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## "Beginning Again" At Graduation

"What will you make of your degree?" Dr. Arthur L. Walker, Jr. asked the 47 students graduating from Gardner-Webb College on Saturday August 8, 1981.

Dr. Walker, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention was the featured speaker at the summer graduating exercise held at Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

He issued a challenge of life to the students. "In your academic career, most of you knew throughout each semester if your work was acceptable. Now you're entering a time, unless you continue in school, when you will not have these obvious testing periods. What I am saying is that you must determine if you really want to make your life a success. Even more than that, each graduate will determine the value of the degree which he or she receives today. This really is a commencement. You are beginning all over again."

Walker emphasized that college grades and activities will become less important during the career years, but earlier learning experiences do contribute to a person's success. "There are certain things that obviously carry over. This was reflected recently in a study conducted by American Telephone and Telegraph Company which found that AT&T employees with liberal arts majors, while in college make a stronger showing in managerial skills, have greater potential for middle management, and make better progress in advancement than employees with other majors. The significance in the emphasis which AT&T found on liberal arts is that the study in the educational experience of those who were more successful showed that study in the liberal arts had given a broader vision, a sense of history, perspectives from art and literature."

In closing, he asked one final question, "What will you do with this degree which is now important and to which you and those who have contributed to you during this time have given so much time and energy?"

President Dr. Craven E. Williams and the vice-chairman of the Faculty, Dr. John R. Drayer, conferred the degrees.

Others participating on the program were Dr. Larry L. Sale, Dean of Continuing Education and Summer School, who gave the invocation and welcome and the benediction; Steve Harill, who provided a tenor recitative and aria from Eliza, accompanied by Connie Hodge, organist.

Those graduating included John Terry Beason of Boiling Springs, with a degree in business administration.

## Broyhill: Retirement Worries Residents



CONGRESS AND LUNCH were the order of the day as Rep. James T. Broyhill (R-NC) visited the Snack Shop cafe at noon Friday. Above Broyhill talks with long-time Boiling Springs resident Bob Beason (right).

Congressman James T. Broyhill came to town Friday, and said he found Social Security on the minds of most Boiling Springs residents.

"The main concern of my constituents is the financial soundness of Social Security," Broyhill said in an interview. The 10th district congressman met with Boiling Springs townspeople noon Friday at the Snack Shop on Main Street. Some came to discuss specific problems; others just for a handshake from the congressman.

Broyhill, in an interview with the Foothills View, discussed three big domestic issues facing Congress when it reconvenes this September:

- financing the Social Security system and restoring that system's minimum benefit;
- holding public hearings on Broyhill's controversial amendments to the Clean Air Act; and
- assessing the influence of "boll weevils" Democratic congressmen who vote with Republicans.

"When the media report that 'Social Security is going broke' people think: 'My total check is going out the window.' That's not going to happen," Broyhill said.

"It's a fact, from the actuary tables I've seen, that the system will run out of money in the next few years," Broyhill said. But, he continued, the system will remain solvent if it continues to bring in its current \$200 million a year combined with cuts in the system's budget proposed by Congress and backed by President Reagan.

"I don't want to take away benefits from those who've got them," Broyhill said. But he characterized as a "drain on the fund" payments to military and civil service retirees of the minimum Social Security benefit of \$100 to \$122.

Those with the above benefits, Broyhill said, receive the minimum payment as a "windfall benefit."

But Broyhill predicted Congress will move this fall to restore the minimum benefit it took away this spring, and vote to cut the minimum benefit only for future recipients.

Such a move by Republicans would be in line with ten-candidate Reagan's promise last year not to cut Social Security benefits of anyone currently receiving them.

Broyhill also discussed the up-coming public hearings on House Bill 3471 - Broyhill's controversial amendments to the Clean Air Act.

"The basic act" is preserved by his amendments, Broyhill said, which substitute "valid, up-to-date scientific information" for what he claims is "regulatory uncertainty."

Broyhill's amendments, which would repeal or amend 115 provisions of the act, have received stiff opposition from environmental groups. "I've met with Gov. Peterson (former Gov. Russell Peterson, national Audubon Society president)," Broyhill said. "On some issues we came to an agreement, and on some we didn't."

Broyhill will meet with Peterson again this fall, when public hearings on his bill begin in the House Energy and Commerce Committee's Subcommittee on Health and the Environment.

[Peterson was interviewed by the Foothills View on the same day as Broyhill at the Audubon Society's national headquarters in New York. For this exclusive interview, in which Gov. Peterson discusses his meeting with Broyhill and the influence of prominent Republicans on environmental policy, see next week's Foothill View.]

Broyhill adopted a "wait and see" attitude on the question of whether the "boll weevils" will change their party registration to Republicans after this fall's election. But if they remain Democrats, Broyhill speculated, "there is nothing to prevent them from voting with Republicans to organize the House."

In other words, the Democrats even though maintaining a majority in the House this fall, could be voted out of committee chairmanships by Republicans and switch-voting Democrats. Republicans, as a result, could find themselves chairing committees. Broyhill, for example, is now the ranking Republican on the House Commerce Committee, but he is not the chairman because the Democrats control the House. If however, the Republicans join with the "boll weevils" to organize the House, Broyhill could be voted chairman, and control the flow of legislation through the committee.

The 97th Congress reconvenes after the summer recess on Wednesday, September 9.

### Area Briefs

Four new courses will be offered in the next two weeks by Cleveland Technical College's Continuing Education Department. China Painting, Auto Upholstery, Quilting, and Counted Cross Stitch each are \$8.00 for registration. Students over 65 can register at no cost. For further information call the College at 484-4014 or 482-8351.

## Council Okays Rezoning, Drilling New Well

Boiling Springs took a step closer to an industrial park last Tuesday night when town council approved the rezoning of 26.8 acres from residential to light manufacturing.

Within five minutes council with public approval granted the request by Harvey Hamrick and Ladd Hamrick, Jr. Earlier the Planning and Zoning Board had approved the request and recommended that council okay the zone change.

Rezoning the land west of Crawley Hospital makes possible its use by an industry presently willing to locate on about five acres of that site. The industry would manufacture tableclothes, napkins, and restaurant linens, explained John Barker of

Council voted unanimously to authorize Rhodes to make application.

Complaints about the quality of drinking water then filled the air and Don Lovelace, water superintendent, reported a problem maintaining an adequate water level in the city well.

"There's been a meeting of minds on the new well," Max Hamrick told the audience. Hamrick then told council that an agreement had been reached to drill for a new well on land owned by Gardner-Webb College on DeHart Dr. Hamrick asked for, and received, approval to take informal bids in the next month and start drilling. The bids are not to exceed \$4000.

In other business the council: approved the live broadcast of its

## "That's All You'll Get Tonight"

Controversy over the resignation of ex-police Chief Bill Ingram appears to have waned, and the town council unanimously voted Aug. 4 to begin taking applications for the vacant position.

Ingram, in open letter handed out June 30, urged townspeople to attend the council's Aug. 4 meeting to discuss charges Ingram has leveled against town officials and the reasons for Ingram's resignation. Ingram has maintained since resigning June 2 that he was forced to step down after a patrolman ticketed a volunteer fireman.

Response, however, was small; and for the time, at least, town council appears to have forestalled public discussion of the matter.

Approximately 20 people had sat through an hour of open council business when Councilman John Washburn made the motion to go into closed session at 8:25 p.m. Mayor Jimmie Greene stated the purpose of the closed session was "to discuss real estate acquisition and possible litigation against the town."

An hour and half later, ten people remained to question the council when it came out of closed session. Of the ten, four spoke.

Jim McSwain and Shirley McKinney asked for details of Ingram's resignation and of allegations against town officials. "No comment," said town attorney Michael Kennedy.

"I don't want 'no comment' on that," McSwain shot back. "That's all I've been getting, 'no comment.'" McSwain stared at Kennedy.

"Well, that's all you'll get tonight," the lawyer answered pleasantly. "I've advised my clients not to discuss particulars."

Clyde Harris and his wife complained of unanswered police calls after three patrolmen resigned a force of five.

"Maybe we can communicate better with the police," Mayor Greene said. "Maybe we better hire some police," Mrs. Harris said.

Washburn then moved that the council begin accepting applications for the chief's job. The motion passed unanimously, and the council adjourned.

The meeting was over, but the politicking continued. The original crowd of about 20 people reformed after the meeting. Small knots of men stood at the crossroads until almost midnight, eyeing each other, kicking the dust, and discussing politics.

One experienced local politician considered the affair over. The decision to hire a new police chief, he said, was an attempt by council to place the controversy into past history. "It's dead on the vine," he said.

"It's dying on the vine," said another experienced local, implying the issue may last long enough to affect this fall's election.

## "There's been a meeting of minds on the well."

- Max Hamrick

Barker Realty in Shelby, who represents the industry. Barker is at present unwilling to name his client.

Glenn Rhodes, with the Isothermal Planning and Development Commission spoke after Barker about possible funds for grading and paving a road for about 1100 feet to the proposed industrial site. Money from the Farmers Home Administration is available, Rhodes said, in a 100 per cent participation grant. A 100 per cent grant means Boiling Springs will not have to match any of the federal money with its own funds.

"But the money is on first come, first serve basis," Rhodes warned. "If you do decide to do it (apply for the grant) I recommend that you proceed immediately."

meetings over radio station WGWB beginning next meeting. "It's painful," said station manager Allen Setzer.

- voted unanimously to reappoint Boiling Springs Board of Elections members Lansford Jolley, Sonny Huggins, and Sonya Jones.

- discussed the adoption of a possible fire ordinance.

- authorized Marion Packard to take bids for the re-surfacing of 8507 feet of streets. The bids will be opened at the September meeting.

- went into closed session to "discuss possible litigation against the town." (See story at right)