, Dick Martin, Dick Harris, Sonny Bradham, Edgar Barrett, Lath Morris, Elbert Holmes, Lewis Williams and J. T. Sutton. They are being managed by a committee composed of Lath Morris, Frank and Lewis Allen.

Every one is asked to talk this game up and create as much enthusiasm as possible. Bring your neighbor or friend with you.

DO NOT FORGET THE DATE—WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 13th—4:30 sharp.

PERSISTENT

The Swiss radio at Bern said Wednesday, that reports persist in Moscow that the Soviet Union has been asked by Japan to transmit peace offers to the Allied powers. The Swiss broadcast was heard in New York by the Blue Network.

These reports are given special significance by the announcement that the Russian ambassador to Japan is back in Moscow on business, the Swiss broadcast said.

No source was given for the unconfirmed report.

NEWS OF OUR BOYS IN SERVICE

On Hospital Ship

Aboard the USS Relief in the Pacific (Delayed)—Walter Smith, 16, steward's mate, second class, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Smith, 910 S. George St., Farmville, N. C., is serving aboard this hospital ship which stood close to the beaches of Okinawa to receive casualties and start them on their way to recovery within minutes after they were hit attacking the Japanese defenders.

Hundreds of American fighting men were hoisted aboard from landing craft and rushed away to safety. Many owe their lives to the fact that this flagship of the fleet of "White Ladies of Mercy" was nearby.

Once aboard, each wounded man gets speedy treatment and thorough treatment. Minutes after he is hit he is riding a sled-like scooter which brings him alongside this ship where some of the world's best trained medical men await him.

Even the most delicate operations are performed immediately.

During her tour of mercy in the Pacific, the RELIEF has traveled 65,000 miles. After Kwajalein in the Marshalls, she took aboard casualties on Roi and Namur Islands, then Saipan and Tinian, Peleliu and Anguar.

Smith is a graduate of Farmville High School. In the Navy for five months, he has been aboard this ship two months. He received his recruit training at Bainbridge, Md.

IN THE STATES

Corporal Ella Middleton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hogwood, arrived in New York, Thursday, after serving fifteen months overseas in England and France.

TRANSFERRED

Sgt. R. E. Braxton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Braxton, has been transferred from the Third Army to the Fifteenth Army of occupation in Germany.

RECEIVES AWARD

Pfc. Wiley B. Strickland, of Farmville, Route 2, has been awarded the 3rd Battle Star. He has participated in campaigns in Normandy, N. France and Germany, and is authorized to wear the Combat Infantry Badge and the Purple Heart.

LOCAL DRIVE SHORT IN 'E' BOND SALE

Employees are urged to continue their splendid effort in the sale of "E" Bonds, that Farmville Township may finish its quota, which at present is approximately \$25,000.

At the War Bond Show Rally held at the Paramount Theatre last week the employees were divided into two teams, the East Side Main Streeters, and the West Side Main Streeters.

To date the West Siders are far in the lead in Sale of Bonds. Actual sales will be posted in the next few days.

The Bank of Farmville and many interested citizens are offering prizes for efforts of salespeople in selling Bonds, a \$25 War Bond each to the Employee who sells the most dollars worth in Bonds and to the Employee who sells the largest number of individual Bonds.

Watch Corn Plants For Hunger Signs

Watch corn plants carefully this summer, and when the leaves start turning yellow and brown along the midrib with the edges remaining green, it's time to take action, says Dr. R. E. Collins, in charge of Agronomy Extension work at State College. He advises applying 100 to 200 pounds per acre of some nitrogen side dressing material to a few rows when this condition is noted.

Then when the leaves start turning yellow and brown along the tip and edges, with the midrib remaining green, apply 75 to 100 pounds of muriate of potash per acre to a few rows. Do not however, expect conditions to change until a rain dissolves the side dressing material down into the root zone.

If the corn stalk and leaves are purple, this indicates a phosphate deficiency and more phosphate should be used in the fertilizer next year. Late side dressing of phosphate have not been found as effective as applications in the fertilizer at planting time.

By observing and correcting these hunger signs, corn yields will be increased, but adding the needed plant food can be made ineffective by cutting off the roots with deep cultivation. This robs the plant of its only means of obtaining food and water. In cultivating corn, Dr. Collins recommends digging deep to find out where the roots are and then cultivating shallow enough to avoid injury to them.

The fertile big situation has grown more serious since V-E Day. Get the most serious into trade channels.

Revival Services At Bell Arthur To Begin June 10th

The revival at the Bell Arthur Methodist Church will begin on Sunday, June 10th and run through Sunday, June 17th. The Rev. M. E. (Jack) Tyson is to be the preacher and the Rev. McLaurin Meredith, of Dallas, Texas, is to be the song leader and soloist. Sunday morning services will be at 11:15 and the week night services, except Saturday, will be at 8:45. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

ROTARY CLUB

Dr. J. A. Stork, Presbyterian minister, who is conducting a series of services at the local church, was guest speaker at the Rotary Club on Tuesday evening. Dr. Stork, who was introduced by Rev. E. S. Coates, spoke on Presbyterian doctrines.

L. E. Walston reported on the progress of the current War Loan Drive. The Club voted to invest \$500 from its Student Fund in War Bonds.

Plans for the benefit softball game between the Rotary and Kiwanis Clubs were discussed. The game will be played Wednesday, June 13.

W. C. "Lum" Wooten was welcomed as a new member.

SOFT BALL NEWS

Frank Allen, sports editor, reports that on May 31, the Christians defeated the Meth-Eps, 5-1 on 8 hits and 6 costly errors, while holding their opponents to 5 hits and only committed 1 error. This victory put the Christians back on top in the League by half a game and kept the Meth-Eps in the cellar. The game was very interesting to watch and was much closer than the score might indicate. H. Rouse was called on to catch in the absence of Flanagan, and he caught a bang up game.

On June 1, the Pres. defeated the Meth-Eps, 6-2 to go back in a tie with the Christians for the lead in the league. The Pres. got 11 hits and made four errors while the Bapts. made 6 hits but only 1 error. The second inning was the big one for the Pres. as they made 4 hits and 3 runs which proved to be enough to win the game. The Bapts. were handicapped by the absence of several of their regulars.

On Wednesday, June 6, a doubleheader was played with the Christians meeting the Meth-Eps in the first game, which they won 3-2. The game grew into what looked like a possible win for the Meth-Eps, in the 7th inning when they rallied for four runs to come to tying the score, but the Christians managed to stave off the threat and win. Nine costly errors were what cost the Meth-Eps the game as the hits were fairly even, 3 for the Christians and 6 for the Meth-Eps. Morris appeared in the lineup as a pinch hitter for his first appearance since he hurt his thumb in a recent game. He was the instigator of the big rally.

The second game brought the Pres. and the Bapts. together in a very close game that was not decided until the last inning, but it seems to be a habit with the Pres. to be able to come thru in the final stages for a close victory. The score was tied up in the 5th inning and the 6th was scoreless for both sides, but the Pres. pushed across a run and then held the Bapts. in their half of the 7th.

Schedule for next week—Thursday, June 14—Baptists vs. Meth-Eps. On Friday, June 15—Christians vs. Pres.

Selective Service Calls For Woodsmen

All men in North Carolina disqualified for military service because of physical unfitness, and those over 30 years of age who are not already employed in essential civilian or war production work, are being urged by Selective Service to assist in stepping up production of forest products and other vital war materials by taking jobs in these industries at once. I. O. Schaub, Director of the State College Extension Service and Chairman of Governor Gregg Cherry's emergency committee on Forest Products Production has disclosed.

This action, according to Chairman Schaub, is designed to help relieve serious manpower shortages in "must" war production, including cutting of pulpwood, saw logs, and mill work, by offering those who cannot fight with guns another opportunity to fight on the production front at home. Available men in the 4-F classification, and those in the over 30 group, who are able to, should be contributing their services to the war effort and they are to have this opportunity.

Governor Cherry's emergency committee on Forest Products Production, has been advised by General J. Van B. Metts, Director of Selective Service, that local Selective Service boards throughout North Carolina are now reviewing 4-F cases to determine whether such classifications should be continued. All such men who are found to be working in non-essential jobs will be encouraged to enter one of the many highly essential industries where they will contribute directly to war production and victory, said chairman Schaub.

Tobacco Marketing Dates Are Tentatively Decided

Danville, Va., June 6.—Committees of the Tobacco Association of the United States, meeting here today, set opening dates for all bright tobacco markets of the South and approved the sales procedure for 1945 proposed by a joint committee of the TAUS and the board of governors of the newly-formed Bright Belt Warehousemen's Association.

First auctions of the new season will be held on Tuesday, July 24, when Georgia-Florida markets open. Other belts will follow in order: South Carolina, July 31; Eastern Carolina, August 20; Middle Belt, September 11; Old Belt, September 19; and dark-fired Virginia Belt, December 11.

The dates set by the sales committee were tentative, pending approval of the full committee at a meeting to be held in Raleigh, N. C., on June 28.

The proposed marketing plan would regulate daily sales time to three and one-half hours on all fine-cured markets with the exception of those in the Georgia-Florida belt. Sales would be limited to 1,400 piles daily for each set of buyers, and the size and weight of piles would be restricted to 250 pounds.

The Georgia and Florida markets would be allowed four and one-half hours of selling time daily, and 1,800 piles for each set of buyers. Allowances would be made in reference to daily sales time for those markets which lost a set of buyers last year.

All markets would provide checkers to follow sales and see that each set of buyers adhere to the adopted procedure.

Some workers never hurry and do not seem very efficient if you watch them, but their finished work is always well and neatly done.

Large Representation Here For Annual Meeting of Pitt & Greene Electric Membership Corporation

J. Lee Tugwell, president of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Cooperative, presided at the Annual meeting held in the High School Gym, Saturday afternoon, opening the program with the singing of "America." Prayer was offered by Rev. E. C. Chambliss, pastor of the Farmville Baptist Church.

John B. Lewis welcomed the members, stating in behalf of Mayor J. W. Joyner and the Town of Farmville the wish that REA members consider Farmville as their town and visit it often.

J. E. Mewborn introduced Retha Sugg who responded to the welcome, and said all members are looking forward to the post war period with the hope of purchasing new and better electrical equipment. J. L. Small also responded and related an incident which proved the value of electricity to him. Short talks were heard from members of the Board of Directors who were present 100 per cent, and from Manly Liles and W. C. Wooten, commissioners-elect of the Town of Farmville who assured members of the Cooperative that it will be a pleasure to render any service possible in the promotion of better living for farmers of our rural community.

J. Irvin Morgan, manager of the Farmville Oil and Fertilizer Company, gave the principal address, speaking enthusiastically on the spirit of "Cooperation." He pointed out the record of the Pitt and Greene Electric Membership Corporation which started in 1937 with 69 miles of lines and 250 members. In 1940 it had been increased to 200 miles of lines and 700 members. At present it is 276 miles of lines with 1,004 members. After a general review of the life of the Cooperative, Mr. Morgan stated that cooperation has been necessary since the beginning of time, citing the family unit as the first basis of cooperation, and discussed the two types of cooperation, enforced and voluntary.

Seth Barrow, secretary of the Cooperative, reported members present in person, 263, those represented by proxy, 423, constituting 68 per cent of total membership which is not only a quorum but a majority.

David T. Harris, Superintendent, made his annual report, stressing the importance of correct information in reporting trouble calls; stating that during the year 65 new extensions had been built and 76 houses wired, all subject to WPE restrictions. Mr. Harris spoke briefly on the Post War Survey being conducted by the Cooperative and urged that all persons who were using drop cords for outdoor lighting install permanent wiring.

R. A. Joyner, Manager, submitted his annual report, each member present receiving a memorandum copy. Highlights of the business included:

SERVICE MEN'S CENTER

Registrants at the Center during the week were: Cherry Point, Sgt. Carter C. Warren, Forts, Wash.; Sgt. Jimmie Teak, St. Louis, Mo.; Pfc. Dale B. Martin, Knightville, Ind.

Cpl. Alfred Grago, Hadnot Point, Camp Lejeune and Norfolk, Conn., and Cpl. Walter Cobb, Winter General Hospital, Topeka, Kansas, and Snow Hill.

Interested friends donating to the Center were Mrs. E. A. Norman, milk; Miss Sarah Hodges, of Snow Hill; Mrs. I. F. Smith and Mrs. E. F. Brooks, of Walstonburg, and Mrs. Neal Howard, magazines.

A letter from Joseph Batchelor, M. M. 1/c, says he is always glad to hear from his Farmville friends who miss him and write and tell him so. He just about lives for the mail to come as it is the only pleasure he has; thinks the Japs are sorry they started this war for they know now they will get the same medicine we gave the Germans, but they asked for it and will get just what they deserve; reads the Farmville Enterprise about the Service Men visiting the Center and knows they enjoy going to a small place where they are treated nice. When he was in camp in the States it was impossible to get a room in the nearby city on week ends so he had to stay up all night and walk the streets or stay in a picture show until it closed. Therefore he stayed at camp and wrote letters, read or talked to the other men there.

Cpl. David A. Morgan, Jr., writes that he received the Purple Heart for wounds inflicted "when he didn't know which Jap bomb to run from and picked the wrong one." He has been in the hospital three times and weighs only one hundred and two pounds, but hopes to be as good as new soon.

Pfc. T. E. Drake, Jr., is taking an eight weeks course at Camp Lejeune. He thinks it is the most beautiful of all the camps and stations he has been in and is glad he has been transferred there.

ALL OF NAHA FIELD TAKEN; JAP MAKING FINAL STAND

WAR BOND REPORT

Chairman George W. Davis announces that Farmville Township has reached its quota for the Seventh War Loan Drive but is short \$30,000 in the sale of "E" Bonds. He urges all workers to make every effort to complete this quota as soon as possible.

One of the most outstanding sales days of the current drive was Tuesday of last week. The War Bond Show program was held at the Paramount Theatre in the morning with Chairman Davis presiding. Short talks in regard to the War Bond Effort were made by Mrs. Cherry Easley, John B. Lewis, A. C. Monk, Josh Menden and L. E. Walston.

With renewed effort inspired by the program of the morning, workers secured pledges on that day amounting to \$37,000; the largest one day sale of the entire drive.

Committees in charge have no doubt about Farmville completing its quota in every respect, but would like to urge that all "E" Bond Purchases be made as soon as possible, that the drive may be completed ahead of schedule.

LOCAL KIWANIS HONOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

The high-light of Monday's Kiwanis meeting was the presentation of the Kiwanis Award to the student in each of the four grades of High School, who showed the most academic improvement for the year just ended.

As a token of recognition for this outstanding accomplishment the Club invited the winners, Miss Lonnie Belle Rouse, Miss Daphne Yelverton, Miss Emily Barrett, and James Murphy, to be honor guests for dinner and the program.

The President of the Club, R. T. Williams, presented the awards which were received by each of the students with a high degree of enthusiasm, and as each received the award they addressed the Club with remarks of appreciation and enjoyment of the occasion. The award consisted of a gold charm, bearing the inscription, "Kiwanis Award." "For Most Improvement," adaptable for a watch fob or necklace.

The remainder of the program was under the direction of Alex Allen, Chairman of the Seventh War Loan Drive for the Club, who after outlining a drive within the Club distributed among the members pledges to be signed and returned during the meeting. While this was being accomplished Chairman Allen read an article from "The Carolina Kiwanian" dwelling on the high-lights of the necessity of giving this drive even greater support than before.

Upon tabulation of the pledges which were not all returned at the end of the meeting the score showed that the Club members present pledged to buy \$10,275.00 in Bonds during this drive.

Other guests of the Club for the occasion were J. H. Moore, Superintendent of the Farmville Schools; Leslie Yelverton, father of Miss Daphne Yelverton, receiver of an award; Rev. Edward Coates and his visiting minister, Rev. Stork.

Next week's program will be under the direction of Seth T. Barrow.

X-Ray Shoe Fitting For Local Shoppers

J. W. Menden, manager of the local Belk-Tyler store, announced today that Belk-Tyler Company has just installed an "Adrian X-Ray Shoe Fitting Machine." This machine is the only one of its kind in Farmville and is one of the few in Pitt County.

Mr. Menden states that in his 12 years experience in selling shoes he finds that approximately 75% of the people wear their shoes too short, but with this new modern method of shoe fitting the customer will be able to see exactly how his foot fits in the shoe.

The Belk-Tyler Store cordially invites the public to come down and check the shoes they are now wearing. The local store purchased this X-Ray Machine in an effort to give its shoppers the same service which they find in the much larger towns.

WAR IN BRIEF

Marines seize Naha airfield; complete Okinawa victory appears imminent.

U. S. troops land on both sides of entrance to Davao Gulf in Mindanao.

Officials announce that Superfort raids on six major Jap cities have burned out 80 square miles.

Chinese troops capture big air base city of Luochow and road hub of Mengshan, 65 miles eastward, compelling Jap front in Kwangsi collapse.

British troops in southern Burma have driven back Jap night attack by 150 enemy troops leading to some Allied positions at Moulmein.

Americans Press Toward Last Jap Defense Positions On Okinawa; Japs Shuffle Members of Munitions Ministry, Warn of Homeland Invasion; Americans Land On Both Sides of Davao Gulf Entrance

Guan, June 7.—Advancing swiftly despite miserable weather, U. S. Tenth Army troops yesterday completed the capture of Okinawa's excellent Naha airfield and Chinen peninsula, an arm of the island's best fleet anchorage. Then the forces pressed toward the last Japanese defense positions along an east-west escarpment.

Stiffening Resistance. The Japanese, compressed in an area of about 25 square miles, in the south end of Okinawa, were offering stiffening resistance in the closing phase of the bitter 62-day campaign.

Adm. Chester W. Nimitz' communique, which broke a 48-hour silence on ground operations, said today that advances were scored in all sectors Tuesday and Wednesday.

Maj. Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr.'s Sixth Marine Division reduced Japanese caves and strongpoints around the Naha airfield Tuesday and won all of the base yesterday. The Leathernecks then started driving southward toward a juncture with Maj. Gen. Pedro A. Del Valle's First Marine Division, moving down the center of the island.

The Japanese opposed the Sixth Division Marines with spitgot mortars and other guns from positions west of the airfield. The big field, in American hands a potent base for bomber operations against Japan, was doomed Monday when the Marines crossed Naha harbor onto the Oruku peninsula in an amphibious hop.

Small Island Taken. The Sixth Division Marines also captured a small island off the coast due west of the Naha airstrip, field dispatches reported today.

First Division Marines met considerable resistance in an advance to the outskirts of Yunagusuku town, in the exact center of the Yasu-Dake escarpment.

In the 24th Army Corps sector, the Seventh and 96th Divisions turned their main weight southwestward. The Seventh Division's 32nd Regiment, which cleared the Chinen peninsula on the southeast coast, reached the eastern end of the Yasu-Dake escarpment, which arcs considerably north in a crescent line across the island to the west.

20,000 Japs Left. This escarpment, which rises more than 300 feet, provides the last rough terrain for a defense stand by the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 Japanese left of a garrison which once numbered 85,000.

The mud and rain were such a handicap that planes had to parachute supplies to the sloping ground forces. Guns of the United States Pacific fleet poured shells in support.

Spearheads of the five divisions were driving toward junctions, cutting up the enemy remnants. On the east coast, the Seventh Infantry Division completed the occupation of all the Chinen peninsula Tuesday on the arm of a fleet anchorage already in use by American warships.

On the west coast, the Sixth Marine Division spread out over Oruku peninsula, where an amphibious landing was made Monday and which includes the fallen Naha airfield.

U. S. Using Airfields. Today's communique disclosed that airfields built on Okinawa and adjacent islands already are sending ground-based planes against other enemy islands in the Ryukyus and the Japanese homeland. Previously the Japanese homeland had been under attack of B-29s in the Marianas, ground-based fighters on Iwo, carrier-based planes and search planes of an air wing at Okinawa.

A few Japanese planes raided the Okinawa area Tuesday night and succeeded in damaging two American surface units at a cost of five planes.

Limited American air attacks were made on by-passed Truk in the Carolines Tuesday and against a naval base and installations in the Kuriles the day before.

Japs Concede Defeat. The Japanese themselves conceded the virtual loss of Okinawa in a series of broadcasts referring to it as "an isolated island" in a "most critical situation," and forecasting its conquest as an "imminent" forerunner of the invasion of the Japanese homeland some 635 miles to the northwest.

Admiral Nimitz already had sent an official "well done" message to Gen. Buckner, and only the final cleanup remained for the development of the key island of the Ryukyus chain on the ground. Operations are being planned to capture the island some 635 miles to the northwest.

British troops in southern Burma have driven back Jap night attack by 150 enemy troops leading to some Allied positions at Moulmein.

Swiss people will never let go of a holding hand.