

Congressman to Speak at Ceremony

Congressman Graham A. Barden will be the speaker at the outdoor dedication ceremony at Newport School Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. Federal funds totaling \$121,000 were used to build the new eight-classroom elementary wing.

Congressman Barden will be introduced by H. L. Joslyn, county superintendent of schools, who has been instrumental in pushing through federal applications for school funds in Carteret.

PTA Supervises Homecoming Arrangements

Saturday's Homecoming and School Dedication has been arranged by the Parent-Teacher Association in cooperation with all residents of the town.

Committees responsible for the forthcoming festivities are the following:

Steering committee, E. B. Comer, chairman; Mrs. Tom Dickinson, Mrs. David Kirk, Mrs. Ruby Simmons, C. S. Long, and Ed Carraway.

Program committee, Mr. Comer, chairman; Mrs. Ruby Woodruff, Mrs. Janie Garner, Mrs. Margaret Mann, Mrs. Jake Wade, T. Roy Garner, Mrs. T. E. Williams, Mrs. Maddrey and Nathan Garner.

Reception committee, Moses Howard, chairman; Edgar Hibbs, W. B. Allen, Mrs. Jimmie Kirby, Mrs. Manley Mason, Mrs. Stancel Bell, Dr. Manly Mason, J. I. Mizelle, and W. D. Heath Sr.

Entertainment committee, Mrs. Ann Harvell, chairman; Mrs. Erma Quinn, A. H. Casey, Tom Dickinson, Fred Prescott, Mrs. Floy Garner, Mrs. Neal Chadwick and Harry Lockey.

Supper committee, Mrs. Eleanor Garner, chairman; Mrs. Grace Barnes, Mrs. Dick Lockey, Mrs. J. B. Kelly, Mrs. Margaret Gray, Mrs. Julie Howard, and Mrs. Otto Slaughter.

Publicity committee, Mrs. Ida Reynolds, chairman; Mrs. Geraldine Garner, Mrs. Cornell Garner, David McCain, Mrs. David McCain, and Mrs. Robert Montague.

Advertisement committee, Charles Hill Jr., chairman; Roy T. Garner, Aaron Craig, W. D. Heath Jr., J. B. Kelly, Stancel Bell, and R. D. Garner.

Building and grounds committee, Jack Bell, chairman; B. S. Garner, Slim Massey, Wendell McCabe, Lloyd N. Garner, Clarence Mills, Carl Garner, W. D. Roberts, Lawrence Garner and Floyd Garner.

Decorating committee, Mrs. C. S. Long, chairman; Mrs. J. T. Mizelle, Mrs. Allen Cannon, Mrs. Moses Howard and Mrs. Edgar Hibbs.

Parking committee, C. S. Long, chairman; and members of the safety patrol. Directing traffic will be Highway Patrolman Robert Brown and Chief of Police Ormsby Mann.

Parade management committee, Mr. Comer, chairman; H. D. Straw, Leon Mann Jr., Jimmie LaShan, David Kirk Sr., Allen Cannon, and Capt. W. H. Livingston.

In charge of providing programs is Mrs. Ed Comer. The steering committee members have been ex-officio members of all committees.

Committee Would Administer Fund

The scholarship fund which will be started with the Homecoming and Dedication Saturday would be administered by a scholarship committee, E. B. Comer, principal, explains.

The scholarship committee would consist of representatives of the PTA, Rotary and other civic groups which may be interested, he added.

Money toward the fund may be placed in collection boxes in the gym during the dance Saturday night.

Principal Counts Trophies

E. B. Comer, principal of Newport School, is of Lincolnlike stature, quiet and friendly. Completing his second year as principal at Newport, he surveys here the many trophies won by school athletic teams.



Graham A. Barden... feature speaker

Seventh Grade Pupils Will Present Operetta at 7 P.M.

Mississippi Melody is the name of the operetta which children in the seventh grade will present at the Homecoming Saturday at 7 p.m. in the school auditorium.

The operetta, by Charles George, is being directed by Mrs. J. C. Harvell, seventh grade teacher.

Characters are Harley Garner as Tom Sawyer; Clyde Mann, Huckleberry Finn; Jimmy Skinner, Joe Harper; Jackie Stout, Ben Rogers; Eddie Clark, Sidney.

Ganes Chapman, Puddinhead Wilson; Johnny Mason, Steamboat Sam; Edward Corbett, Jim; Peggy Anne Cannon, Aunt Polly; Glen-

da Miller, Mary; Judy Slaughter, Mrs. Sereny Harper.

Peggy Jo Wallace, Susy Harper; Signa Roberts, Becky Thatcher; Patsy Forest, Widow Douglas; Mattie Waddell, Miss Watson; Becky Garner, Mrs. Sally Phelps; Glenda Hulsey, Ella Mae Phelps; and Huldah Garner, Mammy.

Boys and girls in the chorus are Rose Simmons, Larry Kirk, Clarence Murdock, Sharron Crider, Mamie Lou Riggs, Billy Wade, Bonnie Dale Garner, Avon Davis, Mary Fulcher, Franklin Oglesby, Leslie Riggs, Joyce Hill.

Technicians and members of the property committee are Terry Garner, Thomas Allen, James David Mann, Dell Miller Jr. and David Mossor.

The operetta is in two acts, two scenes in the first and three in the second.

Assisting Mrs. Harvell are Fred Prescott, staging; Mrs. Erma Quinn, costumes; Mrs. Leona Prescott, make-up; Dick Lockey, scenery; C. S. Long, carpentry work; Aaron Craig, lumber; and Mrs. Ruby Woodruff, music director.

Homecoming Program

SATURDAY, APRIL 17

- 1:30 p.m.—Music by Beaufort School Band
- 2:00 p.m.—Dedication Ceremony, Address by Congressman Graham A. Barden
- 3:30 p.m.—Entertainment in school gymnasium
- 5:00 p.m.—Picnic Supper
- 7:00 p.m.—Operetta, Mississippi Melody by seventh graders
- 8:30 p.m.—Dancing in gymnasium

22 Teachers Make Up Faculty

Twenty-two teachers comprise the faculty at Newport Consolidated School.

E. B. Comer, besides serving as principal, teaches history and typing. His home is in Newport.

Other members of the faculty are Miss Louise Woodson, English and French; Hubert D. Straw, mathematics and English; Mrs. Ruby Simmons, home economics, biology and science; Aimeul H. Casey, social studies and typing; and C. S. Long, vocational agriculture.

Miss Delena Hughes, eighth grade; Miss Eva Bateman, sixth; Miss Florence Grimes, sixth; Mrs. Julia Avery, fifth; Mrs. Mollie Henderson, fifth; Miss Velna Chitty, fourth; Mrs. Alice Gerock, fourth; Mrs. Geraldine Garner, third; and Mrs. Audrey Edwards, third.

Mrs. Erma Quinn, second; Mrs. Florida Garner, second; Mrs. Mary Mills, first; Mrs. Janie F. Garner, first; and Mrs. Elizabeth Straw, first, all living in Newport.

Two faculty members live in Morehead City. They are Mrs. Marie Willis, who teaches eighth grade, and Mrs. Ann Stroud Harvell, who teaches seventh.

500 Invitations Go To Alumni, Friends

By last week more than 500 invitations had been mailed to alumni of Newport School and former residents of the town.

The letters were distributed to local citizens who knew addresses of alumni and of other persons who would be interested in attending the Homecoming and Dedication Saturday.

Alumni have been invited to plan class reunions on that day. Newport folks are looking especially for attendance by former faculty members and principals.

Persons who wanted overnight accommodations were requested to contact E. B. Comer, principal.

Serve on Board
Five men serve on the Newport School Board. They are Edward S. Carraway, chairman, Lawrence A. Garner, M. Cornell Garner, Roy T. Dickinson and Lloyd N. Garner.

Town Grows
From 1930 through 1940 the population of Newport remained at 480 but in 1950 the census shows that the town had grown to 676. The population of Newport township is 2,250.

Patrol to Help Direct Traffic



Photo by Leon Mann Jr.

Helping to direct traffic Saturday will be members of the School Safety Patrol. Pictured above are Sgt. Thomas Howard, Clifton Munday, Franklin Oglesby, Larry Kirk, Joseph Williams, Ganes Chapman,

Bob Reynolds, Larry Wallace, Johnny Mason, Dick Syme, Clayton Howard, Allen Ray Garner, Billy Simmons, Terry Garner, Bruce Hart, Billy Dail, Robert Garner, Walter Clark, Larry Howard, Kelly

Williams. Absent when the picture was taken were Albert Wallace, Thomas Garner, Louis Kelly and Edward Corbit. Supervisor of the patrol is C. S. Long.

Nine Graduated In Class of '25

The first graduating class from the Newport Consolidated School, of which there is a record, is the class of 1925. Nine received graduation certificates, one boy, David McCain, and eight girls.

According to the class roster filled out by the principal, F. F. Thompson, the girls were Edith Lockey, Ada Allen, Jessie B. Bell, Esther Elliott, Rosalyn Garner, Etta M. Lewis, Alice V. Mason and Beatrice Simmons.

At that time the highest grade in high school was the eleventh. The total enrollment in the school, grades 8 through 11, was 83.

E. B. Comer, principal, said that there was a graduating class in 1924 but no official record has been found. Ed Carraway, Newport, says he was a member of the class of '24.

Miss Molly, Mr. Penn Attended Early School

Two persons the Homecoming committee especially hopes to see Saturday are Penn Hill who is 90 and Mrs. Molly Haskett who is 87.

They are the oldest residents of the town to have attended school in Newport.

"Miss Molly" who lives on "Railroad Street" several doors from the old Newport Hotel gets around pretty well but she only feels good "off and on."

When she went to the school it was located where the teacherage now stands. There was one large room and at the front there was a room on either side.

At that time there were no grades, Miss Molly says. The children just went and learned what they could of reading, writing,

arithmetic and geography. They used slates and blackboards and if there was a special composition to be written they were allowed the luxury of paper. The teacher at the time she attended was Michael Hill who later moved to Beaufort. At one time he had an assistant, Miss Jenny Hardesty.

Miss Molly says she remembers Mr. Penn, but she hastens to explain that he was several years older than she. She started to attend school in Newport after her family moved there from Stella.

The children in the country could get there only by being transported in a "truck."

The school which Miss Molly and Mr. Penn attended was torn down when the "new school" which now houses part of grades four through 12 was built.

Six Principals Serve at Newport

Since Newport became a consolidated school, six principals have served there.

According to E. B. Comer, who came to Newport as principal in the fall of 1952, the principals have been F. F. Thompson, Mr. Powell, Charles F. Carroll, R. L. Pruitt and W. H. Bryson.

Mr. Carroll who is now state superintendent of public instruction, will be the speaker at Newport's commencement June 1. Newport was his first principalship.

Mr. Pruitt holds the record for the longest term of service, 19 years. He was followed by Mr. Bryson in the fall of 1951 and Mr. Comer succeeded Mr. Bryson.

Japan's Inland Sea has about 3,000 islands if the islets and jutting rocks are counted.

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