

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BEGINS FRIDAY

FORMAL OPENING OF WEST ELEMENTARY AUDITORIUM THURSDAY

Mr. Mauney Master Of Ceremonies

The formal opening of the West Elementary Auditorium will be held Thursday night, May 19, at 7:30 o'clock. Mr. D. R. Mauney, Jr., chairman of the local Board of Education, will be master of ceremonies.

Appearing on the program also will be Mayor W. T. Robinson, County Commissioner C. Grier Beam, Architect J. L. Beam, Jr., Supt. Fenton L. Larson, Principal Irene S. Heavner, the Rev. J. W. Kiser, and W. P. Fitzhugh, president of the PTA at West Elementary School.

Other invited guests are the town clergymen, T. Carlyle Sumner, J. L. Armstrong, Webb McGinnas, and E. C. Sullivan, Jr.; the present School Board members; Floyd Dellinger, H. A. Blackwelder, Lawrence McGinnas, Ben Rudisill, and Howell Stroup; and the outgoing members, Roy Carpenter and Harry Allen, Jr.

The installation of the PTA officers for next year will conclude the meeting. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Funeral Service For J. A. Hager

Funeral services for Joe Anderson Hager, 83-year-old, well known Gaston County farmer of the Tryon community, were held Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, Rev. C. C. Fisher, pastor of the church, was in charge assisted by Dr. Grier of Pisgah A. R. P. Church of Gastonia.

Active pallbearers were Sam Lingerfeld, John Mauney, Walden Weaver, Winfred Stroupe, Russel Stroupe and W. M. Howie.

The services were in charge of Mrs. R. Lee Eaker, Mrs. C. C. Harrelson and Mrs. Walden Weaver with granddaughters serving as flower bearers, assisted by friends of the family.

Burial was in the family plot in the church cemetery. Mr. Hager died early Monday morning at his home after suffering a heart attack. He had been in his usual health until stricken with the attack Monday morning.

Mr. Hager had lived in the Tryon community all his life and was a member of the Concord Methodist Church. Surviving are four sons and one daughter: Darius W. Morrow of Gastonia; G. A. Hager of Bessemer City; Marvin Hager of Cherryville and Howard Hager and Heman Hager of Shelby. His wife, Mrs. Barbara Farris Hager, and two sons, Rufus and Thomas, preceded him in death. Also surviving are two half-brothers, Lee Mitchem of Bessemer City and Malachi Mitchem of Lowell and one half-sister, Mrs. Etta Mitchem of Kannapolis, 16 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Robert D. Beam Dies In Charlotte

Robert D. Beam, 38, son of Darius W. Beam and the late Mrs. Gladys Beam, both natives of Cherryville, died at his home in Charlotte Sunday night after suffering a heart attack.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at McIwain Funeral Home in Charlotte and burial was made in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

Mr. Beam is survived by his father, Darius W. Beam, his wife, Mrs. Gladys Beam, and two sons, Bobby and Phil; two brothers, Bill Beam and Paul Beam all of Charlotte; and one sister, Mrs. Betty Harrison, of California. His mother died several years ago.

Honor Students Are Named At Tryon

Honor graduates of the Tryon High School 1955 graduating class are Sadie Mae Sellers and Doris Louise Carpenter, according to Principal H. F. Lovingood. Miss Sellers is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ray Sellers. Miss Carpenter is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Carpenter.

Rotary Club Elects William J. Allran, Jr.



William James Allran, Jr. was elected President of the Cherryville Rotary Club at a recent regular meeting. Other new officers elected were: J. L. Beam, Jr., Vice President; Eddie Viehman, Secretary; Dr. Charles Metcalf, Treasurer; and T. D. Gurley, Sgt. at Arms. Three other directors elected were: Raleigh Putnam, H. A. Blackwelder, and Jack Cooke.

Veterans Of Foreign Wars Install Officers

At a simple but impressive ceremony held at the Post Home on North Mountain Street, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 5200 installed the new officers for the year of 1955-56. Clyde Crawley, who had previously been appointed by the Department of North Carolina, VFW, and for his outstanding work in the local post during the past year, was the installation officer.

Before the actual installation of the new officers, the retiring commander Bill Hayes, gave a short talk praising and thanking the members of the post and especially the out-going officers for their help and support during his term of office. He also expressed his firm belief that the members and the new officers would continue this support to their incoming commander Buck Carpenter.

Commander Carpenter, in a short speech, expressed his thanks for having been appointed commander, and stated that he would do everything possible to fill the office of commander, so that the local post would continue in growth and become as it should be, a Club for the Veteran.

Other officers appointed at this meeting and their officers were: Commander: Buck Carpenter; Senior Vice Commander: Reuben Ramsey; Junior Vice Commander: Paul Baber; Post Quartermaster: Wilbur Craft; Judge Advocate: Everett Ellington; Chaplin: George Riddle; Asst. Chaplin: Guy Howell; Surgeon: Clyde Hayes; 1 Year Trustee: Clyde Crawley; 2 Year Trustee: J. B. Neal; 3 Year Trustee: Hack George; Adjutant: Hack George; Officer of the Day: Friel Quinn; Patriotic Instructor: Wilbur Baber.

Post Historian: Frank Goins; Post Public Officer: George Jenkins; Post Legislative Officer: Ray Jenkins; Color Guards: Colon Hayes and Clyde Crawley; Color Bearers: Reuben Ramsey and Ralph Moore; Post Employment Officer: Howell.

Post Public Relations Officer: Ralph Moore; Asst. Adjutant: Clyde Crawley; Asst. Quartermaster: Ray Jenkins.

Mrs. Larson's Second Grade Visits The Eagle

Mrs. Mary Larson brought her second grade pupils to The Eagle office last Thursday afternoon to observe the operation of the machinery which it takes to publish a newspaper. Those present were: Mrs. Larson, Gary Beam, Julian Clark, Robbie Clawson, Glenn Dellinger, Robert Eaker, Teddy Houser, Carol Lail, Bobby Reep, Randy Randall, Charles Reep, Robert Smith, Michael Thomas, Stanley Quicke, Ronnie Watts, Shelia Black, Janet Black, Linda Byers, Kay Brackett, Libba Carpenter, Jennie Clark, Cathy Hallman, Kay Jarrell, Fay Jarrell, Elizabeth A. Kester, Andy Morrison, Freda Quinn, Artie Schrum, Penola Self, Linda Sain and Linda West.

Mrs. Julia Allen Laid To Last Rest

Mrs. Julia Farris Allen, 81, died in the Gaston Memorial Hospital Wednesday night, May 11th about 11 o'clock after a few hours illness. Mrs. Allen was born January 2, 1874 in Gaston County, a daughter of A. W. Farris and Catherine Mauney Farris. She had lived in Cherryville and surrounding community all her life. She professed faith in Christ in early girlhood and united with the Concord Methodist Church and later moved her membership to the First Methodist Church of Cherryville where she remained a faithful member until death. She held a life membership in the Woman's Society of Christian Service and was an active member in the society. She was a member of the Woman's Bible Class and active in the church work.

She was first married to Mr. J. R. Royster of Lincoln County and after his death she married Mr. J. P. Allen who preceded her in death four years ago. Surviving are three brothers and one sister: W. A. Farris and Mrs. Elizabeth Craft of Cherryville and M. A. Farris and J. B. Farris of Clover, S. C. Also surviving are a number of nieces, nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews.

Cherryville Girl Is Best Typist

Deanna Sherry Summer, 18-year-old Cherryville High School Senior, is this year's winner of the annual Rotary Typing Contest. Miss Summer emerged as finalist from a field of 209 entries from every high school in the county.

It was almost a grand slam for Cherryville as Miss Frances Ann Harrelson of Cherryville won second place. The winner was presented with an Underwood portable typewriter. The second place winner was given a \$50 scholarship to any accredited business school or college.

Three other finalists were present to receive prizes for finishing in the top five. They were Martha Ann Beam of Cherryville, and Mitzie Parrish and Becky Causler of Bessemer City High School. Announcement of the winners was made at the regular meeting of the Gastonia office of the Employment Security Commission.

Representing the commission were Miss Jennie Craig Watson, who had general charge of the contest from its beginning; Mrs. Geraldine Hooks and Miss Martha Caldwell, who conducted the school-to-school contests; and Earle W. Brockman, manager of the local office. Others present for the presentation of awards included Erskine Carson, principal of Cherryville High School, Norman G. Warlick, typing instructor of the school, and Lester Houser, typing teacher from Bessemer City High School.

H. Harry Mann was in charge of the program. Members of the Youth Service Committee were Harold Moore, chairman, Dan S. LaFarr, Albert Rankin, Jr., R. M. Schiele, Dr. William B. Kingsley, and Dr. R. B. Groves. The winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dewey M. Summer of Cherryville. She plans to do secretarial work after graduation. The second place winner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harrelson, also of Cherryville. She will enter Woman's College, Greensboro, next September.

Graduation Exercises At Tryon High School

Tryon High School 1955 commencement exercises will feature a three-day round of customary activities, climaxed by the awarding of twenty-nine diplomas. The annual class night program will be held Friday through Monday, May 20-23. The Rev. D. L. Fisher, pastor of the Concord Methodist Church will deliver the sermon to the Tryon graduating class at 8 o'clock Sunday night in the High School auditorium.

The annual class night program will be held Friday night at 8 o'clock under the direction of Miss Ernestine Bridges. The graduation exercises will be held Monday night, May 23, with talks by Miss Sadie Mae Sellers, valedictorian, and Miss Doris Louise Carpenter, Salutatorian. Mr. W. J. Allran of Cherryville will deliver the graduation address. Diplomas will be awarded by Principal H. F. Lovingood to 29 seniors.

Cousin Wilbur And Blondie Coming To Cherryville Saturday

Cousin Wilbur's Country Store and Blondie Brooks and all the Log Cabin Folks will play and sing in person at the High School Auditorium on Saturday night, May 21st at 8 o'clock. Cousin Wilbur and his Log Cabin Folks are seen over station WLOS-TV, Channel 13, Asheville. A TV Talent Hunt will also be featured. Come and bring your friends. Remember the date, Saturday night May 21st at 8 o'clock. Sponsored by the Traditional New Year Shooters club.

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Mrs. Forest Guiton of the Dora Mill had new Irish Potatoes from her garden last Thursday, May 12th. Mrs. Guiton has a nice garden and the recent rains will make her vegetables produce a large yield.



CHERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND—Shown standing on the steps of Starnes Auditorium is the 85-piece Cherryville High School band. The band, climbing steadily through the years, reached its highest peak last month by winning a superior rating in the No. 5 classification at the state band meeting in Greensboro. To the extreme left is Band Director F. D. Grabill and his secretary, Miss Lynette Homesley (not in uniform). The band is popularly supported by civic clubs, textile mills, parents of students, and other public minded citizens of Cherryville. (Photo by Clay Nolen of Ennis Atkins Photography.)

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Funeral services were held at the First Methodist Church Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Services were in charge of her pastor, Rev. Jack H. Cooke, assisted by Rev. George L. Riddle, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Rev. Lewis C. Trexler, pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church. The church choir sang "Abide With Me" and "Asleep in Jesus".

Active pallbearers were Troy C. Homesley, J. M. Leonard, Hillard R. Harrelson, L. M. Probst, N. B. Boyles and Lester Houser. Flowers were in charge of Mrs. Lester Houser and Mrs. George S. Falls. Flower bearers were members of the Woman's Bible Class, and Woman's Society of Christian Service, assisted by friends of the family. Interment was made in the family burying ground in Concord cemetery. The many beautiful floral tributes attested to the high esteem in which that deceased was held.

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To Washington



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(From April 27, 1955 edition of "Little Rebels' Review", school paper of Homestead, Florida.) Coach Griffith has just announced that Frank Newton from Mrs. Gallaher's room will represent our school in Washington, D. C., the week beginning May 5. He will attend the National School-Safety Patrol Convention which is an annual affair and is sponsored by the American Automobile Association.

Frank will join other representatives from South Florida in Miami where they will go by train to Washington. He and other patrol boys and girls from all over the Nation, will be housed in the Shoreham Hotel, and will be taken on numerous sight-seeing tours and excursions which will include a call at the White House.

Frank is not a stranger to many of us, as he was co-editor of the Little Rebels' Review this year and was on the 7th grade staff last year. He is vice president of the Student Council, active in athletics and a faithful and efficient member of the school patrol. He has maintained an A average for his two years at Homestead Junior High and his conduct has been a credit to our school.

An admirer said of him, "He is friendly, hard-working, and not stuck up, either". The entire staff congratulates you, Frank, and says—"It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy". Frank is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Newton of Homestead, Fla. and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Newton of Cherryville and Mrs. M. L. Eaker of Crouse.

Supt. F. L. Larson Participates On Convention Program

In the May issue of the North Carolina Education Magazine, Fenton L. Larson, Superintendent of Cherryville City Schools, name appeared among those from North Carolina who participated in the program at the regional convention of the American Association of School Administrators held in Cleveland, Ohio, April 2-6. The convention theme was "Education, An Investment in America's Future".

Bethlehem Methodist Memorial Day Sun.

Bethlehem Methodist Church will observe its Annual Memorial Service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning, May 22. The public is extended a cordial welcome. The Bes Chapel Methodist Church service will be at 9:00 o'clock.

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Largest Senior Class In History

Commencement exercises for the largest Senior Class in the history of Cherryville High School will begin on Friday night, May 20, at 8 o'clock. This will be the class night program which is entitled "Plantation Song". This program in the Starnes auditorium will feature the seventy-one members of the graduating class along with the juniors who will form the traditional daisy chain.

On the following Sunday, Mr. Horace Eason of Shelby, N. C., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon. Mr. Eason is secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Brotherhood and recently conducted revival services here in the First Baptist Church.

Miss Harriette Ann Seals, class salutatorian, will give the address of welcome at graduation on Tuesday evening, May 24, beginning at 8 o'clock with the Senior Processional. Rev. W. G. Camp, pastor of the Sandy Run Baptist Church in Mooresboro, N. C., will give the Invocation. Awards and diplomas will be presented by Prin. E. W. Carson and Supt. F. L. Larson.

Last Rites For Mrs. Alice Duncan

Mrs. Alice S. Duncan, 71, of 106 Sussex avenue, died Thursday at 4 p.m. in a Lincoln hospital, after an illness of one month. Before her illness, Mrs. Duncan was employed at Globe Mills, Mt. Holly. She was born in Lincoln county on July 23, 1883, the daughter of the late Millard Sisk and Mary Jane Hullett Sisk.

Surviving are her husband, Fomey K. Duncan and a stepson, Hazel Duncan, both of Cherryville; three stepdaughters, Mrs. Edna Adams of Cherryville, and Mrs. Gladys Herrington and Mrs. Mabel Mayberry of Taylorsville; a brother, Ed Sisk of Cherryville, and a sister, Mattie Sisk of Kings Mountain.

The funeral was held Saturday at 2 p. m. at First Baptist Church, with the Rev. W. K. Mullen, pastor of Second Baptist Church, officiating. Burial was in Cherryville Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Susan Toms Dies at Son's Home

Mrs. Susan Beam Hill Toms, 97, of Sandy Hook, died at the home of a son, J. P. Hill, with whom she made her home, at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. She had been ill about a year.

Funeral services were conducted from Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church in Rutherford County Saturday at 11 a.m. with the body lying in state at the church from 10:30 until 11 a.m. Burial was in the cemetery at White Zion Methodist Church in Lincoln County.

Mrs. Toms is survived by four sons, Josh Hill of Great Falls, S. C., J. P. Hill of Sandy Hook, Philip Hill of Shelby and Jess Hill of Forest City; four daughters, Mrs. C. C. Barris, Mrs. James Head and Mrs. P. L. Kennedy of Forest City, Route 1, and Mrs. Lucy Hamrick of Durham; 33 grandchildren, 78 great-grandchildren, and 29 great-great-grandchildren.

Cherryville FFA Boys Attend Convention

The Cherryville High School Chapter of the Future Farmers of America was represented at the district convention in Asheville on May 13 and 14 by Wallace Harrelson, Delbert McSwain, David Lee Beam, Bubby George, and their agriculture teacher, Mr. R. C. Sharpe. On Friday afternoon the contest was held Saturday morning. The convention closed with a banquet at the George Vanderbilt Hotel at noon on Saturday. Over four hundred boys and their teachers registered at the George Vanderbilt Hotel for the convention.

Musical And Dance Revue Thursday 26th

The Henderson School of Dance will present its second annual Musical and Dance Revue Thursday night, May 26th at 8 o'clock at Starnes Auditorium. The public is cordially invited to attend.