

Broyhill to speak at graduation

Congressman Jim Broyhill will be the spring commencement speaker for graduation exercises at Western Piedmont Community College in Morganton in May, college officials have announced.

Commencement exercises will be held on campus May 30. College officials said they expect the number of graduates this year will exceed the almost 200, who with their families and friends, gathered to hear the state Commerce Secretary Howard H. Haworth of Morganton at last year's commencement.

Currently a candidate for the U.S. Senate, Broyhill serves the 10th Congressional District, which covers Burke as well as Avery, Caldwell, Catawba, Cleveland, Gaston and Watauga counties.

He is the ranking minority member of the House Energy and Com-

merce Committee, which has jurisdiction over interstate vehicle safety. Broyhill also serves as a voting member on all Congressional Energy and Interstate Commerce subcommittees.

He is serving his 12th term as a member of the House.

A native of Lenoir, Broyhill is the son of J.E. Broyhill, former Republican National Committeeman from North Carolina. He received his bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and holds an honorary doctor of laws degree from Catawba College in Salisbury.

Before entering the political arena, he served as an executive with Broyhill Furniture Industries of Lenoir and was twice president of the Lenoir Chamber of Commerce.



Jim Broyhill