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## From The White House . . . Comes Letter Of Greetings

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 19, 1963

Dear Mr. Rivers:

During your 75th Anniversary year, I am very pleased to extend warm congratulations to you, the members of the staff of the Watauga Democrat, and the people of North Carolina whom the Rivers family have been serving so faithfully and with such distinction for so many years.

Newspapers, such as the Watauga Democrat, are more than media for reporting and interpreting local, national and international news. They are a vital part of our American heritage, a moving force in our political liberty, and a tangible symbol of the freedom of man's thoughts and spirit. Your newspaper has been a responsible spokesman for the democratic principles of liberty and justice and has made many thoughtful contributions over the years to these ideals.

With every good wish to you and your staff for a memorable anniversary and for many more years of effective service to your readers.

Sincerely,

Mr. Robert C. Rivers  
Editor  
Watauga Democrat  
Boone, North Carolina

## FIVE IN HOSPITAL

# 20 Hurt As School Bus Leaves Road

### All Students Are Brought To Hospital

Twenty school children received minor injuries and five were hospitalized, when the bus in which they were riding left the highway and tumbled 67 feet down an embankment on the Howard's Creek road, about ten miles from Boone.

The accident occurred Monday morning at 7:15 as the school bus which was transporting children to Green Valley Elementary School and Appalachian High School got too close to the edge of the narrow road as it passed a pickup, the shoulder gave way, and the vehicle rolled down the embankment, landing on its side after apparently turning over one and three-quarter times. The bus was driven by William Lee Brewer, 16.

Two ambulances and other vehicles brought all the children to Watauga Hospital for examination. All were dismissed but five, who were yet patients at the hospital Tuesday. They are:

- Morris Penley, 15, scalp cuts.
- Geneva Jones, 10, knee lacerations.
- Norma Eggers, 15, scalp cuts.
- Wanda Brown, 15, cuts of right ear, right ankle injuries.
- J. D. Eggers, no diagnosis listed.
- Highway Patrol officer W. D. Teem, who investigated the accident, said no charges would be brought.



### School Bus

Above is shown bottom side of the school bus which rolled from the Howard's Creek Road Monday morning as it gathered up its student passengers for Green Valley Elementary and Appalachian High Schools. Left, picture from front of the bus as it laid on its side, showing children's papers, etc., strewn in the interior of the ill-fated vehicle.—Photos by Flowers Photo Shop.

### Bus Driver Meetings Set

C. G. Billings of Boone, with the Safety Division of the State Department of Motor Vehicles, will hold a series of meetings with the school bus drivers at the different schools in the county next week.

The meetings will be in the nature of schooling the drivers to the hazards of roads, weather, etc., and will be attended by Ray Moretz, Chief School bus mechanic for the county.

Subsequent meetings will be held in Ashe, Avery and Mitchell Counties, Mr. Billings said.

### Bardens Hurt In Crash At Yadkinville

Yadkinville—A Boone man and wife were hospitalized with injuries late Saturday night after their car struck the rear of a pickup truck on U. S. 421 south of here.

Dr. John Glenn Barden, professor at Appalachian State Teachers College, was at Lula Conrad Hoots Memorial Hospital in Yadkinville last night. His injuries were not believed serious.

Mrs. Imogene Barden, 59, was in satisfactory condition with a fractured hip and lacerations at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem.

Patrolman J. R. Rouse said the Bardens' 1957 Chevrolet was traveling west on the highway when it struck the rear of a Ford pickup truck which was stopped in the road.

The accident occurred about 11:50 p. m. The driver of the truck, Mrs. Helen Pardue of Cycle, had no visible injuries, the patrolman said.

The couple was returning from a vacation in Delaware.

### Green Valley Folks Protest Roads, Packed School Buses

Citizens of the Green Valley School district met at Rich Mountain Church Monday evening to discuss road conditions and the selection of bus drivers by the Board of Education.

Mr. Wilford McNeill was elected chairman of the group, and Mrs. Walter Siemering is in charge of publicity. Eighty-five interested citizens attended the meeting Monday night. They voted unanimously to keep their children out of school until road conditions could be improved and a more experienced driver could be obtained. Also, they agreed overcrowded conditions on buses will no longer be tolerated. Mrs. Siemering stated that sometimes 60 and 70 children are placed on a bus made to accommodate only 30 children.

Another meeting was called for Tuesday night and Mr. John Marsh, principal of Green Valley School, and Mr. Guy Angell, county school superintendent, were invited to attend.

### Former School Officials Are Honored; Dr. Carroll Speaks

Forty-five former superintendents and school board members were honored with a special program and social hour Friday evening, in the auditorium of the Appalachian Elementary School.

Special music was provided by the Appalachian High School Band under the direction of James Sugert, band director.

The Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., pastor of the Boone Presbyterian Church, gave the invocation.

D. Grady Moretz, Jr., member of the Watauga County Board of Education, extended a special welcome to the honorees, members of the immediate families, and other guests.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, delivered the main address. Dr. Carroll was introduced by Dr. D. J. Whitener, Dean, Appalachian State Teachers College.

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### Funds Sought To Restore Old School

Donations for the restoration of the old Shulls Mills School House are being received at the Democrat office, Watauga Savings & Loan Association and the Northwestern Bank.

Persons interested in restoring the old school as a museum on the grounds of the Daniel Boone Theatre are invited to make small cash donations toward the project.

The old school building has been partially restored. It is under roof and out of the weather. The door and windows are all in place. The next project is to construct a chimney out of native field stone and to repaint the blackboards on the inside walls.

An effort will be made to secure furniture and seats for the school house as soon as funds are available. The furnishings will be of the 1890 vintage.

To date contributions have been received from the following: Dr. D. J. Whitener, Bob Allen, J. C. Goodnight, Larry Penley, Rob Rivers, Barnard Dougherty, Glenn Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. McCoy Moretz of Char.

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### Jaycees Will Tour Town In Vote Campaign

The Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct a door to door canvass of the town of Boone Thursday evening, August 29, as a part of the get out and vote on September 17th campaign.

Everyone is asked to cooperate in this effort so that an accurate indication of the support for the bond issues can be obtained.

This is a part of the Boone Jaycees over-all program to promote the school and hospital bond issues.

## Register Books For Election Now Open; Officials Listed

Registration books for the school-hospital bond election to be held in Watauga County September 17, opened at the various polling places in the county Saturday.

The books will remain open on Saturday August 31, and

### Alumni Day Set At AHS

Alumni Day at Appalachian High School has been set for Friday, August 30. Members of the 1963 graduating class will be guests of the school at a special assembly program at 1:00 p. m. Copies of the school yearbook will be distributed during the afternoon.

The Alumni Day dance honoring 1963 graduates and others who are interested will be held in the school gymnasium on Friday night from 8 to 11 p. m. Arrangements for the dance are being made by members of the student council. Committee chairmen in charge of plans are Phil Hampton, Patty Payne, Jeanette Wagner, Martha Moretz, and Frank Hayes.

Saturday September 7, and voters may register up to the 7th also at the respective homes of the Registrars. Saturday September 14 will be challenge day.

It is required, says Elections Board Chairman R. T. Greer, that the same election officials who served in the general election last year, hold the bond election. When the Commissioners had been told they were to hold the election, slight changes had been made in the local boards, says Mr. Greer, who releases the following corrected list of those who will conduct the balloting. The first named in each case is the Registrar, the second the Democrat Judge and the third the Republican Judge:

Bald Mountain: John H. Ragan, John T. Trivette, Leslie E. Norris.

Beaver Dam: Fred Tester, John Ward, Ray Stout.

Blue Ridge: R. C. Greene, Lida R. Coffey, George Keller.

Blowing Rock: Daniel Klutz, Charlie Hatton, Marion Ford.

Boone: George Thomas, Custer Wallace, Ralph G. Greene.

Brushy Fork: M. J. Williams, Clyde Tester, Ralph Wilson.

Cove Creek: W. D. Mast, Frank Thomas.  
Elk: Mrs. Glenn Triplett, Bessie Triplett, V. C. Cox.  
Laurel Creek: Ron Norris, Aud Ward, William Rominger.  
Meat Camp No. 1: Worth Wineberger, Willard Norris, W. C. Byers.

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### Father Of Dr. Erneston Dies

Mr. E. C. "Gus" Erneston of Greenwood, S. C., died Sunday afternoon at his home. Mr. Erneston was born January 17, 1888 in Petras, Greece, to Ernest and Maria Erneston.

In 1917 Mr. Erneston came to America and lived until 1938 in Salisbury, N. C. Since that time, he has resided in Greenwood, S. C.

Besides Dr. Erneston of Boone, he is survived by his widow; one daughter, Mrs. Mary Savvas of High Point; a son, George of Greenwood; nine grandchildren and one brother, Chris Erneston, of West Palm Beach, Fla.

Services were held Wednesday in Greenwood.

## Marsh Urges Wataugans To Vote For Hospital Bond Issue

"Would you make an investment of \$500,000 if you could receive \$1 million as a free gift?"

James Marsh, chairman of the Hospital Steering Committee of Watauga County, today urged Wataugans to vote "Yes" for the \$500,000 Hospital Bond Issue.

He said that for many years the people of Watauga County have been faced with the issue of providing adequate hospital facilities. This is the first time that a golden opportunity has presented itself to the fine cit-

izens in total and to each one as individuals.

"We must take the hospital issue as a personal matter but even more important we must make the approach of what it will do for every citizen of the county. Watauga County has been able to secure some industry that has given much needed employment to many of the fine young men and women of the county. All of these industries have asked the question—what about your hospital facilities?"

Marsh declared that city and county officials have been un-

able to adequately answer the questions about hospital facilities. But through a "yes" vote for the hospital bond issue on September 17, the citizens of the county can provide the answer by making possible a first class hospital.

"A new hospital will open the door for other industries to locate in the county. This will also provide additional employment for the citizens of Watauga.

"For only 13½ cent increase per \$100 on your county taxes, (continued on page six)

### ASC Voting Plans Made

Farmers of Watauga County are being urged to take part in the election of their local ASC community committee who will administer ASCS programs in 1964. These committees will take office October 1. The importance of these elections cannot be overemphasized. The election will be held again this year by mail. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on record on or before Sept. 3. Voters will be informed to vote for 5 persons from the list of nominees who were selected by farmer petitions and present community committees and placed on the ballots.

An announcement by Vaughn Tugman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee Chairman, points out that this annual election is one in which all eligible farmers have an opportunity to select the best men available for this work as ASC committee members. By doing this they help assure good service to themselves and sound administration of ASCS farm programs in their community and county.

The ASC community committee to be elected consists of three regular members and two alternates. The chairman, vice chairman and regular member of the elected committee will serve respectively as delegate, alternate delegate, and second alternate delegate to the county (Continued on page six)