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For Charles D. Owen High School's Class of '83 Baccalaureate-Graduation Exercises to be Sunday

Combined Baccalaureate and Graduation Exercises will be held on Sunday, May 29, beginning at 3 p.m. for the Charles D. Owen High School Class of 1983 in the Thomas Wolfe Auditorium of the Asheville Civic Center.

A pre-commencement concert will be presented by The Advanced Chorus and The Choral Ensemble under the direction of L. Dale Whittington at 2:25 p.m.

The groups will sing nine selections that will include "Every Time I Feel the Spirit," "For All the Saints," and "Hosanna to the Son of David." "We May Never Pass This Way Again" will be performed by Hal Bowling, Steve Wilson and Mike Hollifield.

The Rev. Ted Rondell Reynolds, Pastor of the Swannanoa Freewill Baptist Church, will give the Baccalaureate address.

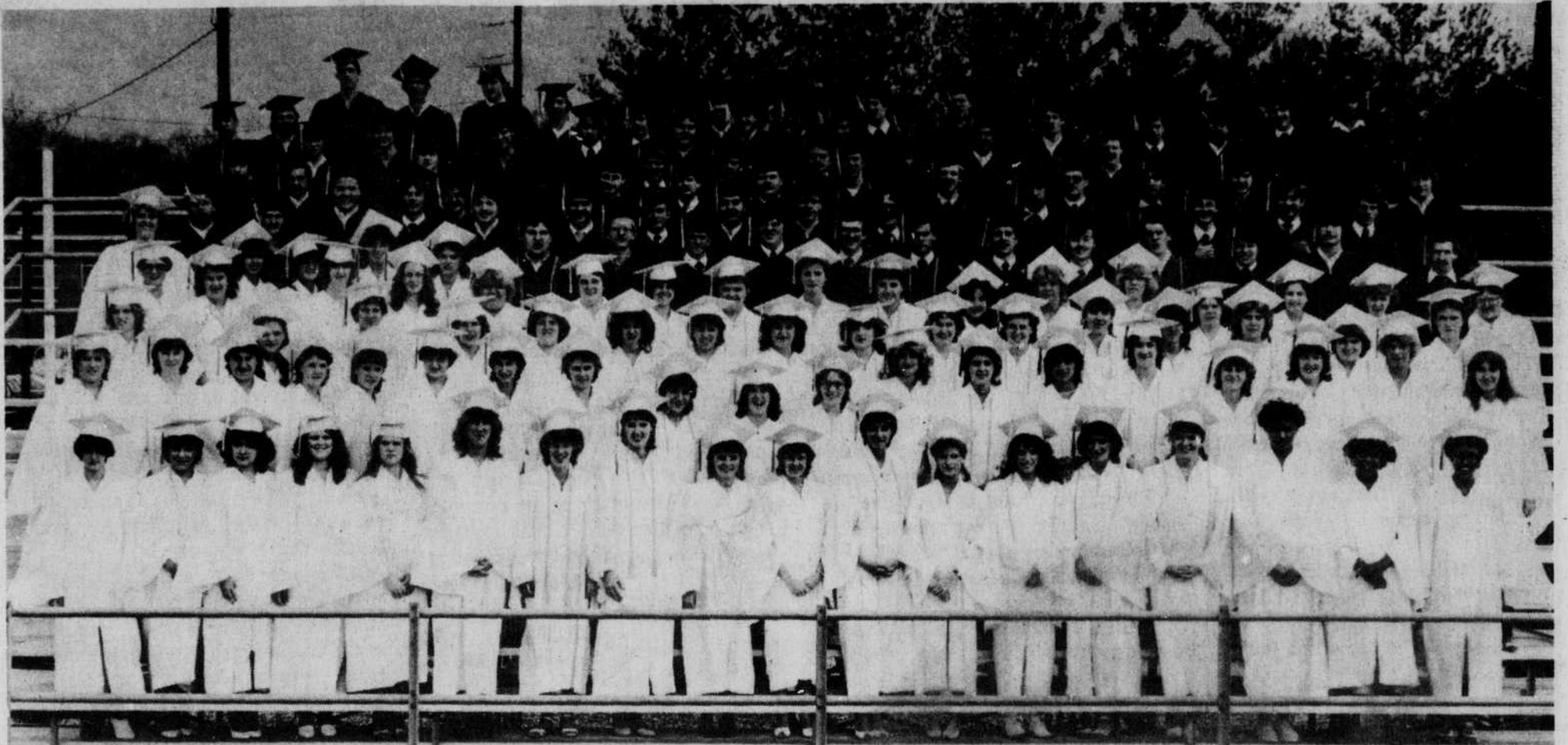
Diplomas will be awarded by Mr. Charles A. Lytle, Principal. He will be assisted by Mr. Fred G. Ivey, Jr., and Mr. William R. Rucker, Jr., Assistant Principals.

Miss Connie Jayne Lewis will give the Salutatory Address. Miss Nancy Kearfott Barker will give the Valedictory Address.

A special portion of the program will be an In Memoriam recognition of Mrs. Martha Tyson Perley by the Senior Class. The spokesman for the class will be Allen Blizzard, President of the Senior Student Council.

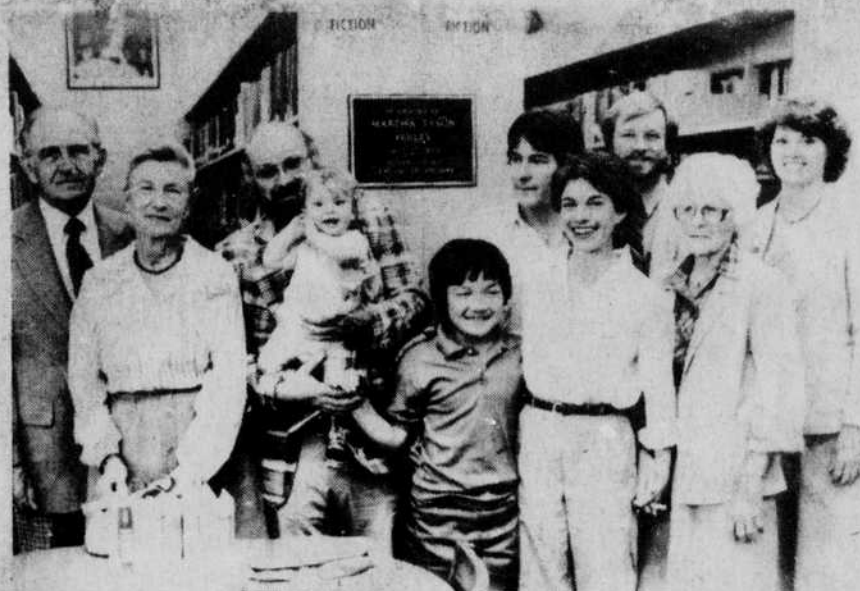
Two students will be recognized for 12 years of perfect attendance. They are Stacy Ayers and Marcus Buckner.

Miss Mary Estelle Clements will be the pianist.



The Class of 1983, Charles D. Owen High School [see names on School page]

Martha T. Perley memorial plaque unveiled at O.H.S.



Pictured are [l-r] A.F. Tyson, Mrs. A.F. Tyson, Bill Rafter holding Burke, Niles Ray, Michael Rafter, Sara Marcia Rafter, Joe Tyson, Mrs. Josephine McCoy and Carol Tyson.

[Photo by Priscilla Hopkins]

Family, friends and the faculty of the Charles D. Owen High School gathered in the school's library at 3 p.m. on Monday, May 23, to honor the teaching career and character of Mrs. Martha T. Perley.

Mrs. Perley, who died in 1979, had been an outstanding teacher of English for more than 35 years, most of them spent at the old Black Mountain High School and later, at Owen.

Mr. Charles A. Lytle, principal of Owen, had prepared remarks recalling his first encounter with Mrs. Perley and noting that the current phrase "master teacher" was the one that best described her. Mr. Lytle had been called to a meeting at the central office, but his remarks were well presented by Mr. Robert Goodson, an Owen teacher, who also had known Mrs. Perley.

Her teaching skill, love for her students and the influence she had on them were remembered. A moment of silent prayer was observed in her memory.

Mr. Goodson also noted that Mrs. Perley will be honored at this year's graduation exercises by the Senior class.

Sara Marcia Rafter, Mrs. Perley's daughter, unveiled a plaque dedicated to her mother that will hang in the library. Mrs. Betty Davis had selected nine books to be the nucleus of a collection dedicated to Mrs. Perley's memory. The books were chosen from the 1982 List of Best Books for Young Adults. Other books may be given to the library in her memory.

Other family members who were present for the simple, but moving ceremony were Mrs. Perley's three grandsons, Michael and Burke Rafter and Niles Ray; her son-in-law, Bill Rafter, her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. A.G. Tyson; her nephew and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Tyson. Also present was a close friend and fellow teacher, Mrs. Josephine McCoy.



World War II Memorial at Beacon Manufacturing, Swannanoa.

Buddy Poppy sale set for Monday

Members of the V.F.W. Post 9157, located on Cragmont Road in Black Mountain, will be selling Buddy Poppies on Memorial Day, Monday, May 30, in the Valley.

Sales efforts will be concentrated in the Ingle's Swannanoa Shopping Center, the Bi-Lo Shopping Center, and the Ingle's Black Mountain Shopping Center.

Proceeds from the national sales of the Buddy Poppies are used exclusively to assist disabled and needy veterans and the widows and children of deceased veterans. The National Home for Widows and Orphans is located in Eaton Rapids, Mich.

There are 165 members in Post 9157 that serves the Swannanoa Valley. It was chartered in 1958 and members have served in World War II, The Korean Conflict, and Vietnam. The last member to have served in World War I was Isaac Martin who died last year. Recently, several members have joined

who served in the Iranian-Indian Ocean incident.

There is an active Ladies Auxilliary with 55 members.

The Post has placed a bronze emblem in the Swannanoa Valley Medical Center in memory of fallen comrades in arms and has also placed a memorial plaque in the library of Owen High School in memory of former Owen students who were killed in Viet Nam.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars was formed by Congressional Charter in 1933. The Buddy Poppies have been the symbolic flower of Memorial Day since it was first sold in 1922. Nearly 500,000 V.F.W. members and members of their Ladies' Auxilliaries participate annually in the Buddy Poppy sale.

Sales in the Valley will begin early on Memorial Day and continue throughout the day. Your generous contribution to this worthy cause will be appreciated.



The Black Mountain Spring Festival of traditional music and dance, held Friday and Saturday, May 20 and 21, at Camp Rockmont, was praised by participants and performers as a highly successful celebration of Appalachian cultural heritage. Festival activities were opened appropriately by the bagpipe music of Jenny Armstrong-Park of Swannanoa, who, with her husband, Fred, has educated people all over the United States in the ways of traditional mountain music and dance. See special Festival coverage in next week's edition of the BLACK MOUNTAIN NEWS. [Photo by Kern Geer]

N.C. Highway Patrol will work to reduce holiday accidents

The North Carolina Highway Patrol will again join a nationwide effort to reduce traffic accidents on the highways during Memorial Day weekend.

Called "Operation CARE" (Combined Accident Reduction Effort), the program will include strict enforcement of state laws covering driving under the influence, exceeding the speed limit, and hazardous moving violations.

According to Crime Control and Public Safety Secretary Heman R. Clark and Patrol Commander John T. Jenkins, all highways will be heavily patrolled during the weekend, with certain highways designated as "Operation CARE" highways to receive special attention.

Jenkins said the designations were based on accident experience or the heavy volume of traffic anticipated. The

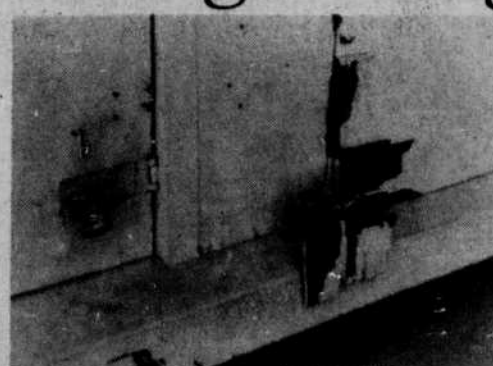
holiday weekend begins at 6 p.m., Friday, May 27 and ends at midnight on Monday, May 30.

"This traditionally is the start of the summer vacation season," Clark said, "and traffic is heavy. We hope everyone who plans to travel will remember not to drink and drive and will obey all the traffic laws of the state."

Colonel Jenkins echoed Clark's concerns. "Our troopers will be patrolling in marked and unmarked cars," he said. "We urge compliance with all our traffic safety laws. They are designed to protect the driving public. With the cooperation and support of our citizens and our efforts planned as part of 'Operation CARE,' we hope this will be one of our safest Memorial Day weekends on record."

Vandalism causing damage in business district

According to Black Mountain Police Reports a series of acts of vandalism have caused damage in a number of places in Black Mountain during the past ten days. Included in these incidents are broken windows on houses school buses parked in front of the Black Mountain Primary School, the windshield of a dump truck parked in the lot of a State Street business, broken glass in phone booths on State Street, and the glass was broken on the newly installed automatic teller at Asheville Federal Savings and Loan.



Broken lock in the concession stand.

Acts of vandalism were also committed in the concession stand at the athletic field of the Black Mountain Middle School after entry was gained by breaking a locker.

The windshield of a car was broken by youths throwing rocks at passing cars on Blue Ridge Road. A bicycle was stolen from a residence in the downtown area. Tapes and tools were taken from an auto after it was broken into while parked at a residence.

A woman was charged with shoplifting from Ingle's and there was one arrest for DUI.

Also, according to police reports, construction tools and materials were reported stolen from a site on Town Mountain Road.

Nilsson Engineering said that cedar shakes, tools and plumbing fixtures were taken from a house under construction in Mountain Meadows subdivision.