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Charles Boone

Mars Hill Grads Receive Degrees

Charles Leonard Boone, Jr., Ruth Bennett Labdon and Michael E. McCourry were three of the students that graduated from Mars Hill College on May 15. Charles graduated with a BA degree in Art Education. Michael graduated with a BS degree in Accounting and is the son of Mr. James A. McCourry. Ruth graduated with a BA degree in Art Education. In his brief address to the graduates, Dr. Bentley re-

minised about the days following his appointment as president of Mars Hill in 1965. He quoted a letter he had received from Professor Joseph Hayes Jackson, a former Mars Hill teacher now retired to San Francisco, soon after the announcement of his appointment. Jackson told him that "I envy your opportunity to know those people as I knew them. They are the stuff that made America, our America, the U.S.A."



Michael McCourry

Banks Gets BS In Therapy

Sheree L. Banks of Burnsville, N.C., will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science in Physical Therapy from the University of North Carolina here during graduation ceremonies on May 5, 1977.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Banks of Burnsville.

Before entering the Division of Physical Therapy in 1975 she spent two years at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte. She is a graduate of East Yancey High School in Burnsville.

Following graduation, Sheree will be involved with clinical affiliations until mid-August and, upon completion, will become a candidate for North Carolina licensure.

Denny Gets Music Degree

Linda Denny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.W. Deyton of Burnsville, received a master of music degree during Commencement exercises at

Converse College.

Dr. Robert T. Coleman, president of Converse, presided at the Commencement, marking the close of the

college's 87th academic session.

Converse is an independent liberal college for women, with a professional school of music.



Donna Young

Graduates From ASU

Appalachian State University conferred 1,457 degrees recently during the university's 77th spring commencement. The degrees were awarded by ASU chancellor Dr. Herbert W. Wey.

Students from Yancey County receiving degrees were Stephen Hal Angel of Penrose, B.S. in recreation; Irma A. Washam Woody of Burnsville, B.S. in library science.

Students On Dean's List

Janet O. Hensley; Farrell W. Hughes, Route 2; and Randy J. Huskins, Route 2; all of Burnsville, have been named to the dean's list at Western Carolina University for the 1977 winter quarter according to an announcement by Dr. Robert E. Stoltz, vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Congratulations Grads

You've done it, Grads!
That hard earned diploma
is now yours...
and you deserve our pride
and respect.
We wish you all the best
in whatever you do!



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BOOK CORNER
By Mrs. Gladys Coletta

LIFE AFTER LIFE
by Dr. Raymond A. Moody, Jr. 1976. Pp. 125. Stackpole Books, Publishers, Harrisburg, Pa.

In a jocular vein, one has often heard the expression: "No one is going to get out of this world alive." In the account of *Life After Life*, by

Dr. Raymond A. Moody, Jr., in which he reports of interviews with over 150 persons who have experienced near-death or after-death encounters, one is tempted to disbelieve the above statement. Although Dr. Moody states plainly that he is not trying to prove that there is life after death—he is merely reporting the facts as related to him—we know that 150 people cannot be telling fairytales.

Despite the wide variation in the circumstances surrounding close calls with death and in the types of persons undergoing them, it remains true that there is a striking similarity among the accounts of the experiences themselves. One predominant factor is the warm, loving being of light who appears before them after they are pronounced clinically dead. Each person states that there emanates from this fantastic being an intense feeling of joy, love and tranquility. So much so that when the person is told that he must go back to the earth to finish his mission, he resists because he is so taken up with his experiences in the afterlife that he does not want to return. Despite his attitude, though, he somehow reunites with his physical body and lives.

In conclusion, we must state that in this age of vast literature on paranormal and occult phenomena, Dr. Moody has written a very timely book. For what we can learn about death may make an important difference in the way we live our lives. Those who have visited briefly on "the other side" and have returned, state that the development of the soul, especially in the spiritual faculties of love and knowledge, does not stop upon death. So they now have to correspond later with their lives "over there." They have been granted a brief glimpse of eternity while still in their physical bodies, thus "seeing through a glass, darkly."

We salute the dairy farmer.



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your dedication
and willingness.

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every one
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success
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