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## SCHOOL YEAR CLOSES SOON

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES BEGINS  
ON MAY 26th.

Blythewood is again near the end of another school year. To the seniors this is a long looked for occasion. To the rest of the student body, this means that another milestone has been passed and that they are nearer the time when they too will march across the stage to receive a state high school diploma.

The commencement sermon will be on May 26th at eleven o'clock by the Rev. B. L. Kilgo, who is district Superintendent of the Upper South Carolina Methodist Conference.

On Wednesday night, May 29th, at eight o'clock, the Seniors will present their class night exercises in the form of a Playlet entitled "It Has Opened Yesterday".

Thursday night, May 30th, at eight o'clock, the final commencement exercises will be held.

The members of the graduating class are: Frank Ballenting, Robert Heins, David Hipp, David Langford, Edward Mattox, Samuel Mattox, John Toplock, Robert Wright, Ernestine Ballentine, Dorothy Bates, Sallie Blume, Lola Branham, Mildred Branham, Cleo Crumpton, Katie Freeman, Clara Lovett, Doris Mattox, Lillie Belle Mattox, Rado Sloan Eunice Smith, Dorothy Sloan

Mike Brown and George Smith will receive twelfth grade diplomas. Everyone is invited.

GUEST AT THE KIWANIS CLUB MEETING

On Tuesday, May 7, two pupils, Lillie Belle Maddox and Mike Brown, along with Mr. Rorer, represented Blythewood School at the meeting of the Kiwanis Club which was held at the Wade Hampton Hotel. A boy and girl pupil and the Superintendent or Principal from each school in Richland County plus Brookland-Cayce from Lexington County were present. The President of the Club presided and a most delicious meal was served. The guest from each school were introduced.

Col. Robert L. Scott, author of God Is My Co-Pilot, gave a talk on his adventures of the war. Each person was given a chance to ask questions.

The meeting adjourned at two thirty o'clock.

### BASKET BALL BANQUET

The Basket Ball Banquet was held in the Home-Economics Room Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

While a delicious meal of fried chicken, rice, and gravy, garden peas, olives, lettuce and tomatoes, ice tea, ice cream and cookies was being served, Mr. Rorer welcomed the members of both teams and the guests: Mr. & Mrs. L. L. Hamilton, Mr. Johnny Enloe, and Mrs. Ernest Boney. Others taking part on the program were Sallie Blume, Thomas Lomas, Lillie Belle Mattox, Mr. Hamilton, and Mr. Enloe.



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CLOSING OF SCHOOL

Here is May again and as you know this means the end of another school term. Everything seems to be in a turmoil. Studying for the exams which will be coming up in about two weeks. The Seniors are looking forward to graduation then parting. Each going his way to make a success of his own. The juniors are studying hard hoping to soon become proud seniors. This has been a very successful year due to because of the co-operation of the pupils with the help of the faculty. We are also proud to say that Mr. Rorer has made a very good superintendent and hope he will continue to be with us.

So come on boys and girls, let's get down to business, study hard, pass those examinations; have a swell vacation for the summer.

By Ruby Bass

ON EDITING A PAPER

The success or failure of any publication depends largely upon the editor. Since this is the first time I have had such an experience, I realize the tremendous responsibility that is mine. However, I, too, realize that as editor I can do very little without the cooperation of the entire staff.

In the past year, the present senior class has ably published the Blythe Words each month, and it has been a success! We, the new staff, want to commend the old staff, and we hope that we will be able to carry on to make this publication an outstanding high school paper.

We are asking for the cooperation of the elementary school as always glad to print any school news, and we will appreciate its being handed in on time. We are just beginners at this kind of work, and we will be slow at first. It is our intention to make this publication a representative paper of the entire school and all its activities. With your cooperation, we feel that we can make it a success!

This will be our only issue this year and also the last issue of "Blythewords", but we'll be back again in September to do our best to make this an outstanding high school newspaper!!!

-----Thomas Lomas  
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On Editing Blythewords

As Editor-in-chief of Blythewords, I wish to express my thanks and appreciation to each and every one for the splendid cooperation you have in making possible the printing of our school paper.

Personall speaking, I have enjoyed working on the staff and I have enjoyed reading the contents of the paper. The clicking of the typewriters, monographing machine,

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FIRST GRADE NEWS

We are having a good time at school this month. We have been making clay vasses, animals, and airplanes. We will paint them. This is "Health" month for us. We have drawn and colored health pictures. We are learning how to keep our bodies strong and well. The photographer too our pictures last week. We tried to look pret-

SECOND GRADE NEWS

A large number of the second graders have been out with measles. We have missed them and hope to have them back soon.

The second grade enjoyed the Easter egg hunt and we wish to express our thanks to Mrs. H. B. McLean. Mrs. Reggie Lever, one of our grade mothers, remembered our grade very kindly at Easter time. She sent us bright colored Easter eggs and cookies.

We have learned a very pretty Mothers' Day song. Our teacher, Mrs. Martha Rowell, ask us to sing it to our mothers on Mothers' Day.

For the past two weeks, we have been studing health stories. We are making booklets and painting pictures about taking care of our bodies.

We are going to study a little harder for the next four weeks and we hope to be big third graders next year.

Third Grade News

We enjoyed Mother's Day. We had stories and learned two poems about mother.

We remembered May Day made baskets and Roberta drew one on the blackboard.

We have been writing paragraphs. We wrote about "A Boy With a Rabbit" and "The Oxen Plowing".

We have enjoyed the year very much and now looking forward to vacation. ---Ruth Hawley

FIFTH GRADE NEWS

We gave our chapel program on April the 26th. With all thirty six of us who were present on that day taking part. We hope you liked it 'cause we certainly enjoyed giving it even if our knees were a-shaking and our voices did wiggle around some. Sara Allen, Charlice Hughes and Billy Jean Watts took part in the piano recital on Wednesday evening. They were all dressed up and did credit to both themselves and their teacher.

Our Easter party was lots of fun with more to eat than time to eat it. You should have seen us stuffing our pockets to "carry home".

Now we are all set---we hope-- for the big event ahead, i.e. EXAMINATIONS and perhaps the sixth grade. Anyway we KNOW that IF we could-----

Look dignified, lose our hats, and make speeches like Mr. Rorer or wear an eyeshade and walk slow like Mr. Long----- or have a sweet smile like Miss Bigham----- or feel good like Mrs. Arndt---- or be late like Miss Saddy----- or blush like Miss Rorer----- or pose for pictures like Mr. Cantrell----- or play ball like Mrs. Duffie--- or be tiny like Mrs. Taylor----- or ask questions like Mrs. Rowell----- or drive a car like Mrs. Clerk-- or say "be quiet" and "No chewing gum" like Mrs. Ziegler----- or eat "hot dogs" like Mrs. Long----- or look herdboiled like Miss Taylor-----

WE WOULD BE ELECTED!!!

The word May is a perfumed word.. It is an illuminated initial. It means youth, love, song, and all that is beautiful in life.

--Henry wadsworth Longfellow

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## Sixth Grade

We are working hard to make our grades. We have completed our two health books. We are studying Alcohol. It really is an interesting study. We have learned many scientific facts, and we have enjoyed several interesting experiments. We now are working on an Alcohol Alphabet.

The piano recital wednesday night was a success. We are very proud of our four girls who took part in it.

Last week our 4H girls had a picnic. The members of our class who were not in the club had a picnic during our activity period.

## Seventh Grade

The seventh grade has been making spring books. We had some very nice poems. We are putting some of them in the news. We are studying for exams. In history we have note books on interesting facts about South Carolina. In our class at spare time we are working on Mother's day cards. We are very sorry that Mrs. Arndt is gone and will not be back for two weeks. But we have a very good teacher in Mrs. Arndt's place, Mrs. Hooker. The Reds are still a head in spelling contest; however, the Blues have given a close race.

---Loretta Goodwin

## Eight I News

Almost nine long months of study and work have past, and now we are settled down for our final exams. Every body is trying to make the goal so our dear old eight grade can be reunited after this long period of school. Meta Faust represented section one of the eight grade in the test at the University. We are proud of her.

W. E. BONEY  
DRYGOODS AND GROCERS

## 8 II News

On May 2, 1946, the 8th grade, Section II was in charge of assembly under direction of Mrs. Robert Arndt.

Annie Laura Hollis was in charge of the devotion.

Then came eight girls running on the stage dressed in short crepe paper dresses in all colors to remind us of spring. Those taking part in The Maytime Dance were Gertrude Lomas, Lunette Hall, Laura Blume, Frances Huckabee, Martha Price, Ernestine Price, Lillian Easler, and Louise Lovette.

There were two short skits; those taking part were Francis Riley, Robert Sharp, and Irene Marsh. Taking part in the second were Lula Entzmenger, Robert Sharp, Irene Marsh, Leon Stockmon, Annie Laura Hollis, David Swygert, Mary Ella Swygert, Bobby Hall, and Francis Riley.

Last was a one act play called "Angles of Mercy".

When the girls Emma (Laura Blume), Bella (Frances Huckabee), Clara (Mary Ella Swygert), dropped over to Abegales (Gertrude Lomas) for their first aid class. They had the discussion over who was to be the victim. When the door bell rang, there came the answer to their question. The policeman (David Swygert) announced there had been an accident at the corner, and they were bring in a hurt man (Francis Riley). After putting him on the floor they decided to give him the works. When the boy would not stop groaning, the girls decided they would have to start over again. At this point the victim pulls a pistol from his pocket and shoots himself.

Our class was sorry to have Mrs. Arndt leave us for another visit with her husband. We hope she will be back soon.

We are very glad to have Mrs. Hooker from Columbia to teach us now.



## ON EDITING-(Con't from Page 2)

and the stapling machine has sometime been tiresome, but yet they have had their rewards.

This responsibility we turn over to the rising Senior Class. We hope they enjoy it as much as we have and we hope you'll give them your cooperation. Although we won't be at Blythewood next year, we'll always keep in touch with our dear old Alma Mater. Farewell from the staff of 1945-46!!!

Mildred Branham

## NINTH GRADE NEWS

We are glad to welcome Mary and Carol Crossland as new pupils in our grade. They are from Columbia High.

The ninth grade, with the exception of a few, really enjoyed a fishing trip to the river Tuesday evening. We were glad to have the company of Mr. Rorer, Miss Taylor, and Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Allen. Although we had trouble with our stove at the river, we came back and fried our fish and ate in the Home Economics Room.

We hope these last weeks of school will be happy ones and we hope none of us will be left behind next year.

## TENTH GRADE NEWS

The Juniors are very grateful to the Seniors for the opportunity of putting out the last issue of our school paper BLYTHEWORDS. Even though we know we aren't experienced, we hope to do our best, and to accomplish as much as the Seniors Class did. Much enthusiasm is being shown and we hope this disappointing to anyone.

## ELEVENTH GRADE NEWS

The Seniors are patiently awaiting the arrival of their caps and gowns. Very soon you'll be gett-

ing invitations to the Commencement Exercises.

We are still trying very hard to raise enough money to take a short trip at the end of school.

It makes us sad to think that very soon we will no longer be Seniors. Although we have had many trials, we know that some of our happiest days have been spent here. There will always be a tender spot in our hearts for dear Blythewood High School.

## MENTAL TESTS

On April the twenty-fourth and twenty fifth some of the high school boys and girls were asked to go to University High to test their knowledge by taking different mental tests.

Erna Meta Faust, Lunette Hall, Frances Muchabee from the eighth grade and Ann Joyce Allen, Helen Coutses and Sara Sloan from the ninth grade took the Junior English test.

Those from the tenth grade were: Betty Blume, Lula Blume, Patricia Ballentine, who took the American History and Senior English test. Margaret Windhorn, who took Senior English test. From the eleventh: Doris Maddox, Eunice Smith, Cleo Crompton, Clara Lovett, and Mike Brown took Senior English test.

## 4-H CLUB NEWS

The girls 4-H Club held their regular meeting on May 2. The meeting was called to order by the president, Eunice Smith. A demonstration on preparing Strawberries for the freezer locker was given by Miss Berley. After the demonstration the losing side entertained the winning side with a social hour and refreshment.

On Friday May 10<sup>th</sup>, the yearly boys' and girls' picnic was held on the school yard. The parents of the Clubsters were invited. Every one had a good time.



## MUSIC RECITAL GIVEN

The piano pupils of Mrs. Q. M. Hawley presented a recital before the P.T.A. on May the eighth.

The following who took part in the recital were:

Anne Joy Allen---Butterflies  
 Johnny Sue Bunch---Praise Him!  
                                   Praise Him!  
 Leola Long---March of the Wee Folk  
 Leola Long---Welcome to May  
 Shirley Campbell---Blue Bells of  
                                   Scotland  
                                   From a Wigwan  
 Billie Jean Watts---Swans on the  
                                   Lake  
 Sara Allen---Little Spring Song  
 Charline Hughes---Robin Sings a  
                                   Merry Song  
 Dorothy Wooten---Under Southern  
                                   Skies  
 Ruth Hawley---Sambo and his Banjo  
 Irene & Carolyn K.---The Star  
                                   Spangled Banner.  
 Doris Hoopaugh---From a Wigwan Air  
                                   (from Surprise  
                                   Symphony)  
 Ruth Muriel Frick---Walking Snow  
 Jacqueline Riley---Cotton Pickers  
 Becky Andrews---Waltz  
 Lemuel Wooten---Big Indian Chief  
 Mary Davis---The Fairies Harp  
 Ellen Branham---Airy Fairies Harp  
                                   To Colia  
 Betty Joan Hughes---Garland of  
                                   Roses  
 Frances Huckalbee---Playing Sold-  
                                   iers  
 Peggy Abell---Starlight waltz  
 Betty Abell---Air De Ballet  
 Irene & Carolyn Kersey---The Star  
                                   Spangled Banner  
 Johnny Sue Bunch, Leola Long---  
                                   Lullaby and Goodnight  
 Dorothy Wooten, Maxine Brown---  
 Shirley Campbell, Charlese Hughes  
 Sarah Allen, and Ruth Hawley  
                                   (accompanist)

## PICTURES TAKEN

Two photographers came to Blythewood School Monday, April 6, to take pictures. They also took separate and group pictures.

## P.T.A. MEETS

The Blythewood Parent Teachers Association met Wednesday evening May the 8th at 8:00 o'clock.

Mrs. Q. M. Hawley presented her piano pupils in a recital. Mrs. Harold Lomas took charge of the business hour. The fourth grade was the winner of the attendance prize.

The meeting was then adjourned to the Home Economics room where the hostesses, Mrs. Q. M. Hawley, Mrs. Charlie Wooten, Mrs. D. L. Branham, and Mrs. W. H. Abell served punch and cookies.

## FOURTH GRADE NEWS

Our friends seemed to appreciate the little May Day baskets we made for them and our mothers thanked us for the attractive Mother's Day cards and folders we drew and colored.

With fifteen representatives present and four class members taking part on the program, our grade won the dollar and banner at the last P.T.A. meeting. Those who played and sang in the music recital were Dorothy Wooten, Shirley Campbell, Leola Long, and Johmie Sue Bunch.

Just a few weeks more and school will be out! We wish to thank again our grade mothers and all others who have helped to make this school year a pleasant and profitable one. We hate to say good bye to any, but truly hope for each and every body a happy vacation.

## FLOWERS

Flowers are blooming everywhere,  
 Mother is sitting in her old rock-  
 ing chair,  
 Bees are buzzing after the flowers,  
 It is time for the summer showers,  
 All in the air are butterflies,  
 Yellow and black sailing the skies,  
 Men are plowing in the field,  
 Many a crop, they hope to yield.

Mildred Walker



"THE TATTLE-TALE-TELLER"

JOKES

Annie Charles is "Somebody else taking your place?" T.C., your tail light isn't working good lately or have you noticed it???? Who is guilty of injuring Betty Blume's neck???????????? Why wouldn't Mr. Rorer go on the straw ride Friday night??? Was some one missing??? Harold, where did you get those new kind of tin snips? Are you making any progress, Bobby????????? You seem to be stepping out lately! Nina, who is the sailor? Harold B., why don't you get a bicycle for two???? Did everybody enjoy the straw ride Friday?? Goat, was somebody missing???? Toplock, how are you and Irene getting along??? Who is Ezell???? Could he be related to the Blackmon's??? Does someone know Collette and Tobbie??? Margaret, where were you one Friday night--- could it have been in a ditch????? Lula, did you have a good time Friday night???? We wonder if Betty B. has robbed a jewelry store????? How is "Rhapsody in Black" coming along, George???????? Rado, how is Marion??? Ed, how is the new friend? Lola, did you have a nice time Friday night???? Dorothy S. how is everything at Lugoff these days???????? Katie, what's wrong, Better stop eating???? Mr. Centrell, watch which peice of carrot you reach for next time!!! Miss Rorer, are corsages plentiful these days???? Clara, whom are you too-timing and what little girls got mad with you Sunday night? Betty Ann, why doesn't he like long hair???? Ruby B., what happened to you and your blond???????????? Say Myrtis why are you so interested in Betty Frances Birthday Party??????? Lillie Belle is it infatuation or love???????????????? Lousie, did you and Sara have a nice time at the Box Party????????????

Two hitch-hikers were standing on a roadside waiting for a ride. "What's on your mind, buddy," said the first hitch-hiker. "Oh nothing," the other hitch-hiker replied, "except I was just wondering how er will ever be able to thumb a ride when people begin traveling by air."

A woman riding a trolley car was anxious not to pass her destination. She poked the conductor with her umbrella. "Is that the First National Bank?" "No ma'am," the conductor replied, "That's my stomach."

Pat, a truck driver, stopped suddenly on the highway. The car behind crashed into the truck and it owner sued the Irishman. "Why didn't you hold out your hand?" the judge asked Pat. "Well," he said indignantly, "If he couldn't see the truck, how in heaven's name could he see my hand?"

Miss Taylor: "David, have you whispered while I was out of the room?" David: Only wunst, ma'am." Miss Taylor: Lola, should David say "wunst?" Lola: No, ma'am he should say "twicet."

Miss Rorer: "Billy, can you tell me where the Red Sea is?" Billy: "On the third line of my report card."

Dumb Dora: "Is there a letter for me?" Postmaster: "What's your name?" Dumb Dora: "It's on the envelope. Can't you read?"

Thomas: "I think you're the most beautiful girl in the world" Betty: "Oh! you'd say so even if you didn't think so." Thomas; "well, you'd think so even if I didn't say so, so we're even."

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## SPORTS ROUND-UP FOR THE GIRLS

The soft-ball team is progressing nicely now. It took a good while to remember all the rules, but now everyone knows them and are abiding by them. No outside team has been played yet, but don't think the girls team doesn't play well enough!!! They really play softball!!! If you don't believe it, and if you ever get a chance, just come out some drill period when you have nothing to do and see a game. Someday the girls will be champions! There is not a better coach in the state than Miss Rorer. She's just wonderful and really knows her ball !!!!!!!

## BOYS SPORTS

Blythewood boys played their second base ball game of the season with Dentsville on their field. Dentsville won by two scores, having a score of 3 and Blythewood 1, Lomas struck out 11 and Dentsville struck out 10. The line was:

Billy Brown--2<sup>nd</sup> base  
 Robert Heins--left fielder  
 Mike Brown--short stop  
 Thomas Lomas--pitcher  
 Bobby Boney--catcher  
 Dan Stevens--1<sup>st</sup> base  
 David Langford--3<sup>rd</sup> base  
 John Toplock--center fielder  
 H. T. Lovett--right fielder

The third game of the season was played with Brooklyn Cayce on their home field. Blythewood again lost with a score of two while Brooklyn Cayce had 16.

The fourth game was played with Lower Richland on the home field. Lower Richland won with a score of 3 while Blythewood had none.

The fifth game was lost to B-C on Blythewood's field with a score of 9--2.

## "RHAPSODY IN BLACK"

Tonight at 8: o'clock the Senior Class will present a three act minstrel called "Rhapsody in Black". This play has been composed by a member of the twelfth grade, George Smith. The following people will take part in the play.

Bessie Mae Adams----Lola Branham  
 The Belle of the Community,  
 Frankie Johnson Brown---David  
 Hipp

A likeable, pleasant, negro boy, popular with all.

Ned Brown---Frank Ballentine  
 Grandfather of Frankie Brown  
 Aunt Anna Adams---Sallie Blume  
 Grandmother of Frankie Brown  
 Angilina Wahington---Unice Smith  
 A forceful negro mammy  
 Abraham Washington---Robert  
 Wright

Her obedient Husband  
 Epidemic Washington---George  
 Smith

Their son

Agustra Georgia Washington-Doris  
 Mattox, Their Daughter  
 Carrie Belle Jackson---Rado Sloan  
 The Washington's Neighbor  
 Rev. Joseph Jackson---John Toplock  
 Her Husband  
 Queenie Ester Jackson--Mildred  
 Branham, Their Flirty Daughter  
 Anderson Jackson---Samuel Mattox  
 Their Slow moving son  
 Jitter Bug & July Jackson-Edward  
 Mattox Cleo Crumpton  
 Twins of the Family

Sportin Life Lincoln---Mike Brown  
 Flashy City Negro  
 Everyone is invited to come and see the "Seniors" in Black. Admission will be twenty and thirty cents.

## THE FFA PARTY

The Future Farmers of America, of Blythewood had a weiner roast last Friday, May 10. They invited the JHA girls. Thomas Lomas drove his truck and they went on a straw ride to Mr. C. C. Martin's of Ridge. A good time was had by all.







