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## Mars Hill Graduates Include Local Youths

Mars Hill College was in undated with graduates last weekend as the 114-year - old Baptist school awarded 227 diplomas at commencement ex ercises Sunday and honored two previous graduates, Eugene Roberts, national news director of the New York Times, and Mrs. Madge Linney Sturdivant, a North Wilkesboro housewife, at alumni reunions Saturday.

With the background of the past weeks' campus turmoil and bloodshed, the 1970 graduat ing class was asked to assume the obligations of educated citizens by commencement day speakers. College president, Dr. Fred B. Bentley, prior to awarding degrees, read a message to the graduates signal by President Nixon. It said in part: "Your challenge will be that of reconciling continuity and change, of giving new applications and fresh expressions to our traditional values."

Bentley addressed the graduates after handing out diploms: "We hope that we have added to your academic know l edge, your level of maturity, your know-how and skills, but most of all I hope that we have reenforced in each of you that 'plus-factor'--integrity of mind, body and spirit. "

Western North Carolina graduates included several students from Burnsville. They included: Jerry Ronald Davis, son of Mrs. Cora Hall Davis of Rt. 5, who received a BA in education, completing his degree requirements in December;Michael Von Higgins, son of Mr. L. Ray Higgins of Rt. 2, who received a BA in religion; Virgil Lee Styles, son of Mrs. Cassie Edwards Styles of Rt. 1, who received a BS; Shelda Marie Woody, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Craig Woody of Rt. 1,who received a BA in history, com pleting her degree requirements

in December; and Roger Lee Young, son of Mr. Albert Lee Young of Rt. 2, who received a BS in chemistry.

## 'Outstanding Students' Named

The Society of Outstanding American High School Students announces the honor member ship for 1970 has been bestow ed upon Rhonda Lynn Peterson, Bobby Dale Styles, Karen Proffitt, Mary Edwards, George Renfro, Gene King, Nancy Randolph, Beryl Bailey, Vickie Whitson and Kathleen Peter son, all of Cane River High School.

These students were among 21,000 of the nations top high

school students to be listed in the 1970 volume of Outstand ing American High School Stu-

## Announcement

Grace Banks has announced that the Credit Bureau and the Chamber of Commerce offices are open. The License Bureau is closed during her absence and people will have to get their tags in Spruce Ame for this week only. dents.

The students were chosen on the basis of excellence in scholarship, leadership and civic contribution, after being nominated by their respective schools.

The students receiving this homor are the leaders of modern American youth. They have demonstrated the high quality of scholastic performance that our educational system is producing today.

