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COMMENCEMENT Sunday MAY 31st, 1959

Ocracoke Methodist Church

Seniors: Alda Vann O'Neal and David Elisha Esham
Marshalls: Warwick V. Boos, Joe Ben Garrish, Lindsey B. Howard
Ushers: Ronnie Van O'Neal and Rudy Austin

Motto: "We've Crossed the Bay; the Ocean lies before Us."

Colors: Pink and White

Flower: Pink Carnation

As is the custom at Ocracoke, members of the graduating class will have a prominent part in the Commencement program, which combines the usual Commencement exercises with the Baccalaureate Service. Rev. William Clarke, pastor, will deliver the Commencement Sermon. The traditional processional, "Lead On, O King Eternal" will be used.

David Esham will present the Class Farewell, and read the Scripture Lesson. Alda Vann O'Neal will offer the Prayer and will transfer the Class Colors to the Class of 1963 represented by John Ivey Wells.

Superintendent Tommie Gaylord will award the diplomas.

A new Award will be presented at Commencement for quality reading, by courtesy of a friend of the School who is very much interested in this phase of attainment.

On Saturday, May 2nd, the Juniors entertained the Seniors at dinner. The long tables in the school library were beautifully decorated with the Class Flower, pink carnations used as centerpieces, and Class Colors, Pink and White used in the favors, the candles, etc.

Warwick V. Boos was toastmaster and during the program following the dinner, presented Alda Vann O'Neal, who read the Class History; David Esham, who read the Class Will; and Lindsey B. Howard, who read the Prophecy. He recognized with appreciation the work which the mothers had done in preparing the banquet (the steaks were delicious!), and invited the guests to adjourn to the

dance at the Recreation Hall. Guests in addition to the juniors and seniors were Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rondthaler, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin E. Spencer, Misses Ann Esham, Louise Tolleson, Kay Waller, Ellen Marie Fulcher, Ray Waller.

The annual Alumni Banquet was held in the school library on Saturday, May 16th.

About 60 alumni of the School were present. In addition to providing a delicious banquet plate, the Committee in charge did a beautiful job of decorating for the occasion.

Mrs. Wanda Robinson, president, welcomed guests and presided over the business session which followed the banquet. Mrs. Elizabeth G. Howard, secretary, read the class rolls. Present from off the Island were Enoch Gaskill of Madison, N.C., Mrs. Janice Taylor and Larry Williams of Norfolk, Troy Williams of Portsmouth, Va., and Mrs. Aldina Rush of Beaufort.

A very interesting program was presented. Calvin O'Neal introduced it with "Memories: how nice it is sometimes to reminisce, to turn back the pages of time, to recall our childhood days. . . our high school days. Each of us has a joy remembered. As we look back over the years, perhaps we may bring back to mind some precious moment or melody so dear to our hearts." He then proceeded to recall world events of various years as part of the school experiences of certain classes:

"Let us go back to the school year 1930-31. There were many memorable events (continued page 2)