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In 1966 and 1967 the Democrat won 10 State Press Assn. awards for General Excellence, Excellence in Typography, Local News, Adver-tising, Columns and Photographs.



"King Street" Moves Up Front

WAMY Newspaper Proposal

Draws Ire Of Free Press

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By ROB RIVERS

Federal Newspaper . . . In The Works

WAMY, Inc., through its board of directors has ap-

proved 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 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 Secre-

tary 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.

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 state-

ment, 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, how-

ever, 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 wilder-

thing, but it was brought here by strangers to our re-

gion 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

. The North Carolina Fund is potentially a fine

Saturday at noon the Press Assn. and area publishers

The proposal had been prepared and approved by

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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 majorettes top through festivities at the Indianapolis 500 Auto Race May

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 activites 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., Patsy Boyce of San Diego State College, Loretta Butler of Georgia Tech, Margaret Fleming of Western Michigan University, Pamela Forten-berry 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



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 Opportun-ity, 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

Local Radio Also Has WAMY Problem

When WAMY Community Ac- nature provides little opportion, Inc., last week made known tunity for censorship as previewing of recorded material 'news demonstration project" for the four counties, the is a costly and time-consuming North Carolina Press Associjob.' The management of Radio ation offered to oppose the issue

vice time.

torial voice heard. proached several weeks ago by

the publicity director of WAMY

with a request for six 5-minute

programs a day of public ser-

policy to serve all worthwhile

agencies and projects in the

"WATA has always made ita

at how the community action program is being operated, ac-cording to Herbert Kramer, public affairs director of OEO, Dr. Graham, who is from Montreat, 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

ness.

as we may live

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

women and children who exist on family incomes of \$3,000 pioneers of the early 1800's the present day.'

> rural churches don' of Boone will replace Groome. cape the notice of the WAMY proposal and the "lay preachers" are decried in the document which is aimed at fixing things, and we quote: "The low-income people have

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, (D.-N. C.), Chairman of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee, has announced the of H. Houston resignation Groome, Jr., as a counsel for the Subcommittee, He also annced that Rufus Edmister

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

Sandra defeated Dana Moretz and John Rainey in a schoolwide 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 vear she has serve 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. May she will serve as In 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-Salemduring June and July of this year.

with a long history of subsistence farming and foraging, untouched by prosperity down to

Churches, Preachers

per year. These people are scattered across 1100 square miles of mountainous, wooded country-side on tiny farms and small, isolated settlements, in the counties of Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey in western North Carolina, Almost without exception these people are the direct descendants of

when we read the plan for the newspaper and radio program of WAMY, the project which "is intended to help solve the problems of some 30,000 men,

We Found Out

A lot of things we don't know,

but we found out some of them

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 (Continued on page three)

In the rush to protect Fedintervention on newseral papers and other free enterprises, news accounts all but forgot the plight of local radio stations, a plight which could spread throughout the broad-

its

cast system. According to WAMY's pro-

County with free, non-commercial public service time posal to O. E. O., "It is expected that about three months and spot announcements and have done this for WAMY since will be required to build up the desired programming producits inception. tion level of an hour a day for each station (WATA in

"However, six 5-minute programs a day for one agency Boone, WTOE in Spruce Pine)," were out of all proportion to Two paragraphs later: "The the many requests for time medium of radio by its very (Continued on page three)

Speaker Britt Will Address 675 Graduates At College

David M. Britt, speaker of of McDonald, N. C., he is a 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

Wake Forest College School, and Wake Forest Law School Britt last year was presented the Judge John J. Parker Memorial Award by the N. C. Bar Association. Ten years ago, he was named "Man of the Year" for Robeson County.

He served as solicitor of the Fairmont Recorder's Court from 1940 to 1944. He has prac-ticed law since 1937. Britt has served as president

of the Board of Trustees of graduate of Lumberton High 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.

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 learn 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.

DAVID M. BRITT

developed psychological characteristics consistent with their physical isolation. They are relatively ignorant of the outside world, and even of persons and events only a few miles from their homes. They find it extremely difficult to cope with other people and are generally reserved and distrustful of strangers. Their capacities for group feeling and group endeavor have not been developed. Their history shows few examples of cooperative endeavor. Their only significant tradition of group participation passive at that, is in their church congregations, but these congregations are many and small, many led by lay preachers who continue to promote a tradition of bigoted separatism,

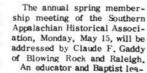
Their "communities"

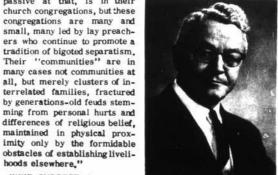
hoods elsewhere."

all, but merely clusters of in-

In praising the Greensboro native, Senator Ervin said: Houston Groome brought to the Subcommittee a vast knowledge (Continued on page three)

Leader To Address **Historical Group**





CLAUDE F. GADDY



MISS SANDRA COOK

der, Gaddy is a native of An-

son County, a graduate of Wake

Forest and received his Mas-

event of the dinner meeting,

which will get underway at 7

p. m. Eastern Daylight Sav-

ing Time. Advance tickets, at

\$2.50 per, may be obtained

from Stanley Harris Sr., Al-

fred Adams, J. V.Gaudill or

from the Horn in the West

Special guests, representing business, education, industry

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office in Boone.

His talk will be the feature

ter's degree from UNC.

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)

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 Exe-cutive 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 governm nanced newspaper.

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and civic organizations will be introduced prior to the talk, Ned Trivette and the Rev. Richard Crowder will arrange entertainment for the evening. Gaddy taught at Mills Home in Thomasville, 1921-25, was principal of Marshville High

ig.

chool, 1925-27, and Superinten-

WE'D SUGGEST that anyone (Continued on page four)

