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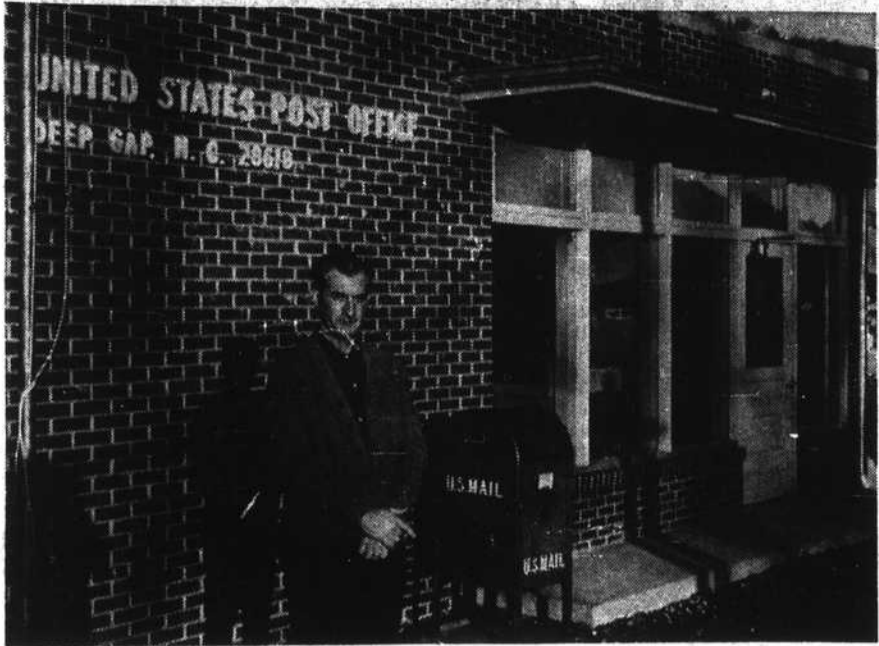
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## Whole Lot More Room

As Deep Gap Postmaster W. Frank Beshears says, the new Post Office building at Deep Gap allows a whole lot more room in which to work. Put under construction last summer, the building was occupied the first week in December, but the task of reorganizing and setting up new equipment is still underway. Beshears was Postmaster at Stony Fork Post Office until it was discontinued in 1953. Two years ago he became Postmaster at Deep Gap. The brick building, 30 feet by 34 feet, is leased by the govern-

ment from Robert Meyers of Deep Gap. During the Christmas rush, Beshears said he counted 1,400 pieces of first class mail processed in one day. A daily average would be somewhere around 900 pieces. The Deep Gap station handles mail coming from North Wilkesboro to Boone twice a day. A star route from Fleetwood stops there. Rural Route 1 originates at Deep Gap, Beshears said. About 250 families are served locally by station 28618 and 35 persons have post office boxes in the new building.

# Dr. Carroll To Speak New Watauga High School To Be Dedicated Sunday

## Description Of Big Plant, History Given

The dedication of the new Watauga High School plant has been scheduled for next Sunday, January 16.

The program will start at 2:30 in the school gymnasium and will be concluded at 4 o'clock, following which refreshments will be served and members of the student council will conduct tours of the sprawling facility.

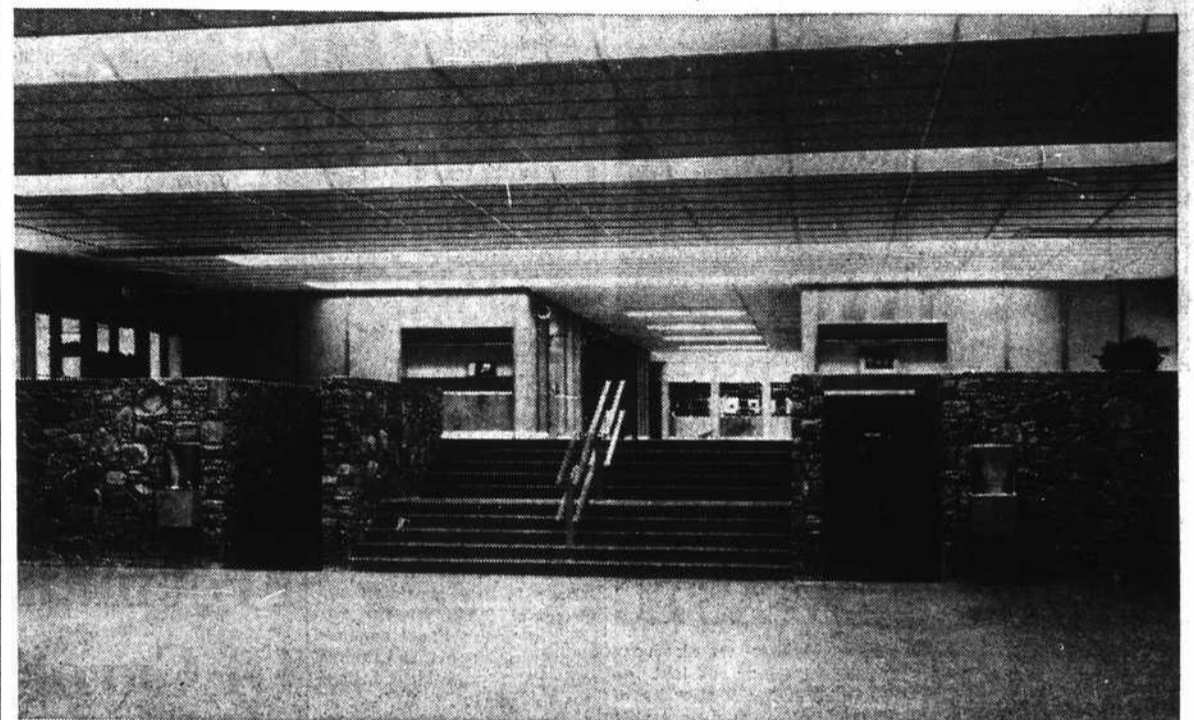
Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the dedicatory address. The Watauga High School Band will present a concert from 2 until 2:30 under the direction of Otis Strother, band director. The high school chorus, under the direction of Eugene Wilson, will present a program of choral music preceding the dedicatory address. Mike Wilson, president of the student body, will preside.

The dedication of this new school culminates over seven years of planning and work by school officials and the citizens of this county. Final phases of the construction of the school facility were completed in early December, and all furniture and equipment planned for the initial opening of this school has been installed.

The consolidation of high schools in Watauga County was first discussed in a regular Board of Education meeting held Dec. 1, 1958. During the ensuing year, surveys of our school system were completed and comprehensive statistical information compiled on the merits of a consolidated secondary school in relation to equal educational opportunities for all children in this county.

During the early part of 1961, the decision was reached to consolidate the Appalachian, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Bethel and the Watauga Consolidated high schools as soon as a satisfactory site could be located and when necessary funds could be made available.

On Feb. 9, 1962, local governing authorities established definite plans and procedures for a bond referendum. Approximate—(Continued on page two)



The modern lobby of Watauga High School mirrors the boldness of the new educational plant opened in the fall of 1965. The library of the school offers the widest selection of materials ever available to high school students in Watauga

County. Science instruction is given in fully equipped laboratories and a "bowl-type" lecture auditorium complements classroom facilities.

# 193 Cases To Be Tried At Watauga Court Next Week

One hundred and ninety-three cases are to be tried at the January criminal term of Watauga Superior Court, which convenes Monday January 17, with Hon. Francis O. Clarkson, the presiding Judge.

Traffic violations constitute most of the docket, with speeding accounting for 126 indictments.

Following is a list of the



AL HARRISON

## Harrison Will Speak At Jaycee Award Banquet

Al Harrison of Winston-Salem will be the guest speaker at the annual Distinguished Service Award Banquet of the Boone Jaycees on Monday evening at the Daniel Boone Inn.

Harrison served as state president of the North Carolina Jaycees in 1959.

Local president Jim Sawyer stated: "We are certainly fortunate to have one of our state's most outstanding young men with us for this occasion."

number of violations in each category to come up for trial:

- Speeding 126, Reckless driving 4, Manslaughter 2, Driving drunk 26, Driving while license revoked or suspended 4, V.P.L. 7, Larceny 3, Breaking, entering and larceny 1, Breaking and entering 3, Receiving stolen property 2, Aid and abet to transporting stolen property 1, Larceny of auto 1, Illegal possession and sale of drugs 1, Assault on a female 2, Assault with deadly weapon 1, Carrying concealed weapon 1, Escape from county jail 2, Destroying state property 2, racing 2, Hit and run 1, Failure to report accident 1, No operator's license 8, Lending operator's license 1, Permit minor to operate vehicle 1, No liability insurance 2, Failure to stop for blue light and siren 1, Refuse to surrender title to auto 1, Possession of fireworks 3, Worthless check 8, School law violation 1.

## The Jury List

Following are the names of those who have been summoned to jury duty during the court session:

- Claude Byrd, Lawrence Isaacs, Gordon H. Winkler, Claude Garland, Leonard Presnell, Raymond Donnelly, Preston P. Miller, Burl A. Greene, Lloyd H. Johnson, Austin Northern, Frank Taylor, John D. Clawson, C. D. Payne, Fred Hagaman, Horace Dowling, Henry Perry Greene, Buster Henson, Darius Hampton, Clarence B. Main, George L. Sawyer, Linsy Hicks, Ralph B. Norris, Crater Marsh, Jewel Fox, Rodger Colvard, Rom Gragg, Shelton B. Wilson, Max V. Hagaman, Lowe Ford, Archie Boyd Wilson, Roscoe C. Pitts, Lonnie Isaacs, Millard Dean Norris, Col. Clyde C. Miller, Jesse L. Moore, Russell Cornett, Elmer Wendel Fox, John Robert McNeely, Gillis B. Mitchell.

## County Tax Listing Is Progressing Well

Ralph G. Greene, Watauga County Tax Supervisor, said today that listing of property for 1966 taxation is progressing well, and that township list takers, except Boone, New River and Brushy Fork, will continue to take listings at their homes (nights only) through Friday night, January 14.

All township books will be at the courthouse beginning Monday, January 17th.

The books for Boone and New River townships are now at the courthouse and listings will continue through February 4th.

Mr. Greene says that as a special convenience for taxpayers in Boone and New River, the office at the courthouse will also

accept listings the nights of Wednesday (tonight), Thursday and Friday of this week from 7 to 9 p. m.

Attention is also called to the late listing penalty of 10 per cent which will be in effect after February 4th.

Mr. Greene expressed appreciation for the cooperation of the public so far and urged that all those who haven't yet listed, do so within the time specified by law.

## Visit In Lenoir

Mr. and Mrs. Troy Norris spent the weekend in Lenoir with their son, Mr. Bernard L. Norris, Mrs. Norris and children.

# Offer To Sell Ham Lands Two In Hands U. S. Officers

A canned ham and some cigarettes started a chase last week that resulted in the apprehension of two Pennsylvania youths now in the custody of the FBI.

Mrs. Roy Furr, owner of the Overlook Motel at Deep Gap, alerted Sheriff Dallas Cheek on Wednesday, Jan. 5, after two teenage boys, age 15 and 17, checked in and subsequently offered to sell her the ham and cigarettes.

The call came about 11:30 a.

m., Cheek said, and he proceeded to Deep Gap, talking with Mrs. Furr briefly before looking over a car stuck in the mud near the motel.

While he was investigating the automobile, Cheek said, the boys jumped over a banister and disappeared into a thicket of trees before he could stop them.

An hour and a half later, a 1964 Buick Riviera was stolen from in front of Sears-Roebuck in Boone. The Buick was abandoned on Highway 421

West of Boone at Vanderpool Road, and a 1959 Chevrolet stolen from that point. That car was abandoned in Bristol, Va., where the thieves then stole a Renault.

In Gate City, Va., officials apprehended the boys, who had in their possession a .22-caliber pistol and camera which was missing from the Buick stolen in Boone.

Sheriff Cheek said the FBI has assumed full responsibility for the prosecution in the case.

# Minneapolis Symphony Will Appear At Appalachian College



The Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Stanislaw Skrowaczewski, will appear at Appalachian State Teachers College on Tuesday, Feb. 15, at 8 p. m., according to announcement by Prof. Rogers V. Whitener of the sponsoring Artists and Lecture Committee.

Regarded as one of the finest major symphony orchestras in the world, the Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra now is in its 62nd season, the fourth with Skrowaczewski at the helm. Skrowaczewski inherits a great tradition of Minneapolis Symphony conductors established by Eugene Ormandy, Dmitri Mitropoulos and Antal Dorati. In its rise to prominence, the orchestra has made extensive tours of the United States and has toured throughout the Middle East and India. It will spend four weeks in the Eastern part of the United States this season, including an eight-day stay in New York City.

The concert will be presented in the Health and Physical Education Building on the Appalachian campus.

Tickets (\$1 adult, 50 cents for children, students by I. D. cards) are available from the committee.

## Bank Makes Gift Of Securities To Appalachian

A gift to Appalachian State Teachers College from the Northwestern Bank was announced to the Board of Trustees at a recent meeting by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, college president.

The gift was a certificate of 600 shares of capital stock of the Northwestern Capital Corporation. It is estimated that this gift is worth between \$3,000 and \$4,000. It will go to the college's permanent endowment fund.

Watauga County's economic advance has been reflected in figures showing a population gain of 5.88 per cent during the 1960-65 period, giving the county 18,560 people in July 1965, as against 17,529 at the time of the U. S. Census in 1960.

This gain of 1,031 souls is contained in a study released at the beginning of the New Year by a North Carolina State University professor, who estimates the current population of the State is now more than 4.9 million.

If these estimates are correct, Watauga will reverse the figures made in 1960 which indicated the loss of 813 in Watauga, in spite of the phenomenal growth of Boone during the 1950-60 decade. Under the current estimates, Watauga County has already gained 1,031 over

the 1960 count, which local observers would feel is conservative in view of the booming local economy.

It is interesting to note that Dr. C. Horace Hamilton, Professor of Sociology at State has used a statistical method for computing population used by the U. S. Bureau of the Census and research sociologists in making the current estimates. He lists 76 counties as increasing their population in the last five years and 24 losing.

Further details of Dr. Hamilton's study follow:  
The relationship of economic growth to population growth underscored by a year-end business report which ranked North Carolina second in the nation in business incorporations in 1965.

Blowing Rocket Date Of Issue To Be Advanced

Beginning next week The Blowing Rocket will be published on Thursday. For the past two years, the Rocket has been published on Friday. The new publication date will give our readers the benefit of taking advantage of our advertisers products a day earlier.

Those making weekly contributions to The Rocket should have same in The Rocket Office by 4 p. m. Tuesday afternoon. Ads should be in the office by 9 a. m. on Wednesday.

The State ranked first in the South Atlantic region in industrial growth over the past 10 years.

Dr. Hamilton said the State gained population primarily because people decided to stay in

## Water Bills Up

Although the water rate has gone up, the fact that bills are sent out every two months, rather than by the month, makes it seem all the higher.

Mrs. Pauline Higgins, bookkeeper for the Town of Boone, said the additional water cost went into effect July 1. Before the raise the tax had been \$150 per month up to 2,500 gallons of water, and dropped to 25 cents for each additional 1,000 gallons of water used.

Now the water tax is \$225 per month up to the 2,500 gallon mark, and 40 cents per 1,000 gallons after that. The sewer tax, before and after July 1, is 20 per cent of the water bill.

Mayor Wade E. Brown said the tax raise was the result of additional expense within the Water and Sewer Department, as well as the recommendation of the Local Government Commission in Raleigh that Boone's tax rate was too low—out of line with towns the size of Boone in North Carolina.

## Leaders Mother's March Asking For Volunteers

Leaders of the Mothers March volunteer appeal in Boone and Blowing Rock were selected this week to organize their work for the Watauga march to be held this month.

Mrs. John B. Robinson, 260 Westbrook Drive, Boone, and Mrs. Howard P. Holshouser, Main Street, Blowing Rock, are currently appealing for volun-

teers in the annual campaign against birth defects.

"Our goal," they said, "is to call at every home and apartment in Boone and Blowing Rock with a message about the campaign and a plea for support."

The women surmised that birth defects are the nation's second greatest destroyer of life, including prenatal loss.