



Person's Commencement Season Will Feature Home Talent

Seventy Eight Seniors To Finish Work In City

Music To Be Program Feature By Glee Clubs

Faculty Committees And Student Marshals Named For Two Events.

Seventy-eight 12th and 11th grade seniors in Roxboro high school are expected to be candidates for degrees at graduation exercises next month...

Chief marshal will be Bruce Newell, Jr., with Reda Umstead, Ruby Ann Maness, George Barrett, Tom Woody, Jr., Mildred Stroud, Marion Paylor and Dorothy Young as marshals.

Music will be Franck's, "Fater, Most Merciful", and Gounod's, "Send Out Thy Light", by the Glee club, directed by Miss Katherine Cooper...

Senior sponsors from faculty are Mesdames A. F. Nichols, B. G. Clayton and Tom Street...

Program features will be presentations of the J. A. Long Memorial Scholarship Bond, the Woman's Club English Loving cup and the Kiwanis citizenship award.

Those expected to graduate are:

Twelfth Grade: Toufielk Ameen, Harriet Muriel Brewer, Gladys Dickerson, Mary Jane Fox, Mary Winder Green, Jack Hughes, Jr., Wallace Hines Kirby, Thomas Drumwright Long, Dorothy Marie Rowe, Jack Andrew Shotwell, Jr., Kathryn Tapp and Lois Marguerite Whitefield.

Eleventh Grade: Naomi Rogers Allen, Boyce Thomas Blalock, Betty Ann Bradsher, Lessie Paylor Brandon.

THREE AT GRANT: Pvt. Trayham E. Mitchell, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Mitchell, is now at Camp Grant, Ill., as are two other Person men, Clyde Brooks and Julius A. White, Jr. Mitchell is in the Medical corps and can be reached by this address: Pvt. Trayham E. Mitchell, 34771471, Co., C., 37th Med. Tng. Bn., 1st Platoon, Camp Grant, Ill.

SIX YEARS COMING: Pvt. Robert Morris of the United States army, recently stationed in the Hawaiian Islands, is expected to arrive in Roxboro soon for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Edna W. Daniels, of Ca-Vel. He will be Pvt. Morris' first visit home in six years.

RAINWATER WILL BE CHAPLAIN IN U. S. NAVY SOON

New Pastor Of Roxboro Circuit Will Be W. T. Medlin.

The Rev. R. W. Rainwater, for the past several months pastor of Roxboro Circuit, today announced that this Sunday is to be his last as pastor and that as of May 1, he will enter the U. S. Navy as chaplain.

New pastor of Roxboro circuit, including Ca-Vel Community Methodist church, Grace church and the church at Longhurst, will be the Rev. W. T. Medlin, of Raleigh and Charlotte, who, on May 22, will receive his B. D. degree from Duke University divinity school. The Rev. Mr. Medlin will first serve the Roxboro circuit churches on Sunday, May 2.

The Rev. Mr. Rainwater, a resident of Rockingham, will complete his graduate work at Duke next month before he goes to the Navy. His successor is a graduate of Wofford College, Spartanburg, S. C., and an alumnus of Louisburg college.

rites Will Be Held Today For Mrs. R. D. Long

Resident Of Mchee's Mill Dies At Son's Home.

Mrs. Susan Dixon Long, 86, wife of the late Robert Davis Long, of McGhee's Mill, Person County, died late Friday night at midnight at her home, death resulting from infirmities of age and injuries received about two months ago in a fall.

Funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at two o'clock at Oak Grove Methodist church by her pastor, the Rev. F. B. Peele, of Roxboro, with interment in the family cemetery.

Surviving are two adopted children, a son, J. C. Tingen, with whom she made her home, and a daughter, Mrs. W. H. Bray, Sr., also of McGhee's Mill.

Two Tucks Have Same Rank In Naval Service

Petty Officer First Class John Henry Tuck, 21, of Longhurst and South Boston, Va., a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tuck, is visiting his parents. Another Tuck, in the Navy and also a Petty Officer, is Eugene M. Tuck, 22, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Tuck, of East Roxboro. Both Tucks have seen foreign service, but Eugene M. Tuck has not been here on a visit in several months and according to his mother, is now on sea duty. The two Petty Officers are not related.

WFB expects toward home coming provisions for equipment.

Two Times



R. L. Harris

Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, next week will fill two Commencement engagements here, first at Bethel Hill, second at Roxboro high school.

Davenport Hears New Battle Cry

Former Roxboro Man Now Grim Fighter In Pacific Southwest.

Lieut. William H. Davenport, of Roxboro and Kinston, a State College graduate and son of Mrs. W. H. Davenport, of Kinston, for more than a year has been in overseas service in an infantry division, first in Hawaii and more lately in the Southwest Pacific area.

In Roxboro, Davenport, known to friends here as "Bill", worked with the FSA and put into his job more than the average of intelligence and enthusiasm, qualities now being transmitted to the job in hand, getting the Japs.

A few days ago Bill sat down and wrote a letter to a Kinston friend, George E. Haskett, his former Scoutmaster. In this message, a chronicle of mud and blood and hardship and humor, written, as Bill says, "with a Parker pen that once belonged to a Jap", is expressed quite clearly the grasp that Davenport has of his Southwest Pacific task.

He writes: "I've been away from the States about a year now. About half of the time was spent in Hawaii, and since then I've been up against the Japs in the Southwest Pacific, I'm not at liberty to state exactly where. "The fighting at times has been very tough, but we have a tough outfit, always tougher than the Japs. Those sons-of-guns couldn't hit the side of a barn. They are supposed to have been good jungle fighters, but that was before they met American troops."

"We went places white men (Turn to page four please)

TO SPEND EASTER: Mesdames A. Welford Johnson, of Baltimore, Md., Garrie R. Webb and D. M. Hartley, both of Richmond, Va., will spend Easter in Roxboro with their mother, Mrs. E. J. Rogers, and their brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Rogers.

Fireworks Lacking At Board Time

Roxboro District Re-elections Announced By Griffin.

Teachers in Roxboro district schools, with few exceptions, have all been re-elected to their respective faculties for the 1943-1944 season, according to Person Superintendent R. B. Griffin, who today reported that the District School Board took action at a meeting held last week.

Only exceptions are J. S. Fleming, of Roxboro high school, recently elected to the principalship at Mount Tirzah; Mrs. Frank Whitt, who leaves her position as band director at Roxboro high school next month to join the WAACS, and Hall Brooks, substitute teacher at Roxboro high school, who did not ask for re-election.

Leon Couch, district supervising principal, who was re-elected last month, and all district faculty members were warmly commended by the school board, of which Dr. B. A. Thaxton is chairman. Other Board members are C. A. Harris, B. B. Newell, R. M. Spence and W. C. Bullock.

Also re-elected are all faculty members at Hurdle Mills. Only resignation is that of Mrs. Newton Day, of Roxboro, who will be succeeded by Miss Eloise Pearce, of Helena, recently of Broadway school faculty. A. L. Combs, principal, was also re-elected at Hurdle Mills, where board members are Clyde Berry, Wallace Foushee and Flydd Hawkins.

Second War Loan Climbing Toward Goal

Person Second War Loan drive now stands at \$220,900, with 704 subscribers, according to Gordon C. Hunter, chairman, who hopes subscribers will reach one thousand by end of the week. Quota is \$242,900.

\$55,000 of today's total comes from State of North Carolina purchase.

Along The Way With the Editor

These "Johnnies Come Lately" who are trying to raise gardens this year are really doing all that they can in a very feeble way to sprout a few things to eat in their back yards. If you did not know where you were going you would walk right over the things without knowing what you were stepping on. Then after you were told you would have to hunt some several minutes before you could see where anything at all had been planted, much less coming up.

Thomas Hatchett has a plot in his yard about the size of a plant bed and he has given it the name of "garden." Actually it is where his ash pile was and not so much larger. If ashes are good for plants, he is going to have one of the best in the city.

Pat Robinson is trying to raise something. What it is — no one knows, but Pat is calling it a garden and actually the fellow is believing that it is one. His wife just smiles and says nothing. Honestly a large rabbit could not get a living out of the thing.

Newton Day is the smartest fellow in the bunch. He carried all of his seed out to his wife's mother's house and left them there for his in-laws to tend. Newton expects to gather the harvest this summer. He ain't so dumb.

Three Times



Rev. Mr. Womble

The Rev. Rufus J. Womble, rector of St. Mark's church Roxboro, will be a busy man next week with three Person Commencement addresses and sermons.

Gardner Out, Kerr Scott On Fence

Scott May Run For Senate If Farmers Back Him.

RALEIGH, April 24. — O. Max Gardner, this state's chief executive more than a decade ago, withdrew last week from the United States senate race and thus left no announced candidate to oppose Senator Robert E. Reynolds in May, 1944.

Clyde R. Hoey, Gardner's brother-in-law, who left the Governor's chair in 1941, indicated in a statement, however, that he was considering tossing his hat into the race.

Others who took the occasion to express their attitudes were Agriculture Commissioner W. Kerr Scott and Maj. L. P. McLendon, of Greensboro, former chairman of the state Democratic executive committee.

Scott, asked whether he still contemplated running answered: "I won't say I will and I won't say I won't." He had previously said that his candidacy depended upon the farmers of North Carolina and upon whether they were satisfied with the candidate. (turn to page four, please)

Harris, Womble, Burns to Fill Many Programs

DR. JOHN GLENN WILL CONDUCT SERVICE SERIES

Easter Will Mark Beginning Of Special Services At Edgar Long Memorial Church.

Easter at Edgar Long Memorial Methodist church will be marked by the beginning of a week of special services to be conducted by Dr. John C. Glenn, of Durham, pastor of Duke Memorial Methodist church.

He will first speak at the evening service on Sunday and will bring with him from Durham a song leader, who will remain for the entire series, and a mixed quartet, to sing that night. Services will be held each day thereafter at four in the afternoon and at eight at night, coming to a close on Sunday, May 2.

On Easter Sunday morning at eleven o'clock the Rev. W. C. Martin, pastor, will preach from the text, "If a man die, shall he live again". There will be special music by both the junior and senior choirs. Afternoon feature, at five o'clock, will be a special service for administration of the sacrament of baptism to infants.

JOHN WILLIAMS, PERSON NATIVE, DIES IN MILTON

Funeral Held Saturday For Alumnus Of Oak Ridge Institute.

John Walker Williams, 78, of Milton, a native of Person County, and an alumnus of Oak Ridge Institute, died Thursday at midnight at his home, death being attributed to heart trouble and complications. He had been ill two years.

Funeral was Saturday morning at eleven o'clock at Milton Presbyterian church, with the pastor, the Rev. N. R. Claytor, and the Rev. A. L. Yarborough, officiating. Interment was in Milton cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, the former Miss Mary Emily Smith, whom he married on August 10, 1893, one daughter, two sons and five grandchildren.

Daughter is Miss Mary Williams, of the home. Sons are John S., of Milton, and Robert W., of Rocky Mount.

New Medal To Be Given By Scout Council

New medal to be awarded at finals this year at Roxboro Central Grammar School will be a leadership award to be given by Person Scout district to a boy in the graduating class. The award will be similar to the Anna E. Webb Memorial medal presented to girls. Announcement of the new award was made today by J. S. Merritt, Person Scout district president.

Harris Has Two On List, Womble Three

Burns At Hurdle Mills, Comer At Helena And Neely At Bushy Fork.

Person County and Roxboro public school commencements, beginning today with exercises at Helena high school — a week ahead of schedule — will continue through the week of May 2, with speakers ranging all the way from State officials and military men, to preachers and and teachers and college leaders, and with a heavy emphasis on those native to and resident in Person County.

The Rev. Rufus J. Womble, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, of this City, with three speaking engagements, and Lieut. Gov. R. L. Harris, with two, will share the honors. Other outstanding speakers will be Y. M. C. A. Secretary Harry Comer, of Chapel Hill, at Helena, and Lieut. Commander Charles B. Neely, from Raleigh, at Bushy Fork.

Lieut. Gov. Harris will speak first at Bethel Hill on Wednesday, May 5, at 8:15 p. m., in the gym, and again on Friday, May 7, at Roxboro high school at the same hour, while the Rev. Mr. Womble will be at Bethel Hill Sunday afternoon, May 2, at 2:30 to deliver the baccalaureate sermon in Bethel Hill Baptist church. Sermon at Roxboro high school that night at 8:15 will be by the Rev. Dr. J. Allen Easley, professor of Bible, Wake Forest college.

The Womble schedule will continue with an appearance at Ca-Vel school on Wednesday, May 6, at 8 p. m., at commencement exercises, and on Tuesday, May 5, at 10:30 a. m., at Mount Tirzah for the same purpose. Baccalaureate at Mount Tirzah, Sunday, May 2, at 4 p. m., will be by the Rev. L. J. Rainey, of Durham.

Speaker at Hurdle Mills will be Person Representative R. P. Burns, Wednesday, May 5, at 8:30 p. m., with baccalaureate on Sunday, May 2, at same hour, by the Rev. John F. Cooke. At Alkenville, the Rev. G. H. Ellmore, of Roxboro, will preach on the same night at 8, while commencement address, Wednesday, May 5, at 8 p. m., will be by C. K. Proctor, of Oxford Orphanage, Oxford.

Olive-Hill exercises will be Friday, May 7, at 10 a. m., with the Rev. F. B. Peele, of Roxboro, as speaker, while program at Roxboro Central Grammar school will take place Thursday, May 6, at 9 a. m., and at Longhurst on the same night at 8, when the Rev. R. W. Hovis, of Roxboro, will speak.

At Helena the Rev. W. C. Martin, of Roxboro, speaks this Sunday at 3:30 p. m. at the school, and Secretary Comer on Friday, April 30, at 3:30 p. m., at the school, while Lieut. Commander Neely will be at Bushy Fork at eleven in the morning on Friday, May 7, and at High Plains at five in the afternoon. (Turn to page four please)