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1965	Hi	Lo	Wind	Cloud	Moist
May 15	70	60	04	79	50
May 16	72	55	45	72	45
May 17	74	53	45	74	45
May 18	69	56	45	74	45
May 19	72	57	45	76	45
May 20	74	54	45	76	45
May 21	74	54	45	76	45
May 22	74	54	45	76	45
May 23	74	54	45	76	45
May 24	74	54	45	76	45



Four-Stick Shift, In The Floor

The school year closes out, but a lot of students in the Cove Creek schools owe a note of thanks to six fellow students who provided their transportation — snow, rain and hail notwithstanding. Connie Holtscaw was not available for the picture, but these five (left to right): Leta Kay Glenn, Kay Trivett, Patricia Greene, Helen Wall and Alta Townsend were. A spokesman for the County Superintendent's office said Cove

Creek is the only school that employs girl bus drivers. We thought it unusual. Principal Carl Fidler's reply: "Why, it's nothing unusual to us. We've had girls driving for us a long time." With county high schools consolidating in the fall, whither away? Helen will be driving for Mabel Elementary School and Alta will drive for Cove Creek School... and never dented a fender, any of them. (Rivers photo)

## 614 Collegians Will Get Degrees At Appalachian



EVERETT WIDENER

### Widener Quits As Asst. For New High School

Everett Widener, principal at Blowing Rock, has resigned his position as assistant principal of the Watauga County High School to accept the principalship of the East Surry High School near Pilot Mountain.

Mr. Widener, a native of Virginia, received his Associates of Arts diploma at Lees-McRae, Bachelor of Science at Milligan College, Master of Education Degree at George Peabody College and did post-graduate work at the University of Virginia and Appalachian State Teachers College.

He is married to the former Miss Euvada (Vada) Simerly of Elizabethton, Tenn. They have two daughters, Carolyn Marie and Sarah Elizabeth. They are members of Rumpke Memorial Presbyterian Church where Mr. Widener is an Elder and church treasurer.

Mr. Widener is past president of the Blowing Rock Rotary Club, a Mason, Shriner, York Rite and Scottish Rite Bodies of Winston-Salem. He served as recreation director for the town of Blowing Rock each summer since 1960.

Mr. and Mrs. Widener express regret at leaving their many friends in Watauga County but consider this an exceptional opportunity. East Surry is a new, modern school and is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

### Watauga Co. Offices To Be Closed Monday

The Watauga County Court-house offices will be closed Monday, May 31, in observance of Memorial Day.

Five hundred and forty-six Appalachian State Teachers College students will receive Bachelor of Science degrees during spring graduation exercises at 10:30 a. m. Friday, May 28 at the new P. E. building.

Sixty-eight Master of Arts degrees will also be awarded.

The address to the graduating class will be delivered by Dr. Gordon Williams Blackwell, President of Furman University.

Those graduating are as follows:

- From North Carolina**
- Abshers: Tyra Edward Bowers, Albemarle; Toby R. Burleson, Lillian M. Hartley, Judy C. Morton, Sylvia K. Bowers, Margaret Ann Furr.
- Alexis: Judy E. Hager.
- Andrews: Mary C. Thompson.
- Asheboro: Marjorie G. Foster, Betty J. Hill, Carroll Lowe Meadors, Rebecca S. Williamson, Brenda H. Wright, Gerald F. Cox, Ola Jeannette Shaw, R. Jane Wright.
- Ashville: Joanne L. Carter, Alice G. Chandler, Tommy E. Erwin, Ernest N. Gruetter, William R. Roland, Ann E. Hare, Ben K. Slinger, Burnace Roberts, Freda C. Waldrop.
- Batesville: Alfred D. Harrell, Belmont: Detores K. St. Clair, Bessemer City: Maxine V. Clark, Carolyn I. Douglas, John L. Knox, William A. Robinson, Mary J. Beam, Joan Sisk.
- Black Mountain: Carolyn S. Clevenger, Bailey: Barbara J. Riddle, Wayne B. Morrow.
- Bladenboro: Polly A. Ballard.
- Blowing Rock: Mirale P. Hyler, Boiling Springs: Dorothea F. R. Peeler.
- Boomer: Mary E. Stewart, Betty E. Anton.
- Boonville: James H. McKnight.
- Boone: Austin Adams, Shirley P. Barrie, Nelson Brookshire, Jr., Gilma E. Brown, Jerel Dean J. Carroll, William M. Cooke, Frank

- C. Chesney Durham, Martha W. Durham, Margaret C. Glenn, Dorothy C. Harmon, Jenny R. Hoyle, Philip Kelley, E. Ford King, Y. Sandra E. Laney, Linda B. R. LeFever, Robert L. LeFever, Jr., Carol J. Lookbill, Geneva M. Lytton, Joseph C. McMurray, Priscilla A. Miller, Kenneth L. Moore, Jerry C. Moreis, Tommy F. Reid, Alvina M. Smart, Ronald T. Smart, Andrew B. Wright, John H. Bryan, Garvin M. Eired, Jr., Beaulin F. Fisher, Mark W. Hodges, Fred A. Horton, Anne V. Milligan, Sara C. Sawey, Mary Hester Wilson, Mary T. Evers, Robert G. Clayton, John D. Jackson, Joe X. Phillips, Jr.
- Bostic: Fay H. Earley.
- Bunnlevel: Margaret A. Klutz.
- Burlington: D. H. Johnson.
- Burnsville: Cynthia A. Christaw, Thanna Davis, Judith L. Harritt, Thomas D. McIntosh.
- Canton: Martha J. Dale.
- Carthage: Judith Ann Foster.
- Chandler: Steven L. Starnes, Margaret J. Walker.
- Chapel Hill: Jane E. Walker.
- Charlotte: Harry P. Booth, Thomas N. Crayton, Ralph L. Doster, Ora W. Eads, Jr., Virginia M. Grogan, Barbara E. Hands, Robert T.

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### Cadet Payne Recognized At Marion Commencement

Marion, Ala.—John L. Payne of Boone received special recognition at the Marion Institute commencement parade and awards ceremony on Saturday afternoon, May 22.

Cadet Payne, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Payne of 221 Cherry Drive, received the O. Ashley Richardson Medal for excellence as a commissioned officer. He was also awarded a Marion Institute Alumni Association Scholarship Grant in recognition of the leadership role he played in the school and in the brigade during the past year. In addition, he was designated as a Distinguished Military Student.

Mrs. F. M. Payne, John's mother, also received recognition at the commencement parade. Cadet Payne, as cadet commanding officer of the Cadet Brigade, presented his mother to the 619 cadets of the Brigade and she decorated the



CADET JOHN L. PAYNE

colors of the Brigade with a rosette. This was done as a part of the sponsors ceremony which is an annual event at the commencement parade at Marion Institute.

### City Election To Be Held 22nd

The town election for Mayor and the Town Aldermen will be held on Tuesday, June 22, at the City Hall. Poll books will be open on Friday, June 4, and Saturday, June 5, and from June 7 through 11 from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m.

Challenge day is Saturday, June 19.

## Historical Assn., In Meeting Monday, Hears Thos. Haggai

Each member of the Board of Directors, Southern Appalachian Historical Association, was given 10 tickets to the "Horn in the West" Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Jake Caudill and Mrs. B. W. Stallings were in charge of the dinner tickets and reservations. Stewart Simmons of Triplett donated a ham, which was presented to Thomas Haggai, the featured speaker, by Dr. W. H. Plemmons. Haggai, the "businessman's preacher," delivered the address in which he stressed the preservation of the home as a foundation for an on-going, vibrant society. Education should exhibit excellence and morality, he said, for there can be fine education—as in the cast of Hitler's troopers—but without morality, there are only "educated heathens." The High Point (N. C.) speaker and broadcaster said the church should remain the heart of the city. Other subjects on which he touched were income tax evasion and the Speaker Ban Law. Mrs. Stanley Harris and Mrs. H. W. Wilcox were in charge of decorations and refreshments. (Continued on page two)

### ASTC Designated NTE Test Center

Appalachian State Teachers College has been designated as a test center for administering the National Teacher Examinations July 17, Dr. William E. Fulmer announced today.

College seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems which encourage or require applicants to submit their scores on the National Teacher Examinations along with their other

### Pastors Will Hold School

Pastors' school will begin at Willow Valley Baptist Church Sunday, May 30, at 7:30 p. m. and continuing through Friday, June 4. Dr. J. C. Canipe will be teaching doctrines of the New Testament.

All pastors and preachers of the Three Forks and Stony Fork Associations and the public are invited.

Dr. Canipe has already taught three such schools. The Liberty Association pastors, the Transylvania Association and Wilkes County pastors have had schools this spring.

### William D. Randall Goes To Arts School

Mr. William David Randall of Boone has been advised that he has been accepted for admission in the high school division of the North Carolina School of the Arts in Winston-Salem for the term starting in September.

credentials are eligible to take the tests. The examinations are prepared and administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

The designation of Appalachian State Teachers College as a test center for these examinations will give prospective teachers in this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the examinations with candidate throughout the country who take the tests, Dr. Fulmer said.

At the one-day session a candidate may take the Common Examinations, which include tests in Professional Education and General Education, and one of the thirteen Teaching Area Examinations which are designed to evaluate his understanding of the subject matter and methods applicable to the area he may be assigned to teach.

Bulletins of Information describing registration procedures and containing Registration Forms may be obtained from the Office of Student Teaching, Appalachian State Teachers College, or directly from the National Teacher Examinations, Educational Testing Service, Box 911, Princeton, New Jersey. Prospective teachers planning to take the tests should obtain their Bulletins of Information promptly, Dr. Fulmer advised.

### AHS Summer School To Open On June 7th

The summer session of Appalachian High School will open on Monday, June 7, and continue through Friday, July 31. Registration will begin at 8 o'clock on June 7. Classes will begin at 8:30 and end at 12:30.

Regular AHS students and students whose parents are residing in the community for the summer (within commuting distance) may attend. Fees are as follows: \$10 for Watauga County students and \$15 for other students. Typing students must pay an additional fee of \$5 for the use of machines.

English I, II, III; general mathematics, Algebra I and II, geometry, general science, biology, world history, U. S. history and typing are being offered. One unit of credit may be earned.

Interested students should see Mrs. Shelton for additional information.

### Poppies To Be Sold Saturday

The members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Watauga Post 130, will distribute red poppies on Saturday, May 29.

The poppy is a symbol of the war dead who died in the nation's defense in three great conflicts. It tells of the disabled veteran and the needy child who will receive assistance from today's contributions in the year ahead.

Soldiers' sacrifices are immortalized in the red of the memorial poppy. Wear a poppy with pride, that you live in a land where lasting gratitude goes out to the nation's defenders.

Mrs. Lionel Ward, Mrs. Troy Norris, Mrs. Cline Gross, Poppy Committee

## Takes 90 Days For Plans Municipal Bonds Given Approval In Skimpy Vote



Election Registrar Mrs. Fred Mast and Police Chief Hubert Thomas check the count of ballots Saturday just after the polls closed. Bobby McConnell (center) scoops up more ballots, which were dumped into the floor for sorting into three categories: straight ballot for and against; and split ballots. (Rivers photo)

### Annexation Of Three Areas In Effect 15th

BY RACHEL RIVERS

The \$1,800,000 water-sewer bond issue virtually jumped into effect Saturday—on more or less weak legs.

"I am well-pleased with the percentage," Mayor Wade E. Brown commented Tuesday, "but a little disappointed with the small vote."

The Town of Boone, with an estimated 2,000 qualified voters, last week had more than 1,000 voters on the books. On close inspection, the Mayor and Town Clerk Hubert Thomas narrowed that number to 794, the balance having either moved from town or died.

Additionally, more than 50 persons came to the polls Saturday to find that their listing on the county books does not qualify them to vote in city contests.

The three to one passage of the bonds is broken down, thus: For the \$1,110,000 bond to finance the improvement and enlargement of the sewer system, 299; against, 81. For the ordinance authorizing \$690,000 to improve and supplement the water system, 301; against, 83.

The polls closed promptly at 6:30 p. m. with 388 ballots in the can. Seven split ballots counted three against the water ordinance, two for it, one against sewer and one insufficiently marked. Two ballots were not accounted for.

Therefore "These results will now be sent to the Local Government Commission in Raleigh where they will be filed and certified." The next step, the Mayor said, after the results were reviewed, is to ask the engineer (Moore, Gardner & Associates of Asheboro) to complete his plans.

"That will take at least 90 days. Then contracts will be let for the construction of the water and sewer system. The engineers will recommend a period for the laying of the mains. A great deal of machinery and labor will be required to do the job." (Continued on page two)

### Miss Graham Wins State Queen Contest

One of two queens selected at the Miss High School of North Carolina contest, Saturday night in West Jefferson, was Miss Betsy Graham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Graham of Todd.



MISS BETSY GRAHAM

Miss Graham, 17-year-old senior at Beaver Creek High School, will represent the state at the national Miss High School of America Pageant at Asbury Park, N. J., August 26-27. The pageant will be sponsored by the American College of Cosmetology at Newark, N. J.

She took the talent crown with her rendition of "The St. Louis Blues." Miss Graham has performed for a number of civic functions, both in Ashe and Watauga counties. She was crowned the Ashe County

### Rankin Given Doctor Degree

Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Rankin have just been notified that their son, Winston B. Rankin, of Washington, D. C., has received an invitation to the commencement at Ferris State College, Big Rapids, Mich., June 13, to receive a Doctor's degree "for distinguished accomplishment in Pharmacy since graduating."

Winston goes on the following day to Oberlin University where his son graduates with honors, having received a three-year scholarship at the University of Chicago Law School.

The following day he returns home for the graduation of his daughter from Falls Church High School.

beauty queen two weeks ago, thus becoming eligible for state competition.

Fifteen-year-old Brenda Pritchard of Lenoir captured the beauty title at the Miss High School contest. She, too, will represent North Carolina at the national pageant.

Miss Graham's father works with the Brown & Graham Motor Company of Boone.

The Bloodmobile will visit Watauga County Tuesday, June 15 from 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., according to Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the Watauga Chapter American Red Cross.

The bloodmobile will be located at East Hall on the Appalachian State Teachers Col-

lege campus.

The goal set for the visit is 125 pints of blood.

Watauga County uses from 30-40 pints of blood per month and at the end of April the county stood 91 pints behind. That is, 482 pints of blood had been used but only 391 pints had been collected.

## Eppley Gets Notification Of \$173,183 For WAMY Work

Ernest D. Eppley, Executive Director of W.A.M.Y. Community Action, Inc., has announced that he has received notification of a grant of \$173,183 from the Office of Economic Opportunity for Project Head Start classes to operate in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties this summer.

Project Head Start is a special pre-school program designed to prepare children from economically deprived families for entrance into the public schools this fall. Representatives of the

public schools, health departments, welfare departments, home demonstration service and medical professions will work in a concerted effort to insure the social, physical, mental and emotional preparation of these pre-school children for school. A well-balanced lunch will be provided for the children each day, and school buses will be utilized for transportation purposes.

Eppley said that approximately 932 children are expected to attend the fifty-eight pre-

school classes in the four counties. School buses will be used to transport these children to and from school. Insurance will be provided so that each child will be protected from the time he leaves home until he returns.

It is anticipated that the staff of Project Head Start will consist of 276 paid employees and 116 volunteers.

The Boards of Education of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties will administer the project. W.A.M.Y. is the (Continued on page two)