

Payne Wins High Honors



FRANK M. PAYNE

Frank M. Payne, general agent for Security Life and Trust company of Winston-Salem, has just received a certificate of membership in the 1956-57 President's Club, which is the highest honor award in the company's sales organization.

Robert G. Blair, vice-president and agency manager, commented in connection with the presentation of the certificate:

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"We are confident you will continue your splendid production, excellent service to policyholders and worthwhile contributions to the company and the industry."

Dr. Dugger Is Given \$31,000 Cancer Grant

By ROBERT H. BARTHOLOMEW
Chapel Hill.—A grant of \$31,000 from the U. S. Public Health Service has been made to Dr. Gordon Dugger of the University of North Carolina School of Medicine.

The grant was made to Dr. Dugger, who is an assistant professor of surgery, following a series of operations he performed, the first of their kind that have been done, for the treatment of certain types of cancer at N. C. Memorial Hospital at UNC.

The three-year grant of \$10,350 a year will be used for the study of the effects of pituitary gland operations on patients with cancer. Associated with Dr. Dugger in the research are Drs. James Newsome and Judson Van Wyk, both of the UNC School of Medicine.

The results of the operations have been described as favorable. The operations consisted of making functionless the pituitary gland. Operations have been performed in the past to remove such glands, but this series has been the first ever attempted to destroy the function of the gland without removing it from the patient's head.

Dr. Dugger said such operations may bring relief to patients suffering from certain types of cancer of the breast, prostate and thyroid.

The growth of these three types of cancer depends on the hormones in the body, the professor said. By changing the hormone environment of the body, a change in the growth of cancer may be effected, according to Dr. Dugger.

In the past it has been a practice to change the hormone environment of the body by the removal of the gonads or the adrenal glands. More recently it has been discovered that the removal of the pituitary gland would bring about the same results.

In the operations performed by Dr. Dugger, the pituitary gland was not removed, but was made functionless by severing it from the brain. A disc was then placed between the brain and the gland to prevent regrowth of the blood vessels connecting the two organs. According to Dr. Dugger, this is less dangerous and entails fewer failures than removing the gland.

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SMALL BUSINESS

"The number of business concerns ten years old and over which failed last year was double the number failing in that age bracket in 1947," according to Senator John Sparkman (D-Ala.), chairman of the Senate Small Business Committee. He listed as major threats to the existence of small business: "The Federal Corporate income tax structure; the scarcity and high cost, when found, of credit; and the rate at which more and more power is being concentrated in the hands of fewer and fewer large corporations."

DEMOCRAT ADS PAY

Doctorate Is Given Blanton



DR. BLANTON

Roy Russell Blanton, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Blanton, Sr., of Forest City, has just received the Doctor of Education degree from Indiana University.

Blanton is a member of the education department at Appalachian State Teachers College, and is supervisor of off-campus student teaching.

His father is an attorney at law in Forest City, and his mother is the former Miss Margaret Flack.

Dr. Blanton received his education at Forest City Elementary School and Cool Springs High School in Forest City. He attended Furman University, and received his B. S. and M. A. degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College. He was director of instrumental music in the Canton City Schools for one year, served in the United States Navy for four years during World War II, was director of instrumental music in the Hendersonville City Schools for two years, and came to Appalachian in 1948. He directed the ASTC band from 1948 to 1950, became director of instrumental music at the Appalachian demonstration schools in 1950, and served in this capacity until his appointment to the education faculty at the college in 1956.

Blanton wrote his doctoral dissertation at Indiana University on "An Analysis of the Full-Time Off-Campus Student Teaching Program in the Secondary Schools at Appalachian State Teachers College."

As an indication of his professional interests, Blanton is a member of the Phi Delta Kappa, the National Education Association, the North Carolina Education Association, the Association for Student Teaching, the Southern Council on Teacher Education, and the National Society for the Study of Education.

Pre-Festival Gathering Goes Well, In Rain

In spite of rain falling exactly at opening time, last Saturday's final pre-festival gathering went well—under umbrellas, raincoats, and an improvised shelter. Mrs. Fletcher Nelson and Nancy Lou Jones from Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk, Alan Jones from the Town and Country Church at Merom, Indiana, Ed Lewis and Dave Kearley of the Rural Church Institute at Valle Crucis, were among those present.

John Putnam of Peabody Col-

lege, and Leslie Skeens of Berea College sang with guitar and dulcimer, and many songs were sung by the whole group.

Edd Presnell, craftsman from Beech Mountain, brought samples of his hand-made hardwood bowls

and one of his finely finished dulcimers.

Just before the shower, the sword dance team rehearsed vigorously to music on harmonica and drum, and several country dances were performed.

FARM SURPLUS EXPORTS

Exports of farm surpluses for foreign currency added \$275,000,000 to American farm income in the 1956-57 crop year, according to figures released by the Agriculture Department. The report

indicated that exports under the special program increased 1956-crop wheat prices nine cents a bushel and corn prices one cent a bushel.

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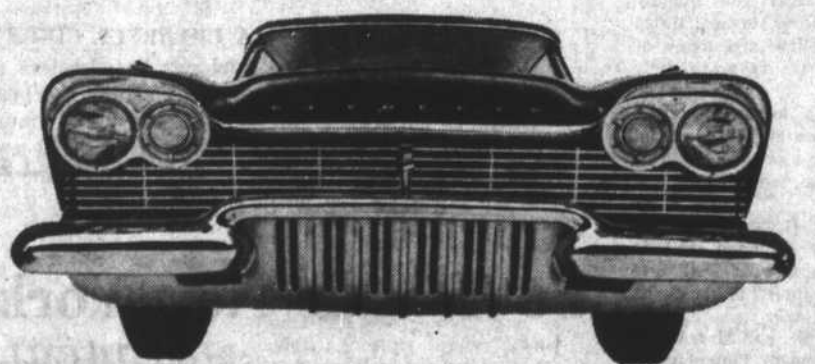
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