

### Captain James T. Jones Awarded Bronze Star and Air Medal



Air Force Captain James T. Jones, whose former guardians, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Whitfield, resides on R.F.D. 4, Kinston, has been awarded the Bronze Star Medal and the Air Medal with eleven oak leaf clusters at Tan Son Nhut Airfield, Vietnam. Captain Jones received the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service as a forward air controller in Vietnam. He was cited for initiating the first use of close air support of ground

troops within the Kien Giang Province. The captain was presented the Air Medal with clusters for meritorious achievement during military flights while assigned to duty in Southeast Asia. He is assigned at Tan Son Nhut with Headquarters, Seventh Air Force. Seventh Air Force is a major component of the Pacific Air Forces which provides air offensive and defensive units in Southeast Asia, the Far East and

Pacific. The Moss Hill High School graduate received his commission in 1957 through the aviation cadet program. He attended Mars Hill Junior College prior to entering the Air Force.

Captain Jones is married to the former Margaret J. Barwick, daughter of Mrs. Jim Barwick of 1410 Hardee Road, Kinston.

### Pvt. J. F. Southard Takes Radio Course

Pvt. James F. Southard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy C. Southard, Route 1, Box 27A, Maysville, completed a radio course at the Army Training Center, Fort Knox, Ky., May 20.

During the ten-week course, Southard received instruction in basic radio and electrical theory and was taught the international Morse Code.

The 19-year-old soldier entered the Army in December 1965 and completed basic training at Fort Gordon, Ga.

He was graduated from Jones Central High School, Trenton, in 1965.

### Thurman Tyndall to Take Mechanic's Course in Illinois

Airman Thurman T. Tyndall, son of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Tyndall of Rt. 1, La Grange, has been selected for technical training at Chanute AFB, Ill., as an Air Force aircraft maintenance specialist.

The airman recently completed basic training at Lackland AFB, Tex. His new school is part of the Air Training Command which conducts hundreds of specialized courses to provide technically trained personnel for the nation's aerospace force.

Airman Tyndall was graduated from North Lenoir High School in 1965.

### MT. OLIVE RECITAL

The Music Department of Mount Olive College will present a recital by voice and piano students in the studio-lounge of the main building located on Breazeale Avenue at 8:15 P.M. on Friday, May 27.

## SENATOR SAM ERVIN SAYS



Anyone surveying the national pulse would find much concern about our country's problems. They range over the whole spectrum of American life. Not the least of these concerns is the problem of inflation.

Prosperity is said to be at an all time high, but the stock market is having a bad case of the jitters trying to assess the state of the economy.

Some of the financial concern is over how to finance a war and more government spending at home. But the truth is that it has taken a war to bring us to realization that we are overcommitted at home and abroad, and have been for some time.

Until the strain on the dollar became evident nobody bothered to listen to arguments about foreign aid and deficit spending.

Still we are told that the best way to curb inflation is not by cutting Federal spending on programs that might be deferred, but to increase taxes.

I am opposed to a tax increase, because I think we ought to go back to fundamental teachings that have been neglected for a long time. Simply put, the best way to prevent inflation is for the United States to quit deficit spending, balance the budget, and manifest a sincere purpose gradually to retire the \$17.8 billion national debt.

It would take courage to do this, but in the long run, the country would be much better off.

Before the new theories of economics became a part of our national policies, there were abiding convictions held by most people of "man, economics, and government."

Then people rejected the notion that "men should be paid for existing," or that "government should support the people," or that "deficit spending is good for the country."

But the old maxims were built upon the experience of mankind and the world has never found a better productive rule than that "free men can be persuaded to produce things of value only if they are permitted to retain a fair share of the fruits of their labor for themselves and their families."

So we have prided ourselves on the fact that each year the sum of our achievements brings the total of the Gross National Product to a new high. A few days ago, "The Washington Evening Star" questioned the reliability of this standard. It said our yardstick was measuring "not only the good but the bad, not only the gifts of civilization but the inane and the phony. It even makes inflation look like an asset."

The Star went on to say that "Plastic back scratchers are in the GNP. So is the Rayburn Building. So are hydrogen bombs and the high cost of funerals. So are the gate receipts, say of the last Clay-Liston fight, though some would question how that performance could be defended as either goods or service."

To the point, the Star warned: "... America is the first to include all her creations, good and hideous, in a single statistic and then brag about it."

The average citizen is inclined to say "so what?" until inflation hits his pocketbook and the price of bacon causes comment at the breakfast table. It then becomes manifest that we have not created new rules for our game. Inflation comes, the national debt soars, capital flees abroad, money loses its real value and the people suffer staggering economic blows.

It has been said before, but soon or later, Government must abide by the rules too in the world of money, and it ought to do so before the people suffer.

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**Samuel B. Oliver Graduating Friday**  
A total of 534 students are candidates for degrees in commencement exercises to be held at Appalachian State Teachers College on Friday, May 27, according to announcement from the officers of Dr. O. K. Webb, dean of Student Affairs, and Dr. Cratis Williams, dean of the Graduate School.  
Dr. Dean W. Colvard, chancellor at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte, will speak at exercises to be held in William J. Conrad Stadium at 10:30 a.m.  
Of the candidates, 473 are to be awarded either B.S. or B.A. degrees and 61 are to be awarded M.A. degrees.  
Undergraduate candidates, include Samuel Brent Oliver of Kinston.