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Jaycees Seek Young Man Of The Year

Since 1938 the United States Jaycees have been honoring America's Ten Outstanding Young Men of the year.

The list of past winners is a Who's Who of U. S. leadership in art, business, politics, science, sports and almost every other conceivable field of endeavor. Past honorees include Bob Mathias, John F. Kennedy, Orson Welles and Leonard Bernstein.

The Boone Jaycees are now taking nominations for Boone's outstanding Young Man of 1965. Any young man between the ages of 21 and 35, of good moral character, who has made an outstanding contribution to the community welfare during 1965 is eligible for this award. The nominee need not be a member of the Jaycees, and the young man of the year will be chosen by a panel of judges not associated with the Jaycees.

Application blanks are now available at the First National Bank, The Stone, Watauga Savings & Loan Association, The Northwestern Bank and WATA. These nomination blanks must be received by Jan. 12, and the award will be presented at the distinguished service award banquet Jan. 17.

Ski Lodge Gets Publicity Thru Flowers Effort

Through the efforts of George Flowers, owner-manager of Flower's Photo Shop in Boone, the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge is given a boost in the December Kodak Dealer-Floralist Newsletter.

A page in the newsletter is devoted to Flowers' promotion of Kodak equipment at the Lodge, and points out interesting facts about the area.

The feature shows pictures of the interior of the Lodge and Ski Shop and of Flowers giving skiers information about the area on his Citizens Band Radio.

The Newsletter is a supplement to a regular publication by Kodak and is distributed to Kodak dealers throughout the country.

Women's Clubs To Be Feature Of C. Of C. Meet

The women's civic clubs of Boone will present a resume of their projects and contributions to the community for the January program meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

The membership will meet at noon on Tuesday, Jan. 11, at the Daniel Boone Inn.

Mrs. Lee Reynolds will be in charge. Mrs. Herman Wilcox will speak in behalf of the Worthwhile Woman's Club, Inc.; Mrs. Roy Isley, for the Junior Woman's Club; and Mrs. Robert Cody, for the Garden Council.

The BPW Club also will be represented on the program, Mrs. Reynolds said.

Atkinson To Head First National

Frank Richard Atkinson, of Greenville, N. C., has been named vice president of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, and appointed manager of the system's Boone office. Announcement comes from M. F. Allen Jr., president.

The Boone facility, formerly First National Bank of Boone, recently merged with First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina.

Atkinson entered the banking profession in 1938 in Pittsburgh, Penn., and since 1957 has served as a directing officer in North Carolina banking institutions and systems. Before joining First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, he served as an assistant vice



Mrs. Addie Clawson receives a certificate of merit from Boone Postmaster Ralph Behears on New Year's Day. Mrs. Clawson retired from the postal service on Dec. 30, after 30 years as a mail carrier for Route 1,

Boone. She began her career on a snowy winter day in 1935, later riding a horse to deliver the mail on the long route. (Staff photo)—Story on page three, section C.

1966 Heart Crusade Begins Atop Grandfather Mountain

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Grandfather Mountain rang with the salvo of a 105-mm Howitzer on New Year's Day when grandfathers, great-grandfathers and representatives of the state Heart Association heard the three-blast count down for heart research, education and community service.

Joe Hartley of Grandfather community took the prize for oldest grandfather. The 96-year-

old mountainman shared his case of honey with other oldest who entered the competition. Monroe Honeycutt, 59, of Forest City captured the title, "Youngest Grandfather" during the ceremonies, and he also was given a case of Grandfather Mountain honey.

Hugh Morton, owner of the mountain — renamed Great-Grandfather Mountain for the occasion — and former combat

photographer, publicly thanked Lenoir's National Guard Unit of the Old Hickory division for their participation in the statewide salute.

Just after 10 a. m., units at High Point and Leaksville returned the salute that signaled the beginning of the 1966 "Hope for Hearts Crusade". At the same time, the U.S.S. North Carolina, docked at Wilmington, fired a 25-round salute of 40-mm guns in honor of the crusade for public health.

Morton told the crowd of more than 100 that they comprised the greatest number of people ever to be on the mountain on Jan. 1, and that Jan. 1, 1966 was the warmest New Year's Day recorded atop the rugged peaks.

Lt. Russell Clark of Jonas Ridge, was executive officer of the first Battalion, 113th Artillery squad. In formal ceremonies in the visitor center, Lt. (Continued on page six)



The youngest and oldest grandfathers — and a prospective grandfather—who attended ceremonies on Grandfather Mountain Saturday pose in the Visitor Center where black-eyed peas and hog jowl were served to a crowd of 100 persons. Left is Monroe Honeycutt, 59, of Forest City. Beside him is Joe Hartley, 96, of Grandfather Community, who captured the title "Oldest Great-Grandfather." The two-year-old boy holds the Hope for Hearts symbol. (Staff photo)

To Add Needed Space S & L Starts \$100,000 Expansion Program

Association Resources Are Over \$13,000,000

The Watauga Savings & Loan Association announced Monday a \$100,000 expansion program taking in the Dougherty property occupied by the Western Auto Store on West King Street.

Savings & Loan, Watauga County's oldest financial institution, also reports another banner year for 1965. For the 12-month period ending Dec. 31, the Savings & Loan made 520 loans for the construction, purchase and remodeling of homes in the County and recorded a total dollar volume of new loans at \$3,720,000—all first mortgage loans on first class properties.

To expand its office quarters and rental properties, the institution has employed Foy and Lee, Waynesville (N. C.) architects, and Greene Construction Company of Boone, contractors.

Upon completion, 5,000 square feet of additional rental space will be available. Offices re-located during the expansion are Sturdivant Life Insurance Company, Mount Lawn Memorial Park & Gardens, the American Red Cross and the law office of John H. Bingham.

In providing 5,000 square feet of additional working space for the Savings & Loan, builders will tear out and refinish the interiors of the present offices and the former Western Auto. A new vault will be built, additional area for tellers and new quarters for the officers of the Association.

The office front and interior is to be one of the most modern in Western North Carolina. Wade Manufacturing Company of Charlotte will supply fixtures.

Completion is scheduled for early spring at which time a grand opening will be held for the public.

75% Total Loans
The Watauga Savings & Loan Association has led the field in home financing in Watauga County since 1921, and accounts for about 75 per cent of all new home loans.

In 1965, assets of the Association increased to \$13,375,151, or a yearly increase of \$1,261,358. Reserve accounts were increased to \$913,078.16 and distribution of dividends for the year amounted to \$422,108. This amount is the largest ever paid and added to the economy of the County by going into almost every home.

Effective in 1966, the Association will pay an even more liberal dividend. The Board of Directors has announced an expected dividend rate of four and a quarter per cent per annum, payable in June and December. This rate will be paid on all savings from \$1 up.

James Marsh, secretary-treasurer (Continued on page six)



TAKING DOWN THE TREE . . . before license plates go on sale. Miss Sally Miller (left) was the only veteran of the annual scramble to sell license plates when the Boone Chamber of Commerce opened up at 8:30 a. m. Monday. But Mrs. Barbara Ragan, employed two weeks, and Mrs. D. H. Johnson, on the payroll six months, pitched right in to help with sales. Manager Fred McNeal reported 330 car tags, 33 pickup truck tags, seven farm truck tags and 13 trailer tags sold by the middle of Monday

afternoon. Total for the day came to 417 license tags. The License Bureau, located in the Chamber offices at East King and Hardin streets, is open from 8:30 a. m. to 4 p. m., Monday through Friday, and until noon on Saturdays. Deadline for the purchase and display of tags is Feb. 15. Last year, McNeal said, a day's transactions were carried on at the rate of one license tag handled every five-eighths of a minute without error. (Staff photo)

Merger Of First National Bank Given Final OK

James J. Saxon, U. S. Comptroller of the Currency, has approved the merger of First National Bank of Boone, Boone, North Carolina, with First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina, M. F. Allen, Jr., President, announced yesterday.

The First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina president pointed out that this was the initial move of the system into the western part of North Carolina. He said, "We have an application for an office in Graham, North Carolina, which we hope to have approved in the near future."

With the addition of the

Boone facility, First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina now has nineteen offices in North Carolina with resources totaling in excess of \$40,000,000. The system's headquarters is located in Jacksonville, North Carolina.

"We are delighted to have the Boone bank as part of our system as it will add incalculably to our opportunity to further serve the state through the system's banking facilities," Allen said.

Allen also pointed out that there would be no change in the staff personnel, and that the present local board of di-

rectors would continue to guide the operating policies of the Boone office.

Allen said that a new manager for the Boone office will be named in the immediate future.



GLENN WALLACE WILCOX

Glenn Wilcox Third Youngest Rotary Member

A native of Boone was inducted last month into the membership of the Rotary Club in Asheville.

Glenn Wallace Wilcox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman W. Wilcox, is the third-youngest member of the 168-year-old organization, and is the first businessman to join the group as a representative of the travel industry.

He is president of the Wilcox Travel Agency, Inc., with offices in Boone and in Asheville.

He married the former Pauline Greene of Blowing Rock, and they and their five children now reside at 10 Mountain Brook Road in Asheville. Wilcox makes trips to Boone each week to handle his business affairs.

Volunteer Hospital Help Is Asked By Red Cross

If you are one who enjoys the role of helping the sick and injured in hospitals, the Red Cross has a job for you—as a Volunteer.

"We need new faces and willing hands at The Watauga Hospital," said Mrs. Ruth Key, chairman of volunteers for the Watauga County Chapter ARC.

"We pay well—in heartfelt

gratitude of sick people and the injured, who need the lift that a friendly visit, a smile or a personal service can give them. There are openings now for 20 or 25 persons, who can give a few hours each week to help the hospitalized."

The duties are simple—such as arranging flowers, delivering (Continued on page six)

March Of Dimes Month Is Proclaimed By Mayor Brown

WHEREAS, each year in the United States, a seriously defective baby is born every two minutes, and

WHEREAS, birth defects cause more physical and mental disability among children than any other disease condition, and

WHEREAS, these tragic conditions place overwhelming emotional and social stresses on family life and constitute a serious community health problem, and

WHEREAS, the full resources of an enlightened public must

be mustered to meet this increasingly urgent problem, and

WHEREAS, the March of Dimes is spearheading the effort to bring birth defects under effective control, and

WHEREAS, this program offers the best available treatment for birth defects victims at March of Dimes-supported centers across the nation, and

WHEREAS, scientific research conducted under March of Dimes auspices is making significant progress in the search for ways to prevent birth

defects, and

WHEREAS, through a national public education program, the March of Dimes is seeking to raise the level of prenatal care and thereby improve chances for the birth of healthy babies, now

THEREFORE, I, Wade E. Brown, Mayor of Boone, do hereby proclaim January, 1966, as March of Dimes month, and strongly urge all of our people to contribute generously to this important fight against birth