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Bonny Oaks to Observe 'Hagan Day' In Tribute to 25 Years of Service

Thrasher Designates Sunday for Honors

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Marion Offutt Hagan, 70, 309 Forest Ave., said today his 25 years of service at Bonny Oaks School has been "a great privilege," and that this privilege was to "mix and mingle with these boys in every phase of their lives."

Tomorrow, "by official proclamation by County Judge Wilkes T. Thrasher," the school is celebrating "Hagan Day."

The ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. and last until 4 p.m. It will be held in the school chapel.

Hagan, a native of Chattanooga, completed his quarter-century of service May 31. His father moved here "over 100 years ago in the early 1850's," and established the family residence at East Lake Courts, "which is the old family homeplace."

Hagan's father, R. W. Hagan, was a merchant here for 60 years and owner of the old Beehive Store at Fourth and Market streets.

The monument to two firemen at Fountain Square was erected to commemorate the deaths of these two men who fought the fire that destroyed the Beehive Store in the 1880's.

"Our home was built in 1885. The ferry was used to haul the materials across the river. And I was 6 months old when I was moved into it. We still live there," Hagan said.

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Mr. and Mrs. Hagan are the parents of three children. Marion was killed in World War II in Germany. He was a member of the Air Corps and was a graduate of University of Chattanooga. He died in action May 19, 1944.

A daughter, Dr. S. C. Knight, who is also a graduate of University of Chattanooga, resides in Springfield, Mass.

Tom, the third child, served four years in World War II, is a graduate of Florida State University and is now a public school teacher in Pensacola, Fla.

Hagan says he has done every job at Bonny Oaks, with the exception of being superintendent. He had high praise for the work of Mrs. Lucy Keese, wife of a retired superintendent of the institution.

Hagan said that he worked with Mrs. Keese in developing speakers and dramatic students.

"One of the greatest things is the spiritual side of our work here," he said.



'HAGAN DAY' TOMORROW—Marion O. Hagan, left, who has been employed as bookkeeper at Bonny Oaks School for 25 years, will be honored tomorrow afternoon at "Hagan Day." With him are George Frazer, one of the boys at the school, and Supt. Malcolm M. Adamson. The original building is in the background.—(Staff photo by Bob Sherrill.)