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ASTC Co-ed Is Queen Of U.S. Twirlers

Miss Elaine Hudson, Appalachian State Teachers College coed who is reigning as the current Majorette Queen of America, has been named to lead the nation's top 10 majorettes through festivities at the Indianapolis 500 Auto Race May 30.

Miss Hudson, an 18-year-old Appalachian freshman, will leave for the event May 26, and will appear in a parade one day prior to the annual Memorial Day race.

Elaine, who stands five-feet, three inches, is the daughter of Mrs. Laura J. Hudson of Charlotte. She is a graduate of Morganton High School.

The blue-eyed brunette has won 402 trophies and 121 medals for her majorette activities over the past eight years. She began baton twirling at the age of 10, and a year later captured the International Twirling Championship. She has won this title each year since for total of seven, and this competition has carried her to Ohio, Maine, Missouri, Tennessee and South Carolina.

America's Majorette Queen has been the North Carolina twirling Champion for the past eight years. She was Majorette Princess of America in 1962, America's Most Beautiful Majorette in 1966 and the Best Dressed Majorette in Eastern United States in 1966.

Miss Hudson recently won the Majorette Queen of America title in competition with 150 girls representing every state in the nation following state elimination contests. The competition included fancy strutting, military strutting, twirling, bathing suit and evening gown appearance, and display of talent other than twirling.

Other majorettes chosen to join Miss Hudson at Indianapolis are:

Pamela Albrecht of La Cross, Wis., Patay Boyce of San Diego State College, Loretta Butler of Georgia Tech, Margaret Fleming of Western Michigan University, Pamela Fortenberry of the University of Arizona, Lina Gross of the University of Tulsa, Janie Johnson of Augustana (S. D.) College, Gloria Kachulls of Northwest Missouri State College, and Cookie Richards of Iowa State College.

WAMY News Sheet Draws Senator Action

Republican resolution introduced in the Senate Monday night called for North Carolina to go on record as rejecting a federally financed newspaper and radio program proposed in the northwestern corner of the state.

Sen. Ted Dent, R-Mitchell, called the attempt to initiate the community action news demonstration project in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, and Yancey counties (WAMY) a "blatant intervention of federal socialism."

He said that the paper and radio show would disseminate propaganda on the poverty program in the four counties at the taxpayers' expense and asked that the state request that the funds for the Office of Economic Opportunity project

Speaker Britt Will Address 675 Graduates At College

David M. Britt, speaker of the North Carolina House of Representatives, has been named to deliver the commencement address June 3 at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Approximately 675 students are expected to receive degrees during graduation exercises in Broome-Kirk Gymnasium.

Britt, Democrat representative from Robeson County, has been a member of the General Assembly since 1959. A native



APPALACHIAN'S ELAINE HUDSON—Majorette Queen of America.

Dr. Graham, Shriver To Tour WAMY Projects

Dr. Billy Graham and Sargent Shriver, Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity, announced plans Tuesday to tour some of the community

action projects in Avery County that are being operated by WAMY Community Action, Inc. The tour is aimed at giving Dr. Graham a first hand look

at how the community action program is being operated, according to Herbert Kramer, public affairs director of OEO.

Dr. Graham, who is from Montreal, N. C., has been interested in meeting with Shriver for some time, Kramer said, and the two are expected to confer on how churches can most effectively be involved in the anti-poverty effort.

After the tour, Dr. Graham and Shriver are expected to speak at the Toe River Community Center in western Avery county, which is located in the old Toe River School.

Local WAMY officials said they were pleased with the news of the visit, which had been in the making for about a month and a half.

Said WAMY Director Ernest Eppley, "We are pleased to learn of Dr. Graham's deep interest in helping our low-income citizens find a better way of life."

"Naturally we are also pleased that WAMY was chosen as the site of this tour . . ."

Although no final schedule for the tour has been announced, the public meeting at which Dr. Graham and Shriver are expected to speak should take place about 3 p. m. Saturday at the Toe River Center, according to officials.

Local Radio Also Has WAMY Problem

When WAMY Community Action, Inc., last week made known its "news demonstration project" for the four counties, the North Carolina Press Association offered to oppose the issue and the press made its editorial voice heard.

In the rush to protect Federal intervention on newspapers and other free enterprises, news accounts all but forgot the plight of local radio stations, a plight which could spread throughout the broadcast system.

According to WAMY's proposal to O. E. O., "It is expected that about three months will be required to build up the desired programming production level of an hour a day for each station (WATA in Boone, WTOE in Spruce Pine)."

Two paragraphs later: "The medium of radio by its very

nature provides little opportunity for censorship as previewing of recorded material is a costly and time-consuming job."

The management of Radio Station WATA in Boone stated Tuesday that they were approached several weeks ago by the publicity director of WAMY with a request for six 5-minute programs a day of public service time.

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of McDonald, N. C., he is a graduate of Lumberton High School, Wake Forest College and Wake Forest Law School.

He served as solicitor of the Fairmont Recorder's Court from 1940 to 1944. He has practiced law since 1937.

Britt has served as president

of the Board of Trustees of Southeastern General Hospital, president of the Wake Forest College Alumni Association, chairman of the Fairmont Board of Education, Rotary Club District Governor, member of General Board of the Baptist State Convention, and a teacher of Men's Bible Class.

He was married in 1941 to the former Louise Teague of Fairmont and they have four children.



DAVID M. BRITT

"King Street" Moves Up Front WAMY Newspaper Proposal Draws Ire Of Free Press

By ROB RIVERS

Federal Newspaper . . . In The Works

WAMY, Inc., through its board of directors has approved the establishment of a standard-type newspaper for this area. . . Financed completely by Federal funds and to offer full news coverage of the local scene to 8,000 residents of our four-county area, it has caused a considerable commotion in the ranks of the free press.

The proposal had been prepared and approved by the board 15-5 before anyone in professional newspaper circles was aware of it, so far as we can learn. . . The State Press Association, through its President and Secretary has offered vigorous protest to WAMY President, Dr. W. H. Plemmons; the Watauga Democrat sent Dr. Plemmons a prepared statement of opposition to a Federal press, and we have alerted all our officials and Representatives in Congress of the threat to the system.

Saturday at noon the Press Assn. and area publishers were granted a hearing for Sunday. . . The Assn. asked for more time and didn't come. . . We take the position that we can't add or detract from our prepared statement, that we won't go on bended knee to plead with a board that has already taken action, but we will sit in if the Press Assn. officials come. . . We are opposing the proposal in every way we know how. . . In fairness, however, we don't look to succeed. . . Against the power of the movement and the floods of taxpayers' money, ours is apt to be as a small voice crying in the wilderness. . . The North Carolina Fund is potentially a fine thing, but it was brought here by strangers to our region and to our people and to our society, whose sinews forged with the power of public money can't be matched by those of us who publish the nation's newspapers on our own steam. . . But we'll continue to speak our piece and to defend our people and our institutions as long as we may live.

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A Giant Walks Among Us



Miss Sandra Cook Is Named President WHS Student Body

Edmisten To Be Counsel For U S Senate Group

U. S. Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D.-N. C.), Chairman of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, has announced the resignation of H. Houston Groome, Jr., as a counsel for the Subcommittee. He also announced that Rufus L. Edmisten of Boone will replace Groome.

In praising the Greensboro native, Senator Ervin said: "Houston Groome brought to the Subcommittee a vast knowledge

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MISS SANDRA COOK

Student body president for 1967-68 at Watauga High School will be Miss Sandra Cook.

Sandra defeated Dana Moretz and John Rainey in a school-wide election Friday, May 5. As president of the student body, she will serve as president of the 45-member student council and as official hostess for the school.

Sandra comes to the office as an experienced leader. She has been a student council representative for two years; this year she has served as council secretary. She is now secretary of the Debate Club and vice-president of the Future Teachers of America. She has been elected District vice-president of the National Beta Club.

In May she will serve as co-chief junior marshal, the highest scholastic honor in the class, for the 1967 graduation exercises. She has been selected to attend the Governor's School in Winston-Salem during June and July of this year.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Cook, Sandra is the second in her family to serve as a high school student body president. Bill Jr. was president at Appalachian High School in 1962.

Other student body officers elected to serve next year are as follows: vice-president, (Continued on page three)

Leader To Address Historical Group

The annual spring membership meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, Monday, May 15, will be addressed by Claude F. Gaddy of Blowing Rock and Raleigh.

An educator and Baptist leader, Gaddy is a native of Anson County, a graduate of Wake Forest and received his Master's degree from UNC.

His talk will be the feature event of the dinner meeting, which will get underway at 7 p. m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time. Advance tickets, at \$2.50 per, may be obtained from Stanley Harris Sr., Alfred Adams, J. V. Gaudill or from the Horn in the West office in Boone.

Special guests, representing business, education, industry and civic organizations will be introduced prior to the talk. Ned Trivette and the Rev. Richard Crowder will arrange entertainment for the evening.

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WAMY Group To Meet Press

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Chairman of WAMY, says representatives of news media will be invited to a meeting of the Executive Committee of the poverty agency Thursday night, May 18.

Dr. Plemmons indicated that the press will be offered a detailed explanation of the WAMY proposal for a government-financed newspaper.



CLAUDE F. GADDY

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