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Miss Watauga To Be Elected Next Saturday

W. C. Carroll Has Fatal Attack



WALTER C. CARROLL

Walter C. Carroll, 80, of Boone, Route 1, died Tuesday, after a heart attack.

He was born in Watauga County to George and Martha Triplett Carroll. He was a retired farmer and a charter member and deacon of Rutherford Baptist Church.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lester Hodges Carroll; a daughter, Mrs. Louise Wolkhater of West Lafayette, Ohio; two sons, Glenn R. Carroll of Leaksville, and Archie J. Carroll of Boone; 11 grandchildren; a great-grandchild; three sisters, Mrs. Maggie Robbins of Buffalo Cove, Mrs. Omie Hodges of Boone, and Mrs. Lester Eller of Triplet.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Thursday at Rutherford Baptist Church by the Rev. Herbert McCoy, the Rev. R. C. Eggers, the Rev. Will Cook and the Rev. Raymond Hendrix. Burial was in Mountain Memorial Park.

Mrs. Proffitt Funeral Held

Mrs. Minnie Louise Winebarger Proffitt, 72, of Todd, wife of Claude Proffitt, died Wednesday at Watauga Hospital.

She was born in Watauga County to Caleb and Betty Winebarger.

Surviving are her husband; three daughters, Mrs. Josie Miller, Mrs. Osie Trivett and Miss Frona Proffitt, all of Todd; two sons, Lester and Odell Proffitt of Todd; four brothers, Roby and Clyde Winebarger of Boone, Route 2, W. H. Winebarger of Hickory and G. C. Winebarger of Whittell; a sister, Mrs. Ermie Brown of Zionville; 26 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 11 a. m. Friday at Proffitt Grove Baptist Church by the Rev. King Roark. Burial was in the Proffitt Grove Cemetery.

Prisoner Is Readily Caught After Escape

A convict who escaped from the Watauga County prison unit last Tuesday was recaptured in the Elk Park section only a few hours after the escape was reported.

The convict was Robert Stewart, 25, of Hays, who was serving the first year of a 3 1/2 year sentence for larceny and receiving. He was tracked down by a team of bloodhounds which had been set upon his trail by a search party from Alleghany County, and captured at about 5 p. m.

Stewart had escaped on foot from guards as he and other prisoners were working on Highway 421, about four miles east of Boone, near Elk Road.

Miss North Carolina



JEANNE FLYNN SWANNER

Twelve contestants will vie for the title of Miss Watauga County of 1964 at the annual beauty pageant sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce on Saturday, October 19, at the Boone Elementary School Auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p. m. Jeanne Flynn Swanner, Miss North Carolina, will assist Pat Pittman, Miss Watauga County of 1963, in crowning the new queen.

The pageant events will get under way with a parade through downtown Boone on Saturday beginning at 1:30 p. m., at the Horn in the West parking lot. The parade will move up King Street to the parking lot of the A&P Store.

The parade will include the Appalachian High School Band, the beauty pageant contestants, former Miss Watauga County winners, the present Miss Watauga County, town officials and Miss North Carolina.

The contestants for the pageant this year are as follows:

Glenda Austin of Boone, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Austin of Boone. A secretary at Appalachian High School, she will be sponsored by Farmers Hardware and Supply Company.

Mary Louise Baney, a sophomore at Appalachian State Teachers College from Lexington, will be sponsored by the First National Bank of Boone.

Betty Jolee Benfield, sponsored by Home Finance Company, is a freshman at ASTC, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Benfield. Mrs. Benfield is a native of Watauga County.

Paige Brown, an ASTC freshman from Leesburg, Fla., is sponsored by Watauga Savings & Loan Association.

Patt Flowers, a freshman at ASTC, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Flowers of Boone. She will be sponsored by Winkler Motor Co.

Jacqueline Elaine Harris will be sponsored by Mountain Lumber Company. She is a freshman at ASTC, from Thomasville.

Cora Holder is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Holder of Blowing Rock. She is employed by The Northwestern Bank, her sponsor for the pageant.

Betsy Isley, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Isley of Boone, will be sponsored by Builders Super Market. She is a senior at Appalachian High School.

Linda Carol Murrell, a freshman at ASTC from Greensboro, (Continued on page two)

Lost Lad Was Only Visiting

Jerry Ralph Hodges, the 14-year-old youth who ran away from his Trade, Tenn., home last Sunday night, was reported found shortly after the Democrat went to press last Tuesday.

The boy, in good condition, was discovered at his grandfather's home in Meat Camp, where he apparently had spent Sunday night and Monday. He returned home with his mother on Tuesday.

Marriage Authority To Be In Watauga During Week

One of America's foremost authorities on marriage and family life, Dr. David R. Mace, will make several speaking appearances in the county beginning Monday evening, October 21.

A special committee, headed by Rev. Boyce Brooks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Boone, has been working for several months to plan this visit by one of the great men of our time.

Dr. Mace is currently executive

Horn Group Elects Dr. Greer; Editor Principal Speaker

Dr. J. G. Greer of Chapel Hill was re-elected President of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, producer of Horn in the West, at the annual meeting held at Daniel Boone Hotel Monday evening.

Other officers named were H. W. Wilcox, Vice-President; J. V. Caudill, Secretary; O. K. Richardson, Treasurer.

Dr. Greer, who has been President of the organization since its founding in 1952, presided at the meeting, and spoke briefly, introducing other officials, and Dr. W. H. Plemmons, who, in turn, recognized special guests.

Financial and attendance reports on the Horn were heard and Herman W. Wilcox, Horn executive vice-president, said that the attendance last season was 31,203, an increase of 24 1/2 per cent over 1962. Financially the Horn enjoyed its best year, he said.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, vice-president of the Association, made a financial report of his group.

W. R. Winkler said that plans are being pursued for the re-

building of the Horn Theatre and that the structure will be ready by '64. The State, by Legislative enactment, gave \$22,500 for this purpose.

Editor Presented

Mr. Wilcox presented Mr. Wallace Carroll, the speaker of the evening, and Editor-Publisher of the Winston-Salem Journal. Mr. Wilcox spoke of the help the Journal had given in the Horn's beginnings, and how the Twin-City newspaper had become actually "our second paper."

Mr. Carroll, who recently returned to Winston-Salem after several years spent in Washington as bureau chief for the New York Times, spoke on "Washington Under Two Presidents." His address, actually, was an assessment of the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, press conferences, and general attitudes, strictly from the point of view of the working press.

Tracing the change in Presidential news conferences over (Continued on page two)

FIRST RESPONSE GOOD

Watauga Citizens Sell Bonds For Shoe Plant

Breakfast On Monday Kicks Off Campaign

Watauga Citizens, Inc., a non-profit corporation formed by the Watauga Industry Committee to construct and equip the new Blue Ridge Shoe Factory of Melville Shoe Corporation, which is now under construction on Greenway Road and is expected to begin operations early next month, is presently making an offering of \$650,000 of its 4 1/2% 15-year bonds at a purchase price of par plus accrued interest for sale in North Carolina to only bona fide residents of North Carolina.

The announcement was made Monday morning by Stanley Harris, secretary-treasurer of the organization, at a breakfast meeting at the Gateway Cafe in Boone.

About twenty members of Watauga Citizens, Inc., attended the breakfast, and the more than 80 other members were to be contacted later Monday concerning sale of the bonds. Members were divided into sales teams and assigned to various areas in an attempt to sell the more than \$200,000 of still unpledged bonds.

A second meeting was scheduled for 7 a. m. Wednesday at the Gateway Cafe, at which time members were to report concerning the success of their sales efforts.

The cutoff date for sale of the bonds was set at November 10. For anyone interested in purchasing these bonds, a copy of the agreement and proposed lease between Watauga Citizens, Inc., and Melville Realty Company, Inc., is available for examination at the Watauga Citizens' office in the Watauga Savings and Loan Building in Boone.

The Northwestern Bank will act, without charge, as paying agent for Watauga Citizens, Inc. in making principal and interest payments. The bank has agreed also to purchase \$100,000 of these bonds and to extend a construction loan of \$300,000, if required, to the local citizens' organization.

The bonds will be registrable as to principal only in denominations of \$100, \$500, \$1,000 and \$5,000. Each will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/2% per annum and will be payable in full at the expiration of 15 years from Nov. 1, 1963.

Early reports were said to indicate that approximately \$50,000 of bonds were purchased. (Continued on page two)

Watauga Well Represented At State Fair

Watauga County is well represented in the "Village of Yesteryear" at the North Carolina State Fair in Raleigh this week.

Those who are demonstrating this week are:

Mrs. B. A. Hodges — Vegetable Drying.

Mrs. Forrest Townsend — Spinning and Carding of Wool.

Mrs. Howard Carlson — Weaving.

Mrs. Stewart Barnes — Sage Mats.

Mrs. Addie Norris — Shucked Doils.

Mrs. D. W. Cook — Knotted Spreads.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Presnell — Wood Carving.

Mr. Jack Guy — Beech Creek Toys.



CAR IN WHICH TWO DIED

Flowers Photo

Woman, Baby Killed As Tire Blows On 105 At County Line

Two were killed and 10 injured about 5:40 p. m. last Wednesday when a 1951 Ford containing 12 passengers blew a right rear tire and overturned twice on Highway 105, just on the Watauga side of the Watauga-Avery county line.

State Highway Patrolman G. L. Morgan identified the dead as Mrs. Virginia Elta Bailey, 40 of Newland, and Naomi Ruth Benfield, one-year-old daughter

of Fred Macdonald Benfield and Lotus Marie Bailey Benfield of Lexington, Route 2. Both apparently were thrown from the car, which then landed on top of them.

Mrs. Bailey was the mother of Mrs. Benfield and the grandmother of the baby.

Benfield, 25, operator of the car, was only slightly injured. More serious injuries were sustained by Carl Arvil Bailey, 45,

of Newland, husband of the dead woman, who suffered a broken leg and possible internal injuries; and Bobby Ray Bailey, age 2, who sustained severe head injuries.

Others injured were Mrs. Benfield, Charles Ed Bailey, 15, Roger Lee Bailey, 8, Wanda Juanita Bailey, 10, Roy Wendell Bailey, 12, and Robert Arvil Bailey, 17, all of Newland, and Billy Ray Benfield, 3, of Lexington, Route 3.

COLORS STILL GOOD

Record Autumn Travel Is Noted In Highland Region

Herefords Win Prizes In Sat. Show

Council Henson won top honors in the Watauga Hereford Breeders 21st Annual Show and Sale held Saturday, October 12. Mr. Henson's bull, CH Victor Domino 5th, was Grand Champion, and MF Zato Heir 30th, owned by H. M. Hamilton and R. G. Shipley, was Reserve Champion.

CH Miss Vickie Lady, also owned by Mr. Henson, was Grand Champion female in the show, and MF Zato Heir 39th, owned by H. M. Hamilton, Jr., was Reserve Champion female.

Mr. Henson also received a trophy presented by the Northwestern Bank for exhibiting the best in the Get of Sire Class.

Winners in all classes were as follows:

Bulls calved before October 31, 1962: Council Henson, 1st; Diamond S Ranch, 2nd and 3rd; Double J Hereford Farm, 4th.

Bulls calved between November 1 and December 31, 1962: Hamilton and Shipley, 1st and 2nd; Grady Farthing, 3rd; R. H. Teems, 4th.

Bulls calved in January 1963: Diamond S Ranch, 1st; Double J Hereford Farm, 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

Bulls calved between January 31 and March 16, 1963: Council Henson, 1st; Hamilton and Henson, 2nd; Hamilton and Shipley, 3rd; R. G. Shipley, 4th and 5th;

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The Holiday Highlands had perhaps their biggest glut of highway travel in history Sunday when all avenues of travel, especially the main State roads and the Blue Ridge Parkway, were crowded with automobiles carrying untold thousands of picnickers and sightseers drawn to the mountains for the peak display of autumn's colored foliage.

Mrs. S. C. Eggers, who enjoys recording the number of auto-

mobiles, reports having counted 2500 cars as she and her husband were returning from Hickory Sunday afternoon, in the bumper-to-bumper travel which was experienced a great part of the distance.

All motels in the Boone, Blowing Rock and Linville area were reported as filled, and some residents of Boone accommodated some of the sightseers in their homes. Travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway was particularly heavy, it is reported, especially in the areas near Blowing Rock and Grandfather Mountain.

Parkway Ranger Paul Larsen of Sparta, who has charge of the Parkway from Grandfather Mountain to the Virginia State line, reported thousands of cars — how many he could not guess. He predicted there would still be plenty of beautiful foliage next week end, if the weather remains dry.

The largest crowds in recent years forced the closing of the gates at Grandfather Mountain for more than an hour Sunday, and in Booneville, Patrolmen B. F. Hollar was quoted as saying the movement of the traffic out of the mountains on 421 in Yadkin county created jams between 4 and 4:30 p. m.

Reports from West Jefferson said that a record 1,000 rode the Norfolk & Western Railway excursion train from West Jefferson to Abingdon, Va., and back.

All of the picnic areas along the busy highways were filled most of the afternoon. Large crowds are expected during the coming week end, perhaps the last good time for viewing the colorama.

Dr. H. S. Hodges, County Native, Dies In Tenn.

Dr. H. Stuart Hodges, 75 years old, a native Watauga County man, died October 6 in Knoxville, Tenn.

Funeral services were conducted in Rose Chapel in that city by the Rev. Ralph Murray and interment was in Greenwood cemetery.

Dr. Hodges, a son of Dr. J. M. Hodges and Mrs. Loretta Hodges of Boone, was born and reared in Watauga County, where he had many relatives and friends. He attended Appalachian Training School, and took his medical training in Baltimore. His internship was in Chicago. He practiced medicine in Roan Mountain, Tenn.; Alvah, Ky.; and in Knoxville, Tenn. During World War One he was Medical Officer for a Company of Engineers in Knoxville.

He was married to Miss Hazel (continued on page two)