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At Summer Commencement

WPCC Graduates Hear Gaston College Head

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"Life is too fascinating to be drab, it is too rich to be dull. We must develop a zest for living."

So spoke Dr. Woodrow B. Sugg, president of Gaston College, as he made last night's commencement address at Western Piedmont Community College. He advised graduates to keep learning all of their lives and to develop positive and consistent values.

The summer graduating exercises were held in the college auditorium and there wasn't an empty seat in the room. Beauty and dignity marked the program throughout.

Mrs. Terry Whisnant, organist, played the processional and the invocation was spoken by Rev. Wilbur A. Hunnycutt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Valdese.

Following a welcome by Dr. Gordon C. Blank, WPCC

president, there was the introduction of Dr. Sugg by Thad M. Poteat, member of the WPCC board of trustees.

Candidates for degrees were presented by H. D. Moretz, assistant to the president.

"Your degree or diploma awaits you," said Dr. Blank as he concluded formal remarks in conferring these. And Miss Louise Davis, registrar, awarded the degrees. And finally came the brief but impressive benediction by Rev. Herbert Carter, pastor of Mission AME Church.

Dr. Sugg began by quoting his wife's remark that "Graduations would be nicer, if speakers would be conciser."

He said he had been listening and proved it by giving concise components for success which he felt would be helpful to graduates considering "Where Do I Go From Here?"

His suggested guidelines for worthwhile living listed the need to develop and maintain respect for self and for others. "No one can be completely successful unless he has a good opinion of himself," he said.

He also mentioned the need to develop skills in relating to ideas and to people, to be knowers in order to be doers, to put animation into daily work and living, to appreciate what others have created and to enjoy creating, and to be adaptable to change and to participate in this.

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Dr. Sugg noted that today's world is changing so fast that education must be considered a never ending thing. Even fast change. He recalled the time when the atom was considered the smallest unit of matter, something no longer true.

Also he advised graduates to develop their skill in decision making. He suggested they sharpen tools of evidence gathering and to be able to search for alternative solutions.

Most important, he said is the need to develop a well integrated set of values. "These give us a most formidable sixth sense and place the other senses in perspective."

Dr. Sugg referred to man's eternal questions as to who he is, where is he going, and why. Answers may be found in faith and this is essential to successful living, he said.

The 16 receiving the associate in arts degree were Norman Epley Annas, Rutherford College, with honors; Joseph Waightstill Avery, Morganton; Joseph Donald Babb, Connelly Springs; Arley Ray Church, Lenoir, *Who's Who in American Junior Colleges*; Gary Larkin Estes, Lenoir; Barbara Carolyn Franklin, Morganton, with high honors; Lewis Albert Heavner, Granite Falls; Jerry Edward Huffman, Conover.

Patricia Walburn Jackson, Morganton, with high honors and *Who's Who*; Ronnie Paul Lauhter, Marion (awarded in June); Michael Huffman McCall, Morganton; Gerald David Moody, Swannanoa (in absentia); Richard Allen Puett, Morganton; Keith Michael Queen, Valdese; Freddie Michael Setzer, Drexel; Sonja Louzetter Stafford, Hickory.

Recipients of the associate in applied science degree in accounting technology were Barbara Jean Dale, Morganton, with high honors; Jerry Ray Ledford, Morganton; Larry Wayne Yancey, Nebo.

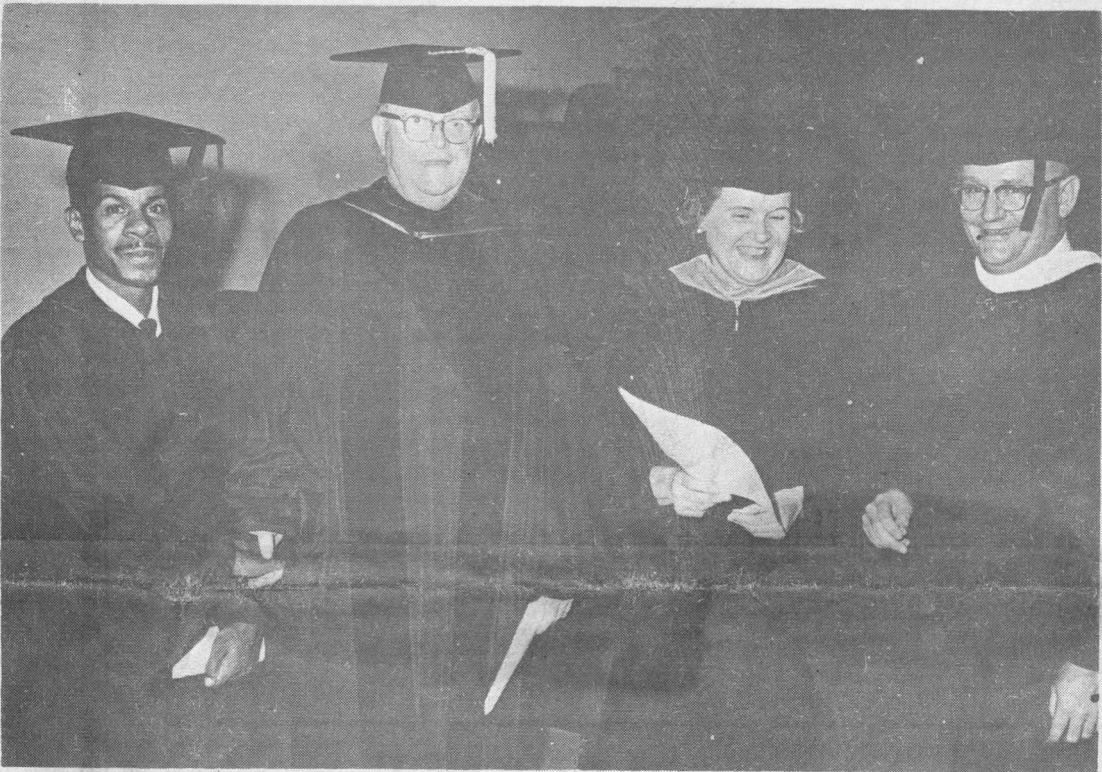
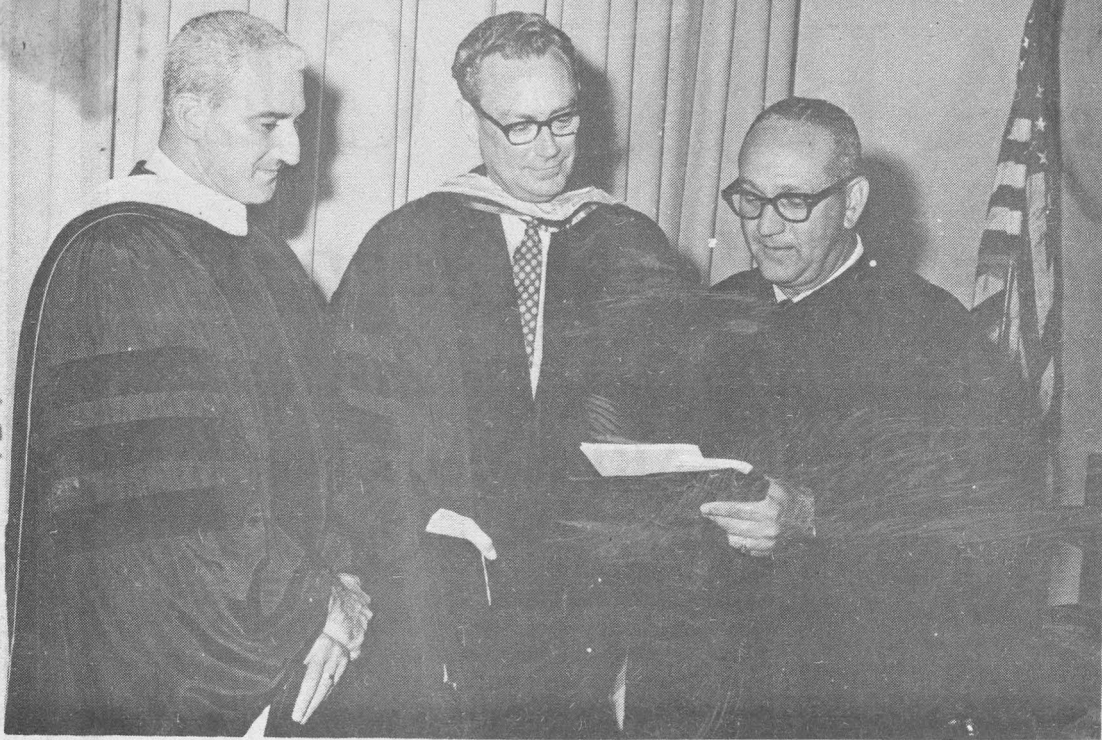
Those receiving associate in applied science degrees in business administration were Ronald Ethes Crain, Marion; William Gart Curtis, Morganton; Charles Alan Vinay, Valdese.

Other associate in applied science degrees went to Jacqueline Conley, Morganton, executive secretary; Ronnie Ray Barger, Morganton, industrial engineering technology; and Iva Gale Rich, Casar, medical secretary.

In addition to these degrees 10 diplomas were awarded.

In automotive mechanics recipients were Ronald Lee Allman, Morganton, with honors; Jackie David Brittain, Glen Alpine; Steve Ellis Costner, Morganton, with honors; Rodney Wayne Ramsey, Drexel; and Bruce Michael Rhea, Granite Falls, with high honors.

In mechanical drafting diplomas went to Dennis Jarvis McCrary, Lenoir; Alan Marvin McGalliard, Lenoir, with high honors; Jitendra Ramchandra Pandya, Morganton; James Alan Parks, Morganton, with honors; and Donald Caleb Plaster Jr., Morganton.



WPCC Has Summer Graduation

In dignified graduation exercises Western Piedmont Community College last night conferred 25 associate degrees and 10 diplomas in technical programs. Above—Educators talk together immediately following the exercises. Left to right are Dr. Gordon C. Blank, WPCC president who conferred degrees; Dr. Woodrow B. Sugg, president of Gaston College, commencement speaker; and Thad M. Poteat, WPCC trustee who introduced Dr. Sugg. Be-

low—Others participating in the exercises are (left to right) Rev. Herbert Carter, pastor, Mission AME Church, who gave the benediction; Rev. Wilbur A. Hunnycutt, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Valdese, who gave the invocation; Miss Louise Davis, registrar who awarded the degrees; and H. D. Moretz, assistant to the president, who presented the candidates for degrees. (Staff photos by Edgar Payne)



Full House

There wasn't an empty seat at the Western Piedmont Community College summer graduation exercises Thursday night. Several folding chairs were placed in doorways to the auditorium, some stood, and several sat on

steps. Graduates were serious as they listened to Dr. Gordon C. Blank, president, conferring their degrees. (Staff photo by Edgar Payne)