

40 Hoke High Seniors Get Diplomas

John A. Lang Delivers Commencement Address Here Last Night.

Forty seniors of Hoke county high school received their diplomas at graduating exercises held at the school last night following the commencement address of John A. Lang, state director of the Youth Administration.

The exercises brought to a close the commencement program and a very successful school year under the direction of Principal V. R. White. Final report cards are to be distributed Friday morning from 10 until 11 o'clock.

The baccalaureate sermon was delivered to the graduating class Sunday evening, May 10th, by the Rev. Harry K. Holland, pastor of the Raeford Presbyterian church and class night exercises were held last Friday evening.

Katherine Ann Walker, valedictorian, and Hal Clark, salutatorian, gave brief but fitting and interesting addresses.

The valedictory and salutatory received subscriptions to the "Reader's Digest." Bonnie Autry and Mollie Cameron, who made the next highest grades, received subscriptions to "I Dare You."

K. A. Macdonald presented the good driver's certificates and bonus awarded by the Board of Education to all school bus drivers who made the required score of 87 on the Safety Rating Sheet prepared last fall by the Board.

Members of the class receiving diplomas were:

- Samuel Autry
- Leonard Calloway
- Hal Clark
- Herman Cole
- Frank Currie
- Truman Fuller
- James Hendrix
- James Morris
- Basil Wright
- Bonnie Autry
- Julia Lee Black
- Rebecca Bridges
- Mollie Cameron
- Elaine Crouse
- Sara Doris Fields
- Louise Gillis
- Lucille Lane
- Vivian Wright
- Mary Ruth Whitener
- Margaret Lyttle
- Clare Maxwell
- Helen Morgan
- Edith Moss
- Vivian McInnis
- Billie McIntyre
- Katherine McLean
- Margaret L. McNeill
- Mary Lee Peterson
- Annie Lou Quick
- Leone Rose
- Mary Saunders
- Ruby Sessoms
- Elaine Smith
- Evelyn Smith
- Barbara Stevens
- Catherine Ann Walker
- Betty Walters
- Katherine Walters
- Ida Lee Webb
- Ida Mae Wilkes.

Kiwanians Hear Miss Gibbs In Nutrition Talk

Miss Jane Gibbs, home economist for the Carolina Power and Light company, was the speaker at the meeting of the Kiwanis club last Thursday when Wartime Nutrition was discussed.

Miss Gibbs discussed the balanced diet and means of obtaining it in case of shortages of certain foods by the substitution of different vegetables and meats for those most commonly used. She pointed out that where food experts formerly insisted in making a balanced diet of carbohydrates, proteins and minerals, that the "sparkplug" of the human digestive machine had in recent years been discovered to be vitamins, and that the proper preparation and conservation of foods should be done in a way to secure the greatest amount of vitamins from each meal.

Small Grain Meeting Friday

There will be a small grain meeting on the farm of T. B. Upchurch, Inc., three miles southeast of Raeford on the Lumber Bridge road (highway 20) Friday, May 15, at 2:30 p. m. This is a demonstration testing several varieties of wheat, oats, and barley in cooperation with the North Carolina Experiment Station.

Four Cases Heard In County Court

Mack Evans and James Evans were convicted of violation of the prohibition laws and given 30 day road sentences, suspended upon payment of costs, in county court Tuesday. Matthew Fair was found guilty of trespass and given a like sentence. Raymond Torrey, truck driver, pleaded guilty of careless and reckless driving and was taxed with the costs.

T. B. Upchurch, Jr., Elected Head of Cotton Group At Meeting

Lumberton, May 12.—T. B. Upchurch, Jr., of Raeford, will be the new director from the Robeson-Scotland-Hoke district in the North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative association, it was announced here today.

Upchurch was elected in a contest with George Lewis Pate of Raynham, of Robeson county, who had been director for the past two years.

No one in the district is better fitted for this position than Tommy Upchurch, a veteran cotton man. He is now also chairman of the North Carolina and Virginia branch of the National Cotton Council. Cotton and the cotton farmer come first in his business world. On Tuesday and Wednesday of this week Mr. Upchurch attended the joint annual meeting of the North Carolina Cotton Grower's Association and Farmer's Cooperative association in Raleigh.

Hoke Democrats In Convention Here Saturday

Delegates to the Hoke County Democratic convention which convenes at the court house here at 2 p. m. o'clock Saturday, May 14th, were selected at the precinct meetings which were held in the various townships of the county last Saturday.

The principal business of the convention Saturday will be the selection of the delegates to represent the county at the state convention which will be held early in June at Raleigh, and the election of party officers.

YOUNG DEMOCRATIC CLUB

There will be a meeting of members of the Young Democratic Club of the county immediately after the county convention adjourns. New club officers will be elected at this meeting, according to Archie Watson, president.

Soldier's Center Opened Saturday

Saturday last marked another step forward in Hoke's soldier activities. On this day the A. & R. depot, which had undergone such changes that one thought a fairy's wand had been waved over it, was opened as a recreation center for soldiers; all soldiers that will come to it. Many soldiers visited it Saturday night and townspeople Sunday afternoon.

Every merchant who was asked made contributions. Others will be called on later as more things are needed. First, J. K. McNeill, of the Home Grocery, contributed soap, lye, washing powder and disinfectant; a big part of the magic wand; Raeford Hardware, paint; McLaughlin company, screens; Collins Department Store, beautiful draperies; Raeford Furniture Company, a chair and window shades; Mack's 5c and 10c store, stationery; Variety Store, pads and pencils for desk; Hoke Drug company, a clock, pen and ink set for desk; Mrs. Anna Patch Blue, loan of piano; Mr. Street of the Raeford hotel, a large flag; Israel Mann, a beautiful light fixture; Freddie Fridell did a good job on wiring; Willie Walters painted the sign; Starr McMillan put plumbing in first class shape and, believe it or not, was the first man to finish his job.

Subscriptions to the daily newspapers have been placed and magazines contributed. Magazines and flowers will always be appreciated. A very modern combination radio and victrola has been purchased. The Center will be open every afternoon and from 7 to 9 at night. Officers and families living in Raeford are invited to make this a meeting place and the officers wives are urged to meet here for bridge, knitting, or other activities.

Hold 7th Grade Promotion Day Exercises

Miss Mary Wilder Makes Highest Average In Standard Tests; Is Valedictorian.

The Rev. W. Ted Jones, pastor of Highland Presbyterian church, of Fayetteville, was the speaker at the annual promotion day for seventh graders of the grammar schools of Hoke county which was held Tuesday morning at Hoke high school.

Mary Margaret Wilder, of the Ashmont school delivered the valedictory at the exercises. Miss Wilder made the highest score of all grammar school students of the county in the standard achievement tests given throughout the county system. Elizabeth Parker of Rockfish school and Eleanor Leach of the Raeford school made identical grades on the tests to tie for second rating and each gave short salutators.

Following the playing of a group of numbers by the high school band under the direction of Mrs. Bruce January, the following program was given: Processional, Mrs. McLawhorn; Invocation, the Rev. J. E. Reamey; chorus "America Forever" by students of the Rockfish school; salutatory by Elizabeth Parker; "Umbrella Song" by the Mildouson chorus; a song by Raeford school students; salutatory by Eleanor Leach; song "March of Peace" by Antioch students; the speaker, Rev. Mr. Jones, was introduced by Supt. K. A. Macdonald; group of band numbers; valedictory by Mary Margaret Wilder; presentation of certificates and awards.

Marshalls for the exercises were students with the highest standard test scores, one selected from each grammar school of the county.

School Bus Drivers Get Certificates

Drivers of Hoke county school buses who received operation record grades of 87 per cent or above were awarded certificates of merit at the county high school exercises Wednesday night. The grades were given the drivers on the basis of maintenance records kept by the school garage superintendent, and on grades for carefulness, punctuality and other operations of merit given by the school principals and the county superintendent.

The following were given certificates: Edwin Hasty, Dougald McDougald, Margaret McNeill, who has the honor of being the first girl student driver of a school bus in Hoke, Edwin Fuller, Eugene Maxwell, Truman Fuller, Daniel Blue, Jr., Hubert Cole, Kenneth Haire, Randall Moss, Samuel Autry, John C. Ray, W. R. Huff, Jr., and Earl Yarrowborough.

High School Graduates Are Now Eligible For Naval Aviation

Atlanta, May 14.—A new plan of recruiting under which high school graduates may qualify to become aviation officers with the rank of Ensign in the U. S. Naval Reserve or Second Lieutenants in the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve has been approved by the Navy Department.

It marks the first time the Navy has offered young men with only a secondary education the opportunity to apply for flight training leading to commissioned officer status.

Recruiting began in every section of the United States on Monday, April 27, and candidates between their 18th and 27th birthdays who have graduated from high school may apply.

Mrs. Heinsohn To Be FMC Speaker On Alumnae Day

Alumnae Day at Flora Macdonald college will be Saturday, May 23rd. The business meeting at 11:30 a. m. will be followed by luncheon at 1 o'clock in the college dining hall.

Classes especially honored this year will be '09, '10, '11, '12-'28, '29, '30, '31 and '41. Alumnae speaker will be Mrs. Lillian Britt Heinsohn of Philadelphia, Pa. Other attractions during the luncheon hour will be selected dances from the May Day pageant and a style review from the Home Economics department.

All who plan to attend will please notify Mrs. Cecil Parsons, Flora Macdonald college.

Local Doctors Attend Medical Association Meet

Dr. R. L. Murray and Dr. A. L. O'Brian attended the meeting of the North Carolina Medical Association which was held in Charlotte Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. Dr. Murray attended the breakfast Tuesday at 7:30 a. m. at the Charlotte hotel, at which the presidents of the county medical meetings throughout the state were invited guests.

Headquarters for this meeting were in the Charlotte Hotel.

PROFITABLE
Catherine Lance, a 4-H Club member of the Mills River club in Henderson County, made a net income of \$109.23 from nine hogs which she kept as a club project.

CUTTER
Earl Young of Bakersville has agreed to purchase an ensilage cutter and power unit to enable his Mitchell County neighbors to cut their silage corn.

Hoke Wins Award At N. C. Medical Auxiliary Meeting

Charlotte, May 12.—Mrs. K. B. Pace, of Greenville, was named president-elect of the Women's Auxiliary to the North Carolina State Medical society at its meeting at the Charlotte Woman's club yesterday morning.

Other officers elected to serve the organization in the new year are as follows: President, Mrs. R. A. Moore of Winston-Salem; first vice president, Mrs. Sidney Smith of Raleigh; second vice president, to be appointed; third vice president, Mrs. J. R. Reeves of Canton; fourth vice president, Mrs. A. H. Elliott of Wilmington; recording secretary, Mrs. James W. Vernon of Morganton; and treasurer, Mrs. E. C. Judd of Raleigh.

The award given by Mrs. Sidney Smith to the county society first to pay its dues 100 per cent went to the Hoke county organization and was presented by this group to the McCain Endowment fund. Mrs. P. F. McCain's award for the county giving most to the endowment fund went to New Hanover, and also was given to the fund. The award given by Mrs. J. S. Hooker of Chapel Hill to the county contributing most to the student loan fund was won by Guilford county and was given to the loan fund. It was reported that seven counties have been organized.

The auxiliary voted to continue support of the medical and surgical relief committee by the sale of relief emblems. Committee reports were made and officers told of their work in the last year.

Cotton Goods Output Soars

Washington, May 12.—Production of cotton goods in the Carolinas, increasingly for military use, continues to set new high records, the Department of Agriculture announced today. Cotton mills' production in the Carolinas and other areas is expected to total about 11.5 million bales this current year ending July 31, leaving a prospective carryover of little more than 10 million bales for 1942-43.

This is a little over a 10 months' supply at the current rate of consumption. However, much of it will be low grade short staple cotton. About 60 per cent of it will be of staples under one inch in length and not more than three per cent of staples one and one-eighth inch and longer.

Meanwhile, the department pointed out that the South is well into a new production season and hoping for good yields on a larger acreage this year than last.

In mid-April the price of cotton was slightly above parity. The government also is offering good premiums for long staple cotton needed in bigger supply this year in the production of military goods.

ARRIVE AT TRINIDAD

Word has been received that the Raeford boys who sailed from New Orleans two weeks ago have landed at Trinidad. Details of where they will be located are not known and probably will not be for some time.

STORES TO CLOSE

Raeford business houses will begin the Wednesday afternoon closing next Wednesday afternoon, May 20th, at 12:30 p. m. It was announced yesterday by Lawrence McNeill. The Wednesday closing will continue through the remainder of May, June, July and August.

Reports Of Death Of Lacy Huckabee Untrue Says His Sister

Reports of the death of Lacy Huckabee, on duty with the U. S. Army at one of the Caribbean bases, were denied here yesterday by his sister, Mrs. Lee Maxwell, of Blue Springs township. Huckabee was a member of the National Guard company from Raeford which is now stationed off the South American coast.

So many conflicting reports have come to the News-Journal in regard to this, it is hard to know what publicity to give it. This morning it is being reported that it is definitely true that the young man is dead.

Oil Shortage Gives Nazis New Headache

A Churchill prediction that a new "hurricane" of Nazi attack must soon end the "stormy lull" in Russia seems certified within 48 hours of its utterance.

On the slender, blood-drenched finger of Kerch peninsula, the Crimean backdoor to the Caucasus, the first German blows have fallen. That vindicates also the judgment of many Allied observers that it is failing oil reserves which must dominate Hitler strategy and hold out the brightest hope to shorten the war.

Whether the fight for the Kerch bridgehead to the Caucasus proves a feint or the actual beginning of a new German attempt to sweep around the Rostov corner, there seems no question that the most powerful concentration of Red armies on the whole 2,000 mile front is posted to defend that vital southern flank. Berlin radio commentators hint at a vast Nazi turning movement impending on the "Karkov-Kerch front." Military observers in Berlin estimate that Hitler has mustered 2,000,000 men for a supreme effort to break through into the Caucasus.

London discounts that report. Churchill himself indicated, however, that Russian and Allied staffs still lacked two days ago any positive information as to where and when the test would come.

"We have not so far seen any evidence of those great concentrations of German masses which usually precede their large scale offensives," he said. "They may have been not yet successfully concealed or may not yet have been launched eastward. But it is now the tenth of May, and the days are passing."

Weather conditions in the Crimea and northward to Kharkov have been suitable for two weeks or more for major operations. By every straw-in-the-wind it is along the southern flank from Kharkov to the Kerch peninsula the Russian high command has expected the German offensive to develop.

Recapture of the Kerch bridgehead as a preliminary to a massive German effort to turn the Rostov corner is essential to the Nazis. In Nazi hands it was so serious a flanking threat late last fall that the Russians abandoned Rostov to fall back behind the Don, only to retake it a few days later when the premature onset of the heaviest Russian winter in decades caught the Germans unprepared.

The great Nazi winter retreat began at Rostov November 29 last, a week after its capture. There seems small doubt that the Nazi offensive now on Kerch peninsula, balked in its first thrusts according to Moscow reports, is the beginning of a new battle of Rostov which could bring the Nazi-Russian conflict to another crisis within a short time and evolve into one of the most decisive clashes of the war.

That the Russians are better prepared on the Kharkov-Kerch front to meet the supreme test than they have been at any time goes without saying. They are commanded by men of tested skill and judgment, deeply experienced in Nazi war technique.

Peanut and Soybean Acreages Short

The acreage planted to peanuts in Hoke county will be far short of the goal set up by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, says A. S. Knowles, county agent. Farmers are urged to plant as many acres of peanuts as well as soybeans for oil purposes as they can handle, considering land, labor and equipment. Peanuts and soybeans can be grown successfully if planted up to the middle of June. Farmers might consider planting these crops after their small grain is harvested, provided this is not too late.

Survey Reveals 41% Hoke Cars Not Accredited

Commissioners To Appeal For Higher Tire Allotments: 566 Cars Credited To Ajoining Counties.

Forty-one per cent of the cars owned by the people of Hoke county are officially recorded as belonging to citizens of other counties, according to a survey completed this week at the order of the Board of County Commissioners. An appeal to the state rationing board, based on this survey, will be made immediately for higher tire allotments for the county.

This error in crediting the county with autos owned in the county has come about because such a large part of the county is served by rural mail routes which come into the county from postoffices located in adjoining counties, it was stated by J. M. McGoogan, county accountant, who directed the completion of the figures.

The survey shows that there are 1370 cars owned in the county, of which 814 were accredited to it by the rationing board and on which figure the tire rationing quota was based. Owners of 566 cars gave routes out of out-of-county post offices as their addresses in securing license registration cards and these were credited to those other counties, or the cars were purchased out of Hoke county and recorded under another address than the present one of the car-owner.

The survey shows township recordings of cars as follows:

- Allendale—recorded, 7; in another county 79.
- Antioch—recorded, 17; in another county 115.
- Blue Springs—recorded 86; in another county 94.
- Little River—recorded 10; in another county 56.
- McLaughlin—recorded 112; in another county 38.
- Quewhiffle—recorded 116; in another county 58.
- Raeford—recorded 408; in another county 45.
- Stonewall—recorded 58; in another county 81.
- Total—recorded in Hoke 814; recorded in another county 566.

Group To Attend Regional Defense Conference

Members of the Hoke County Civilian Defense Council are to attend the regional conference and instruction classes for CD workers at Fayetteville next Monday, according to H. L. Gatlin, Jr., chairman of the council.

Those expecting to attend are: Tommy Upchurch, chairman of the civilian protection committee; M. C. Dew, chief air raid warden; Harry Green, chief fire protection committee; Dr. R. L. Murray, chief of emergency medical service; L. S. McMillan, chief of emergency public works; Lewis Upchurch, chief of emergency public utilities; and Mr. Gatlin, general chairman.

Report Of Tire Rationing Board

- C. F. Tapp, Raeford, farmer, 1 tire, 1 tube, for tractor plow.
- W. M. Thomas, Raeford, farmer, 1 tire, 1 tube, harvester.
- A. S. Knowles, Raeford, farm agent, 1 tube.

Patrolman Barnes Out Again

Patrolman Barnes, who has been ill for the past two weeks, returned to his duties Tuesday as highway patrolman for this area.

Gene Raper and Ralph Burgin, brother of Congressman Burgin, both of Lexington, visited the News-Journal office Tuesday.

Miss Martha Looper, who underwent a tonsillectomy last Monday at Hodgins' Clinic in Red Springs, is feeling much better after a week's rest and is back at work now.

AIR RAID WARNINGS FOR RAEFORD

WARNING SIGNAL—A series of repeated short blasts on the fire siren. This will be the warning for an actual raid or for a practice alert. If at night it means an instant and complete blackout.

ALL-CLEAR SIGNAL—One long blast of the siren.