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Table with weather data for Boone, including dates from Aug. 13 to Aug. 19, and columns for Hi, Lo, and Precipitation.



Honor Graduates

Top students of the summer commencement posed for a picture with college officials and the commencement speaker. In picture (l-r) are Dr. W. H. Plemons, ASTC president; the Honorable John Pressly Kennedy, Jr., an official of U. S. State Department; Ramona Craig of Lenoir, magna cum laude; Mary Yoder Gurley of Hickory, magna cum

laude; Yvonne Knifley of Charlotte, magna cum laude; Pansy Current Holcomb of Statesville, magna cum laude; Sallie Todd Davis of Hickory, summa cum laude; Rebecca Edwards Barrier of Rutherfordton, magna cum laude; and Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of the college.—Penley photo.

State Dept. Official Asks Grads To Re-Examine Ultimate Goals

"I suggest to you the utility of taking advantage of this time when you are between two worlds to look back and to look forward and to try to see your life in some perspective and to examine again your ultimate goals in life."

These were the words of the Honorable John Pressly Kennedy, Jr., Chief, Division for Americans Abroad, Educational and Cultural Bureau, Department of State, as he addressed the 328 candidates who received diplomas in graduation exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College Friday night.

Mr. Kennedy based his speech around the Educational and Cultural Exchange Program of the Department of State. He said that the student exchange program has done much to create good will for the United States in the various nations of the world.

He challenged the students to set their goals high. The important goals should be set high, but he cautioned them to

take care that the less important goals—position, job, and money—are not set too high. He said, "I see people today whose lives are successful in many ways, but they have within them a conviction of failure. They have not failed; they have just started out with the wrong goals."

He concluded his speech by challenging the students not to new diplomacy which could affect the peace and security of the nation.

Mr. Kennedy was introduced by Dr. W. H. Plemons, president of Appalachian. Candidates for the bachelor

Former Blowing Rock Man Called Suicide

Lenoir—Hugh H. (Coot) Edmisten, 57, of Lenoir died Friday of a gunshot wound which Caldwell County Coroner Dr. L. C. Strong Jr. ruled was self-inflicted.

Edmisten had been paralyzed from the waist down since a 1948 accident.

He was born at Blowing Rock to Newton L. and Alice Holshouser Edmisten. He was a member of Zion United Church of Christ.

He is survived by his wife, the former Miss Carrie Welborn of Lenoir; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Barringer and Mrs. John Smith of Lenoir; four grandchildren; five sisters, Mrs. Jessie Gilbert, Mrs. Mildred Reichard and Mrs. Lucy Cannon of Hickory and Miss Pearl and Jessie Edmisten of Lenoir; and two brothers, Hal and Claude Edmisten of Lenoir.

The 1948 accident occurred

Famous Child Enjoys Visit To Mountains

Young Miss Debby Wells, daughter of Dr. L. C. and Mrs. Betty Wells of North Charleston, S.C., who for several years has been writing letters to world leaders, and is the creator of "The Bill of Rights for Children in the Atomic Age", which was presented to the United Nations, and made its author known throughout the world, and whose new book, "Little Me In This Big World," is just off the presses, — having heard many nice things about the attraction, "Horn In The West", attended its performance, Saturday night, August 17th.

Herman W. Wilcox, Executive vice-president, stated that Miss Wells is accompanied by her mother and literary collaborator, her sister Patricia, and her grandmother, Mrs. J. S. Still.

The young authoress motored to Boone Saturday morning. They spent four or five days in the mountain town so that the young authoress could "absorb as much of the spirit of Horn In The West as possible."

Her local address was: The Watauga Tourist Court, Blowing Rock Road, US 321, Boone.

Andrews Sees First Of 1964 Chevrolets

Dale Andrews of Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., Boone, was among approximately 7,000 Chevrolet dealers and dealership executives in Detroit recently to attend the largest convention of its kind ever held in the auto industry.

While in the Motor City, dealers previewed the spectacular new lines of 1964 Chevrolet cars and trucks to be introduced early this fall.

Arriving in Detroit at the rate of about 1,400 a day, the dealer guests were welcomed by top Chevrolet officials including Semon E. Knudsen, a General Motors vice president and general manager of the division, and Larry Averill, general sales manager.

Citing Chevrolet's all-time high rate of sales thus far this year, the two executives told dealers that the division expects to surpass in 1963 its record performance in 1962 when Chevrolet set new industry sales marks.

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John Justice Dies In England

Mr. John Justice, Political Science professor at Appalachian State Teachers College died last Friday in Harrogate, Yorkshire, England.

Mr. Justice was on an educational tour of England when he suffered the fatal heart attack.

Funeral plans are incomplete. The body is expected to be returned during this week. Mrs. Justice was still in Harrogate Monday afternoon.

G. W. Mullins Dies Monday

Mr. George W. Mullins, 90, of Grundy, Va., died Monday night in a Richlands, Va. hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Mullins was the father of Mr. J. A. Mullins of Boone, who with Mrs. Mullins left for Grundy Tuesday morning.

Funeral arrangements or other details are unavailable, but will be carried in the next edition of the Democrat.

Civilians For Hospital Bonds

The Boone Civitan Club met August 13 and discussed the coming hospital bond issue. Bob Bumbaugh, guest speaker, told the club of some of the plans for the proposed new hospital.

Club members see the urgent need for a hospital and pledged their support of the hospital bond issue.

FUN FOR KIDDIES Annual Electric Co-Op Gathering On Saturday



CLYDE GREENE Co-Chairman



JAMES MARSH Chairman



W. R. WINKLER Co-Chairman

Administrator Of REA To Speak At ASTC Stadium

The feature address of the twenty-seventh Annual Membership meeting of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation will be delivered by the Honorable Norman M. Clapp, Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration. As administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration, Norman M. Clapp directs a program through which new or improved electric and telephone service has been provided for more than six million rural families, businesses and industries.

An agency of the Department of Agriculture, the REA program reaches into 46 states, the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. As seventh administrator of REA, Clapp has served since March 9, 1961, when he was appointed to the position by President John F. Kennedy.

Registration for the meeting and giving out of nearly \$89,000 in capital credits checks will



NORMAN M. CLAPP

begin at 9 a. m. Arthur Smith and his Crackerjacks will entertain from 12:30 to 1:30. The meeting in the William J. Conrad Stadium in Boone will get started with a drawing for the first door prize at 1:30 p. m.

The business session will consist of acting upon the past year's operations, plans for the future, resolutions, and the election of the Board of Directors to guide the operations of the member-owned corporation.

Two special features of the program will be the presentation of a capital credits check to G. W. Sullivan, first president of the cooperative, and recognition of the four winners of the organization's educational scholarship program. The recipients of these awards are Judith Ann Henson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henson, Vilas; Glenda Ann Kilby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Kilby, Boomer; Ralph Prestwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Prestwood, Lenoir; and Earlie Rash,

Gaddy Goes To Maryland

Dale Gaddy, former editor of The Appalachian, and an employee of the Democrat since June, 1962, received his master of arts degree from Appalachian last week and left for Havre de Grace, Md., where he will teach social studies in Havre de Grace High School.

Mrs. Gaddy will teach the fourth grade at nearby Aberdeen, Md.

While attending ASTC, the couple resided at 423 Howard St.

Hospital Campaign Committee Asks Support Of Bond Issue

Members of the Hospital Steering Committee shown above urge all the people of Watauga County to consider seriously the issue and the opportunity in connection with the proposed new hospital.

They urge the voters of this county to vote yes for the \$500,000 bond issue when the polls open September 17, and issue

the following statement:

"We are giving our time and support to this issue, not only because of the obvious urgent need for a new hospital, but also because it is the bargain and opportunity of a life time. This is our chance to get back some of the State and Federal taxes we all pay. For every dollar we

put into our new hospital the Federal and State Government will put in two dollars. This opportunity may never come our way again. Make sure you are registered—urge your friends and neighbors to register — Vote Yes for the Hospital Bond Issue. It will cost the average tax payer less than two cents a day to pay off the Hospital Bonds."

Wilkes Jurist Speaks Out For School Bonds At Jaycee Meet

The ministers of Watauga County were told Thursday night that the children from this county can not compete academically with children from other parts of the state.

These were the words of the Honorable Johnson Hayes of Wilkesboro, a retired judge with some 35 years on the bench.

The dinner meeting was held at the Daniel Boone Inn and the ministers were guests of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce. President Ned Trivette presided over the meeting.

Various persons in the county were presented and they cited the need for a consolidated high school and a new hospital. Hugh Hagaman, Jaycee program chairman introduced the various speakers.

Mrs. Edith Harmon of Blowing Rock said that if it would help to get a consolidated school she would stand on a soapbox in Blowing Rock and tell everyone her views. The mother of five children, Mrs. Harmon said that one son is studying to be a doctor, but that he is not able to get the courses he needs in Watauga County. As a result he will have to do

a lot of extra work in college to catch up with students from other high schools.

Mrs. Robert Shipley of Cove Creek declared that the children of her community are being short changed by the lack of a consolidated high school in the county. She said that the citizens of this county must invest in the future of the youth people if they want to receive returns.

Braxton Harris, assistant registrar at Appalachian State Teachers College, said that the local college draws a large number of students from 12 counties which include Surry, Forsyth, Guilford, Mecklenburg, Catawba, Caldwell and others. Ten of these counties have consolidated schools. The students from the two counties who enroll at ASTC are at a disadvantage to start with. Freddie Michael of Valle Crucis discussed the large number of dropouts in the schools of the county and said that a consolidated high school would make possible vocational training for these young people.

Dr. John Martin said that (continued on page two)

Former School Boards In Watauga To Be Honored

A special program and social hour honoring former superintendents and members of Watauga County Board of Education has been scheduled Friday evening, August 23, at 7 in the auditorium of the Appalachian Elementary School. Refreshments will be served from 7 to 7:40 and the main program begins at 7:45.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the main address. A certificate of merit will be awarded to forty-five former superintendents and board members at the conclusion of the program.



DR. CHARLES F. CARROLL

Three Forks Assn. To Hold Annual Meet

The annual meeting of the Three Forks Baptist Association will be held at the South Fork Baptist Church, Todd, Tuesday, August 27 and at Oak Grove Baptist Church, Wednesday, August 28, according to an announcement by Moderator C. O. Vance.

The theme for the meeting is "The Outreach for the Unreached!"

The Tuesday morning session begins at 9 a. m. and those on the program will include Walter Hill, Perry Greene, Mrs. Nora M. Wilson, W. E. Pope, S. C. Eggers, Sr., Herman Wilcox, Mrs. Max Austin, Mrs. Boyce Brooks, I. S. Ayers, Henry Greer, J. E. Crump, Boyce Brooks, E. M. Blankenship and George Hyler.

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Blowing Rock Starts Red Cross Drive

The Blowing Rock Red Cross Drive for 1963 will get underway August 26 according to Rev. George Hyler who will direct the campaign.

The goal for this year is \$750. Last year's goal of \$50 was exceeded. Since the services provided by the Red Cross have increased both to the people in our community and the scope of people served throughout the world, Mr. Hyler feels that this goal should be easily realized.

Mrs. Harmon became secretary of the Watauga Chapter during the current year. Thus, our people are better served now than under the limited arrangements of the past.



Boone's New Architects

From left to right, Beemer Harrell, President of Architects Engineering Collaborative; Martin E. Burrows, Secretary-Treasurer, and

Robert L. Clarke, architect, who is in charge of the AEC office recently located in Boone.

Hickory Firm Of Architects Establishes Offices In City

Boone has passed another milestone in its march of progress. This growing community now has an architectural and engineering firm. Architects Harrell and Clark, A.I.A. of the Architects Engineers Collaborative have opened an office in the Bus Terminal Building on Depot Street. However, the firm's office has an entrance on Rivers Street.

Beemer Harrell, president, stated, "We feel there is a definite need for architectural and engineering services in

this area. We are here in an effort to fill this need. In the past, many very competent architects and engineers have done work in Boone. Unfortunately, none of them maintained an office here and distance proved to be an inconvenience. Our aim is to overcome this inconvenience by having an office in Boone, backed up by a large, experienced group of architects and engineers."

The firm's home office is in Hickory and consists of six architects and five engineers

with a total personnel of thirty people. The services offered include architectural design, site planning, mechanical and industrial engineering, and construction supervision.

The principals of the firm include Beemer Harrell, Architect, a graduate of Georgia Tech; Martin Burrows, Mechanical Engineer, graduate of Drexel Institute of Technology; Robert L. Clark, architect; John V. Sutton, structural engineer; Andrew Pendleton, architect;

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