



CONGRATULATIONS—Governor Bob Scott congratulates Dr. Herbert Wey as Dr. W. H. Flemmons, Appalachian's retiring president, prepares to pass the mace to the new president. The mace is the university's symbol of presidential authority. (Sudderth photo)

Inaugural Statements

Governor Scott, Dr. Wey See Innovations At ASU

Guidelines Are Suggested By Chief Executive

At Dr. Herbert Wey's inauguration in Varsity Gymnasium, North Carolina's Governor Bob Scott suggested some guidelines for Appalachian State University.

And the university president, in his response for the inauguration, made recommendations to the State.

Excerpts from their speeches:

GOV. SCOTT—"In all your planning, determine to keep a sense of community on this campus. As you grow take the utmost care that you do not destroy the richness of the personal relationships that have meant so much to earlier generations at Appalachian."

DR. WEY—"In connection with costs of higher education, I would strongly recommend that the State restudy its present policy of having students pay the cost of building dormitories, cafeteria buildings, student union buildings, and health service facilities."

He said this is a factor that is rocketing the cost of higher education and unless held down, "will price thousands of capable young men and women out of our institutions of higher education."

GOV. SCOTT—"Select very consciously the areas in which you propose to concentrate your efforts, and then in those areas see that you attain excellence—not excellence by North Carolina standards or by Southern standards, but excellence."

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America the Beautiful? asked the banner borne uptown during last week's Fifth March, Appalachian men and women took a breather in front of the courthouse before marching back to the campus for the burial of an internal combustion engine. It was hard work putting the point across, but they did it. (Staff photo)

Marilyn Harmon Is Winner BREMCO Washington Trip

Marilyn Harmon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Harmon of Sugar Grove, and junior at Watauga High School, has won an expense paid trip to Washington, D. C., in competition with students from other high schools in Watauga County. The contest, sponsored by Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, is open to the junior classes of all the high schools in the counties where Blue Ridge serves.

Contestants presented brief speeches on the subject, "How Rural Electric is meeting the Challenge in Member and Community Services," and selection of a winner was made by a panel of judges based primarily on the contestants' knowledge of the subject, with consideration given to speaking ability, personality, appearance and poise.

Contestants were Roy "Eddie" Furr, Phil Ginn, Miss Harmon, and Miss Patricia Wilson all of Watauga High School. Judges for the contest were Mrs. Lillian Danner, Mrs. Marian Simpson, Mrs. Nora Wilson, and Mrs. Jean Rucker.

As a participant in the 1970 Rural Electric Youth Tour, Marilyn will join contest winners from cooperatives all across North Carolina in Raleigh on June 15, and following a get-acquainted luncheon will travel by bus to Washington, D. C., where they will visit sites of historic interest and see the nation's Government in action. Events planned for the week-long tour include a visit with the State's Congressmen, a tour of the Potomac, visits to the Smithsonian Institute, Custis-Lee Mansion, Arlington Cemetery,

the Capitol, and possibly an opportunity to visit with the President at the White House. The Rural Electric Youth Tour to Washington is a program through which electric cooperatives across the nation hold contests and send the winner to Washington for the week's

tour, North Carolina and Blue Ridge Electric have participated in the program for four years. Other contest winners over Blue Ridge Electric's system are William (Bill) Foster, Wilkes; Johnny Lee Irwin, Alleghany; Rodney Lee, Caldwell; and Wilton Dillard, Ashe.

Watauga Second In State In Rate Population Gain

The Carolina Population Center, UNC-Chapel Hill, in its latest study of per-county population growth in North Carolina lists Watauga County's population at 23,565 as of last July 1.

The center arrived at the figure by taking the 1960 Census population of 17,529 and calculating 3,236 births against 1,439 deaths for the period and adding a net migration of 4,239.

The increase from 1960 to 1969 is 6,036, according to the statistics.

The increase in non white population from 1968 to 1969 is given as 319 as against 328.

Watauga's population is broken down into age groups, also. More than 6,700 are 17 or younger; more than 9,500 are in the 18-44 age group; and the remainder are 45 years or older.

In terms of the annual rates of population growth in North Carolina for the eight years beginning in 1960, Watauga's rate of 3.35 was second only to Cumberland County, which registered a 5.15 rating.

The third county on the statewide totum pole was Orange, with a 3.31 rating. Mecklenburg registered 2.88 for the period.

Petition Officials On Pollution

A petition to be presented to the Governors of the two Carolinas and President Richard Nixon was passed April 22 in I. G. Greer Auditorium.

The occasion was a Circle K Club program featuring the Hon. Basil Whitener of Gastonia and the first community-wide screening of the student produced film about pollution in Boone.

The petition, according to State YDC president Bob Bingham, is a "first." He told the full-house crowd it was a way to bring citizen concern about

air, water, land and noise pollution to the attention of State officials and the President.

The petition called for all laws to be strictly enforced and asked for research and legislative action on pollution problems.

Among those in the audience who signed was Mrs. Basil Whitener.

Also, Bingham explained his new program, Volunteers for Victory, in which students are urged to work in the party of their choice "to elect candidates to office in the fall."



BOB DENTON

WHS Student Named Head Of Area Congress

At the annual Western District North Carolina Student Council Congress held April 17 and 18 at Watauga High School, Bob Denton was elected president for the ensuing year.

Student councils from 38 western North Carolina counties were represented at the annual convention.

Bob is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Denton of Boone, he is vice-president of the Watauga High Student Council, vice-president of the District Beta Club, editor of the Powderhorn (the school paper), and chairman of the Inter-Club Council.

Also, Bob is a member of the varsity track and football teams.

Recently, Bob was selected as a Junior Councilor at Mars Hill for the North Carolina Student Council Workshop.

About 300-out-of-county representatives were guests in the homes of local students while they were here for the Congress.

Bob's campaign workers gave a surprise party for him that Saturday night.

Earth Day's Positive Approach ASU Student Marchers Gather Trash In Town

The work was hot and the march long, but it said loudly the concern of Appalachian State University students over the air, water and land pollution of the mountains.

They started on campus the morning of Earth Day, April 22, relieving the duck pond of accumulated litter and collecting garbage from Boone Creek, into which they found sewerage draining from a pipe under the bridge, City Hall was alerted to the situation.

At mid-campus, they piled debris under the banner of the American flag. Students for Action collected glass bottles to ship back to the manufacturers; handout materials covered population and pollution in full—a mimeographed reading list was included; and a public address system failed to draw the expected number of speakers.

To that point, Sterling Nelson spoke. "From all indications, as of noon this 22nd of April, this campus has manifested itself in what I dare say is its usual manner."

"I refer to a flagrant display of apathy, by and large. It is true that there has been a considerable effort on the part of a few to clean up the Kraut Creek and the duck pond, and as we look out onto the mall, we see a rather large amount of garbage (collected), but not enough."

A Raleigh native, Nelson continued "It is unfortunate, but true, that we are witnessing another example of token action."

About that time, Howard Lineberger took up the microphone; "Pollution is the American way," he shouted as students filed to and from classes, "if you can't do anything else, you can salute the old flag here."

Nelson: "He could break up a camp meeting in nothing flat."

And Lineberger explained the booming voice and strength of conviction were passed down to him from a backwoods, meeting-camp ancestry.

BIG TURNOUT
In view of the limited manpower that turned out for the morning cleanup, the so-called

splitting off on Hardin, Cherry, College, Appalachian, Grand Boulevard, Depot and Water streets—and regrouping.

In front of the county Courthouse.

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Comet Stolen Sunday Night

A 1960 four-door Comet was reported stolen Sunday night from a parking lot on Appalachian Street.

The Boone Police Department received the call at 6:17 p. m. The light blue car, which bore a Florida license plate, is owned by Cora Grimes of 1681 S. Greenwood St., Clearwater, Fla.

The license number of the stolen vehicle is 4D-10385.



13,340 Cans And Bottles

That's what ambitious fifth grade students of Mrs. Nancy Coffey garnered in their cleanup program, Saturday before last, they spread out in Boone, the surrounding area and their own neighborhoods. Just after school on Earth Day, April 22, these members of the class paused briefly before continuing their campaign in which Mrs. Coffey said "Everybody took part, everybody worked." In all, they picked up 13,340 cans and bottles. Five of the Appalachian Elementary School students collected over 1,000 each; Mary Leigh Denton, Bobby Haas, Kathleen Owen, Susan Reed and Donna Clark. (Staff photo)



MARILYN HARMON

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