

Wataugans In Mourning For Rites Of President

Monday was recognized by Wataugans as a countywide day of mourning in observance of the funeral of the late President John F. Kennedy.

Mayor Wade E. Brown of Boone issued a proclamation naming Monday a holiday in Boone in memorial to President Kennedy, and the Merchants Association agreed to close all business establishments from noon until 1 p. m., while the funeral was being conducted in the nation's capital.

Practically all businesses and offices, whether affiliated with the Merchants Association or not, were closed briefly Monday. Some shops were closed for as many as three hours, from 11 a. m. until 2 p. m.

The text of the Mayor's proclamation was as follows:

"Fully conscious of the fact that the people of Boone are only a small part of the people of our great nation, but also conscious of the fact that as we are a part, along with other towns and hamlets, countryside and great cities, we wish to join as one with the remainder of the nation in this period of great grief and pay our respects upon the untimely and tragic assassination of our late President, JOHN F. KENNEDY.

"NOW THEREFORE, as Mayor of the town of Boone, North Carolina, I call upon the people of our town, and invite the people of our county to cease your usual activities for one hour from 12 o'clock noon to 1 o'clock p. m. today and to spend these solemn and sacred moments, along with the people throughout our nation and indeed around the world, engaging in serious soul-searching and reverent meditation, earnestly seeking divine love and comfort to the bereaved, and the wisdom only God can provide to guide our nation and the world."—This November 25, 1963, Wade E. Brown, Mayor.

Many stores and businesses

Kennedy Mass Is Attended By World Leaders

The soul of the late President John Fitzgerald Kennedy was commended unto God Monday at a Roman Catholic funeral mass attended by one of the largest gatherings of world leaders in history.

An estimated 800,000 people lined the streets between the Capitol building and St. Matthew's Cathedral in Washington, where Richard Cardinal Cushing said the solemn low pontifical mass for Kennedy; and between the Cathedral and Arlington National Cemetery, where burial took place. Another 250,000 persons had already passed by the bier as it lay in the Capitol rotunda Sunday and Monday morning.

Kennedy's flag-draped casket was borne to the cathedral by a caisson drawn by seven gray horses. Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy followed on foot behind the caisson, and walking behind her to the cadence of muffled drums were President Lyndon B. Johnson, former Presidents Eisenhower and Truman, foreign heads of state and other dignitaries.

After the services, the cortege proceeded to Arlington National Cemetery, where an "eternal flame," similar to that at the tomb of the Unknown Soldiers, was lit at the head of Kennedy's grave.

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prepared posters or other exhibits in honor of the late President. Flags throughout the county were flown at half staff, as they have since Friday afternoon, and will continue at half staff until Dec. 22.

All Federal offices, including post offices, were closed all day Monday by order of President Lyndon B. Johnson. County offices were also closed, effecting a complete shutdown of the county courthouse, courthouse annex, health department building, and school superintendent's office.

All state offices and functions not absolutely necessary were closed for the day. This meant that there was no school in Watauga County Monday. Appalachian State Teachers College, however, went ahead with final exams, but a rescheduling of one examination was made so that the college would be closed during the hours of the President's funeral.

Several civic and entertainment events originally scheduled for Monday were cancelled or postponed, including the regular weekly meeting of the Boone Optimist Club and the meeting of the Valle Crucis PTA. A meeting of the Board of Directors of Horn in the West was also postponed, according to Herman W. Wilcox, Executive Vice-President of Horn in the West.

Tobacco sales at the four burley warehouses in Boone, originally scheduled to begin Monday, were postponed. The sales began Tuesday morning instead.

Churches throughout the county remained open all day Monday for prayer and meditation. Church bells paid tribute to the fallen President by ringing continuously in some churches from the hours of 11 a. m. until 2 p. m.

A plethora of statements

from prominent Watauga County people, voicing their reactions to the death of President Kennedy and their outlooks for the future, poured into the Democrat office Monday. A few of these statements follow:

Wade E. Brown, Mayor of Boone, said: "My initial thought was, 'What will happen to the country now?' but after a little thought I realized that America has had periods of crisis before. I have every confidence that things will work out and that we will pull through."

Dr. W. H. Flemmons, President of Appalachian State Teachers College, said: "The tragic and untimely death of President Kennedy was shockingly incredible. It leaves us all with a feeling of emptiness and makes us realize how unnecessary and futile it was. At this Thanksgiving season, deep as our sorrow is, we can be thankful for his leadership and his life, even though he did not get to realize the completion of his programs. They will be continued and his contribution to them will become more meaningful and significant with the passing of time."

Clyde R. Greene, President of Farmers Hardware and Supply Co., said: "I am shocked beyond measure at the world tragedy. The assassin's bullet has brought sorrow to every American citizen. President Kennedy was a dedicated public servant who has given his last full measure of strength in the service of our country. I cannot conceive a hatred so deep for any individual, especially the President of our country. I join all Americans in sympathy for the President's family. President Johnson has the training and background for excellent leadership. I wish him every success in his efforts to carry our nation forward

and to establish peace and good will among the nations."

James Marsh, Secretary of the Watauga Savings and Loan

Association, said: "This is probably the greatest tragedy that has ever befallen the United States; but at the same time, it

ought to bring us closer together. We ought to take a new look at ourselves and dedicate ourselves to making this nation greater than it has ever been before. With the proper perspective, I think we can do this, though a great leader has fallen. The nation's future is now, as never before, up to each individual. We should continue to work, just a little harder, to make everything just a little bit better."

Guy Angell, Watauga County Superintendent of Schools, had this to say: "The death of our President, John F. Kennedy, was a tragic loss to the American people and all the free world. We should all be thankful for his many outstanding

contributions and for the worthy ideas instilled into our people during his dedicated service to our nation. It is my opinion that the transition of government from one President to another will be made rapidly and efficiently under the capable and efficient leadership of President Johnson."

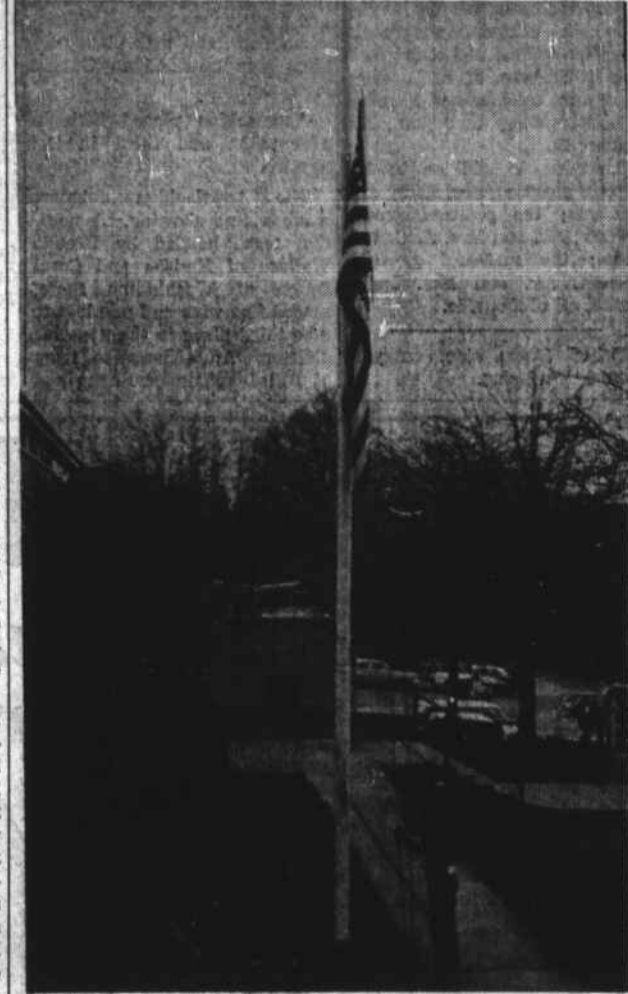
The Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, pastor of Boone's First Baptist Church, said this: "We mourn the tragic death of President Kennedy. It is utter folly for a life so young and so useful to be sacrificed in vain. This does not have to be; for we, the citizens of this great land can, with the help of Almighty God, turn tragedy into triumph, darkness into light, and keep

freedom from becoming a license for evil. If his death can awaken our nation from its moral and spiritual complacency, and help drive out the prejudices that consume us, it will not be in vain."

WATCH DOG CONFUSED

Chicago — Sgt. Richard Rae arrived at a cleaning establishment just in time to fire a shot at burglars fleeing with armloads of clothing.

When he began examining the broken window where they entered, the establishment's police watch-dog lunged at the policeman but had remained undisturbed by the burglars while they looted the place.



Mourning Period Starts

Cecil Farthing lowers the American flag in front of the Boone Post Office to half staff Friday afternoon after hearing of the death of President Kennedy. The flag will remain at half staff for a 30-day period of mourning for the late President.

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