

At Western Piedmont Commencement

Future Of College Grads Discussed By Dr. Scales

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Standing room only.

SRO and not much of that was the situation at the First Methodist Church of Morganton during the impressive and beautiful graduating exercises of Western Piedmont Community College Friday night.

An estimated crowd of 1,000 parents and friends of graduates packed the church and spilled over outside after rainy weather caused the commencement to be moved from the college plaza to the church.

Dr. James R. Scales, president of Wake Forest University, discussed predic-

tions for the future of graduates in tough years ahead and challenged them to help 20th century man resist fragmentation.

He was introduced by Dr. G. Maurice Hill, WPCC trustee, following the processional to the music of the chamber orchestra of the Hickory Symphony, the invocation by Rev. James E. Draper, pastor of the Burke - McDowell Methodist Charge, and the WPCC choir giving "With the Voice of Singing." The choir was directed by Mrs. Robert J. Wilkins.

Hill, also a Wake Forest trustee, told of the wide search for an outstanding educator to head Wake Forest. Now after nearly four years Dr. Scales has made trustees and faculty members of his school feel "that truly the time, the job, and the man had met in a manner which

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could only be considered providential."

Dr. Scales titled his speech "To the Rooftops" drawing this from the situation in Great Britain when Sir Winston Churchill advised the citizens of London to come out of the basements and take to the rooftops if they would save historic buildings from much of the fire bomb damage. And this they did.

Speaking of hard problems facing today's graduates, he cited predictions of the class of scholars he termed futurists and trends they see for the country.

At the beginning of the 1960's futurists predicted such things as the breaking of the genetic code, flights to the moon, electronically communal things that seemed wild dreams but which have come true.

He said futurists of 1971 are predicting frightening things — such as man choking on his own pollution and problems of confusion "when the future rushes in before we are ready for it.

For instance —

Daniel Bell of Columbia University lists four structural revolutions through which the world is passing that he thinks will result in permanent rearrangements of the social order by year 2,000.

There are demographic changes involving further urbanizing with three great population centers — Boston - Washington, Chicago - Pittsburgh, San Francisco - San Diego; creation of a national society; creations of a communal society threatening vested rights of private property owners; and creation of a service society that will build on the idea of human capital and a new intellectual technology.

"The burden we lay upon you is heavy, but we are not the first generation in history to suffer culture shock," he said.

Dr. Scales spoke of the great periods of human creativity, in the west — Greek, Roman, Renaissance and Elizabethan age, American Revolution and Federal period, and today the laboring in factories and laboratories as well as in space and under the seas — the beginning of a new era.

"Many today are convinced the end is come and see not the beginning of this new era." Dr. Scales said people today have not developed a philosophy. Let none of us stay in the darkness of trouble and woe," he said.

And then he told the story of Winston Churchill urging Londoners to leave the basements for the rooftops.

H. D. Moretz, dean of the college presented candidates for degrees and diplomas. These were conferred by Dr. Gordon C. Blank, WPCC president and awarded by Miss C. Louise Davis, registrar.

There followed more special music by the Chamber Orchestra; the college choir singing "Let There Be Peace," the benediction by Rev. James G. Bingham, vicar of St. Mary's Episcopal Church; and the recessional by the chamber orchestra.

Associate in arts degrees went to Sheila Lee Ennis, Morganton; Judith Martin Rogers, Marion; Donald Jerome Stewart, all with high honors.

Students graduated with honors with the associate in arts degree were Larry Joseph Griffin, Valdese; Susan Cash Scott, Morganton; and Belinda McGalliard Woody, Valdese.

Associate in arts degrees also went to Guyn Allan Andrews, Hudson; Thomas Henry Biggerstaff, Glen Alpine, Steven Ramsey Black, Morganton; Herman Eugene Buchanan, Marion; Michael Harding Clay, Granite Falls; William Everett Clement, Lenoir; Wanda Nanette Dale, Morganton; James Eugene Draper, Morganton; Samuel Whitener Erwin, Hickory; Sherry Nadine Francum, Morganton; Thomas Vance Hall Jr., Spruce Pine; Stephen Alan Hawkins, Morganton; Cecil Ronald Hicks, Marion; Stephen Bob Kugley, Sevierville, Tennessee; Ford Jackson Leigh II, Morganton; Thomas Alfred Lineberger Jr., Connelly Springs; Teddy Michael Vance McKinney, Spruce Pine; Brenda McNeilly McQuiston, Morganton; Nancy Karen Mosteller, Morganton; Jack Dean Pittman, Marion; Kathryn Ward Price, Granite Falls; William Thomas Prince, Granite Falls; Phillip Leon Ridge, Hickory; Warren Dixon Scott, Glen Alpine; Dan Hubert Shirlen, Marion; Charles Boyd Stroupe, Morganton; Richard Allen Turner, Morganton; Ralph David Walsh Jr., Valdese; Joseph Daniel Whisnant, Morganton; Judy Elaine Winkler, Hickory; Robert Anthony Yancey, Morganton; and John Ellis Zimmerman Jr., Valdese.

Associate in science degrees were given to Anga Whittington Pruette, Lenoir, and Gary Walter Ritchie, Newton, with high honors.

Others who received the Associate in science degrees were James Thomas Bass, Valdese; Martha Jean Boyd, Morganton; Allan Lloyd Childers, Connelly Springs; Bruce Allen Mace, Morganton;

Bronson Ralph Summers Jr., Morganton; and Randall Kean Thomas, Boone.

Those who received the associate in applied science in accounting with honors were David Bruce Duncan, Hickory; Roger James Hyatt, Granite Falls; David Franklin Shook, Hickory; and James Vernon Smith, Morganton.

Associate in applied science in accounting degrees also went to James Olen Angel, Connelly Springs; Janet Elaine Causby, Morganton; Betty Jean Davis, Bakersville; Miles William Glasbrooks, Morganton; Rita Coulter Jeffries, Morganton; and Danny Ray Lavender, Marion.

Claude Norman Williams, Morganton, received the associate in applied science in accounting and business administration with high honors.

Associate in applied science degrees in business administration went to Paul Joseph Jordan, Morganton, with high honors, and to Faye Dale Ross, Morganton, with honors.

Those who received the associate in applied science degrees in business administration were Joseph Thomas Bannon Jr., Morganton; William Randall Bost, Hickory; Kenneth Ray Browning, Morganton; Brenda Gayle Carswell, Morganton; David Blair Clay, Marion; Deborah Lee Green, Morganton; Thomas Howard Herman, Hickory; Naomi Johnson Miller, Morganton; Fred Kenyon Morris III, Morganton; James Michael Murphy, Morganton; Randy Ray Murphy, Morganton; Anthony Warren Nusz, Morganton; Reba Doris Orders, Morganton; William Harold Perry, Hildebran; and Bill Ray Robinson, Spruce Pine.

An associate in applied science degree in executive secretary skills was given to Patricia Marie Shook, Connelly Springs.

An associate in applied science degree as a legal secretary was given to Sandra Kaye McFalls, Marion.

Associate in applied science degrees as medical secretary went to Jo Anne Kincaid, Morganton, and Rita Franklin Stokes, Valdese.

Those who received the associate in applied science in industrial engineering were Charles Henry Buchanan, Connelly Springs; Russell Lambert Huffman, Valdese; Dennis Jarvis McCrary Jr., Lenoir; and Richard Grady

An associate in applied science degree as a medical office assistant went to Roxanne Watkins, Hickory, with high honors.

Associate in applied science degrees in mental health went to Anna Victoria Robinson, Morganton, and Elizabeth Tolan Settlemyre, Valdese, with high honors.

Those receiving the associate in applied science degree in mental health with honors were Thelma Duffey Hollifield, Morganton, Cynthia Leigh Mode, Nebo, and Belinda Inez Wilson, Glen Alpine.

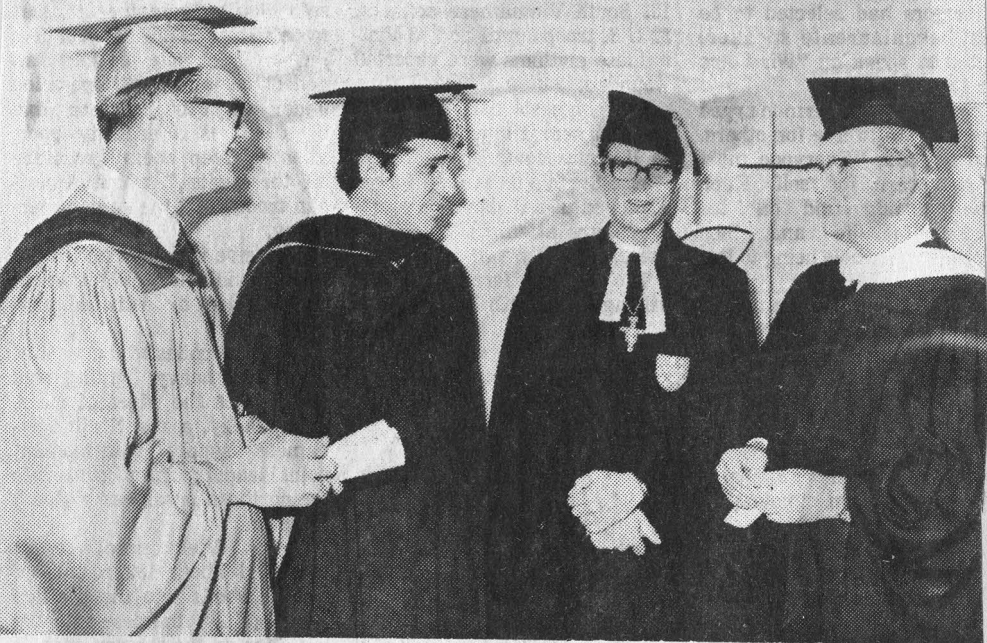
Associate in applied science degrees in mental health were also given to Ray Truett Baker, Morganton, Joyce Watson, Griffin, Hickory, Wilbur Wood Hollifield, Morganton, (posthumously), and Brenda Leafatte Patton, Morganton.

Associate in applied science degrees in nursing went to Etta Isabelle Deal Barus, Valdese, with high honors, James David Berry, Morganton, with honors, Ruth Whisenant Bivens, Morganton, with high honors, Samuel Gene Bowlin, Morganton, Earl Jean Brackett, Hickory, with honors, Jimmy Lewis Bramlett, Shelby, Betty Sue Burleson, Spruce Pine, Judy Yount Butler, Morganton, Helen Clarke Coffey, Lenoir (in absentia), Jean Lackey Hall, Boomer, with high honors, Lois Walsh Harmon, Valdese, Marie Porter Hatton, Boomer, with honors, Kathleen Wright Hildebran, Hildebran, Cathy Lou Hinson, Newton, with high honors, Maretta Elaine Hutchins, Morganton, Clara Jones Linebarrier, Hickory, Betty Hedrick Mahoney, Hickory, with honors, Darel Lynn Malcolm, Rutherford College, Brenda Norris Pendley, Elk Park, Pamela Borcharding Poteat, Morganton, Martha Ann McLean Smith, Morganton, with honors, and Linda Sue Styles, Marion.

Associate in applied science degrees in police science went to Clyde Quitmon Adams, Shelby, Robert Walter Benfield, Glen Alpine, with honors, Forrest Ronnie Hudson, Morganton, with high honors, Ronald David Roberson, Shelby, and Howard Wesley Warren, Hickory, with honors.

A diploma in mechanical drafting went to Robert Richard Hise, Morganton.

Diplomas in medical laboratory assisting went to Debbie Elaine Creson, Morganton, Linda Carswell Lovelace, Morganton, Lillian Jones Setzer, Claremont, and Judy Burkett Stubbs, Morganton, with high honors.



Chief Figures In Commencement Exercises

Dr. J. R. Scales (second from left), president of Wake Forest University, visits with other program participants before the processional for Western Piedmont Community College's graduation exercises at the First United Methodist Church. Left to right: Rev. James E. Draper, pastor of Burke-McDowell Methodist charge and recipient of an associate in arts

degree, who offered the invocation; Dr. Scales, commencement speaker; Rev. James G. Bingham, vicar of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, who pronounced the benediction; and G. Maurice Hill, Western Piedmont trustee and former chairman of the Wake Forest University board, who introduced Dr. Scales. (Staff photo)