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SCHOOL NEWS

by K. A. McDonald

Closing Exercises of County Schools

Elsewhere in the News-Journal you will find the program of a piano recital given at the Ashemont School last Friday evening. The pupils were presented by Mrs. Cook, piano teacher in the school and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

The Rockfish Committee met in Raeford Saturday night and elected Mrs. Z. G. Ray principal of the school for the 1943-44 term. Mrs. Gillis and Mrs. Bostic were re-elected

to fill the other two places. On account of low enrollment Rockfish lost a teacher this year as did Antioch and Raeford Graded for the same reason. Hoke High holds its same number by a very slim margin, while Mildouson and Ashemont hold theirs by a comfortable number.

Mildouson held its closing exercises Monday afternoon. A very enjoyable program was put on by the pupils. The first part a medley of songs, recitations, etc., given by the primary and grammar grades; the second, class day exercises presented by the seventh grade. After the seventh grade had completed their part of the program the chairman of the county Board of Commissioners, the chairman of the school board, and the County Superintendent were called on for short talks.

The Antioch School Committee held their annual election last Thursday night. All committees have now held their elections and all faculties are complete. It is hoped that there will not be any additional resignations to upset the work of the various committees.

A picnic supper was spread on the Rockfish School grounds late Tuesday afternoon by the patrons of the school. It was in the usual bountiful Rockfish style and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

Wednesday was a skip day for the white schools of the county. The pupils and teachers returning on Thursday for the final activities of the 1942-43 session. The reason for skipping Wednesday was to allow teachers time to get all pupil grades and report cards ready. These were given out then on Thursday.

County Seventh Grade Promotion Day

Tuesday at 10:30 A. M. the 94 seventh graders gathered in the auditorium of Hoke High School for the annual Seventh Grade Promotion Day exercises. Certificates of Promotion were awarded by the chairman of the various school committees or the principals of the different schools. Rev. R. E. Brown, Pastor of the Hay Street Methodist Church of Fayetteville made a splendid address. The program of the exercises is as follows:

- Prelude—Hoke High Band.
- Processional.
- Invocation—Rev. H. K. Holland.
- Music—Hoke High Band.
- Salutatory — Miralyn Johnson, Ashemont.

A Song of Peace—Raeford Graded "My Pa"—Phillip Culbreth, Rockfish.

Piano—Miralyn Johnson, Ashemont.
Introduction of Guest Speaker—Rev. E. C. Crawford.
Address—Rev. R. E. Brown.
Commencement Song—Mildouson.
Valedictory—Alton Clark, Raeford Graded.
Presentation of Certificates.
Recessional.

High School News

Baccalaureate Sermon.

On Sunday, May 9, Mr. E. C. Crawford Methodist Church preached the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Hoke High School. The subject of Mr. Crawford's address was "Being a Good Soldier." Mr. Crawford cited in a very forceful manner some of the qualities necessary to a good soldier and urged the seniors to go forth fortified with these attributes into a difficult world.

Registration

Students attended school Thursday morning to receive their report cards and to complete registration for next year.

To Attend Summer School.

Mr. and Mrs. V. R. White and Miss Jessie Helen Belch will attend the summer session at Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N. C.

Library News

Frances Parkinson Keyes, of Washington, D. C. nationally known writer of fiction and who has contributed articles to Good Housekeeping for several years, was a visitor to Fayetteville and Fort Bragg recently. Mrs. Keyes had several telephone conversations with Mrs. Wm. Lamont, of Raeford, at whose home friends of Mrs. Keyes, Lt. and Mrs. Kerr, of Boston, Mass., lived while Lt. Kerr was stationed at Fort Bragg two years ago. She had heard little of Fayetteville, but had much about Raeford.

A number of Mrs. Keyes books are in Hoke County Library and are very popular with the readers.

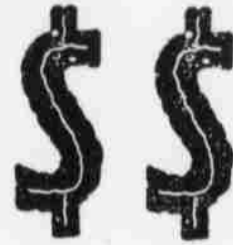
New books in the library are: Mrs. Parkington, Bromfield; The Bride Saw Red, Carson; The Boy from Maine, Brush; Queen Anne's Lace, Keyes; I Saw the Fall of the Philippines, Romulo; Let the People Know, Angell; and Pacific Charter, Abend.

The Library Board wishes to thank Mr. J. A. Baucum for several books which he presented to the Library.

Seniors Given Welner Roast.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Gatlin gave a welner roast last Wednesday evening in honor of the Senior Class. The

attractive young daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Gatlin, Lilmar Sue is one of the class Mascots. Dickie Rivenbark is the other Mascot. Weiners and all the accessories were cooked and served at Clyde's Pond. Those enjoying this delightful occasion were: the seniors, Mr. and Mrs. V. R. White, Miss Gill, Mrs. Rivenbark and Dickie.



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