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## Wataugan Killed In Viet Nam

A former Watauga County man was killed in action in Viet Nam Jan. 13.

He was Platoon Sgt. Baxter Coolidge Carroll, 35, of Junction City, Kan., formerly of Triplett.

Carroll was clearing a road-block where a hostile force was engaged when he was killed. He left Fort Riley, Kan., Sept. 10 for service in Viet Nam.

He was born in Watauga County to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Carroll of Triplett. His parents received a telegram Friday informing them of his death. He had been in the Army 17 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Jeanette Carroll; two sons, James Lee and Steven Carroll of Junction City; his mother of Triplett; and three brothers, Robert Newell Carroll of Cleveland, Tenn., Archie Carroll and Leonard Carroll Jr. of Triplett. The body is en route from Viet Nam to Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home here.

## Funeral For Boone Jeweler This Afternoon

Joseph Linney Walker, 58, Boone jeweler, died suddenly Monday morning of a heart attack at his home on 421 west.

He had eaten breakfast and had started to work when the seizure came.

Mr. Walker had been in failing health for some years, following a paralytic stroke but had been carrying on his daily work at his Walker's Jewelry Store.

He was born at Butler, Tenn. to William C. and Boyd Thomas Walker and had lived in Boone 42 years.

Mr. Walker served three years during the second world war, and was a machinist in a Transportation Battalion, serving most of the time in the Norfolk area.

Funeral services will be held this (Wednesday) afternoon at 2 o'clock at St. Luke's Episcopal Church. Burial will be in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Daisy Wellborn Walker; two sons, William and Charles Walker of the home; a daughter, Yvonne Walker of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Edith W. Madison of Boone and Mrs. Frances Roberts of Murphy. His mother also survives.

## J. B. Trivette Dies Saturday

James Blaine Trivette, 60, of Route 4, Boone died Saturday at Watauga Hospital.

He was the son of the late Rev. William L. and Pantha Edmisten Trivette.

Surviving are three sisters, Mrs. Ruby Sherrill of Hudson, Mrs. Mary Ann West of Wheeling, West Virginia and Mrs. Nell Fairchild of Winston-Salem.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 11 a. m. at the Advent Christian Church. Officiating were the Rev. Gordon Noble and Rev. Charles Smith. Burial was in the Edmisten cemetery.

## Rev. Mr. Crowder Is Given Young Man Of Year Award

"This is the greatest honor I've ever received," said the Rev. Richard J. Crowder as the Boone Jaycees passed him their coveted Distinguished Service Award Monday night.

A resident of Boone for only two and a half years, the Methodist minister was applauded by about 70 persons who crowded into the Daniel Boone Inn for the annual presentation.

Preceding announcement of the DSA "Young Man of the



## Cow Killed By Runaway Car

At 4 p. m. on Friday, Jan. 14, a 1965 Ford driven by Eddy Merle Watson, 16, of Deep Gap went out of control eight miles east of Boone. Patrolman W. D. Teem, who investigated and reported the accident, said Watson was traveling north on Brownwood Road, came around a curve where a school bus was letting off children, and applied his brakes. Teem said Watson lost control of the car, which traveled 257 feet across the

road into a field where it hit and killed a cow belonging to Johnny Jack Ray of Route 1, Deep Gap. The car then traveled backwards into Ray's barn, Teem said. The patrolman estimates damage to the car at \$1,500, damage to the barn at \$600 and value of the cow at \$400. Teem said he charged Watson, who was uninjured in the accident, with reckless driving. (Flowers photo)

## Resources Northwestern Bank Reach \$281,844,977

The financial activities of The Northwestern Bank expanded substantially in 1965. Total resources reached \$281,844,977 on Dec. 31, 1965, an increase of \$46,047,730 or approximately 20 per cent over the previous year end. On Dec. 31, 1965, deposits were \$245,385,958 which represents a growth of more than 22 per cent.

Loans were \$170,569,290 at year end as compared with \$140,191,452 in Dec. 1964. This is a gain of \$30,377,838 or 21 per cent. Capital account was \$16,438,024 at the end of 1965, a gain of \$1,965,063. In addition to the capital account, there were outstanding at year end \$5,000,000 subordinated debentures due May 1, 1984, and an unallocated reserve for possible loan losses totaling \$6,259,613.

Net current operating profits were \$3,658,605 for the year 1965, compared with \$3,317,975 in 1964. Net profits, before dividends and additions to reserves,

but after the deduction of federal and state income taxes, paid or reserved, were \$2,205,875 or \$4.02 per share based on the average number of shares outstanding. This over-all increase reflects the expansion of industrial activity, good crops, and a profitable tourist season.

During the year 1965, Northwestern opened a seasonal office at Maggie, began operations in the new 19-story Northwestern Bank Building in Asheville, and merged with Bryson City Bank at Bryson City. Several existing facilities were remodeled and enlarged to more conveniently serve customers.

The Northwestern Bank now has a merger pending with Citizens Bank of Charlotte which has resources in excess of \$10,000,000. The stockholders of both institutions have already voted in favor of the merger. Final approval must come from the North Carolina Banking Commission and federal regulating authorities.

In regard to 1966, Edwin Duncan, president of The Northwestern Bank, states, "from our

## Snow Drifts Close Parkway

Due to high drifts and icy road conditions, that portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway between the North Carolina-Virginia State Line and Grandfather Mountain is closed to through travel.

For information on Parkway road conditions through the winter months, individuals are advised to contact the District Ranger, Laurel Springs—North Carolina, Telephone—372-5768 (Sparta).

## Chamber Sells 1,529 Auto Tags

At the close of business at noon Saturday, the License Bureau division of the Boone Chamber of Commerce had sold 1,529 automobile tags, three motorcycle, 491 private trucks, 46 farm truck tags and 59 trailer tags.

Possibly because of congestion at Chamber offices last year, records show sales 300 ahead of the number sold by Jan. 15 of last year. Chamber officials stress that early acquisition and display of tags will result in less rush as the Feb. 15 deadline approaches.



CHRISTIE, THE ST. BERNARD OF POPLAR GROVE ROAD, could rescue persons from an avalanche if need be, but, she said, could do nothing to assist all our poor motorists immobilized in the weekend snow. Still a pup, Christie belongs to Maj. and Mrs. Gene Broadbent. (Staff photo)

## Fun On The Slopes

# Foot Of Snow Falls Here Last Saturday

## Skiers Throng Resort Areas; Schools Closed

It finally came!

The snow started Saturday afternoon in great billowy waves and by the time the flakes stopped falling at night more than eleven inches had accumulated in the Boone area to bring slippery highways, stalled automobiles, slick sidewalks and happiness to the winter resort community.

Sunday's low temperature was 23 degrees, and Monday dawned bright with a crackling 14 degrees.

Schools were closed Monday, the dedication of the Watauga High School plant set for Sunday, had to be postponed, and the Daniel Boone Wagon Train meeting to be held at Darby Saturday night was cancelled.

But skiing was good and hundreds flocked to the slopes at Blowing Rock Ski Lodge and at Hound Ears to enjoy the fun. The snow was deep and somewhat tricky, it was reported, especially for skiers accustomed to using clean, slick slopes with a minimum of powder. Traffic was heavy to the slopes all through Sunday, and again Monday for it had been a long wait for the first appreciable cover of natural snow.

Wreckers were busy Saturday and Sunday helping hapless motorists, particularly those who had tried to go without chains or snow treads, and some who tried going with both.

State highway forces kept the principal roads open and there was no appreciable delay in mails or in other necessary services.



Excellent, if tricky, skiing conditions prevailed at local lodges over the weekend. Eleven inches natural snow fall, added to substantial bases at Hound Ears and Blowing Rock

Ski Lodge, drew hundreds into the mountains, and lodges were still busy as late as Tuesday. (Staff photo)

## First National Of ENC Has Most Successful Year Ever

A 28.7 percent increase in resources, and earnings after taxes of \$2,127 per share, made 1965 the most successful year in the 14 year history of First National Bank of Eastern North Carolina. M. F. Allen, Jr., president, reported at the bank's annual shareholders meeting at Jacksonville, North Carolina.

W. Carroll Bryan, board chairman, pointed out that First National ended 1965 with assets in excess of \$40,000,000, a gain of more than \$9,000,000 for the year.

In presenting the annual report, Allen pointed out that deposits increased \$8,291,221.97,

or 31 percent, since the beginning of the year.

Other highlights of the report reflected gains in every department which allowed First National to increase its effectiveness as it accelerated its policy to significantly assist in the growing economic development of the state.

"The outstanding progress in all areas of our banking service, and the gains made in each department, are indicative of the growing influence of First National in the continuing progress being noted in the areas which the bank serves," Allen said.

Allen pointed out the merger with First National Bank of Boone, North Carolina, had been consummated and was anticipating an extremely happy relationship on its becoming a part of the First National system.

First National now has 19 offices in North Carolina. During 1965, First National opened new offices at Farmville, Pollockville, and two in Wilmington.

## Father Of Gwyn Hayes Dies In Wilkes County

The Rev. James Edgar (Edd) Hayes, 72, of North Wilkesboro Route 1, father of Gwyn Hayes of Boone, died at 6:29 p. m. Sunday at Wilkes Hospital. He had been ill for three weeks after suffering a heart attack.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at the Baptist Home Church by the Rev. Reid Keiger, the Rev. James Revis and the Rev. Gilbert Osborne. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Mr. Hayes was born in Wilkes County Sept. 27, 1893, son of Adolphus and Delilah Elledge Hayes. For 53 years he

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## Mothers' March Set For Monday

Mrs. John B. Robinson, chairman of the Boone Mothers' March for the March of Dimes, announced that the local March will be held next Monday night, Jan. 24, weather permitting.

On this night, many mothers, concerned about birth defects, and the tragedy it brings to families, will be calling at the homes in Boone in the annual March of Dimes appeal.

They will be seeking contributions to speed the work

against the nation's largest killer andcrippler of children. And they will carry a message of hope, of significant progress in the fight against birth defects.

The March of Dimes is also supporting the largest national non-governmental scientific research program in birth defects.

If the question, "Why did it happen to my baby?" has never been asked in your home, give thanks, and give to the Marching Mothers on Monday night, said Mrs. Robinson.

## Want Ad Brings Wide Response

The Democrat's out-of-state subscribers are keeping a sharp eye on commercial activities in Boone.

Last week, within a few days of having put a real estate notice on the want ad page, an advertiser received inquiries from Florida, California, Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia and Oregon.

## Merchants Of Boone Elect Board Members

Fifteen persons have been selected to comprise the Board of Directors of the Boone Merchant's Association.

Action was taken this week after a meeting of David Spainhour, R. D. Hodges Jr., Clyde R. Greene, Paul Smith and George Flowers, who were selected on Jan. 11 by merchants who met at the Gateway Cafe.

Greene reported the following names Monday: Paul Smith, Vaughn Roten, Rachel Rivers, Cecil Greene, Frank Auten, Dr. James Greene, A. E. McCreary, Mrs. Eude M. Moody, Harvey Trivette, Jack Feimster, Mack Brown, Glenn Cottrell, Stanley Harris Sr., John Robinson and Ray Farthing.

The group will meet at noon Thursday at the Gateway Cafe.

## Horn Group Meets Monday

The executive committee of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association met at noon Monday at the Daniel Boone Hotel to discuss bids it had received for operation of the concession stand, Gift Shop and Country Store this summer on the Horn in the West grounds. SAHA accepted the Jaycees bid to give the Association 55 per cent of profits after taxes for the season.