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## Broyhill Opposes Park Fees

Congressman James T. Broyhill of North Carolina's 9th District vigorously opposes any attempt by the Federal government to impose user fees on the Blue Ridge Parkway or the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The statement came when Broyhill appeared before the House Interior and Insular Affairs Committee which began consideration of President Kennedy's plan to charge fees in national parks and forests to create a conservation fund.

The North Carolina Republican pointed out that most of the land for the Parkway was acquired from private individuals with the understanding that no fees or tolls would be imposed. When North Carolina and Tennessee deeded land for the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, he said, specific promises were made by the Federal government assuring that the Park would be freely available to all.

Pointing out that the Blue Ridge Parkway is intersected by 25 U. S. highways and 600 entrances, "the road in many areas provides the only means of passage through mountainous terrain," Broyhill declared. He also explained that virtually all of the roads in the national forests in and near the Parkway were constructed and maintained by the State of North Carolina. "To impose tolls now," he argued, "would amount to charging the people for driving over their own roads."

Broyhill also expressed concern over the "punitive" nature of the President's plan and strongly urged that Congress be cautious about the grant of power to the Secretary of the Interior. As the legislation is now written, he contended, a motorist stopping at a roadside table or a scenic overlook can be forced to purchase an auto sticker. "If he failed to pay," the Congressman continued, "he would find himself faced with a \$500 fine and six months in jail."

## Rotary Berry Sale Friday

The Boone Rotary Club will have its annual strawberry sale at 4 o'clock Friday, June 7th on the A & P parking lot.

The Club buys strawberry plants and gives them to boys and girls of Watauga county. At first harvest each boy or girl brings in one case of berries to be judged and then sold.

The proceeds from the sale are used by the Rotary Club to buy other plants which are given to other boys and girls so they may in turn start their own strawberry production.

## Dr. Graham To Visit City

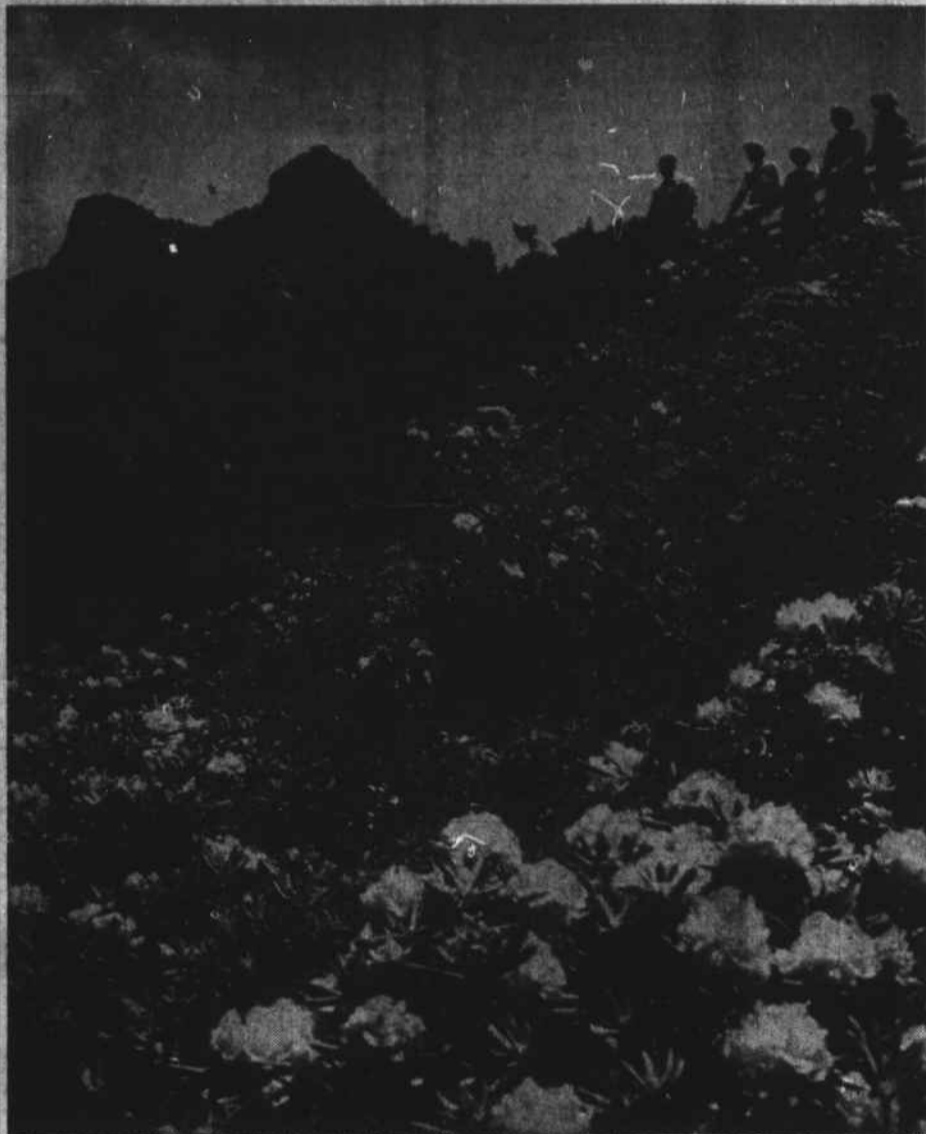
Dr. Frank Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina, and special adviser to the United Nations, will attend the Tercentenary celebration in Boone, June 29th. Mr. Herman W. Wilcox has been advised. Details will be made public when received.

## Blowing Rock Will Be Given ABC Vote, If Proposal Passes

Raleigh—A bill authorizing an ABC election for the mountain resort town of Blowing Rock was introduced in the House Monday night.

The legislation was put in by Rep. Clyde Harris of Rowan, who has a summer home in Blowing Rock.

The bill was cosigned by Rep. Earl Tate, of Caldwell, an adjoining county which contains a part of Blowing Rock. Watauga's Republican Rep. J. E. Holshouser Jr. did not



### Red Rhododendron

Grandfather Mountain has already burst forth in its spring splendor of red rhododendron, flame azalea, and mountain laurel, and for the next few weeks the colorful show will continue throughout the Great Smokies and the Blue Ridge.

## Morton To Appear At Chamber Meet Tues. FCX Robbery Probe Finds Two Suspects

Hugh Morton, owner of Grandfather Mountain, will be in charge of the membership program of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at noon next Tuesday, June 11, at the Daniel Boone Inn.

Mr. Morton will present a "slide show" entitled "Photography in Public Relations." A member of the North Carolina Photographers Association, he has won many awards for his photographic work.

One of the leading developers of the tourist industry in the Holiday Highlands, Mr. Morton was a key man in bringing to the State the battleship North Carolina, which has become one of the State's most popular attractions.

Mr. H. W. Wilcox says that a report will be brought on the

## Optimists Are Behind Little League Efforts

Little League baseball in the county will again be sponsored by the Boone Optimists Club, and Mr. Ron Whittaker will be in charge of the program.

A meeting will be held Thursday, June 6, at 3 p. m. at College Field, when all those interested in taking part in the Little League will get application forms.

In the meantime, forms are also available at Boone Drug Co., Carolina Pharmacy, Boone Insurance Agency, and Flowers Photo Shop, Mr. Whittaker said.

possibility of another industry for Boone, and a full membership attendance is requested.

Each new member will receive a new Professional and Business Guide, and the new area folder may be available for distribution at that time.

## BULLETIN

Flames raced through the rear basement portion of the Rivers building next to the Democrat office late Tuesday afternoon and resulted in considerable damage to the structure and to the equipment and merchandise of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company.

Firemen arrived almost immediately and brought the blaze under control.

The building, formerly occupied by the Watauga Hardware Company, and which soon is to be incorporated into the Watauga Democrat plant, had been used for a month by the shoe manufacturing people for training prospective employees in their manufacturing processes. It housed a good deal of new machinery, shoes, and raw materials.

No estimates as to the losses incurred by R. C. Rivers, owner of the building, or by the Shoe Company had been made late Tuesday when the Democrat went to press.

### Summer Visitors Arrive

Mr. and Mrs. Guy H. Goodman arrived Tuesday of last week from Sarasota, Fla. to spend the summer and fall in their home on Route 3, Boone.

Watauga County Sheriff Dallas Cheek told the Democrat this week the investigation of the \$300 robbery of the FCX store is continuing and that two suspects have been or are being brought to Boone for interrogation.

Neither suspect was named, but Sheriff Cheek said that one was apprehended in Kansas. Another is already in Boone, he said.

State Bureau of Investigation officer Charles Whitman is assisting the sheriff's office in the investigation, as is the Boone Police Department.

The robbery occurred Sunday, May 19, sometime between 6:30 p. m. and 7 a. m. Monday. The thieves had forced their way through a back door of the firm, rolled the heavy safe out the rear exit, and hauled the safe in an FCX truck to the state hot-mix establishment three miles out of Boone on N. C. 105.

There they forced the doors of the safe off and took more than \$300 in cash and checks. The FCX robbery is but one of a rash of robberies in the Boone-Blowing Rock area within recent weeks. More than \$350 worth of guns and ammunition were taken from the Parkway Hardware Store three weeks ago; an automobile was stolen on Boone's main street last week; and several summer homes have been burglarized in recent weeks.

## Sen. Johnston In Hospital

Winston-Salem, June 4 — State Senator Ira T. Johnston of Ashe County is a patient at Baptist Hospital where he expects to have surgery sometime this week.

Johnston said last night that he stopped by the hospital Friday for an examination. Physicians, he said, told him he could not return to Raleigh and his duties with the General Assembly because he needs surgery that should not be delayed any longer than necessary.

Johnston did not say what the surgery would be. A veteran legislator, he is chairman of the Committee on Retirement and Employment Security.

## REGISTRATION STARTS TODAY

# Summer Enrollment Of 2,500 Is Seen At ASTC

## All Women's Dorm Space Is Reserved

Officials at Appalachian State Teachers College are predicting a record-breaking summer enrollment of 2,500, according to Dr. James Stone, director of summer sessions, in a statement issued today on the eve of registration.

Registration begins at 8 a. m. Thursday. Classes meet for the first time Friday at 7:30 a. m. According to Dr. Stone, classes will be held this Saturday—the only Saturday when classes will be held in either summer term.

Of the 2,500 first-term students, approximately 400 will be enrolled in two-week workshops, 50 will be June high school graduates entering as first-quarter freshmen, 700 graduate students, 120 students from other colleges who will transfer credits earned at ASTC to their respective institutions, and 1,000 of ASTC's own undergraduates who are accelerating their college programs.

Last year 1,892 persons were enrolled in regular classes and approximately 400 participated in the workshops. The 1962 enrollment for both sessions totaled 4,711. This year more than 5,000 are expected.

Dr. Stone stated that about one-third of this year's student body will be on the ASTC campus for their first time.

To assist persons with finding their ways around the campus and town, an information booth is being set up and operated by members of the Student Council, according to Dr. Stone. The booth will be located near the Administration Building and the new science building.

The summer sessions director said that all of the women dormitory rooms have been reserved and that all but a few of the men dorm rooms have been filled. The few vacancies which exist are in Newland Hall.

A portion of Newland has been reserved for high school students who will be participating in the summer science institute.

Housing in town and nearby communities is termed "pretty good" by Dr. Stone. He noted, though, that married people with small children might have difficulty in finding suitable places to rent.

With the influx of summer (Continued on page eight)

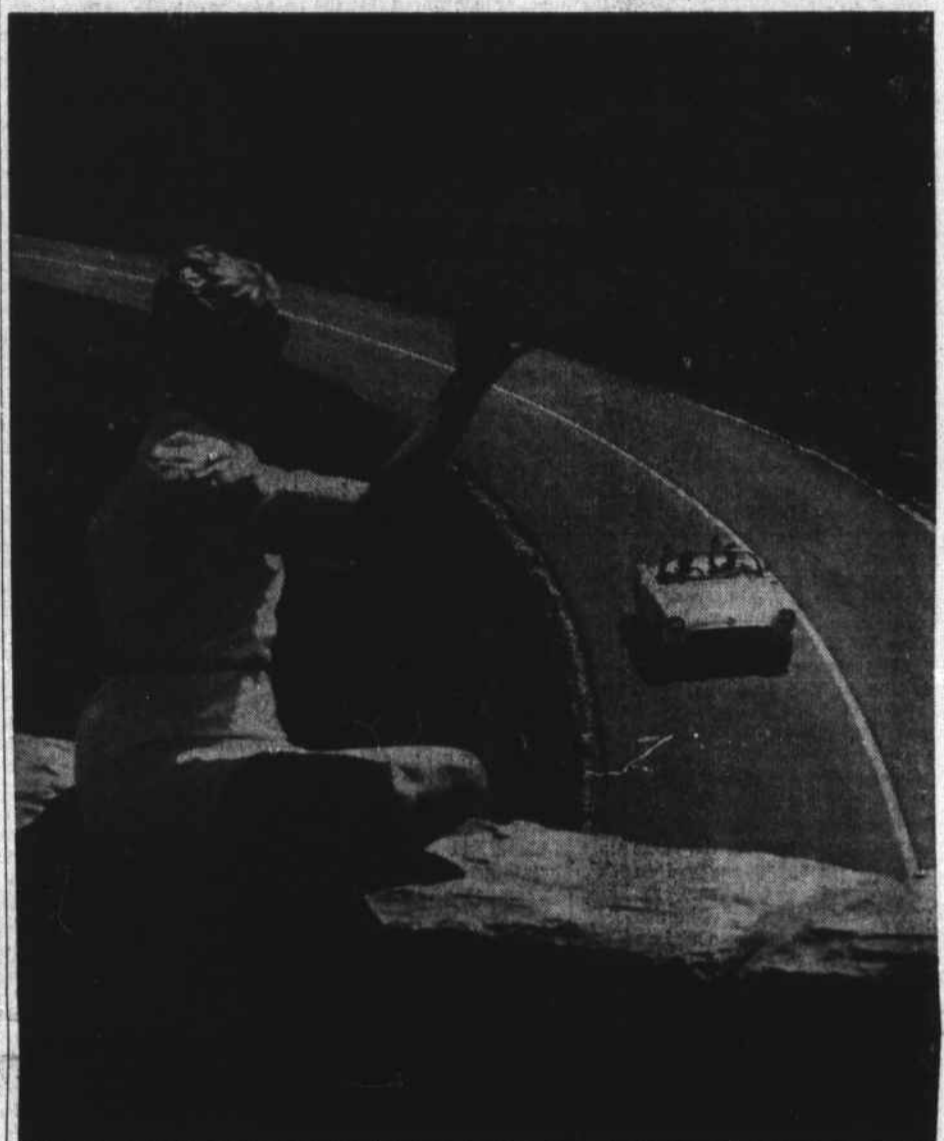
## School Board Election Bill Passes House

A proposal for non-partisan school board elections in Watauga county sailed through the House of Representatives Friday.

Proposed by Representative J. E. Holshouser, Jr., the bill would extend the school board from three to five and set up non-partisan elections, taking the county out of the statewide law which provides for General Assembly appointment of the school boards.

Holshouser, a Republican, won routine approval of his bill in the House, and it is now in Senate committee.

Proponents of the Watauga bill say it is needed in order to give a proposed school-consolidation bond referendum a better chance of passage. Some Republicans in this closely contested county contend they must have representation on the board in order to get behind the school program.



## Welcome To Watauga

Sunshine, a balmy breeze, and a friendly hello greets the Parkway traveler and his companion as they approach an underpass near Trout Lake, a few miles south of Boone, near Blowing Rock. The tourist sea-

son gains momentum each day in the Holiday Highlands, and with the coming of June, tourism is approaching full bloom.—Staff photo.

## Angell Releases Survey On Crowded Conditions At AHS

In connection with the forthcoming school (and county hospital) election which comes before the Watauga voters early this autumn, superintendent of schools W. Guy Angell, in a report to the Democrat, commented on problems arising as a result of increasing enrollments at Appalachian High School.

Enrollment of Appalachian High has gradually increased during the past few years and has created an overcrowded condition in a building designed in 1933 to house 350 to 400 students.

The following enrollment figures illustrate the large increases since 1960 and the projected enrollment, unless adjustments are made, for the next two years:

Year	Enrollment
1960-61	503
1961-62	524

## Convention Proposal Defeated In Senate

The Senate Committee on Election Laws and Legislative Representation has killed a bill designed to take Watauga County out of the statewide primary law and to require that Democratic party nominees for local and State offices be selected by party convention.

The measure was introduced by Representative Clyde Harris of Salisbury and Blowing Rock, and passed the House. The Senate committee voted unanimously to give the bill an unfavorable report.

1962-63	576
1963-64	659
1964-65	713

Superintendent Angell continues, "Since more and more people are leaving the rural areas and moving into the town of Boone and its environs, the projected figures for the years 1963-64 and 1964-65 are probably underestimated."

"This assumption is further substantiated by the influx of new industry into the center of the county and the rapid growth of Appalachian College."

Describing the physical facilities of Appalachian High, it is pointed out in the report that the physical plant includes 16 classrooms, two labs, one home ec department, one agriculture department, a library (seating capacity of 35), a gymnasium (seating capacity of 520), two small rest rooms for boys, two

small rest rooms for girls, and three small office spaces for principal, assistant principal, and counselor.

In order for school officials to house an anticipated increase of 80 to 100 students this autumn, it would be necessary to provide a minimum of four additional classrooms, the report states.

Every available space, included. (Continued on page eight)

## Our Golden Honor Roll

Mrs. G. W. Welch of Mount Zion Road, Ferguson, N. C. had her Democrat renewed last week by Mrs. G. O. Triplett of Deep Gap. The letter says:

"Mrs. Welch has been a reader of your paper most of its 75 years, if not always in her name to someone in the family. A daughter of the late J. E. Luther, Sr., Mrs. Welch spent her early life in Watauga county, going to Wilkes county in 1901 where she has resided in the Mount Zion community since that time.

"She will celebrate her 93rd birthday anniversary June 16th and still enjoys reading the Watauga Democrat. Best wishes for another 75 years in the newspaper business."

To one of our oldest readers the Democrat makes its best bow, with sincere appreciation for the loyalty of the past, with congratulations for her upcoming birthday, and with sincere good wishes always.