



Dr. Ford Philpot, nationally known evangelist whose television program has been seen coast-to-coast in color, will deliver the principal sermon at Grandfather Mountain for the 39th annual "Singing on the Mountains" Sunday. Musical personalities also on the program are Joe Emerson, Howard Whitmore, George Hamilton IV, The Rangers, Miles Cooper's Melody Masters, and the Christian Heirs Quartet. No admission is charged at the all-day "sing."

## DR. PHILPOT IS FEATURED

# Thousands To Gather For Annual Grandfather Sing



## In Path Of Uncontrolled Truck

Car in foreground was one of those in the path of the truck (background) which rolled through Boone, after it went out of control Friday evening.—Staff photo Rivers.

# Nearly A Score Injured In Week End Rash Of Accidents

A rash of automobile accidents on Watauga County roads left nearly a score of persons injured, half a dozen cars demolished, and damage mounting up to several thousands of dollars, according to investigating officers George Baker and W. D. Teem of the State Highway Patrol.

In one instance, a runaway lumber truck careened out of control through Boone's downtown area Friday evening, demolishing four cars and damaging four others before flipping upside-down near the entrance to the First Baptist Church where hundreds of small children were attending Bible School. No one was seriously injured.

Another accident left 11 persons injured, some rather seriously. Several other persons were injured in separate accidents, all occurring between Thursday and Sunday.

Dense fog and heavy rain was blamed for most of the acci-

ents. Because of mounting bookwork in connection with the accidents, Patrolmen Baker and Teem were not able to give full details on all wrecks in the county during the past week. In some instances, investigation was pending at the time of this publication.

**Runaway Truck**  
The runaway truck which sped out of control almost the entire length of Boone's main street before striking the first car, was operated by A. E. Shell of Ferguson. The truck, hauling lumber, was owned by V. M. Church and Sons Lumber Company of Millers Creek.

Shell later told officer Baker that the truck's brakes gave way "near Fox's (Phillips 66) Service Station" at the edge of Boone. By the time it passed through the first red light near the Democrat building, it is thought the truck was traveling around 55 miles per hour. One bystander estimated the

truck's speed past the downtown theater at 80 miles per hour, but no official confirmation of such speed was made.

Policeman Harry Suddreth, who moments beforehand had pulled into the loading zone in front of Crest's Dime Store, saw the truck through his rear-view mirror. As the truck flashed by his parked cruiser, Suddreth swung in behind the truck and began blowing his siren.

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## Enrollment Plan Altered

Plans for the establishment of a ninth grade at Parkway School, which would include students there and at Green Valley, have been changed, according to word reaching the Democrat. Consequently ninth graders from Green Valley and Parkway will come to Appalachian High School as formerly.

Linville.—The fourth Sunday in June has long been circled on the calendars of mountain folks in the Southern Highlands because that is the traditional date of the biggest event of the year—"Singing on the Mountain" at Grandfather Mountain. Thousands upon thousands of people will gather high on the slopes of Grandfather on June 23 to take part in the all-day event which this year will feature Dr. Ford Philpot of Lexington, Ky.

Also scheduled to appear will be Joe Emerson, "Dean of America's Gospel Singers"; George Hamilton IV, star of the Grand Ole Opry; Howard Whitmore, song leader for Dr. Philpot's evangelistic team; The Rangers Quartet of Charlotte; Miles Cooper's "Melody Masters Quartet" of Asheville; and the Christian Heirs Quartet of Cleveland, Ohio.

"Singing on the Mountain" originated in 1925 as a Bible class outing under the direction of Joe Hartley Sr., and has been held every year since. This year Mr. Hartley, who is now 92 years old, will once again serve as chairman of the event, just as he has for every previous sing.

Dr. Philpot, who will preach the annual sermon at 2 p. m., is a Kentucky native and produced the first religious color (continued on page four)

## Picnic Planned As Fitting Climax Gay Celebration

An old time picnic in connection with the June 29th celebration is being planned by a committee headed by Stanley A. Harris, and is to be held on the Horn in the West grounds at 6:30 p. m.

A hundred or more guests from outside Watauga county, including former Governor Luther Hodges, Dr. Frank Garham, a member of the British embassy and others, including officials of the North Carolina Garden Clubs, will be present, and the picnic is designed to add color and interest to the warm welcome which will be extended to the many guests.

Mr. Harris requests that at least 200 families in the county come and bring a picnic dinner, consisting of whatever one would like to prepare. Those who plan to come and bring baskets are asked to call Mr. Harris at 294-3977.

## Bell Telephone Equipment Used In New Program

Heartbeats of a patient at the Watauga Hospital in Boone can now be studied instantly by a heart specialist thirty miles away in Lenoir, N. C.

The heartbeats in the form of an electrocardiogram are transmitted by special telephone equipment over telephone wires.

"It is the first time such a service has been used in North Carolina," W. R. Cooke, Southern Bell manager in Lenoir, said today. "The principle is the same as that employed by NASA to check bodily functions of our astronauts while in orbit."

An electrocardiogram, or EKG, which records the changes in electrical potential occurring during heartbeats, is used to determine abnormalities in the heart muscle and to help in the diagnosis of a heart attack.

The fifty-bed Watauga Hospital is served by a local, active staff of seven physicians; but, like many small-town hospitals, it has no cardiologist specially training in the "reading," or analysis, or electrocardiograms. Until now, the local hospital had to send EKG tracings to Lenoir for analysis, usually by (continued on page four)

## Unopposed City Slate Elected In Boone Vote

An unopposed Democratic slate was re-elected Tuesday in Boone in light voting.

Mayor Wade E. Brown received 101 votes, Councilmen were elected with the votes as indicated: Conrad Yates 100, Harry Hamilton 99, Howard Cottrell 100. Former Mayor Gordon H. Winkler got one vote, the only write-in ballot to be tallied.

No Republican ticket was nominated this year.

## Food Congress Delegates Will Arrive Today

Delegates to the World Food Congress that adjourned in Washington Tuesday will visit Watauga county today (Thursday).

The visitors will arrive by bus and are bringing along motion picture technicians in order to have a pictorial recording of their visit in Watauga.

Thirty nations will be represented by these people, all of whom are connected with food production, processing or distribution in their respective countries.

The visitors will arrive at Deep Gap at 10:30 and have lunch at the Parkway picnic area. They will travel to Boone by way of the Parkway to Cook's Gap, to Boone Golf Course, Tweetsie Railway, I. E. C., and Shadowline. They will visit ASTC campus, the Shipley farm at Vilas and come back to the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Grady Farthing at Perkinsville.

The group will have dinner at 6:30 at the Daniel Boone Inn. There will be a program on rural development work in Watauga and some special entertainment.

The delegates will spend the night in Boone and pay a visit to Mountain City, Tenn., Friday morning.

## FIRST IN CAROLINA

# Heartbeats In Boone To Be Studied In Lenoir



DR. HADLEY WILSON SENDS PATIENT'S "MESSAGE" BY PHONE . . .



. . . TO DR. FREDRICK A. THOMPSON IN LENOIR LABORATORY

# Bi-Partisan Board Education In Watauga Passes Assembly

The bill, introduced by Representative Holshouser, which adds two Republican members to the present three-member Board of Education in Watauga county, and which allows the

board to determine whether their successors shall be named by direct vote of the people, was ratified last Thursday.

The bill confirms the appointment of incumbents Dr. Charles Davant, H. W. Mast, Jr., and Grady Moretz, Jr., as made in the current omnibus bill (terms from first Monday in April 1963), Dr. Davant to serve for six years, Mr. Mast for four years, and Mr. Moretz for two years.

In addition to members named in the omnibus bill, John H. Hollar and F. D. Bumgardner are named for two-year terms.

The new law provides that at the general election in 1964 there may be elected three members of the Board of Edu-

cation for terms designated as two years, but only if resolution approving election shall be filed with State Board of Education and adopted by the County Board of Education by first Monday in April 1964, and if the six and three-year terms (continued on page four)

## Blowing Rock ABC Bill Killed

Raleigh.—A proposed liquor referendum for the tourist mecca of Blowing Rock in Watauga County, was killed Wednesday by the House Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

Opponents made it clear they voted against the bill primarily because it was not introduced by the county's representative, J. E. Holshouser, Jr., but by Rep. Clyde Harris of Rowan.

Harris, a Democrat and an influential legislator who has a summer home at Blowing Rock, wanted the town to vote on an ABC store, which he said would be a boon to the tourist trade. Holshouser, a Republican and a House freshman, opposed the bill.

Holshouser argued that most of the county's residents were opposed to a liquor referendum even though there is sentiment for it in Blowing Rock. He said the General Assembly's traditional policy of leaving local legislation to local representatives should be upheld.

## Williams To Be Celebration MC

Dr. Cratis Williams will be master of ceremonies for the entertainment which will begin at 1:30, immediately following the big parade on June 29. Fred Kirby of WBTV, Charlotte, Jeff Wilson, editor of Tarheel Wheels Magazine, impersonations and presentation of Miss Rhododendron of 1964 will be special features.

This precedes the speech by Secretary of Commerce Luther Hodges which is scheduled for 2 o'clock.

## Tax Needs For Proposed Bonds To Be Given Out

Readers of the Democrat have been seeking information as to how much tax money will be required to service the hospital and central school bonds, presuming that they are approved by the people at an election to be held at an undetermined date between now and the end of September.

Bynum Greene, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Commissioners told the Democrat Monday afternoon that this information would be made available for publication the first of July.

The current tax rate based on 45 per cent of the new valuation has been fixed tentatively at 80 cents per hundred dollars valuation. However, this figure does not include the servicing costs for any new bond issue, and only reflects the probable tax base for this year.