

"The Open Road" To Be Given At Piney Creek H. S.

Entertainment Scheduled For Graduation Exercises Fri. Night, April 16. Two Operettas April 9

SENIOR PLAY APRIL 17

Class Sermon Sun., April 18. Miss Marjorie Douglas, Quentin Fender Honor Students Of Class

Graduation exercises at Piney Creek high school, for the Senior class of 1937, are to be held on Friday night, April 16.

At this time, "The Open Road," an entertainment with a colorful Gypsy setting, is to be presented by the Seniors. In the presentation, gay costumes, Spanish dancing and gypsy music will be featured.

The cast of characters is as follows:

Salutatorian, Quentin Fender; Captain, Chap Hampton; Radre (Alma Mater), Marjorie Douglas; Prince Nikoli, Basil Landreth; Queen Veni, Blanche Busic; Princess Senior, Edna Collins; Sybil, Jean Warden; Rosa, Hazel Landreth; Mura, Eula Kennedy; Mitra, Claude Miles; Stranger, MacDale Weaver; Marko, Reid Hampton; Yanko, Quentin Fender; Chieftains, George Warden and Bernard Miller; Gypsies, Ella Mae Danielson, Emolene Finney, Eva Weaver and Bina and Ellen Collins, and Valedictorian, Marjorie Douglas.

"Oliver Twist," one of Charles Dickens' masterpieces, is to be given on Saturday night, April 17, as a part of the commencement program, by the graduating class.

Commencement events are to actually begin tomorrow (Friday) night, when two operettas, "Down Among The Fairies" and "Polly Make-Believe," are to be presented by elementary grades, beginning at eight o'clock.

At ten o'clock on Sunday morning, April 18, the closing feature of the 1937 Piney Creek high school commencement is to be the commencement sermon. The name of the minister who is to preach this sermon to the graduates has not yet been announced.

Miss Marjorie Douglas is to be valedictorian of her class by reason of having made the highest average grade during the four years of her high school course. She will deliver the valedictory address.

Quentin Fender, having made the second highest four-year average grade, will deliver the salutatory address at graduation exercises.

Duke Of Windsor And Mrs. Simpson May Wed Near Rouen

Rouen, France, April 4.—Excited villagers of Saint Saens, undaunted by denial of reports the Duke of Windsor and Mrs. Wallis Simpson would wed there, began a polish-up campaign today, just in case.

They cleaned windows and doorsteps, and Mayor Jean Hartout said he would buy a new dress suit to keep on hand should he be asked to perform a civil ceremony.

The Journal De Rouen said yesterday it was reliably informed the Duke and Mrs. Simpson would be married at the Chateau de Saint Saens, near Rouen. Mrs. Herman L. Rogers, spokesman for the prospective bride, denied the reports at Monts, France.

ATTORNEY GENERAL IS CRITICIZED BY WHEELER

Washington, April 3.—Senator Wheeler (D., Mont.) accused Attorney General Cummings today of trying to shut off Senate hearings on the Roosevelt court bill and "thereby preventing Congress from obtaining the views of the American people on the most important constitutional question raised since the Civil War."

New Orleans, La., (PAS)—Need for decentralization of industry is seen by the fact that 52.4 per cent of the wealth of the United States is owned in just 53 counties.

Committeemen For Alleghany School System Appointed

At a meeting of the Alleghany County Board of Education on Monday, April 5, the following committeemen were appointed for the various districts: District number 1, R. B. McMillan, A. Walter Osborne and A. V. Millsap; District number 2, W. F. Parsons, J. F. Busic and Oscar Gambill; District number 3, R. L. Hendrix, A. M. Greene and Kennie Truitt, and District number 4, Dr. L. L. Long, Van Miller and Colonel Jones.

President Asks Congress For Permanent CCC

Chief Executive Seeks A Permanent Corp To Number 300,000 Men. CCC Law Expires June 30

Washington, April 6.—Congress was asked yesterday by President Roosevelt to authorize a permanent civilian conservation corps of 300,000 men. Immediately after this request was made, some legislators demanded that provisions be made for a larger enrollment.

Representative Johnson, (D., Okla.), said he would make a "tremendous effort" to keep the CCC personnel at its present authorized strength of 350,000.

He said a house Democratic steering committee, of which he is chairman, would meet tomorrow to discuss the president's suggestion.

"We could well afford to postpone for a couple of years construction of one of those \$50,000,000 battleships to take care of 50,000 more CCC boys," Johnson added.

Mr. Roosevelt asserted, in a special message to the congress, that with "improved business conditions" 300,000 was the maximum enrollment that could be expected.

"To go beyond this at this time," the president said, "would open new and difficult classifications of enrollment, and the additional cost would seriously affect the financial position of the treasury."

Representative Rayburn, of Texas, the Democratic leader, agreed with the president that money for 350,000 might be hard to find.

"Almost everybody favors continuance of the CCC," Rayburn said.

Johnson expressed belief the president was not "determined" to keep the enrollment at 300,000.

"When our committee discussed the subject with him," the Oklahoman said, "we got the impression that he would be willing to increase the figure if we could find the money."

The present law authorizing the CCC expires June 30.

Mr. Roosevelt, recalling that he had indicated in his budget message of January 5 that the CCC should be continued as a permanent agency, told congress:

"I am convinced that there is ample useful work in the protection, restoration and development of our natural resources, upon which the services of the corps may be employed advantageously for an extended future period."

"It should be noted that this program will not in any respect reduce normal employment opportunities for our adult workers; in fact, the purchase of simple materials, of food and clothing and of other supplies required for the operations of the corps tends to increase employment in industry."

MISS CHOATE'S PUPILS TO PRESENT RECITAL APR. 16

Miss Annie Marie Choate will present her music pupils in a recital in the school auditorium on Friday, April 16, at 8 p. m.

The program will be unique in arrangement being that of a birthday party. There will be numbers in piano, voice and group singing, and music lovers are anticipating a very pleasant evening.

The public is invited.

NORTH CAROLINA CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION



Pictured above is the entire North Carolina delegation in Congress, so far as is known, the only photograph ever made of the entire delegation at one time. Those in the picture are:

Left to right (seated)—Representative Zebulon Weaver, Senator Josiah W. Bailey, Representative Robert L. ("Farmer Bob") Doughton (of Alleghany county), Senator Robert R. Reynolds and Representative A. L. Bulwinkle.

Left to right (standing)—Representatives Umstead, Barden, Lambeth, Kerr, Cooley, Clark, Warren and Hancock.

Methodists Hold Missionary Meet At Grassy Creek

Rev. L. B. Abernethy, Of Elkin, Makes Appeal For Golden Cross Fund. Three Local Persons Attend

A meeting of the missionary societies in the northern zone of the Statesville district was held at the Grassy Creek Methodist church on Tuesday, March 30, with a large number of visitors and people in the community present.

Zone chairman, Mrs. B. S. Call, of Wilkesboro, presided, and Mrs. J. B. Henderson, also of Wilkesboro, served as recording secretary.

To open the meeting, Rev. J. O. Cox, pastor of the church, led the devotional period, after which the group was welcomed by Mrs. Hudler, of the hostess church, to which Mrs. John Hoyle, Jr., of Statesville, responded.

The morning session was given over mainly to the instruction of officers and those leading the discussions were Mrs. J. W. Mann, Sr., of Newton, district secretary; Mrs. J. L. Woltz, of Mount Airy, former secretary of the Mount Airy district; Mrs. G. W. Mann, of Newton, superintendent of children's work; Miss Mamie Sockwell, of North Wilkesboro; Mrs. Rackley, of Warrensville, and Mrs. J. L. Hall, of Elkin.

In the afternoon Mrs. Woltz gave a most impressive inspirational message, using as her theme the Easter story, in which she beautifully portrayed the life of Mary and her fellowship with the Master.

Several of the pastors in the zone area attended the meeting and contributed to the day's program. Rev. L. B. Abernethy, of Elkin, made an appeal for the golden cross fund and the observance of hospital week the second week in May. The presiding elder, Rev. John Hoyle, Jr., of Statesville, spoke briefly about some of the Christian Education institutes to be held and offered the closing prayer.

Lunch was served and a social hour enjoyed during the noon hour. The fall zone meeting will be held at Jefferson.

NEW SEATS INSTALLED IN SPARTA BAPTIST CHURCH

New seats for the Baptist church have been completed, approved by the building committee, paid for, and installed.

These seats, comfortably curved, were hand-made of Mississippi red gum and are said to be of unusually fine workmanship.

New York, N. Y. (PAS) Ink and the cleaning fluids to remove ink spots, both depend in one stage of their manufacture on the same element—sulphur.

"Green Gables," New Local Eatery, To Open Saturday

"Green Gables" is the name of the newest eating and recreation place to be located in the Sparta vicinity and is scheduled for opening on Saturday, April 10, when, from 9:00 to 11:00 p. m., dancing, music and refreshments may be enjoyed free.

The new place will be open from 6:00 a. m. to 2:00 a. m., and provisions will be made for playing tennis, miniature golf and croquet. Regular meals, barbecues and sandwiches will be served.

Mr. and Mrs. Purvis Lee will be in charge of "Green Gables."

Settlement Of Chrysler Strike Reached Tuesday

Automobile Workers Union Granted Recognition As Bargaining Group. Gov. Murphy Is Active

Lansing, Mich., April 6.—An agreement signed tonight by the Chrysler corporation and the United Automobile Workers of America ended the month-old strike in the Chrysler plant and accorded the union collective bargaining rights for its members.

The settlement was signed by representatives of each side and will be in effect, along with a supplemental agreement to be negotiated beginning Thursday, until next March 31. The signing took place in the office of Governor Frank Murphy, who conducted a series of conferences between the management and labor.

The union agreed to end the strike immediately and also to call no more sit-downs in Chrysler plants. Corporation executives said operations would be resumed as quickly as possible and that some men might be back at work before the end of this week.

The union, claiming that 59,000 of the 67,000 Chrysler corporation employees were members, had asked for sole bargaining rights and called the strike March 8 when this demand was rejected.

The terms also provided, the governor said, that the corporation "will not aid, promote or finance any labor group or organization" or any other union which might "undermine" the U. A. W. A.

In return, the union pledged that it would call no sit-down strikes nor permit its members to engage in any in Chrysler plants for the duration of the compact, which extends to March 31, 1938.

The union agreed also that "neither it nor its members will intimidate or coerce employees" and also not "to solicit members on corporation time or plant property."

Roosevelt Says Work On Parkway Is To Be Finished

Says Project Is Part Of Dream For Parkway From Maine To Gulf Of Mexico. Sees Delegation

Washington, April 6.—A group of North Carolinians was told yesterday by President Roosevelt that the Blue Ridge parkway connecting the Great Smoky mountains and Shenandoah National parks was a part of a dream of his for a super-parkway running from Maine to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Roosevelt assured the delegation, which presented a resolution recently adopted by the North Carolina General Assembly soliciting his continued interest in the parkway, that there was no doubt but money would be provided to carry the construction on to completion and within as little time as practical.

Representative Robert L. Doughton and Representative Zebulon Weaver accompanied the delegation to the White House. The delegation was composed of the following:

Lieutenant-Governor W. P. Horton, who acted as spokesman; Wade Brewton, assistant attorney general; Senator D. F. Giles, Marion; former Lieutenant-Governor R. K. Fountain, of Rocky Mount, and former Sheriff Oscar Adkins, Marion.

Horton told the President North Carolina deeply appreciated his interest in the parkway and that was one of the reasons it was decided to present to him personally the resolution adopted by the General Assembly. The President aired his views regarding a parkway to run from the tip of Maine to the gulf and of which the Blue Ridge parkway would be an important link. He stated however, that it would be a number of years before such a parkway would be completed.

No mention was made at the conference regarding the completion and official opening of the Great Smoky Mountain National park.

BURGISS IS CHAIRMAN OF CO. EDUCATION BOARD

At the regular monthly meeting of the County Board of Education on Monday, the Board was reorganized.

T. R. Burgess, who was installed as a new member, was made chairman.

BAPTIST W. M. U. TO HOLD MEETING APRIL 15

The Baptist W. M. U. will meet at the home of Mrs. Richard Bumgarner on Thursday, April 15, at 2 o'clock.

Misses Ora Goodman and Mildred Taylor will be joint hostesses with Mrs. Bumgarner.

Ickes Wants All Of Land Before Accepting Park

Thinks All Land On Tenn. Side Should Be Acquired Before Great Smoky Park Is Accepted

\$700,000 IS NEEDED

Reps. Doughton, Weaver, Senator Reynolds Seek Acceptance. Want Park Opened This Summer

Washington, April 6.—Secretary of Interior Harold Ickes at his press conference today turned thumbs down on accepting the Great Smoky Mountains National Park until all the land on the Tennessee side has been acquired.

Asked if he would consent to the official opening of the park when the Morton Butler tract is acquired, giving the park over 400,000 acres, the minimum acreage required under the Weaver bill, Ickes replied:

"I think we ought to get all the land that was originally intended or we will never get it."

Asked if there were any federal funds in sight which could be used for the purchase of the desired lands, he replied:

"We have the money for the Morton Butler tract. I do not think the North Carolina and Tennessee legislatures have appropriated all the money they should for purchase of park land." It is estimated that \$700,000 will be needed to complete purchases on the Tennessee side.

Senator Robert R. Reynolds, Representative Robert L. Doughton, and Representative Zebulon Weaver have been urging President Roosevelt to order the acceptance of the park under the terms of the Weaver act, which would permit official opening this summer.

Ickes wanted to know at the press conference if the Weaver bill directed or permitted the acceptance of the park when 400,000, instead of 426,000 acres, were deeded over to the government. When advised the legislation was an authorization he then made his statement insisting that all lands be acquired.

The secretary was questioned as to the action of the Cherokee Indian Tribal Council in rejecting the proposal to exchange park and reservation lands with the understanding that the Indians would agree to let the Blue Ridge parkway pass through the reservation. He stated that the Indian bureau had not reported to him since he returned to his desk from his recent illness and he would not comment on the action of the council or the suggested alternate parkway route until he could talk with members of his staff familiar with all the details.

The House public lands committee today began consideration of the Weaver bill authorizing the transfer of lands as requested by the Interior Department.

Representatives of the American Indian federation appeared in opposition to the measure and the committee agreed to postpone action until next Tuesday when the federation will formally submit its opposition to the legislation.

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"Better be a free bird than a captive king."

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- 9—General Lee surrenders to Grant at Appomattox, 1865.
- 10—The first issue of the New York Tribune was published, 1841.
- 11—Napoleon abdicates as Emperor of the French people, 1814.
- 12—Trading post of Astoria established on the Pacific Coast, 1811.
- 13—The United States flag as finally adopted was first raised, 1816.
- 14—The first abolition society organized, 1775.
- 15—The Titanic sinks when it strikes an iceberg in the North Atlantic, 1912.