

University Of Grandfather Mountain

Dr. H. R. Totten, nationally known botanist from the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill, moved his Botany 135 class to the peaks of Grandfather Mountain this week for a special study of trees and shrubs at high elevations.

The group also engaged in botanical inspections at Clingman's Dome and Mount Mitchell. Next week their field trips will take them to North Carolina's Coastal Plain.



J. W. NORRIS

J. W. Norris Is Named To Vet Position

J. W. Norris, retired Boone postal employee, and long-time leader in American Legion activities has been named Watauga County Veterans Service Officer by the County Commissioners, and has entered upon his new duties in the new office formerly used by the county agent.

Mr. Norris succeeds Lionel Ward, who died recently.

A native Watauga county citizen, Mr. Norris worked as a clerk in the Boone postoffice for thirty years. He is a veteran of the first World War, has been District Commander of the Department of North Carolina American Legion, has held every office in Watauga Post 130, and is now Post Adjutant. He is a member of the Baptist Church, Assistant Department Sunday School Superintendent; has been State President of the Postal Organization, is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Junior Order and is a Mason. He was Civil Defense Officer for Watauga county during the last world war.

Mr. Norris, whose appointment came about on recommendation of local veterans, says he is pleased to be able to serve in this important capacity. "I will give my full attention to serving to the best of my ability all our veterans, without regard to race, creed or color, and without partiality," he added.

Stop Sign For 321-105

The State Highway Commission has approved the installation of stop signals at the intersection of highways 321-221 and 105, and they will be installed in the near future, according to word reaching the Democrat Tuesday.

Kennedy To Speak At ASTC As 333 Grads Get Degrees

A total of 333 persons will be graduated from Appalachian State Teachers College tomorrow (Friday) night at the summer commencement exercises, scheduled to begin at 7 o'clock in the auditorium of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Building. The total numbers 32 greater than last year's graduating classes.

Speaker for the occasion will be John Pressley Kennedy Jr., an official of the Department of State in charge of the Division for Americans Abroad. Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college, will present 124 candidates for the Bachelor's degree; 209 Master's degree candidates will be presented by Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies.

President W. H. Plemmons will confer degrees and award diplomas. H. R. Eggers, registrar, will present the diplomas. Invocation and benediction will be offered by the Rev. Richard Crowder of the Boone Methodist Church and the Rev. George B. Hyler of the First Baptist Church of Blowing Rock, respectively.

Chief marshal will be Chet Hill, recently elected president of the student body. Marshals include Judith Ann Abernethy, Larry Allen, Joseph Brugnotti, Fred Bynum, Gloria Church,

Robert Clayton, Annette Corrigan, Reba Hawkins, John Knox, Frances Kovachi, Diane Lefler, Beverly Lingle, Virginia Palmieri, Bobby Tate, and William W. Wallace.

Music will be provided by the Summer School Choir under the direction of W. Hoyt Safrit. Organist will be Earny Hotard. B. S. and M. A. candidates are as follows:

Bachelor of Science Degrees:
Alexander County: John Maurice Gwaltney, Taylorsville.

Ashe County: Evelyn Dillard Baker, Jefferson; Joseph Tatum Brown, Jr., Todd; Sara Ann Lawson, West Jefferson; Carol Ann Hardin Perkins, West Jefferson; Olive Pierce Wiles, Grassy Creek.

Buncombe County: Helen Carol Stradley, Asheville.

Burke County: Kathryn Brendle Duckworth, Drexel; Frances Maxine Grady, Morganton; Julia Anne Harris, Valdese; Richard Neal Lane, Morganton; Emma Settlemire O'Kelly, Drexel; Donald Kelly Poteat, Morganton; William Lloyd Settlemire, Valdese; Joanne Smith, Morganton.

Cabarrus County: Willard Duval Christy, Kannapolis; Floyd Edward Foil, Kannapolis; Martha Rae Mills, Concord; Joyce Ann Newton, Harrisburg; Linda Yates Tate, Harrisburg; Larry Neal Vaughn, Kannapolis.

Caldwell County: Lorraine B. Beach, Lenoir; Kenneth Lawrence Beard, Lenoir; Benjamin Lawrence Brown, Rhodhiss; Mar-

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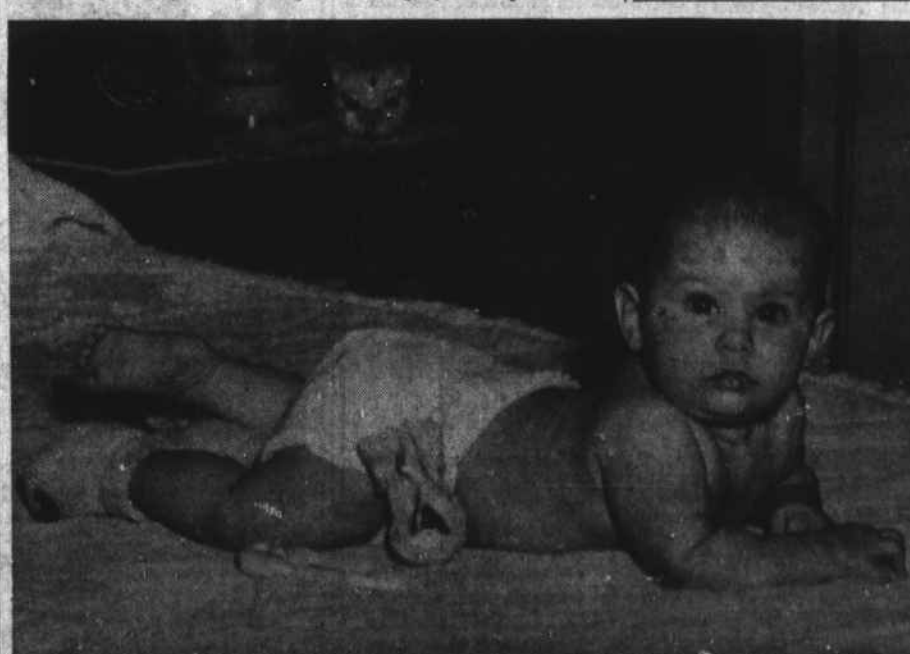
Broyhill Not Planning Try For Governor

MOCKSVILLE — Congressman James T. Broyhill, considered a potential candidate for governor by many North Carolina Republicans, insisted Thursday that he doesn't want the 1964 nomination.

"Sure, lots of people want me to run," Broyhill said in response to a question. "But I'm not at all interested in that office. If I run for anything, it'll be for Congress."

GOP leaders have regarded Broyhill as a likely second choice for 1964 if Eighth District Rep. Charles Raper Jonas, the party's strongest vote-getter, should decide not to run.

But Broyhill, visiting here Thursday to speak at the annual Masonic Picnic, made it clear he has no gubernatorial aspirations — regardless of Jonas' decision.



Whad'ya Mean, I Can't Graduate?

With commencement exercises slated at Appalachian State Teachers College for tomorrow (Friday) night, it seems that everyone is wanting to get in on the act. Wearing her faithful old ASTC booties (a black "A" on gold thread, no less), a five-months old lass from a neighboring county peers up with inquiring eyes as if to say, "But why

can't I graduate too?" Well, maybe, in 1963 or thereabouts, honey—but it's a long crawl! Meanwhile, the little Miss (who, incidentally, has an aunt and two uncles at the Boone college) will have to compromise this summer by seeing 124 persons receive their B. S. degrees and 209 others receive their M. A. diplomas.—Staff photo.

N. Y. Attorneys, State Official See Differently

The question of who's to have the authority to hold the special school-hospital bond election on September 17th seems to be resolving in favor of the regular County Board of Elections after advices from the State Attorney General's office had caused the County Commissioners to take the first steps toward handling the details incident to the balloting.

When County Attorney Stacy C. Eggers, who is also a member of the County Board of Elections, was questioned by the Democrat, he said that when word reached him that the Attorney General's office had opined through Mr. Ralph Moody, that the Commissioners were to hold the election, that he had written the State Election Board. They said for the County Attorney to rely on the Attorney General. Mr. Eggers called Mr. Moody, and he gave him the opinion.

Later, after the Commissioners had set themselves to the task of getting ready for the election, Mr. Eggers received a facsimile of the required ballot from the New York bond attorneys, which indicated they should be signed by the Chairman of the County Elections Board. Mr. Eggers then called the attorneys who said they had handled these matters in North Carolina for years, that the elections had always been held by the County Elections Board, and that if any other procedure was followed, they could not okay the bonds for sale. Then Mr. Eggers relayed the word to Mr. Moody, whom he said, expressed the opinion that the New York attorneys were in error, but that "you'd perhaps have to go along with them."

So as this is written, Roby T. Greer, Elections Board Chairman, is waiting to hear from the proper authorities before proceeding.

Books To Open

The registration books for the special election, however, will be open at the various polling places in the county August 24, August 31 and September 7, for the purpose of registering those who are entitled to vote, and who haven't previously been registered in a county election. Challenge Day will be September 14. Voters may also register at the homes of the Registrars, it is said.

Election Officials

Following are the names of the election officials in the last General Election who will also hold the special election. The first named in each case is the Registrar, the others are the Judges:

Bald Mountain Township: J. B. Ragan, Todd; Leslie Norris, Todd; and John Trivette, Todd.

Beaver Dam Township: Fred Tester, Reese; Ray Stout, Reese; and Ivan Dishman, Sugar Grove.

Blowing Rock Township: Daniel Klutz, Jr., Blowing Rock; Marion Ford, Blowing Rock; and Charlie Hatten, Blowing Rock.

Blue Ridge Township: Mrs. Rodney Greene, Blowing Rock; George Keller, Rt. 4, Boone; and Marion Coffey, Rt. 4, Boone.

Boone Township: George Thomas, Boone; Ralph Greene, Boone; and Custer Wallace, Boone.

Brushy Fork Township: M. J. Williams, Vilas; Ralph Wil-



Twin Citians Guests At Dinner

Enjoying a dinner at the Daniel Boone Inn on August 7 were a group of businessmen and development leaders from Winston-Salem who had made a tour of the natural and industrial resources of Watauga County.

During the dinner a quartet from "Horn in the West" entertained the visitors. Afterwards, they attended a performance of the local outdoor drama.—Staff photo.

Winston-Salem Business Men Impressed With Watauga Co.

Inspection Team Reports On AHS

By GUY ANGELL
County Superintendent of Schools

An inspection team from the North Carolina State Department of Public Instruction completed an examination of the facilities of Appalachian High School July 31.

The examination was made upon request of school officials for the purpose of determining the potential use of Appalachian High School as a secondary school for the district and as a demonstration school for Appalachian State Teachers College.

The State Department staff members participating in the study were John W. Sherman, engineer; Dr. Dwayne Gardner, educational consultant; N. K. Lee, engineer; and Dr. J. L. Pierce, director, Division of School Planning.

The Appalachian High School facilities and site are owned by the State of North Carolina and Appalachian State Teachers College. The school serves a dual purpose in providing high school facilities for students residing in the Boone, Green Valley, and Parkway districts as well as the needs of the college in the teacher education program. The school was originally designed and equipped to serve a maximum of 350-400 students. Some of the highlights of the inspection report are being published in an effort to inform the citizens of the Boone district of existing conditions in the present school facilities.

On the basis of information furnished by public school officials and observations of the inspection team, the following represents some of the highlights of the observations reported by Dr. Pierce and his staff:

—The main building appears to be structurally sound but is otherwise obsolete. This is particularly true with regard to the following areas: electrical system, heating and ventilating sys-

tems, lighting, sanitary facilities, floors and windows.

—The main building is not functional for a modern day program of secondary education.

—The space for use of the library, administration, music program, and science laboratory instruction is below minimum acceptable standards for a modern secondary school program. The physical education program is necessarily curtailed due to the inadequate gymnasium-auditorium combination.

—The vocational agriculture shop building, which includes a room used as a student center, is in poor condition in every respect. This building in no way meets acceptable standards for a secondary school program.

—The high school students

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Wilson Gets Jeep Franchise

Wilson Used Cars, of Boone, has been franchised by Kaiser Jeep Sales Corp. to handle the famed 'Jeep' family of vehicles and approved special equipment.

Signing of the franchise was announced today by Guy Wilson, owner of the new dealership, who said the firm will market the full line of 'Jeep' vehicles and equipment in this area. The dealership also will offer complete parts and service facilities for the famed "go-anywhere" vehicles.

Key personnel of the dealership, located at Highway 421 West, are Guy Wilson, owner, and Ronnie Wilson, sales manager.

The 'Jeep' line of vehicles is designed to serve a wide range of purposes from six-passenger family service to the roughest kind of off-the-road hauling with gross vehicle weights up to 8,600 pounds.

A bus-load of Winston-Salem businessmen and development leaders paid Boone a visit last Wednesday, making a thorough study and tour of Watauga County and returning to the lowlands with the impression that the county's present booming operations are a guideline to a successful future.

Neil Bolton, secretary of the Northwest N. C. Development Association, said that the group noted the impact of the tourist trade and Boone's multiplying industries as prime boosters to the economy of Watauga.

"That mountain section is cashing in fast on its natural resources for recreational attractions," he said after the tour, "and business leaders there are solidly bulwarking the fun-side with new industry and renewed emphasis on Boone as an educational center."

The group toured the con-

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Blowing Rock Man Said To Have Drowned

William Leon Coffey, 71, of Route 1, Blowing Rock, drowned Sunday morning in a pond near his home.

Richard E. Kelley county coronor, quoted Coffey's son, Wade, as saying his father had been under medical care for hardening of the arteries and related diseases. The family thought he may have suffered a stroke or heart attack and fallen into the pool. Mr. Kelley said his investigation was continuing.

Coffey was born in Watauga county to William L. and Salome Moretz Coffey. He was a farmer.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Marian Norris Coffey; four sons, Wade and Homer Coffey, both of Boone, Owen Coffey of Blowing Rock, and Wayne Coffey of Fort Bragg; five daughters, Mrs. Odell Deal of Hickory, Mrs. Vernon Woods of Lenoir, and Mrs. Max Moody, Mrs. Jack Triplett and Mrs. Ralph Broyhill, all of Blowing Rock, Route 1; three sisters, Miss Edna Coffey of

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