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Wataugans To Vote In Local, State Primaries



Howard M. Klutz, right, a native of Watauga County, and for 21 years an attorney in the legal division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C., is shown receiving a Superior Service Award from Secretary Orville L. Freeman. At center is James W. Entwistle, executive secretary of Agriculture's awards committee. Mr. Klutz was born and reared in Blowing Rock.—USDA photo.

Watauga countians will go to the polls Saturday to nominate Republican and Democratic candidates for State offices, for the State Senate, House of Representatives, County Commissioners and Board of Education, and indications are that a larger than average voter turnout will be seen.

On the State ticket principal interest centers in the race for Governor, where Dan K. Moore, and Richardson Preyer each have strong organized support in the county. Beverly Lake, Kidd Brewer, candidates Stanberry and Burleson are not expected to tally any appreciable number of votes.

For Lieutenant Governor, Cliff Blue and Bob Scott each have firm support.

On the Republican side, Robert Gavin, former candidate for Governor, who broke some of the records for his big vote tally in 1960, is again running, along with Don Badgley and Senator Charles Strong. There appears to be little organized activity in these races.

On the county ticket the Republicans are offering F. D. B. Hardin, S. C. Eggers and T. E. Story for the State Senate. The Democrats did not field a ticket in the newly-formed district which is dominantly Republican.

Representative Holshouser, Republican, is the unopposed nominee for the House.

For County Commissioners the Republicans are running incumbents James Carlton Lyons, S. Bynum Greene, John F. Greene, along with John D. Welborn, Frederick Michael and Elmer Miller.

For the Board of Education the Republicans are offering James S. Stout, John H. Hollar and F. D. Baumgardner, the last two being incumbents.

The Democratic slate
On the Democratic ticket
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COMMENCEMENT PLANNED 207 Will Get Diplomas At County High Schools

School Board, College Officials Talk Policies New High School

A joint meeting of the Watauga County Board of Education and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State Teachers College was held Wednesday evening, May 20, for the purpose of reviewing some guidelines or policies relative to the relationship of the college to the proposed Watauga High School.

In view of the existing relationship of Appalachian High School to Appalachian State Teachers College, the legal statutes and policies now in effect between the college and the Board of Education will necessarily require revision as the Board of Education accepts the responsibility for providing buildings and equipment for Watauga High School. The existing Appalachian Elementary School will continue to operate under the same statutes and policies and will not be affected by any revisions caused by the creation of the new high school district.

The present Appalachian Elementary and High Schools are operated under local statutes passed by the North Carolina Assembly at its session of 1925. Excerpts from these local statutes which show the relationship of the college to the Board of Education are listed below:

1. Duty of the Board of Education to cooperate with the Board of Trustees in maintaining a practice or demonstration school.
2. Duty of the Board of Trustees to furnish buildings, equipment, water and lights for such practice school.
3. Duty of the local Board of Education to furnish fuel and janitors.
4. Duty of the local Board of Education to pay the salaries of all teachers, with the provision that any excess in salaries above the regular state salary schedule.

Broyhill Speaks At Rotary Club

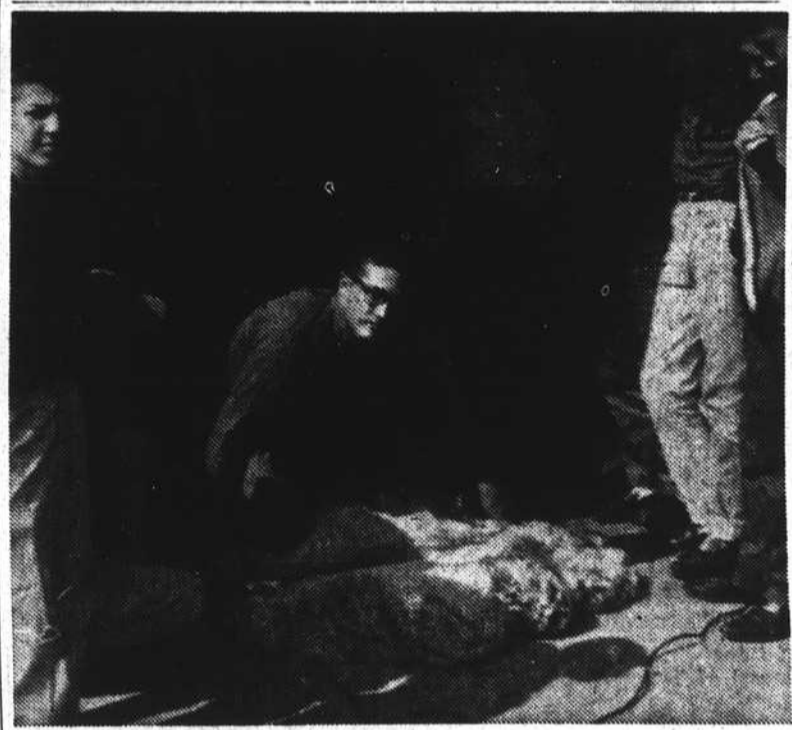
Congressman and Mrs. James T. Broyhill were guests of Boone Rotary Club on ladies' night Friday, May 22, at the Town House Restaurant. The occasion being a banquet for the Rotarians and guests of the Rotarians. Congressman Broyhill addressed the dinner meeting.

Mr. Broyhill spoke of the "long and proud record of accomplishments which has been made in Watauga county", and congratulated his hearers on their civic achievements, and said "I particularly congratulate you for not sitting back with a sense of self-satisfaction for what you have done."

Congressman Broyhill said: "The progress of Watauga county is not a 'flash in the pan' because you have the continuing energy and the drive to do the job. What is even more important you have the imagination and the willingness to work overtime for your community."

Congressman and Mrs. Broyhill were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Greene.

An award presented to David Lewis "Rotary Boy of the Month", of Appalachian High School was given by Congressman Broyhill on behalf of the Boone Rotary Club.



State Sheepshearing Champion Billy Henson demonstrates his abilities to students at Cove Creek High School.

Bill Henson Is 1964 Shearing Champion



TED H. HODGES
Ted Hodges Dies In Ala.

Staff Sgt. Ted H. Hodges, 48, of the 82nd Airborne Division, died Monday, May 18th at Seale, Ala., of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, Army authorities reported last week.

He was born in Watauga County to William Masten Hodges Sr. and Dona Mae Greene Hodges.

He was stationed at Ft. Benning, Ga., and lived at Seale. A veteran of 20 years Army service, he saw action in Sicily and Normandy in World War II and was wounded three times. He held the Distinguished Service Medal of France.

He was one of eight western North Carolinians among the small group of parachute infantry regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division, credited in having played an outstanding part in preventing the Germans from throwing powerful forces from the west and south against the Normandy beachhead on invasion day, and he was one of the five survivors of his original company after the Normandy campaign.

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Exercises At Five Schools Scheduled

Two hundred and seven of the youth of Watauga County who have completed their high school studies will receive their diplomas from the four high schools in commencement exercises which will begin the week of May 31.

Appalachian High School

Commencement week exercises for the one hundred and ten seniors of Appalachian High School will begin with baccalaureate May 31, at 8 p. m. at Appalachian State Teachers College Health and Physical Education Building. Rev. C. O. Vance will give the invocation and pronounce the benediction. Rev. J. K. Parker Jr., will deliver the sermon. Music will be by the high school chorus. Miss Jane Dixon will be pianist.

Commencement exercises

will be held Wednesday, June 3 at 8 p. m. at the Health and Physical Education Building. The theme will be "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Eccl. 9:10". The devotional will be given by Johnny Parker and the address of welcome by Sam Adams. Miss Anne MacBryde will speak on "Vocation: Learn Fully; Ralph L. Beshears, Vocation: Work Diligently; Patty Oland, Family Life; Live Selflessly; and Johnny Stacy, Community Life: Serve Willingly. The High School band will furnish music and Dr. Roy Blanton, principal, will present the diplomas.

The class has selected the colors of red and white and their flower is the rose.

Senior class officers are Sam Adams, president; Martha Moretz, vice-president; Jackie Greene, secretary - treasurer; and Johnny Stacy, reporter.

Bethel High School

Bethel High School has completed plans for graduation week with Baccalaureate Sunday, May 31 at 2:30 at Bethel Baptist Church and commencement Tuesday, June 2 at 8 p. m. at the high school auditorium.

Rev. Clyde Cornett will bring the message at the Baccalaureate service. Rev. Carl Wilson will give the invocation and Rev. L. H. Hagaman will pronounce the benediction.

Speakers for the commencement will include Vaughn Greene, who will give the invocation; Shirley Harmon, salutatorian, will give the welcome; Robert Isaacs, who will read the last will and testament; Gerald Greene, giving the class prophecy; Linda Farthing, presenting the class history; and Janice Tester, valedictorian, giving the farewell address. Mr. Clyde S. Greene will award the diplomas to the eighteen seniors. Johnny Greene will give the benediction. Marshalls are Nancy Nixon, chief; Frank Proffitt, chief; Shirley Rominger and Gary Bentley.

Blowing Rock High School

Blowing Rock High School will have Baccalaureate May 31, at 7:30 p. m. at the High School Auditorium. Dr. Walter K. Keys will preach the sermon.

Commencement will be held June 2, at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium. Rev. Ward Courtney will give the invocation and pronounce the benediction.

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Blowing Rock Man Honored By Award From Agriculture Secy.

Howard M. Klutz, an attorney advisor in the legal division of the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Washington, D. C., and native of Watauga County, was presented a Superior Service Award last Tuesday by Secretary Orville L. Freeman.

Presentation was made before a crowd of 5,000 during awards ceremonies on the Wash-

ington Monument Grounds. Seventy-one others of Agriculture's 78,600 full-time employees were similarly honored.

Mr. Klutz was cited "for sustained outstanding skill, initiative and leadership in the performance of legal work in land acquisition programs of the Department."

The honoree transferred from the Department of Justice to

Agriculture 21 years ago. Born in Blowing Rock, he received his education at Wake Forest University and the University of North Carolina.

Mr. Klutz has three brothers in Watauga County. Daniel resides in Blowing Rock, and Frank and Harry live in Boone. A sister, Mrs. James T. Ram-mell, lives in Columbia, S. C.

488 To Get Degrees At ASTC Commencement On Friday

George Hyndman Esser, Jr., will be the principal speaker for the 61st annual commencement exercise at Appalachian State Teachers College May 29 at 10:30 a. m. in the auditorium of the Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building.

Mr. Esser was born in Norton, Virginia, but has spent his entire professional career in North Carolina. He was assistant director of the Institute of Government in Cnapel Hill and University of North Carolina professor of public law and government when Governor Sanford named him early this year as the man to direct the state's attempt to break the cycle of poverty through the North Carolina Fund.

Some of his accomplishments include: serving as advisor for studies in numerous North Carolina communities; author of dozens of articles which have been published in such magazines as Popular Government, The North Carolina Law Review, and others; co-author of two guidebooks having to do with tax policy in North Carolina; member of the North Carolina Bar, the American Society for Public Administration, the American Political Science Association, and other scholarly, professional, and civic organizations.

Mr. Esser is married to the former Mary Irene Parker of Beaufort, South Carolina, and they have three children. He is a member of the Episcopal Church and they live in Chapel Hill.

Approximately 451 undergraduates and 37 graduate candidates are expected to receive diplomas in the graduation exercises.

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Five Are Hurt In Auto, Tractor Crash

Five people were injured, two seriously, early Friday morning when an automobile collided with a farm tractor on U. S. 421, nine miles east of Boone.

Patrolman W. M. Teem who investigated said that Edgar Hill McNeil, 53, of Ferguson driving a 1961 Chevrolet struck a farm tractor driven by Billy Green Watson, 26, of Deep Gap. McNeil said he did not see the

tractor until it was too late to stop. Both vehicles were headed west, McNeil's car struck the tractor spinning it around, the car going over an embankment.

Glenn Harrison Shoemaker, 46, of Ferguson, a passenger in the McNeil car who was being taken to the VA Hospital in Johnson City at the time of the accident, suffered a fracture.

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Kirby Child Hit By Father's Car, Is Recovering

Lynn Kirby, 2½ year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Kirby of Lenoir, was injured Friday afternoon when he was struck by his father's car in the driveway of the Kirby home.

The child was playing in the driveway and was not seen by his father until the accident occurred.

The child was taken to Caldwell Memorial Hospital and treated for internal injuries, and is now recuperating at home. He is the grandson of Mrs. Andrew Woodring of Rt. 4, Boone.



Car involved in accident on Highway 421 with farm tractor in which five were injured.