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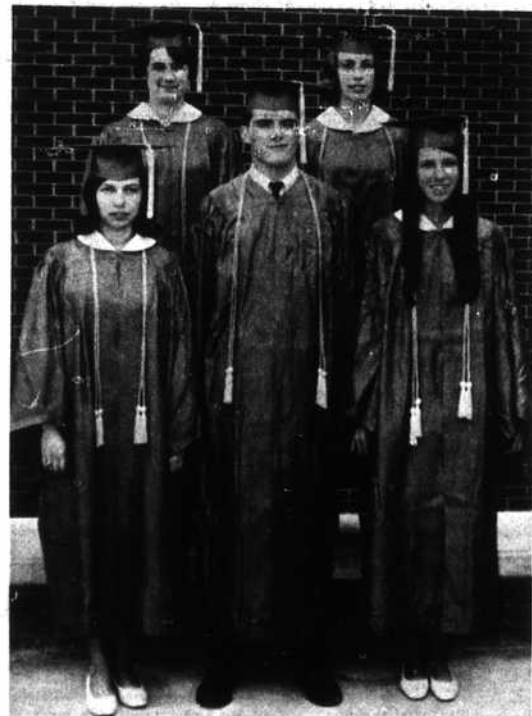
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TO GRADUATE WITH HONORS—These Watauga High Schoolers will receive special recognition when graduation exercises are held at the school. Comprising the top 10 per cent of the senior class of 260, this select group (from left) is: (front row) Patricia Shope, Cathy Isley and Patricia Welch; (second row) Ronnie Reese and Margaret Blanton; (third row) Martha Young, Sandra Cook and Clara Logan; (fourth row) Roger Greene, Cathy Wood-

ring and Donna Trivette; (fifth row) Patricia Roten, Gilbert Goodman and Sharon Hall; (sixth row) Beth Lawrence and Steve Maston; (back row) Charles Martin, Terry Hollar, Gerald Winebarger, Nancy Stacy, Danny Watkins, Katie Reed, Ray Moretz, Donna Teague and Elma Wood, Margaret Williams, the 26th member of the select group, was absent when the picture was made. (Staff photo)

Watauga High School To Graduate 251 In Exercises In Gymnasium



Watauga High School will graduate 251 seniors Friday night, May 31, in the high school gymnasium.

Leading up to this event, the Baccalaureate Service will be at 8 p. m. Sunday, May 26, also in the gymnasium. The sermon for this impressive service will be given by the Rev. A. C. Moody with the Rev. Gilbert B. Goodman and the Rev. S. Richard Holshouser giving the invocation and benediction respectively.

The Watauga High School Band, directed by Otis F. Strother III, and the Chorus under the baton of James E. Wilson Jr. will provide special music.

The 8 p. m. graduation next week will have the theme, A World of Our Own. Master of Ceremonies will be Danny Watkins and Sandra Cook, outgoing student body president, will lead the devotional and pledge to the flag.

Other graduation speakers and their topics will be: Cathy Isley, The Journey of a Thousand Miles Begins with the First Step; Patricia Shope, There is no East or West . . . There Are People; and Katie Reed, When We Live in a World of Our Own.

Dr. N. A. Miller, Watauga High School principal, will present diplomas and W. Guy Angell, Superintendent of Watauga Schools, will recognize the senior class. Official declaration of graduation will be made by School Board member Mack D. Brown.

Chiefs of the 16-member junior marshals are Susan Raye Lawrence and Grover Gray Wilson. Twenty-six of the graduates are honor students who ranked in the upper 10 per cent of the graduating class.

Senior sponsors this year were Mrs. Mary McConnell, Miss Elizabeth Elliott, William Ross, Mrs. Julia Vetrie, Mrs. Janet Auten, Joel Tester, Fred Poplin, Darryll Ward and Mrs. Nancy Penick.

Public Offices To Observe Holiday

All Watauga County Offices and Boone's Post Office and City Hall will be closed Thursday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

A random sampling of downtown businesses shows that financial institutions also will close, while several merchandisers and two food stores say they will be open.



Miss Hayes Is In Who's Who

Miss Gayle Hayes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Hayes of Triplett is one of four students at Wilkes Community College to be selected for honors in the publication "Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges."

Nominations for this honor are based on the student's scholarship, her leadership and co-operation in educational and extracurricular activities, general citizenship and promise of future usefulness.

Miss Hayes is a Secretarial Science major in the field of Medicine. She was awarded the Lowe's Food Store scholarship for two years of college work. She has also been active in the various students activities, being chief cheer leader for the

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Where Are They Going To Stay? ASU Official Points Out Housing Shortages

Listing Rental Space In Area Is Being Urged

"We have people coming here all the way from Oregon, Arizona, Texas on the Rio Grande and Minnesota on the north." And where are they going to stay?

Jim Cole, assistant dean of academic affairs at Appalachian State University, is seeking a solution to the critical shortage of rental space for families coming to Boone this summer and in the fall.

"We believe that many apartments, furnished and unfurnished, are vacant in the city and county. We also believe there are a number of houses for sale or for rent, but possibly the landholder has some reluctance to advertise."

However, were property owners to be more outgoing to prospective clients, "It would be to the advantage of all concerned—the property owners, the university and the community as a whole for us to be able to make some kind of an organized listing of these openings."

Cole suggests that owners advertise in the newspaper, contact realtors or call his office and leave a description of the property. "People would not only be adding income for themselves, but would be assisting the university in handling its rapidly growing population."

Summer accommodations are needed for individuals, couples and families coming here to pursue graduate courses and undertake other specialized study. There also will be between 20 and 30 visiting faculty this summer.

The prospectus for the fall: "We have been averaging a turnover of 15 or 20 professors and increasing the total about 25 to 30 every year so that there are 50 to 60 new families annually," Cole noted.

He said in many cases buying is an obvious consideration to a professor who finds land prices and rents on the rise in Watauga County. As to its proximity to the city, Cole feels "Property accessible to a good road almost anywhere in the county" would bear listing.

He said one means the university has had of supplying new families with leads on local living quarters is to clip and mail the classified listing and realtors' columns in the Watauga Democrat.

Executive Group Horn Assn. To Meet

The executive Committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association will meet Monday, May 20 at 12 noon at the Holiday Inn.

One of the most important items of business will be a discussion of the general membership meeting scheduled for late June.



A WATAUGA COUNTY FIRST—The first Job Corps enrollee from the county, Mary Grimes, signs the Job Corps oath in a brief ceremony held Tuesday, May 14, in City Hall. From left are her mother, Mrs. Magnolia Grimes of Junaluska Heights; Mayor Clyde R. Greene who administered the oath; H. C. Moretz, executive director of WAMY Community Action, Inc.; and Mrs. Nancy Kelley, volunteer Job Corps recruiter in this area. The 19-year-old girl departed that afternoon for St. Louis, Mo., where she will undertake nurses training. She has had prior experience in this field, working as a nurse aide at Watauga County Hospital. Miss Grimes, in taking the national oath, pledged to "participate to the best of my ability in all phases" of the Job Corps training. (Staff photo)

Local Welfare Budget Is Down First Time 27 Years



Eric DeGroat, Jr. Graduates Cum Laude From WC

Western Carolina University conferred the designation, Cum Laude, on Eric Brooks DeGroat Jr. when he was awarded the bachelor of science degree in commencement exercises Sunday.

Cum Laude is given only to those students who maintain at least a B average through all four years of college. DeGroat's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Eric B. DeGroat Sr., of Poplar Hill

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For the first time in 27 years, the estimated total welfare budget sent to the state department for the fiscal year 1968-69 was less than that of the previous year.

Dave Mast, director of public welfare in Watauga County, makes the announcement coincident with his report of expenditures for the month of April.

Total amount of obligations incurred for Old Age Assistance were \$13,499; for Aid to Dependent Children \$14,347.60; and for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled \$8,164.

Forty dollars was spent for

general assistance for County funds altogether.

Total expenditures for vendor medical payments were \$549.19 for Medical Aid for the Aged; \$1,379.47 for Aid to Families with Dependent Children; and \$2,234.34 for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled.

One hundred, seventy-two special services were rendered to the 346 children in AFDC cases.

There were 223 service cases carried during the month, that is cases receiving services only.

Three hundred sixtyone households received surplus commodities.

City Tags Must Be On Cars By June 1

On the first day in June, Boone's Police Department will set out to enforce a city tag ordinance drawn up and passed by the Town Board of Aldermen in 1963.

Police Chief Red Lyons says he hopes offenders will not plead ignorance, as the deadline was liberally extended to give all residents an opportunity to purchase and display their city license tag.

The tags are \$1 each and are to be bought at City Hall until close-

ing time Friday, May 31. After that time owners of vehicles not bearing the required tags, will be penalized by a fine of \$5 and the cost of the city tag, which then must be put on their cars.

Exempt from the ordinance are "motor vehicles temporarily operated for a period or periods of time not exceeding a total of 14 days during any one year," also motor vehicles operated for car display or car exhibition purposes by car and truck dealers.

Programs Of Music By School Children

A series of six programs of music will be given by pupils of Appalachian Elementary School during the next two

weeks. All programs will be in the school auditorium and parents of participating children are especially invited to attend.

Democratic Convention Saturday

Democrats are asked to gather in convention at the temporary courthouse building in Boone next Saturday, May 25 at 2 p. m.

The meeting, called by County Chairman James Dugger, will name delegates to the State Convention which will be held in Raleigh Thursday, June 5 and transact such other business as may appear pertinent.

During the convention, the Executive Committee will name a Chairman and other party officials for a two-year term.

Wednesday, May 22, at 10 a. m.—Making Music Third Grade Style.

Friday, May 24, at 10 a. m.—Making Music First Grade Style.

Monday, May 27, at 10 a. m.—Making Music Second Grade Style.

Tuesday, May 28, at 1:45 p. m.—Have songs, Will Sing by Chorus II; pupils from grades 5 and 6.

Wednesday, May 29, at 10 a. m.—Chorus II program repeated.

Thursday, May 30 at 1:45 p. m.—Have Songs, Will Sing by Chorus I; pupils from grades 7 and 8.

The programs are directed by Mrs. Gaynelle Wilson, music teacher.

Mayor Proclaims Poppy Day

To Decorate Graves Of Veterans

daughters of veterans, will volunteer to sell poppies downtown. Proceeds will be used for child welfare and to assist needy veterans. The Legionnaires meanwhile will place a flag on the graves of all veterans in the county. They and the poppy workers will be honored at a covered dish lunch at Mrs. Gross's home at noon Saturday. Last year there were 35

honorees. The Poppy committee comprises Mrs. Ralph Greer, Mrs. Troy Norris, Mrs. Hettie Hodges and Mrs. Lionel Ward who planned special events for this week. In pointing out the importance of the Saturday event, the Mayor wrote: "Whereas the observation of Poppy Day, sponsored by the

American Legion Auxiliary, gives citizens of Boone and Watauga County an opportunity to salute those defenders of our way of life, who gave their lives that we might live free and aid those who gave their health and strength in their country's defense—

who through their sacrifices, have made the continuation of our liberties possible—

"Therefore I, Clyde R. Greene, do declare May 25, 1968, to be Poppy Day in the city of Boone and I do urge all our citizens to participate in this tribute by wearing a memorial poppy on this occasion."