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**MANY WIN HONORS IN SCHOOL CLOSING IN TYRRELL COUNTY**

Columbia. — The graduating exercises of the Columbia High School were held Monday, May 23, 8:00 p. m. at the Columbia High School auditorium, with Dr. W. E. Marshall, of East Carolina College, making the principal address. Invocation and benediction was held by the Rev. Donald Wagner, pastor of Columbia Baptist Church. A solo, "My Task" was sung by a former graduate, Miss Patricia Everton. Introduction of the speaker, presentation of medals, and diplomas was rendered by Principal B. Tex Lindsey. Salutatory address was given by Miss Dora Dean Owens, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Owens. Valedictory address was by Miss Carolyn Bibb Swain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Swain. "Pomp and Circumstance" as processional, and "Atheia" as recessional were played by Mrs. J. D. Sawyer.

The Citizenship Cup, presented yearly by the Woman's Club for the high school student voted by the personnel of the high school as the most outstanding citizen, was presented by Mrs. Wm. Chas. Cahoon, president, to Miss Carolyn Swain. She was also presented with a citizenship medal by Mrs. T. K. Yerby Jr., representing the Legion Auxiliary. Valedictory medal to Miss Carolyn Swain; Salutatory medal to Miss Dora Dean Owens; perfect attendance medal for perfect attendance in the four years of high school to Bobby Pinner; outstanding work in agriculture medal to Glenn Woodley; athletics medals to Larry Rhodes and Miss Shirley Copeland, and citizenship medal for outstanding constance and endeavor to attend school to Miss Sybil Smith; and commendation awards to those students who travelled 55 miles daily to attend school to Max Liverman, Miss Ollie Jones and Miss Nina Swindell, were presented by the principal.

Dr. Wagner used as his theme "The Philosophy of Life"; that one must have this embued in early youth; bringing out that "The Measure of life is not its duration, but its donation; No matter how long, but how well you live during your life"; he stressed optimism the keynote of good living and success, advising each to set a goal difficult to achieve, with eyes ever towards that goal.

B. T. Lindsey, who is retiring from the position as principal of Columbia High School gave thanks for cooperation afforded him and a word of farewell.

Marshalls for the occasion were Misses Carrie Ann Sykes, Chief, Rena Mae Spencer, Nan Brickhouse, and Carrie Lee Jackson.

**SENIOR CLASS DINNER**

Columbia.—The Senior Class after the Baccalaureate Sunday, May 22nd, were honored at a dinner at Bill's Cafe by Mr. and Mrs. Julian H. Swain and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Pinner.

Blessing was offered by Mrs. Madge Lane Vanhorn, Senior Advisor, and David Davis, president of the class, gave a resume of senior activities and goals.

The hall was decorated with arrangements of white and blue carnations, spiked with white snap dragons, carrying out the class colors and flower. The menu consisted of a cold plate of turkey and ham cuts, Chef's salad, tomato juice, and coconut cream pie.

**SELECTED FOR BOYS' STATE**

Columbia.—Glenn Simmons, son of Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Simmons of Columbia, Route three, has been selected to attend "Boy's State" this summer, as outstanding student of Columbia High School. He is sponsored by the American Legion, Scuppernon Post No. 182.

**JIMMY ALEXANDER IN TYRRELL SHEDS LUSTRE ON HIS HOME COUNTY**

By BLANCHE W. COHOON

Columbia. — One of Tyrrell's sons, Jim (better known as Jimmy) Alexander, with innate determination and encouragement of his two sisters, Mrs. Louise Hales and Miss Polly Alexander, is this month receiving the honors befitting him.

On May 23, 1955 at 9:00 a. m., he received commission as Junior Officer through the A. F. R.O.T.C., and at 11:00 a. m., the same day graduated with honors as a "Who's Who" selection among American Colleges and Universities of and from East Carolina College, Greenville.

July 15th will find him at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas, for pilot training in the U. S. Air Force. Meanwhile, on May 28th, he will be employed with the orchestra at the Surf Club at Nags Head.

Jim was a music major at E.C.C., gave his senior recital in the college auditorium on May 1 in conjunction with Miss Jean Pritchard, voice major, of Elizabeth City.

During his four years at college, he was very active—especially in the field of music. He was a member of the college band and The Collegians, during his four years, serving last year as president of the college band and this year as business manager of the dance band. He was a member of the college choir and Varsity Glee Club for three years. Last year he served as student director of the Glee Club.

For two years, he served as a member of S.G.A., through the Music Education Club, of which he was vice-president, and last year served as 2nd vice-president to the Student Government Association.

Aside from his many other duties, he was charter member of Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity; one year serving as treasurer. He is also a charter member of Phi Mu Alpha, the National Music Fraternity recently brought to E.C.C. Campus. He is also a member of Phi Sigma Pi, an honorary fraternity.

He is the son of the late Walter A. and Cornelia Simmons Alexander; born and reared in Tyrrell County; graduated from Columbia High School with the 1952 graduating class.

Jim, through his unselfish efforts and industry, has not only brought promise to himself and family, but encouragement to Tyrrell's Citizens, who have striven for Christian, Civic and Scholastic betterment in the county, adding his part to the promotion of Tyrrell's interests. "He Who Helps Himself, For Good, Inevitably Helps Others".

**BETA CLUB WIENER ROAST**

The Beta Club of Columbia High School, under the chaperonage of Mrs. Mary Jane Tucker, home economics instructor, and her husband, William Tucker, held a wiener roast, at the beach on the south side of the Albemarle Sound bridge on Thursday, May 19.

After refreshments, Miss Carolyn Swain, president, called the meeting to order for election of officers. Elected for president, Miss Carrie Ann Sykes; vice-president, Miss Nan Brickhouse; secretary-treasurer, Miss Doris Brickhouse. Officers were installed by Mrs. Tucker.

Attending were Misses Carolyn Swain, Gail Cahoon, Nan Brickhouse, Betty Sue West, Dora Dean Owens, Loretta Roughton, Margaret Roughton and Shirley Copeland. Glenn Woodley and Collon Snell.

Dare County's tax rate in 1950 for all county purposes was 40 cents on the \$100 valuation.

**COLUMBIA PERSONALS**

Colonel and Mrs. F. Henry Kohlloss of Chevy Chase, Maryland, spent Saturday here. Colonel Kohlloss was formerly from Columbia. He is now retired and is at present editor of the Army magazine "The Military Engineer" published in Washington, D. C.

Herman C. Armstrong of Norfolk, spent the week end visiting his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McClees.

Morris G. Pritchitt is ill in Duke Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Adams of Pinetown, spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Paul L. Liverman.

Dan Alexander of Durham visiting his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Alexander, last week end.

Mrs. Llewellyn Phelps and daughter, Pat, of Norfolk attended the graduation of David Davis, and visited J. L. Davis.

Miss Nita Hassell of Portsmouth visited Miss Carolyn for the week end.

Miss Thyra Howett spent the week end in Norfolk visiting Miss Pat Twiford.

Miss Mary Meekins, of Greensboro College, arrived home Monday.

**JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB MET IN COLUMBIA ON THURSDAY**

Columbia.—The Junior's Woman's Club met Thursday night at Carley's Cafe with 26 present. Mrs. Statha McClees, president, presided; members sang "America."

Installation of officers was held Thursday night, May 26, in the Methodist Church Annex. Miss Polly Alexander, Vice-President of District 24, and a member of Columbia Junior Woman's Club, was Installation Officer.

Mrs. Louise Hales reported 56 votes cast in the election of the Woman of the Year held recently.

Deadline for paying yearly dues was moved up from October 15th to July 1st.

A discussion was held relative to purchasing a Club Home jointly with the Columbia Woman's Club in the near future. A motion was passed to elect a Custodian of the Building Fund for the Club Home and Mrs. Dennis Pledger, Jr., was elected Custodian by the club. A further motion was passed that the president appoint a separate Ways and Means Committee for the purpose of working with the Columbia Woman's Club on any joint project that may be undertaken for the benefit of the Club Home.

Hostesses for the meeting were Mrs. Albin Hamilton, Mrs. Edward Hamilton and Mrs. Roland Riddick.

**DAVENPORT-MIDGETT**

Columbia. — James Garland Davenport, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Davenport of Roper, and Miss Patricia Ann Midgett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Midgett of Creswell, were married at the Albemarle Church, Scuppernon Township, Tyrrell County on May 20, by the Rev. Mark A. Woolard, minister of the Church of Christ.

**COLINGTON PERSONALS**

Mr. and Mrs. "Teenie" Hall and son Kevin of Norfolk visited Mrs. Hall's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Haywood last week end.

Roland Bowden of Mississippi has been visiting his sister, Mrs. John Belvin.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Stetson and children, Janet and Wayne, spent the week end in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rogers of Norfolk visited Mr. Roger's mother, Mrs. Annie Rogers, last week end.

Mrs. Marie Waterfield and children, Johnnie and Christine, have returned to their home at Virginia Beach after visiting Mrs. Zenora Midgette.

Mrs. Sarah Hill is visiting in Norfolk.

Mrs. John Belvin was in Portsmouth Monday.

Mrs. Robert Daniels and family visited Mrs. Daniels' mother, Mrs. Cleoy Moore, Sunday.

**OCRACOCKE PERSONALS**

H. J. Williams suffered a shoulder injury Tuesday and was flown by helicopter to the Marine Hospital in Norfolk.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Lewis and family left for Cape Charles Monday, planning to make their home there.

Mrs. W. Y. Stewart visited Ocracoke for a short time one afternoon last week, seeing as many friends as time would permit. She was enjoying a few days off from her work at Bowman Gray School of Medicine and made the trip by plane from Beaufort. George Mercke, Jr., of Louisville, Kentucky, has spent several days recently at Silver Lake Inn. He and Ed Hartshorn, Jr., of Lenoir, have enjoyed some good catches with Capt. Thurston Gaskill, including 9 cobia, the largest of which was 40 lbs. and several channel bass. Mr. Mercke has been coming to Ocracoke ever since 1929. He used to stay at Pamlico Inn, when it was owned and operated by Capt. Bill Gaskill, and Capt. Thurston Gaskill has always been his guide. He plans another trip to Ocracoke next fall.

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