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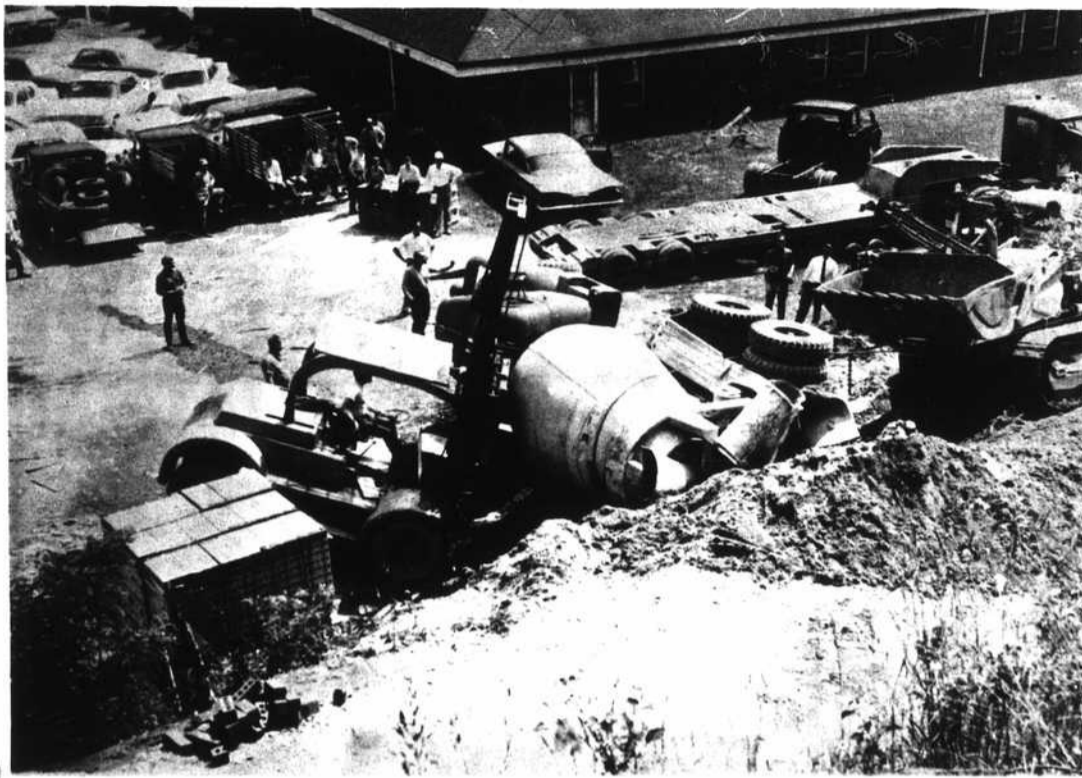
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CEMENT-MIXER OVERTURNS—Friday was a long hot afternoon, especially behind Brown and Graham Motor Company, East King Street, Boone, where a cement-mixer owned by Brown Brothers Construction Company took a tumble when the bank of a construction roadway broke under its weight. According to Mack Brown, J. C. Fletcher, who was driving, was not hurt by the actual overturning of the truck, but was struck in the head by a cinderblock which was in the floorboard of the cab. Taken to Watauga County Hospital, Fletcher was treated and released later that day. The approximately four-hour attempt to upright the truck was handled by bulldozers, from which cables were strung to the stranded vehicle. These were owned by Joe Williams and Claude Hampton;

one of the machines is seen at right, while the other was stationed on the road from which this scene was shot. A Brown and Graham wrecker also was called into action, but Brown said the single largest asset was the Boone Lumber Company fork-lift, driven by John Greene. Here, the back of the fork-lift rises with the weight as its front, though it finally managed to provide enough pressure to start the mixer on its way back to a four-point stance. According to Mack Brown, part of a bank was cut away so that the hoist equipment could finish the job. The cab of the truck was heavily damaged by the fall, although still another major consideration was the fact that several yards of cement were being hauled at the time. (Staff photo)

Fred Gragg Succeeds Phil Vance As Boone Alderman

After accepting the resignation of Phil H. Vance Jr., from the Town Board of Aldermen, Boone officials met in special session Monday night to administer the oath of office to Fred Gragg, Vance's successor.

Dr. James B. Graham, Alderman and secretary to the Board, said Vance's resignation was officially tendered Friday night after a letter had been sent to Boone Mayor Clyde R. Greene. Under the terms of mayor-city council form of

government, only the remaining Aldermen were qualified to appoint someone to the position.

Vance wrote: "Due to increasing business and personal problems, I find it necessary to resign as Al-

derman of the Town of Boone. I shall appreciate your advising the remaining members of the Board of my action, in order that the vacancy can be filled as soon as possible.

"I have enjoyed my service on the Board and regret that I no longer have the time to do an effective job and feel the necessity to step down at this time."

Appointed to fill the term until the June (1969), city elections, Gragg is to be Mayor Pro-Tem, the position held by Vance.

Now personnel manager of IRC, Gragg was employed by the corporation in September, 1953, as part of the ground-work crew preparing for the opening of the Boone plant in January, 1954.

Prior to going with IRC, Gragg was Clerk of the Watauga County Superior Court for seven years. After a three year tour in the U. S. Navy during World War II, he had taught one year at Bethany High School in Rockingham.

Gragg's wife is guidance counselor at Watauga High School and their daughter, Margaret, who is a teacher in the Mecklenburg School System, will enter graduate school in Charlotte this summer.

The outgoing alderman served on the Board since the June election of 1967.

The Vance family came here in 1936 from Plumtree, N. C. Vance graduated from Appalachian State Teachers College and was in business with his father from 1946 until the elder's retirement. Since Vance has been sale operator for the recapping company on North Depot Street, Boone.

As a member of the First Baptist Church of Boone, Vance has been Superintendent of the Junior High Department. The Boone Jaycees voted him a signal honor, giving him the Distinguished Service Award.

As a member of the Boone Rotary Club, Vance has held all offices but that of secretary. He is now a director of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Graham and Gragg are the Republican members of the Board, while Dr. Hadley Wilson is a Democrat.



Mayor Clyde Greene (left) presides in this Monday night session which placed Fred Gragg (right) on the Town Board of Alderman in place of former Mayor Pro-Tem Phil Vance (second from right). Working up the papers is Dr. James B. Graham, The third Alderman, Dr. Hadley Wilson, is currently vacationing. (Staff photo)

53% Watauga Hi Students Plan To Enter Colleges

As Watauga High School seniors completed their plans for next year, a survey conducted by the Guidance Department reveals that 53 per cent of the class will continue their education beyond high school.

With a total number of 255 graduates (including 4 summer school students), 135 will enter school next fall. Of this number, 74 will enter four-year colleges, 13 will enter two-year colleges and 15 will enter community colleges—making a total of 102 or 40 per cent of the class.

Other plans for continued education include 16 to technical institutes, 1 to a business school, 2 in nurse's training schools and 14 in other trade schools—making a total of 33 or 13 per cent of the graduates.

In addition to the two girls entering nurse's training, 6 others will train for a nursing career in two-year colleges, four-year colleges and technical institutes.

Those who do not plan to continue their education total 120 or 47 per cent of the class. Of this number 5 young men will enter military service, 2 girls

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Meat Camp Resident Is Shot In Boone

Police Chief Red Lyons reports the shooting Sunday morning of a Meat Camp resident whom he said is Earl Woodring.

Lyons said the shooting occurred sometime from 3 to 3:15 in a house on Straight Street in Boone and that the Police Department answered the call as

soon as they were summoned. Woodring was believed to have been shot by a small calibre pistol. He was hit in the lower abdomen, according to Lyons, and rushed to Watauga County Hospital in serious condition.

Charges have not yet been made in the case still being investigated.

Commencement Thursday

764 To Receive Degrees Appalachian U. Today

A total of 764 students are candidates for various degrees which are to be conferred during commencement exercises to be held at Appalachian State University Thursday morning.

Bachelor of science degrees are due to be awarded to 599 seniors while 46 others are scheduled to obtain bachelor of arts degrees.

Master of arts degrees are to be conferred upon 118 students who have qualified in the graduate school program. In addition, one will receive the certificate of advanced study. The commencement program

will be staged at 10:30 a. m. in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium. Dr. Paul Sanders, Dean of Academic Affairs, will present the candidates for the B. A. and B. S. degrees, and Dr. Cratis Williams, Dean of the Graduate School, will present those for the Master's degrees. Dr. W. H.

Plemmons, ASU President, will confer and award diplomas which will be presented by Dean Meredith, registrar.

Dr. Felix C. Robb, Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, will present the address to the graduating class. He is a former president of Peabody College, and is an outspoken proponent of education's responsibility to aid in maintaining and expanding freedom.

The 645 undergraduate degree total and the 118 Master's degree total are record figures for Appalachian.

Candidates for degrees in local area counties, are as follows (candidates for the B. S. degree unless otherwise noted): ALLEGHANY—Billie Ann Carter of Laurel Springs and Phillip Lawrence Sexton of Sparta.

ASHE—Benjamin Franklin Wilson (BA) of Grayson; Linda Roland Bare, and Stenda Duane Bledsoe (MA), and Stephen Ray Church (BA), all of Fleetwood; Virginia Dare Lynch, Richard Lee Shepherd, both of Lansing; Richard Dobbin Miller of Todd; Wanda Irene Blackburn, William Clay Church and Patricia Ann Given, all of West Jefferson.

AVERY—Mary Gail Draughon of Banner Elk; Kay Nelle Collins (MA) of Newland; Carolyn Burleson Canupp (MA), Johnny Arthur Canupp and Marian Sue Vance, all of Minneapolis; and Glenda Rae Thompson of

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Send-Off Breakfast For Miss Watauga Next Saturday

The Boone Jaycees will have a send-off breakfast at 7 o'clock Saturday morning in honor of Miss Myra Davis, Miss Watauga.

Sponsored by the Jaycees as a contestant in next week's Miss North Carolina contest, Myra will receive the good wishes of the Jaycees, Jayettes and other citizens of Boone and Watauga County as she leaves for the Charlotte event.

Speaker for the breakfast at the First Baptist Church will be Dr. J. Boyce Brooks, Miss Davis' pastor, who will discuss "Inner or Spiritual Beauty." Townspeople are cordially invited to attend.

Reservations may be made through Jaycee Chaplain Richard Hill at 264-9561 or Jaycee president Walter Broyles at 264-3895.

Avery Co. Will Have Mtn. Laurel Festival

The Avery County Lions Club and Newland Womans Club invite all area residents and vacationers to Avery County's 23rd "Mountain Laurel Festival" Friday and Saturday June 7 and 8 at the Newland High School Gym at 7:30 p. m.

Featured will be four age divisions, as follows:

1. Little Miss—ages 6 to 8
2. Junior Miss—ages 9 to 12
3. Miss Teenager—ages 13 to 16
4. Miss Mountain Laurel—ages 17 to 23

Judging in the first three divisions will be Friday evening, with winners being announced and crowned on Saturday evening. Competition for the title of

"Miss Mountain Laurel" will take place Saturday with contestants competing in swimsuit, talent and evening gown. Admission each evening is \$1.00 for adults and 50¢ for children.

Come and join Avery County in what promises to be its finest festival ever!

8 Years With No School Days Lost

The principal of Cove Creek Elementary School is planning to award a certificate to James Vaughn Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Brown of Vilas, for attending school eight years without missing a day.



Commencement Speaker—Dr. Felix C. Robb, director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and a former president of Peabody College, will present the address Thursday when Appalachian State University confers degrees upon 764 students. The graduation exercises will begin at 10:30 a. m. in Broome-Kirk Gym.

Blue Ridge Electric Personnel To Appear On National TV Show

Ronald J. Knouse and Herman Anderson, directors of area development of the member and community services department of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, were to be in Washington June 3 and 4 to narrate a video program for national television.

The highlights of this program will be the story of how Northwest North Carolina has worked during the past decade to bring about the orderly growth and development of all its human and natural resources for better socio-economic conditions for all its people.

Robert M. Long, assistant administrator of the Rural Electric Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., analyzed numerous reports and visited several areas of our nation. Out of 1,000 rural electric co-operatives, Blue Ridge Electric was selected for this role because of outstanding accomplishments made possible through the incorporation of the

most modern techniques in area and industrial development.

Colored photographs which have been made throughout this area of the state, will be used to depict the development taking place in industry, agricul-

ture, secondary and higher education, travel and recreation and seasonal sports.

The real success phases of the story will be on how this progress has been made possible by the organization of an

area development association, with its county and community division, and the co-ordination of hard work of local businesses, industry, chambers of commerce, civic groups, local agencies of the three branches of government and technical guidance from N. C. State University—all these pooling their planning ability, resources and existing programs and direction toward a common set of objectives and goals.

While in Washington, Knouse and Anderson have appointments with the Rural Areas Development Staff of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Appearances are scheduled for the daily television program, Across the Fence, interviews with Marcus Childs, syndicated columnist with the Post Dispatch, and Norman Craft of the media staff of the National Rural Electric Co-operative Association.



RONALD J. KNOUSE



HERMAN ANDERSON