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Nine members of the Class of '18 gathered for a reunion picture last week during commencement weekend at Appalachian State University.

Mrs. Boyd Caudill Shull; (second row) Mrs. Satie Hunt Broyhill, Mrs. Alta Hutchinson Hartzog, Mrs. Floretta Lewis Lyons, Mrs. Anna Shipley Belk, and Miss Wilhelmina Shull.

Rehearsal Hall At Horn Already Uses Up Its Planned Budget Of Only \$8,000

Planned on a budget of \$8,000 the rehearsal hall going up on the Horn in the West grounds already has absorbed \$8,607.28 in materials and labor.

Approving a motion by Mrs. Constance Stallings, the Southern Appalachian Historical As-

sociation Monday decided to ask for contributions of up to \$2,000, meanwhile continuing the construction.

The expense report was made to the executive committee by Bob Snead, one of the drama's three managers. Snead said two

partitions are to be put in to house the men's and women's dressing rooms as well as to support the weight of the roof.

Plumbing, rest rooms, a floor proper for dance practice and wiring are yet to be done. The last job, as well as other interior finishing, will be completed by the cast members and Dr. Ray Lawrence, executive vice-president of the Association, is to look into the building code on this point.

Snead said he had received a quotation of \$200 on an oak floor and for this and other work, three board members each pledged \$100 to start the fund-raising. Stanley Harris, Jr., treasurer, reported that there are no excess funds, as the Association has only a sum near the \$15,000 required to open the production June 29.

Director Ward Haarbauer told the committee he now needs only a tenor to complete the chorus and said this is "the fewest number to hire this late in some years, despite the fact it

was a tough spring for recruiting."

Haarbauer said had it not been for the fact that he moved from Wisconsin to Birmingham, Ala., where he knew many people, he would have been bad off at this date. He felt his ability to find

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12 Members 1918 Class Honor Guests

Eleven of the 12 living members of the Class of 1918 were honored guests at Appalachian State University's commencement exercises Thursday.

The group, on campus for a reunion of the class which graduated from Appalachian Training School 50 years ago, also were honored at the annual Alumni-Senior Banquet and a reception last Wednesday night.

Mrs. J. E. Broyhill of Lenoir, who was vice-president of the Class of 1918, introduced her class members who include:

Mrs. Boyd Caudill Shull of Valle Crucis, Mr. Bower H. Duncan of Trade, Tenn., Mrs. Delia Farthing Franklin of Banner Elk, Mrs. Alta Hutchinson Hartzog and Mrs. Edith Maxwell Norris of Boone, Mrs. Floyetta Lewis Lyons and Mrs. Mary Taylor Menzies of Hickory, Mrs. Anna Shipley Belk of Mount Holly, Miss Wilhelmina Shull of Gastonia and Mrs. Annie Winkler Moore of Greensboro.

The only living class member not present for the reunion activities was Mrs. Mabel Toppings Anderson of Fletcher.

After commencement, Mrs. Broyhill entertained her fellow graduates at a luncheon at the Green Park Hotel in Blowing Rock and then at her summer home in that city.

Smith Named Dean At ASU

Charles D. Smith, a native of Independence, this month assumed duties as Dean of Student Affairs at Appalachian State University.

As such, Smith has the primary responsibilities in the areas of orientation, academic counseling and terminal counseling. He also will teach in the department of education during the regular school year.

Smith is a former director of student personnel at Anson Teck in Ansonville, N. C.

He earned his undergraduate degree at William and Mary in 1952 and his MA at Appalachian State University in 1967.

2 Given Heart Assn. Awards

Mrs. Wade Wilmoth and Mrs. Bev. Russing attended the annual North Carolina Heart Association meeting at the Hotel Robert E. Lee in Winston-Salem May 29 and 30.

There they were awarded two of the Association's 1968 Founders Awards "for distinguished leadership on behalf of the Heart Cause in North Carolina, in the tradition of volunteer service personified by the founders of the North Carolina Heart Association . . . as a token of the Heart Association's respect and gratitude."

A special breakfast banquet was held at 7:30 a. m. Thursday, May 30, in honor of new Founders Award recipients.



Appalachian State's largest graduating class in history listened intently Thursday as Dr. Felix Robb, president of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, spoke at the commencement exercises in Broome-Kirk Gym.

Overjoyed As Son Is Released By Cambodia

A Sugar Grove woman was overcome with joy Monday when she learned that her son, held captive in Cambodia for three weeks, had been released.

"The first thing I did was to thank God," Mrs. Albert L. Tester said upon learning of the release of Pfc. Jerry A. Tester, 20, and a fellow soldier. Mrs. Tester heard the news while watching a television newscast. Tester's wife, Barbara Anne, who lives in Boone, had not

heard the news until advised by her mother-in-law.

Tester and Spec. 4 Ronald J. Lermann of Mangum, Okla., members of the 560th Military Police Company, were aboard a Philippine tug in the Mekong Delta in an area where the border is poorly defined when they were captured May 20, 1968.

On Monday, Prince Norodom Sihanouk announced he was releasing the two Americans as a gesture of homage to the late

Sen. Robert F. Kennedy. "We sure are happy," said the soldier's mother. "We've been hoping and praying that he'd be safe."

"We did not hear from him while he was in Cambodia," she said, although she had been informed by an Army telegram that her son was all right. There was no hint that he was to be freed.

"He's had a hard time over

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Takes Note Kennedy Slaying Speak Against Crime, ASU Graduates Told

Underground Campus Action Noted In Speech

"This nation, as never before, must become self-disciplined because we are at the time, hour and moment that we must lay our very lives on the line . . . stand up, be counted and act." This was part of a speech to 764 graduates Thursday as they received degrees during the largest commencement exercise program in the institution's history.

Dr. Felix C. Robb, Director of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, touched several times on the slaying of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy in his address, and warned that everything the United States stands for "will go down the drain unless everyone applies their capabilities constructively."

"I urge each one of you to write your Congressman and demand legislation for the protection of all citizens," Dr. Robb said. "Demand a strong gun law, and demand the enactment of an already-passed bill which would provide for the establishment of public television to compete with the rottenness on the three commercial networks."

"This is a grave time . . . a time when all people must more effectively use the fruits of their educated mind and the rule of reason—instead of the barbaric show of force that is the law of the jungle—or we shall surely find ourselves in that final confrontation in the struggle for freedom, for civilization and for life itself," he stated.

Appalachian's largest graduating class, including 599 who received bachelor of science degrees and 46 who received bachelor of arts degrees, plus 118 upon whom Master of Arts degrees were conferred, listened intently to the speaker's words of warning along with over 2,000 invited guests who jammed into Broome-Kirk Gymnasium.

Dr. Robb, former president of Peabody College, stated that "we are not a sick society. Ours is a free society, although it has in it some sick members who irrationally forget that each man must be accountable for his own actions."

"Societies never die of natural causes, but from murder or suicide," he continued. "When a society stands still, failing to meet forthrightly the problems which arise from ignorance, fear and emotion . . . time always favors the barbarian."

"We have changing internal dissension, discord and tendencies toward self-destruction. You who have enjoyed the privilege of advanced education must channel more human energy, talent and time to construct a revitalized, more dynamic order."

Referring to student rebellions which have occurred on various college campuses throughout the nation in recent months, Dr. Robb said that "the campus unrest phenomenon has now gone beyond legitimate protest to the stage of organized violence, disruption and destruction."

"What is happening? Why is it happening? What do you do about it? These are the questions to be answered if we are to save our universities and colleges from disarray, diminution or death."

"For years, education leaders have bemoaned student apathy," Dr. Robb noted. "That day is past because of this new student militancy . . . a new barbarism, irrational and tyrannical, has arisen. It demands to be heard, yet denies

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TAKEOFF TO CHARLOTTE—Seen just before leaving Boone Monday morning for the Miss North Carolina Beauty Pageant are Miss Watauga, Myra Davis, and her official Jaycette chaperone, Mrs. Shelby Strother. (Staff photo)

Miss Watauga Competes For State Beauty Crown

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Kennedy Murder Topic Of Streetside Talk

News of the death of Senator Robert F. Kennedy of New York aroused wide comment along the Street in Boone, as across the nation.

While the New Yorker wasn't a favorite among Watauga Democrats in his bid for the nomination for the Presidency, most of the comment involved deep respect for the fallen leader and admiration for his courage and devotion to his ideals.

While a great sadness was noted in local conversations, the most feeling was expressed perhaps for the Kennedy family as a whole in their continuing chain of sorrows. One fellow sized up his feelings this way:

"Most folks would be tearing their hair and be engaged in wild weeping, particularly women. The Kennedys just grow calm and pray some more."

"I wasn't for Kennedy for the nomination but he had the right, or should have had, to campaign for the Presidency. This killing bit is out of hand."

Local people, hundreds of them, stayed with the funeral activities by television through the day Saturday and until the body was interred at night.

Senator Kennedy died in Los Angeles Thursday at 1:44 a. m., Pacific Daylight Time from bullet wounds of the brain inflicted Tuesday night in the California Presidential primary climax. Sirhan Sirhan, 24, a Jordanian is held on charges of firing the fatal shots.

A requiem high mass was held at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Cathedral in New York Saturday morning and burial was in Arlington National Cemetery near the grave of President John F. Kennedy Saturday night. The train was delayed for hours by the mass of people along the tracks anxious to get a glimpse of the creeping string of cars.

Dugger Named Elector; Bingham Goes To Chicago

James A. Dugger of Boone was selected Presidential Elector for the tenth Congressional District at the State Convention in Raleigh Thursday.

Robert Bingham was elected alternate delegate from the tenth to the Democratic National Convention.

Mrs. R. C. Rivers was re-elected a tenth district member of the State Democratic Executive Committee and J. C. Goodnight and Mrs. Robert Bingham were elected to the district Executive Committee.

Those from Watauga County placed on committees as the county caucus preceding the convention were: Senatorial Executive Committee, Ray Luther, Eddie P. Norris; Solicitorial Executive Committee, Ray Der-

rick, Mrs. Marilyn Rice; Judicial Executive Committee, Jerry Perry and Mrs. Libby Williams.

Dr. Reginald Hawkins, Negro candidate for Governor in the primary, demanded that Negroes compose at least 25% of the delegation to the national convention. A march around the hall ensued, Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Rice were the only members of the Watauga delegation to take part.

Those from Watauga County attending the convention were: James A. Dugger, county chairman; Jerry Perry, George C. Thomas, Robert Bingham, Mrs. Robert Bingham, Mrs. Libby Williams, Sheriff Ward Carroll, Mrs. Marilyn Rice, James Vines, Arville Perry, Collis Greene and Rufus Edmisten.

Since then the brown-eyed girl of light auburn tresses often has been home from East Carolina University, where she is majoring in voice, to fulfill her role as Watauga's first ambassador. And these not infrequent, sometimes difficult-to-make trips, have won her the unquestioning friendship of all she has met.

Saturday, June 1, she was honor guest at a luncheon given by the Boone Jaycees. And Saturday, again in her honor, the Jaycees hosted a send-off breakfast for the reigning queen.

Monday, she and her chaperone-voice teacher, Mrs. Shelby Strother, set out for Charlotte to begin Myra's week of competition and meeting the judges. The outcome of the state-wide pageant will be telecast from Charlotte Saturday night.

82 OTHERS

Myra Davis approaches all subjects with a level-headed (Continued on page 6)

Help Shortage Stops Bakery

The Skyline Bakery on Blowing Rock Road closed Saturday after more than three and a half years in business here. The owners, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Larimore, said the action was forced because of a help shortage and they this week are finishing up orders that were taken at the time the decision was made.

Their other enterprise, Merle Norman Cosmetics, will occupy the bakery building as soon as remodeling is finished.

Skyline Bakery opened in the fall of 1964.