



RECOGNITION SERVICE for Royal Ambassadors of Perkinsville Baptist Church was held at a recent Sunday night service to award arm bands and pins to the boys who have passed their steps. Pictured are, front row, left to right: Michael Miller, David Greene, David Triplett, Thomas Elliotte, Larry Richards, Richard White, Kenneth Teague, Eddie Wyatt, and Eddie Scogg; second row: Joe Wilson, David Beshers, Michael Norris, Michael McGuire, Jerry Jones, Gary Isaacs, Jimmy Triplett, David Cottrell, Phil Critcher, and Gales Scroggs III; third row: Danny Elliotte, Larry Gragg, Dana Miller, Eddie Brown, Harlan Greene, Rodney Critcher, and Paul Miller, Jr.; fourth row: Counselors Rex Greene, Joe Beshers, and Kenny Gragg—Penley Photo.

Cove Creek School Maps Program Guidance To Meet New Challenges

One of the steps taken at Cove Creek High School this year for improvement in its school and to meet the challenge of Governor Sanford for higher quality education has been to improve its guidance program. More time for individual counseling has been provided. The guidance office and lounge have been improved by adding some new furnishings and better lighting. Additional materials have been purchased. A more adequate testing program has been set up.

The chief purpose of the guidance program is to gather and give information to students, parents, and teachers in order that better understanding, learning, and teaching may take place. Enlarged curriculums, new and numerous types of vocations, and complexity of life in general make special guidance services more important than ever before.

While a small per cent of our graduates enter college, these have a right to be prepared and to know what to expect, so they must have information to help them choose the college best suited for each. Then it is just as important to know which nursing school, trade school, business school, or job one can succeed and be happy in. An effort is being made to help each student to be able to make these important decisions wisely.

The chief services of the guidance program include:

1. Counseling — The school counselor is available to all students or parents for conferences. The student will not find his problem already solved in the counselor's office, but he may find information and understanding to help him solve his own educational, vocational, and personal problems.
2. Individual Inventory Service—In addition to school, family, and health records which are kept from first grade through high school, a number of standardized tests are administered in order that teachers, students, and parents may have a true picture of academic ability, achievements, aptitudes, and interests of each student. This year Otis Mental Ability

Tests have been given to ninth and eleventh graders. School and ability tests which give general capacity to do work at that grade level, and Sequential Tests of Educational Progress, measuring achievement in six areas, were given to tenth and twelfth graders.

The Differential Aptitude Test will be given later this spring to eighth graders in the three feeder schools. Eight scores are obtained—Verbal and Mathematical ability, Abstract Reasoning, Space Relations, Mechanical Reasoning, Clerical Speed and Accuracy, and Language. It is felt that the results may greatly aid students in choices of courses in high school, in planning ahead toward the type of school or college to attend, and in making appropriate vocational goals.

Seniors planning to enter college have taken the College Entrance Test, and juniors have had the Preliminary College Entrance Test in order to predict how they may stand on the College Entrance Test. Students

especially interested in college scholarships have taken the National Merit Test.

3. Information Service—Available in the guidance office and student guidance lounge are catalogues and information from most of the colleges, nursing schools, trade schools, apprenticeship training programs of the state and surrounding areas, as well as information on all branches of military service.

In addition books, briefs, and filmstrips on the major occupations in the United States are available as well as helps on study, reading, and other personal problems.

4. Orientation Service—Effort is made to provide information and experiences to help students make satisfactory adjustments during and after high school. The counselor assists eighth graders in planning and preparing for entrance into high school. Visitation Day and spring registration are important phases of this service.

5. Placement Service—The school assumes responsibility

of helping each senior find his appropriate place in college, technical, trade, business, nursing school, branch of armed service, or of assisting those who do not desire further training to secure suitable employment.

6. Follow-Up Service—Files are kept of graduating students showing their plans. A follow-up of special classes is made from

time to time. Improvement in the guidance services has been made possible because of the cooperation of the school, local, county, and state boards in providing funds for facilities and time for a certified person for the school to qualify for extra funds from the National Defense program for guidance in the schools.

ASTC Alumni At NCEA Meeting To Be Welcomed By Jones, Rivers

Alumni of Appalachian State Teachers College will lunch together at the State College Cafeteria during the North Carolina Education Association meeting in Raleigh on Friday of this week at 12:30 p. m.

This announcement was made by John Corey, executive secretary of the alumni association.

H. G. Jones, State Archivist and outstanding ASTC alumnus, will preside at the get-together in behalf of the Wake county alumni. Becky Rivers, assistant editor of the "NCEA Journal" and ASTC alumni, will also assist in welcoming former Apps to the capital city.

Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies at Appalachian and one of the best known folklorists and ballad singers in the Southern Appalachian region, will be the principal speaker at the luncheon. At Appalachian since 1942

the graduate studies director heads one of the fastest moving areas at Appalachian. Mr. Corey said: Since 1958, the resident enrollment in the graduate school has almost doubled.

Author of a remedial speller used as a test book in the spelling laboratory at ASTC, Dr. Williams is well known in professional circles for the many articles he has written on the folklore and speech in the Southern Appalachians.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, who will be speaking at the state-wide meeting of the Future Teachers of America, plans to complete his address in time to attend a portion of the luncheon meeting.

Others attending the meeting from Appalachian include Bob Allen, director of foundations and public relations, and Mr. Corey, who is also assistant pro-

fessor of education.

After the luncheon and program, alumni will have an opportunity to view the college movie "Appalachian: Alma Mater in the Hills."

SUMMIT REMAINS A HOPE

President Kennedy has told Soviet Premier Khrushchev he hopes developments at the Geneva disarmament conference can lead to a summit meeting by June 1.

The President, who wants the talks opened at the foreign ministers level, has told Khrushchev that to have a heads of government meeting at the beginning of the conference "would be to begin with the wrong end of the problem."

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