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Bond Parade Slated

Everyone who is interested in the bond election success is invited to join in the parade Sept. 16th to get out the vote for September 17th, beginning in Boone at Horn in the West parking lot, and traveling through each township in the county.

- 10:30—Horn in the West parking lot.
11:15—Blowing Rock Appalachian Motel.
11:25—Camp Yonahlossee.
11:35—Foscoe Cash Store.
11:55—Matney voting place.
12:05—Mast's Store, Valle Crucis, for cold drinks.
12:15—Leave Valle Crucis.
12:25—Vilas.
12:27—Cove Creek Super Market, taking Highway 321 down river.
12:40—Turn right onto new Bethel road.
12:50—Bethel school.
1:05—Cove Creek High School.
1:15—Mabel school.
1:20—Zionville—Max Miller's Service Station.
1:22—Trade, Tennessee, Post Office, turning right and entering North Fork.
1:30—North Fork voting place. Follow 1340 and enter Meat Camp Township.
1:50—Meat Camp Service Station—Turn left on Highway 194.
2:00—Green Valley School—Voting places for Meat Camp.
2:15—Bald Mountain voting place.
2:25—Brownwood. Enter Highway 421 and turn left—Stony Fork.
2:35—Deep Gap—Myers Parkway Motel.
2:55—Elk voting place.
3:30—Take old fish hatchery road. Turn left at Highway 1513.
3:45—Turn right at Highway 1523—this takes you right into golf course. Turn right State Farm Road and back to 421, at Freezer Locker building.
3:55—Parade through King Street, Boone.
An announcement concerning the parade says:
"Won't it be fun to see so much of Watauga County.
"Have your car tanks full. Bring a sandwich or two to eat on the way. If you like, you may make a placard to stick on the side of your car, expressing how you feel about merits of the bond election, Sept. 17th. Bring noise makers—cow bells, horns and whistles. Bring high spirits (not the liquid variety). Come one, come all to join in the parade for the progress for Watauga County!"



In Fatal Collision

This is what remained of the 1961 Pontiac Monday morning in a head-on collision seven miles from Boone.—Flowers photo.

One Killed In Crash On 421

Watauga County's first highway fatality of 1963 occurred at 10:15 Monday morning when a 1961 Pontiac Station Wagon operated by Spiro Nicholas Glaros, 29, of 2103 Maywood Street, Greensboro, and a 1958 International truck tractor operated by George Lester Roberson, 27, of RFD 1, Adairsville, Ga., collided head-on on Highway U. S. 421, 7.1 miles west of Boone.

Glaros, who was dead on arrival at the Watauga Hospital, was pinned in the station wagon for about 30 minutes.

Roberson was admitted to the hospital with a dislocated kneecap, facial and internal injuries.

Charges are pending further investigation, according to State Highway Patrolman W. R. Teem.



Photo by Flowers' Photo Shop MRS. HOWARD DANCY

Mrs. Dancy To Attend Meet In Washington

Mrs. Howard Dancy of Vilas will represent Watauga County Home Demonstration Clubs at the Eighteenth National Conference on Citizenship in Washington, D. C. The conference will begin on September 16 and close September 18.

Mrs. Dancy is a member of the Brushy Fork Home Demonstration Club. She is at present secretary and treasurer of the club. Mrs. Dancy is a very active member of the Brushy Fork Baptist Church. She is manager of Bill's Shoe Store in Boone.

The keynote address will be given by Colonel John H. Glenn Jr., astronaut. His topic will be American Citizenship—Showcase For Freedom. Mr. Jeffrey J. Radowich, national winner in the V.F.W.'s "Voice of Democracy" contest, will speak on "What America Means to Me." Naturalization Proceeding and Citizenship Day Observance will be held on the Washington Monument Grounds. The group will be entertained by the United States Air Force, Navy and Army Bands.

Visit With Clines

Sunday visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline were Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Osborne, David and Ginger and Miss Sharon Parsons of Mouth-of-Wilson, Va.

Tuckwiller Looks For Drop In Weed Prices

L. E. Tuckwiller, Watauga County agricultural extension agent, says that average sale prices for burley tobacco in Watauga County this year may fall as much as three cents per pound below last year's prices.

phenomenon probably brought about by some premature cool-weather nights.

Several farmers in the area, however, have produced what look to be fine crops. Tuckwiller specifically mentioned the efforts of Ned Glenn, Jack Henson, Tom Lawrence, and Stanford Coffey.

"It's still too early to judge a crop accurately, though," he added. "There's many a slip between pre-harvest time and the warehouse floor."

Tuckwiller does, however, foresee a development within the next few years which bodes good for hard-working tobacco growers. "Soon," he said, "buyers are going to start paying for quality in tobacco—not quantity."

Blankenship Goes To Maxton

The Rev. Ernest Blankenship, who for the past seven years has been pastor of Cove Creek Baptist Church at Sherwood, left September 2 for Maxton, where he will be chaplain and Bible teacher at Carolina Military Academy.

While in Watauga, Mr. Blankenship served two years as moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association. He is a native of Asheville, married and has two children.

Two Employed By Democrat

Two more residents of this area came into the Watauga Democrat family last week.

Cecil Aldridge of the Foscoe community, who has been employed at Southern Agricultural Insecticides, has taken a position in the composing room, where he will be trained in the production end of the newspaper.

Clark Cox, of Crumpler, Ashe county, has gone to work, doing general reporting on the Democrat. He has recently been a student at the University of North Carolina for two years. He will also do features on occasion and photography.

Hal Johnson, the local plant manager, tells the Democrat that a 5% per cent increase

was placed in effect September 3 in the base rate paid under the Corporation's wage incentive program. Mr. Johnson said the raise affects all piece rate workers and not the hourly-rated or salaried workers. It covers 90% of Shadowline personnel, he said.

REGISTRATION ENDS
Voters To Pass On Bond Issue Tuesday

Sample Ballot

OFFICIAL BALLOT

For Questions Submitted at the Special Election Held in Watauga County On September 17, 1963

- (1) To vote for or against each of the questions the voter should make a cross (X) mark in the appropriate squares appearing below.
(2) If you tear or deface or wrongly mark this ballot return it and get another.

FOR []

AGAINST []

the bond order authorizing \$1,630,000 bonds to finance the cost of constructing in the Watauga County School Administrative Unit several new buildings to be used for school houses, school garages, physical education and vocational education buildings, teacherages, and lunchrooms and other school plant facilities and to reconstruct and to enlarge, by the erection of additions, several existing buildings located in such unit and used for such purposes, and to acquire land, furnishings and equipment necessary for such new or reconstructed or enlarged buildings, in order to enable the County of Watauga, as an administrative agency of the public school system of the State of North Carolina, to maintain public schools in said School Administrative Unit for the nine months' school term as prescribed by law, and a tax therefor.

FOR []

AGAINST []

the bond order authorizing \$500,000 bonds to finance the cost of erecting and equipping a new building or buildings for use as public hospital facilities and to acquire a suitable site therefor, if necessary, within the County, and a tax therefor.

FOR []

AGAINST []

the levy of a special tax of not exceeding 10 cents, annually, upon each \$100 of assessed valuation of taxable property in said County to finance the cost of operating, equipping and maintaining public hospital facilities for the use of the inhabitants of said County.

R. T. Greer

Chairman, County Board of Elections of Watauga County, North Carolina.

Local Car Dealers See 1963 As Being Close To Best Year

Prospective buyers of new automobiles, take notice! All five major new-car dealers in Watauga County are offering large discounts on their 1963 models, hoping to get rid of their stocks in time for the showing dates of the new 1964 autos.

All five dealers have stated that 1963 has been close to being their best, if not their best, sales year in history.

The five agencies include: Andrews Motor Co., Chevrolet and Oldsmobile dealers; Brown & Graham, representatives for Chrysler Corporation; Greene

Motor Co., which specializes in new Buicks and Pontiacs; Watson's Garage, Watauga's Rambler dealer; Winkler Motor Co., Ford and Mercury dealer; and Wilson Used Cars which has only recently taken over the dealership for the Jeep group of vehicles in Boone.

Sales competition was hot, with more different makes of automobiles in the thick of the battle than ever before. Ford and Chevrolet sales in the county kept pace with the tremendous sales record which these two cars were maintaining nationally. Chrysler sales

were up 50 percent over last year, also an indication of a national trend. Rambler kept its traditional position as one of the most popular compact cars, and Buicks and Pontiacs proved to be the most popular higher-priced autos.

Some dealers stated that they could have sold more units this year than were available to them.

Representatives of all agencies reported that sales of compact cars in general rose again this year. But, as G. C. Greene, of Greene Motor Co., said, "Compact cars are getting bigger and heavier every year. Some are almost as big as the smaller models of so-called big cars." This fact seems to indicate a general trend back toward the larger models of a few years ago.

Greene also pointed out that that car sales tend to run in cycles from year to year; but he, as well as all other dealers, are looking forward to an even better year in 1964. Jim Watson, of Watson's garage, summed up the general attitude when he said, "We don't think there's too much doubt that 1964 will be our best year in history."

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Hospital And School Plans To Face Test

The voters of Watauga county will go to the polls next Tuesday to pass on the issuance of \$2,130,000 in bonds for the construction of a new consolidated high school building and a Watauga County Hospital, and to supply the sites for the structures.

Registration closed last Saturday, and in Boone and New River, where sentiment is considered unusually strong for both proposals, 263 new voters are reported as having registered. Reports from the rest of the county couldn't be secured, but it is presumed that the registration followed a fairly heavy pattern in all the precincts.

Campaigns by the Hospital steering committee and by the School Bond groups are being prosecuted vigorously, and it is being predicted that a very heavy vote will be cast.

The ballot, which appears on this page, contains three propositions:

For or Against the issuance of \$1,630,000 bonds for the Central High School structures.

For or Against the issuance of \$500,000 to finance the new hospital.

For or Against the special tax of 10 cents annually on each \$100 of assessed valuation to finance the cost of operating, equipping and maintaining public hospital facilities for Watauga County.

Every effort is again being made today through the columns of the Democrat to acquaint the people with the issues and to urge them to get out and vote.

The election will be held at the usual polling places.

Library Plans Open House

Preceding the regular scheduled opening of the Watauga County Public Library, Tuesday, Sept. 17th, the library will hold open house to the public on Monday afternoon, Sept. 16, from two to five o'clock.

At present the library is closed for the purpose of enlarging and redecorating. With the expanded facilities the library will be able to give greater service to the people of all ages for their recreation and information reading. The book collection in the Watauga County Library is second to no library in any county of its size and population. Everyone is encouraged to visit the library on any day of the year from Tuesday through Saturday.

230 Cases Slated For Fall Court

Two hundred and thirty cases are to be tried at the September term of Watauga Superior Court, according to Orville Foster, Court Clerk, who says that the most common charges are driving drunk, no operator's license, speeding, assault, reckless driving, passing worthless checks, breaking and entering, larceny, unlawful possession of whisky, and illegal transportation of tax-paid whisky.

Judge J. Frank Huskins will preside at the term which convenes September 23.

Those who have been selected for jury duty are as follows (by postoffice address):

Boone: W. G. Sink, Howard E. Miller, James E. Miller, Gordon Taylor, Ralph M. Moretz, Tom D. Redmond, Grady

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SHADOWLINE PAY RAISE

Local Payroll \$1 Million

Shadowline, Inc., nationally-known manufacturer of lingerie, which operates a thriving plant in Boone, has confirmed that a wage increase has been put into effect for a majority of its employees.

Hal Johnson, the local plant manager, tells the Democrat that a 5% per cent increase

represents an increase of 7 to 8 cents increase per hour.

Shadowline has been in Boone six years. At the end of the first year about one hundred people were employed. Four hundred and fifty now have jobs there, Mr. Johnson said, and the payroll of the

plant has now passed a million dollars a year.

Mr. Johnson further points out that the plant has been enlarged three times to take care of the growing business. Originally it contained 20,000 square feet, but has been enlarged to 55,000, he added.

in terms of actual money it