

COMMENCEMENT SEASON AT THE ORPHANAGE CLOSÉS

**Program of Interest
Marks Year's Work.
Awards Made. The Lynns
Presented Farewell Gifts.**

Twenty-one graduates, 15 girls and six boys, of the Thornwell orphanage high school received their diplomas Tuesday evening in the final chapter of the sixty-eighth annual commencement program of the institution.

The exercises were presided over by Dr. L. R. Lynn, president of the institution, with the opening prayer offered by Dr. D. J. Woods. The class will be given by Mildred Higgins, the salutatory address by Ann Westmoreland, the valedictory by Paul Brady. A musical number was given by Effie McCown. The diplomas were awarded by B. S. Pinson, principal of the school, and a copy of the Bible presented each graduate by Dr. Lynn, a custom followed since the founding of the institution in 1875. The class gave their alma mater song.

The list of graduates appeared in The Chronicle last week.

Prizes and honors were awarded by the president. The winners were: Valedictory \$10 and an additional check from a friend, Paul Brady; most efficient office work and Bible award, Florence Ginn; monitor's award, Mary Frances Tucker; dairy award, Walter Johnson; poultry, Edward Deever; printers, James Smith; electric shop, James Dorrah; wood shop, C. L. Roberts. A cash gift of \$2.00 was presented to each member of the class by W. J. Bailey of this city.

Address By Riddle

The address to the graduating class was made by Rev. F. Ray Riddle, D.D., pastor of Shandon Presbyterian church, Columbia. Dr. Riddle selected as his theme "The Bible," and urged the graduates to translate it into life. The Bible, he said, is man's richest heritage, its source is God, it will illuminate the way of life, it will bring you strength and comfort and will sustain you if you will read and use it. No book in the world can take its place, said Dr. Riddle, it is the hope of the world. It is the book with a message for you all along life's way. He urged the graduates to ever turn to it as their hope and comfort, as the only cure for sin, suffering and death. The greatest problem in the world, he said, is man. The only solution for these problems is God and the Bible.

The Lynns Remembered

At the conclusion of the exercises John J. McKay of Macon, Ga., dean member of the board of trustees, spoke in appreciation of Dr. Lynn and his services for the past 25 years, and expressed for the board genuine regret that the time for his retirement has arrived. In behalf of the trustees he presented Dr. and Mrs. Lynn a beautiful four-piece English breakfast dish.

Mrs. Laura Lynch Kellers, president of the Thornwell Alumni association, in behalf of that group, presented Dr. and Mrs. Lynn a gift of \$150 in war bonds.

Dr. Lynn feelingly expressed his appreciation of the gifts and said he was profoundly grateful for the high and holy privilege of having his life associated with the institution and that he would always hold many precious memories of the children and staff of workers.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday

The baccalaureate sermon was preached Sunday evening at the Thornwell Memorial church by Dr. L. Ross Lynn, president of the institution, upon the request of the graduating class. The service was presided over by Dr. T. Ellison Simpson, of Darlington, chairman of the board.

Dr. Lynn selected as his text the 10th verse of the 2nd chapter of Ephesians: "For we are his workmanship." He told the graduates that God wants to create out of a redeemed soul, a soul made fit for an eternal heritage. God wants us to yield our lives to that divine touch and influence. If we are to be poems of Christ nothing that is common or debasing should be brought into life.

Anything that leads into sin, Dr. Lynn said, must be kept out of the life. We cannot build strong lives by bringing poison into them. Holy impulses in the heart, he said, keep out that which will weaken, degrade and debase.

How are we to cooperate with God? he asked. By keeping out the poison and bringing in that which is true, beautiful, uplifting and good. Bring in that which will strengthen, he charged the young graduates. Choose Christ as your most intimate, best friend, let Christ reveal to you the power of his love, let Christ teach you how to hope, pray and forgive.

Be poems for Thornwell orphanage, your home, he said to the graduates, let no one charge you of being ashamed of your home and benefactor. Poetic lives, he said, have made this institution great. Go out, he said in conclusion, to be poems for the church, poems for Christ.

COLLEGE BEGINS NEW QUARTER

The summer quarter at Presbyterian college opened yesterday morning, as the college continued its accelerated program. This summer quarter is not a summer school session but a regular part of the college work.

Under the accelerated program, students are in attendance at classes for 48 weeks of the year, meeting classes six days a week, and receiving their bachelor's degrees in 27 calendar months.

Although no enrollment figures have been released as yet, Dr. Marshall W. Brown, dean, expressed pleasure at the number of new students entering college straight from their high school commencements and at the number of old students returning.

It is announced that the college's R.O.T.C. unit, recently adjudged "excellent without recommendation for change or improvement" for the 19th consecutive year, will continue throughout the summer under the direction of Lt. Col. Paul D. Strong, professor of military science and tactics, and Major Walter C. Guy, his assistant.

UNION SERVICE SUNDAY EVENING

**Dr. Clark To Speak On
"Bible In the Public
Schools."**

On Sunday evening, June 13, at 8 o'clock, church members of Clinton will meet in Broad Street Methodist church to hear Dr. Harry H. Clark, of the University of South Carolina, speak on the subject, "The Bible in the Public Schools." The meeting is being sponsored by the Ministerial association of the city, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

The service is preliminary to a movement to institute the teaching of Bible in the schools of Hunter District No. 5.

Sponsors of the program state that it does not infringe upon the great Protestant principle of separation of church and state, as all expenses of the program are borne by the churches, and classes in Bible are strictly elective. Before a pupil is permitted to enroll in a Bible class a written permission must be received from the pupil's parents or guardian.

The program is non-sectarian, it is stated, and no questions of a controversial nature will be discussed in the classroom.

Local supporters of the movement think that moral education and character building should parallel courses of instruction offered in the schools and since Sunday schools do not allow sufficient time to promote an adequate program, they seek the use of the public school system to supplement their courses of instruction in the Bible.

Following the address by Dr. Clark a forum period will be held, it was stated.

June Court Term Opens Monday

A term of general sessions court is scheduled to open in Laurens next Monday, June 14, with Judge C. C. Featherstone of Greenville, presiding.

Jurors drawn by the jury commissioners are listed as follows:

Dials—H. T. Cook, A. C. Nash, L. D. Armstrong, Bryson Gray, R. T. Cooper, R. R. Hill, W. H. Bolt, J. E. Henderson, H. F. Babb, M. B. Taylor, Paul Gray.

Yongs—B. A. Cooper, W. W. Phillips.

Scuffletown—H. E. Madden.

Hunter—C. J. Poag, Jim Tinsley, A. S. Adams, J. W. Nix, C. F. Allen, J. T. Watts, J. B. Williams, J. C. Craine.

Cross Hill—Fred Williams.

Sullivan—H. E. Watkins, Guy Elledge, W. P. Knight, W. C. Arnold.

Laurens—H. L. Dorne, B. M. Langston, Samuel Rutledge, H. A. Madden, J. F. Blakely, G. E. Godfrey, G. F. Taylor, Ben Craig.

Waterloo—T. E. Coleman.

County Agent Hears Of Many Boll Weevils

County Agent C. B. Cannon said yesterday that farmers are reporting many boll weevils in their young cotton. He urged the importance of poisoning with the molasses-calcium arsenate-water mixture and that the first application should be made about the time the first shapes are forming.

Club To Conduct Membership Drive

Officials of the Chamber of Commerce have announced a membership drive to start Thursday, June 17. Dr. D. O. Rhame, Jr., has been named as chairman of the special campaign.

Trustees Hold Annual Meeting

**Thornwell Board In Session Here Tuesday,
Reviews Work of Year.**

The annual meeting of the board of trustees of Thornwell orphanage was held here Tuesday afternoon in the office building with the chairman, Dr. T. Ellison Simpson of Darlington, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 11 o'clock with intermission at 12:30, at which time the members were dinner guests of the orphanage family in the central dining hall.

Those attending the meeting from the three controlling synods were: South Carolina: Rev. T. Ellison Simpson, Darlington; Rev. John W. Davis, Kingstree; Dr. F. Ray Riddle, Columbia; W. W. Harris, R. E. Ferguson, Dr. L. R. Lynn, Dr. J. K. Roberts, all of this city; Henry T. Mills and Henry J. Winn, Greenville; Allan F. Lide, Ellore; Joel S. Morse, Abbeville.

Georgia: George B. Hoyt, Atlanta; George R. Coffin, Augusta; Rev. R. T. Gillespie, Thomasville; John J. McKay, Macon.

Florida: Rev. J. A. McMurray, Ocala; Rev. A. R. Larrick, Plant City; Charles M. Turney, Starke; Rev. James V. Johnson, Miami.

A number of matters of vital importance to the institution were before the board for consideration. The annual report of the president, executive and endowment committees were presented and approved. Recommendations of the president and executive committee were adopted, and the staff of workers for the coming year elected. The treasurer's report showed that the institution has no indebtedness and that during the past year \$26,000.00 was placed in the endowment fund. The report showed an income from all sources for the year ending Dec. 31, 1942, of \$138,168.48, with expenses of \$110,832.08. Endowment fund assets were listed at \$383,472.28 and plant assets of \$929,591.35.

The following officers were re-elected to serve for the coming year:

Chairman of board: Dr. T. Ellison Simpson, of Darlington.

Vice-chairman: Charles M. Turney, of Starke, Fla.

Secretary: W. W. Harris of Clinton.

Attorney: A. C. Todd of Greenwood.

Executive committee: R. E. Ferguson, Dr. J. K. Roberts, W. W. Harris of Clinton, and Joel S. Morse of Abbeville.

Endowment committee: A. C. Todd of Greenwood, Henry J. Winn and Henry T. Mills of Greenville.

Auditing committee: Allan F. Lide of Ellore, R. T. Gillespie of Thomasville, Ga., C. M. Turney of Starke, Fla.

Dr. L. R. Lynn, who is soon to retire as the institution's head, was elected by the board as president emeritus.

Resolutions in appreciation of the services of Dr. Lynn were adopted by the board.

C. W. Hallman Promoted To Rank of Captain

Friends of Casper W. Hallman will learn with interest of his recent promotion to captain. Captain Hallman was one of the first members of the local National Guard unit having joined when it was organized as Battery G, 263rd Coast Artillery. He was sent to Fort Moultrie as a sergeant for training to help in organizing the battery and has never missed a summer encampment. Captain Hallman was commissioned a lieutenant when the local group was changed to an anti-aircraft unit and sent to Camp Stewart, Ga., for training. After war was declared he was transferred to headquarters battery serving as supply officer in the rank of first lieutenant which promotion came soon after he received his commission. At present he is serving in the North African theatre of operations.

County Asked For 706,000 Dozen Eggs

Laurens county poultrymen are asked by the government to produce approximately 706,000 dozen eggs this year, 15 per cent more than in 1942, as their share in the Food for Victory program, the National Poultry Committee estimated.

This county goal, which is based on the percentage increase suggested for South Carolina by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, can be reached if adequate supplies of labor and feed are available, declared Committee Chairman Hobart Creighton.

"Poultry farmers," he continued, "are now working harder than ever in all-out war production." Mr. Creighton said, "continuing the fine job they did in this county last year by producing approximately 614,000 dozen eggs to help supply civilian, military and lend-lease needs."

NO SUCCESSOR NAMED TO LYNN AT ORPHANAGE

**Executive Committee
To Administer Affairs
Temporarily. Harris To
Serve As Acting
President.**

At the board of trustees meeting of Thornwell orphanage held here Tuesday afternoon, a report from the specially appointed committee to nominate a successor to Dr. L. R. Lynn, retiring president of the institution, was heard. The committee, of which Dr. T. E. Simpson of Darlington, is chairman, consists of seven members from the three controlling synods of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

The committee reported that because of the great responsibility assigned it and for other reasons, it was not prepared to recommend a successor to Dr. Lynn, whose term expires July first, following his presented resignation of a year ago.

The committee recommended to the board that the executive committee be authorized and directed by the board of trustees, to administer the affairs of the institution, temporarily, until a president can be secured. It further recommended that the committee be requested to name one of their members to serve as acting president and treasurer at a recess meeting to be held during the day.

The executive committee named its chairman, W. W. Harris of this city, to serve as acting president and treasurer of the institution. This recommendation was made to the board for final action and unanimously approved. The same committee was continued by the board, charged with the duty of reporting back to the board when ready to recommend a nominee.

Members of the executive committee authorized to direct the affairs of the institution are W. W. Harris, Dr. J. K. Roberts and R. E. Ferguson of this city. Under the special committee's report, Joel S. Morse of Abbeville, was elected as an additional member of the committee.

The executive committee will assume charge of the institution in July when Dr. and Mrs. Lynn plan to leave the city to make their future home in Orlando, Fla. The acting president, W. W. Harris, named by the board, has been associated with the institution for a number of years. He was reared as a lad in the institution and for a number of years has served as secretary of the board and chairman of the executive committee.

Legion Post Names Officers For Year

At a meeting of the Copeland-Davidson Post No. 56, American Legion, held at Lake Thomas Tuesday, the following officers to serve the post for 1943-44 were elected:

Commander: Jesse F. Thomas, Goldville.

First vice-commander: W. Hugh Simpson.

Second vice-commander: Claude Abbott.

Third vice-commander: C. B. Sharpston.

Adjutant and finance officer: Clyde S. Lankford.

Chaplain: Rev. W. R. Quinn.

Historian: Dr. J. B. Kennedy.

Service officer: J. Karl Johnson.

Sergeant at arms: Frank H. Simpson.

Child welfare chairman: R. E. Sadler.

Athletics chairman: C. E. Galloway.

Americanism chairman: Dr. H. E. Sturgeon.

A chicken stew was served by the post under the direction of Sloan Norris.

After the meeting, the retiring commander presented the matter of starting a hut fund and \$32 cash and a number of pledges were secured. Committees to work out a plan are to be selected by the new officers, it was stated.

Mrs. Spratt Chairman Production Committee.

Mrs. John Spratt will be chairman of the production committee of the local Red Cross sewing room for the summer in the absence of Mrs. H. Earl Spencer, regular chairman.

The committee has asked that anyone having wool over two months to make a special effort to complete and return the knitted garments at an early date.

Ration Board Now Has Price Clerk

Mrs. R. N. Blackwelder has accepted a position with the local War Price and Rationing Board as price clerk to function with a price panel of the board, which has recently been appointed.

JUNE HEAT WAVE HITS CLINTON

The city's record breaking heat wave for June which has had the community sweltering during the past week, was tempered somewhat yesterday morning by cooling breezes.

The temperature touched the 100-degree mark Saturday afternoon to set an early June record for this area. Sunday was little if any cooler, and Monday the sun continued to bear down. Showers Sunday evening and Monday night afforded some relief for the time being, but the effect was not felt for long.

The thermometer readings, it was stated by weather observers, have been on an average of about ten degrees higher than normal for early June.

CENTER FOR CADETS OPENED SATURDAY

**Mayor Bailey Officially
Turns Building Over To
Men Stationed Here.**

The building on West Main street arranged as a recreation center and lounging room for the cadet candidates stationed at Presbyterian college, was opened Saturday afternoon and officially presented to the cadets.

The presentation was made by Mayor P. S. Bailey, who, in a short speech, said that the people of Clinton thought of the men of the 39th Training detachment stationed at the college as "their boys" and invited the free use of the center by the local unit.

L. E. Bishop, chairman of the committee of the Chamber of Commerce, sponsors of the movement, together with various groups of church women of the community, introduced Mayor Bailey and reviewed the efforts of all concerned in getting the center under way.

Captain Carl M. Turner, commanding officer of the detachment, accepted the center in behalf of the cadets and expressed appreciation for the interest shown by the people of the community.

The ceremonies, held in front of the building, were preceded by a parade of the cadets from the college to the scene with colors and squadron guidons flying and led by the detachment band.

Following the presentation ceremonies the cadet glee club, under the direction of J. H. Andes, sang three numbers which were well received by the crowd gathered to witness the proceedings.

The center, well equipped for the purpose, will fill a definite need in that it affords an uptown headquarters for the men off duty. It is supplied with chairs, writing tables, card tables, cards, piano, juke box, and rest rooms for both men and women. The equipment was received from various sources, and the city administration furnished the greater part of the financial requirements incident to the center's completion.

The center will be operated under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce and civic clubs of the city, with groups of women volunteering as hostesses on various days.

The hours during which the center will be open conform to off-duty hours of the cadets, and are as follows: Monday and Wednesday evenings, 6:30 to 8; Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evenings, 6:30 to 9:30; Saturdays, 5 to 10:30; Sundays, 2 to 5.

Opportunity School Plans Are Outlined

Miss Wil Lou Gray, of Columbia, state supervisor of adult schools, a native of Laurens, was in the city this week in the interest of the annual Opportunity School, which is usually held at Clemson, but on account of war conditions will be held this year at Lander college, Greenwood, July 17-August 14.

Miss Gray explained that the school is a vacation school for workers in order to give ambitious people who cannot go to day school or college an opportunity to study anything they wish for one month in the atmosphere of a college.

The school is supported partly by the state, in cooperation with organizations, church and individuals.

Miss Gray paid tribute to the generosity of Laurens county citizens in providing scholarships in former years. Last year in the county 15 scholarships were given at \$22 each, she said.

This year the cost of a scholarship is \$25 and already several have been donated but she is anxious for more, Miss Gray stated. She is also seeking applicants for these scholarships, those who would best be benefited by the school.

Those desiring scholarships are asked to apply to Mrs. Helen G. Mellette of the county department of education who is acting as a "recruiting officer" for this work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Turner and sons of Berea, Ohio, formerly of this city, spent last week here.

CHURCHILL SAYS INVASION NEAR FOR DECISIVE BLOW

**Plans Completed and
All In Readiness for
Assaults. U-Boat Battle
Being Won, He Asserts.**

London, June 8.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill told a wildly enthusiastic House of Commons today that invasion operations "of peculiar complexity and hazard on a large scale are approaching" and promised that the Allies would continue their devastating air blows designed to bomb the Axis into submission.

Churchill, in an optimistic review of the war situation and his conferences with Allied leaders in Washington and North Africa, indicated that a "fateful milestone" in the U-boat war had been passed in May, when, for the first time, submarines sunk substantially outnumbered Germany's output and Allied shipping losses dropped to less than one for every three tons built.

He made it clear that "operations impending" in the European zone had been fitted into the proper place in the general plans, suggesting that Adolf Hitler's fortress Europe might be struck from the west and north as well as from the south when the invasion starts.

The prime minister had hardly finished his 37-minute speech when Rome radio broadcast news of a commando operation against Lampedusa, rocky little Italian island in the Sicilian channel. Although the Italians said the operation was repulsed, it served to emphasize Churchill's indications that thousands of Allied troops were massed along the African shores awaiting the zero hour.

Churchill gave the house full information, within the limits of security and military secrecy, on his military conferences which he said were "directly concerned with the execution of plans—plans which I can best describe as directed to application upon the enemy of force in its most intense and violent forms."

Main points of the speech included: 1. "It is evident that amphibious operations of a peculiar complexity and hazard on a large scale are approaching" and "operations now impending in the European theater have been fitted into their proper place in relation to the general war." 2. "Nothing will turn us from our endeavor and intention to accomplish complete destruction of our foes by bombing from the air, in addition to all other methods."

3. "In May, for the first time, our killings of U-boats substantially outnumbered U-boat output. That may be a fateful milestone."

4. "Complete agreement" has been reached on United Nations strategy between Britain and the United States and "we are prepared to win his war by hard fighting and, if necessary, by hard fighting alone."

5. The greatest battles seem to impend in Russia, where the Soviets are "bearing the heaviest burden and paying by far the highest price in blood and life." Churchill said he was "sorry" that Premier Josef Stalin or other Russian representatives had not yet been brought into the Allied war councils.

6. Tunisia, with Stalingrad, was one of the greatest military disasters ever to befall Germany, with only 638 of the enemy escaping and Axis casualties running to 300,000.

7. The Axis collapse in Tunisia was significant and characteristic of German psychology when plans go wrong, but "do not let us build on such deductions."

8. Formations of the unionist French committee of national liberation in North Africa presages the regaining for France of her inheritance and a satisfactory solution to French problems in the near future.

9. "Whatever world organization is brought into being after this war, that organization must be richer and stronger if it is founded on friendship, fraternal relationship and deep understanding prevailing and now growing between the British commonwealth of nations and the United States of America."

The house was so crowded for Churchill's address that many members were forced to stand. Mrs. Churchill, United States Ambassador John G. Winant, Russian Ambassador Ivan Miskin and most members of the diplomatic corps were in the jammed galleries.

39th AAF Needs Broom Handles

An appeal was issued yesterday through the local Red Cross for 250 broom handles to be used in training by the 39th A. A. F. detachment of Presbyterian college. Officers stated the handles had been ordered but could not be obtained. Housewives having old brooms they can donate for this purpose are asked to either bring them to the Red Cross room or contact the organization and they will be collected.