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Feb. 15	45	22	.00	11	11
Feb. 16	49	35	.06	44	21
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Feb. 19	45	28	.00	49	19
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Harris-Teeter Complex Opens

The Harris-Teeter Super Market, King Street Pharmacy and Western Auto Store are holding their grand opening this week on East King Street. Put under construction in the summer of 1965, the brick structure housing Harris-Teeter is 128 feet by 83 feet. Meat and poultry cases take up 84 feet of space; frozen meat, 12 feet; frozen foods, 48 feet; and health and beauty aids, 32 feet. The Harris-Teeter chain comprises 40 super markets in the two Carolinas. King Street Pharmacy, a

branch of the Boone Drug Company, and owned by W. R. Richardson, Joe Miller and O. K. Richardson, carries all the lines at Boone Drug, has a prescriptions department and fountain service unit. It is in the north wing. In the south wing, the Western Auto Store recently moved from West King Street, carries a full line of merchandise with much more stock than at its former location. (Flowers photo)

"Heart Days For Business" Being Observed In Boone

Solicitation in the business district of Boone for the benefit of the Heart Fund, or "Heart-Days-for-Business" is being conducted by Chairmen Paul Smith and Jerry Moretz.

This effort will cover special gifts and stores, service stations, garages, professional offices, theaters, hotels, city offices and all other non-residential places of the community.

"In the pre-retirement years before 65, diseases of the heart and blood vessels take more lives than the next five leading causes of death combined," said Smith and Moretz. "They pose a constant threat to business and industry, afflicting skilled workers and executives in their most productive years."

"Although diseases of the heart and blood vessels take more lives than all other causes combined, there is growing evidence that medical science has turned the corner in its effort to safeguard the heart and life of the middle-aged businessman."

"During the years since 1950, we have seen a relatively sustained decline in the cardiovascular death rate for men aged 45 through 64. There was an overall decrease of 7.5 per cent, 1950-1962, due to the spectacular decline in the death rate from high blood pressure and heart disease it causes, and an impressive reduction in the death rate from stroke. However, we must note that the death rate from heart attack for men in their productive years is going up."

"It is gratifying to report that the people of Boone and of Watauga County had a part in this victory. Their dollars have been among the 110 million Heart Fund dollars channeled into research since 1949."

Bloodmobile To Be Here Tuesday

More than 38,000 units of whole blood have been contributed to support the U. S. Armed Forces in Viet Nam, according to the American Red Cross.

Residents of Boone and Watauga County will have an opportunity to add to this amount when the Bloodmobile pays its first visit of the year here on Tuesday, March 1.

The Bloodmobile is scheduled to be at East Hall on the ASTC campus during the day, according to Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the local American Red Cross chapter.

Watauga County's quota for the year is 555 pints, and Mrs. Fletcher hopes to see the chapter off to a good start on this visit.

According to statistics compiled by the American Red Cross, over 10 bottles of blood are used in this country every minute of the day to treat the

ill and injured. That means over 5,000,000 are required each year, and the Red Cross collects over half of the amount used through its blood program.

Optimist Club Sells Orchids

The Boone Optimist Club is conducting its annual "Orchids for Easter" campaign, selling advance tickets for the corsages at the Northwestern Bank and the First National Bank. Tickets also may be bought from Optimist members.

The orchids are grown in North Carolina and are guaranteed as to quality and freshness. White orchids are \$5, lavender \$3 and corsages for the little miss are also \$3. All are made up with ribbon and pin for wearing.

Instrument From Balloon Is Recovered

A weather instrument, Radiosonde, property of the U. S. Government, was found by G. O. Triplett at his home at Deep Gap Feb. 11.

The instrument had been attached to a balloon and released at Nashville, Tenn. January 18, and was carried to earth by a parachute after the balloon burst "supposedly 17 miles up."

The purpose of the instrument, it seems, was to record weather conditions, temperature, etc. and was to be returned, if found, to the address on mailing tag.

Mr. Triplett believes the instrument weathered a lot of storms before landing.

Frank Coffey Has Leading Role In Opera

Frank Coffey, son of Mrs. Paul A. Coffey, Boone, recently appeared in the New England Conservatory of Music Opera Theater's production of Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Presented in Boston's concert auditorium, Jordan Hall, Coffey was cast in the opera's leading role as Count Almaviva. A first-year Master of Music degree student in voice, he studies with former Metropolitan Opera Company tenor, Frederick Jagel.

Founded in 1867, the New England Conservatory is the oldest independent institution for higher education in music in the United States. Performing organizations include the Conservatory Symphony Orchestra, the Chorus, and the Opera Theater.

Statue Proposal To Be Studied By Horn Group

Dr. I. G. Greer presided over a meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association at noon, Monday, at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Announcement was made of the resignation of Rachel Rivers, who recently was employed as promotional director for the 1966 season of "Horn in the West". Executive vice-president, Dr. R. H. Harmon, told the committee that Miss Rivers will continue to assist in promotion until the vacancy is filled. She was renamed publicity chairman on the executive board. (Continued on page six)

Next Stage Projected Current Building Phase At ASTC \$15,000,000

Campus Value Will Be More Than Doubled

Appalachian president W. H. Plemmons released plans today for the next stage of the college's rapidly progressing building program.

The twelve separate projects involved will be completed at a cost of \$15,697,000 and will double the present value of the campus properties.

The program includes the following:

Expansion of steam distribution system and coal storage facility, \$180,000. The new steam lines have already solved heating and hot water shortage problems in Justice and Newland Halls. The facility allows for future expansion on the south end of the campus. The coal storage facility provides covered space for 50 tons of coal for emergency use.

Student Center building, \$1,450,000. Final plans have been completed and construction is scheduled to begin soon.

Three dormitories for women, \$1,563,000; one dormitory for men, \$816,000. All are scheduled for occupancy in the fall of 1966. Preliminary work has been started on furnishings.

Varsity gymnasium, \$1,500,000. Working drawings have been completed and are in hands of state officials for final approval.

New administration building, \$575,000. Preliminary drawings are complete and have been submitted for approval. Permission has been requested to remove the Old Home Economics building. It is hoped that construction will begin in early summer.

Renovation of Appalachian High School Building, \$225,000. Preliminary studies have been made and are now under consideration by state officials.

New library, \$1,800,000. Studies of needs are complete and architects are now preparing working drawings.

Addition to Industrial Arts building, \$423,000. Working drawings are now being completed.

Addition to I. G. Greer Hall, \$190,000. Preliminary plans were returned to architect yesterday with final suggested revisions.

New classroom building for language and arts, \$1,245,000. Possible sites are now under consideration. Program plans are currently being developed by college staff.

Addition to Rankin Science Building, \$2,100,000. Pre-planning has been completed and funds will be requested at the next meeting of the General Assembly.

Four new dormitories, \$3,600,000. Construction was authorized by the 1965 General Assembly. Planning by college staff is underway.



SHERIFF DALLAS CHEEK STANDS BY as Frank Cook, mechanic at Brown & Graham Motor Company, finishes checking his car on Wednesday, February 16—the first day of North Carolina's Vehicle Safety Inspection program. Cheek was probably the first Wataugan to take part in the program,

which was initiated by the North Carolina Legislature, although the last digit on his license tag indicates that inspection was not due until October. The Sheriff said he endorses this method of promoting safe driving. (Weston photo).

Watauga County Commissioners To Host Area Officials Tuesday

The County Commissioners of Watauga County will be host to county officials from 8 North Carolina counties Tuesday, March 1.

The meetings, a part of the annual series of District meetings scheduled by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners will begin at 10 a. m., at the Watauga Courthouse in Boone. County commissioners, accountants, attorneys and other officials from Alleghany, Avery, Ashe, Caldwell, Surry, Watauga, Wilkes

and Yadkin counties will attend.

John Morrissey, the Association's General Counsel announced today that subjects scheduled for discussion at the all day session will include reapportionment and the actions of the recent special session of the legislature, the Tax Study Commission, new welfare pro-

grams and the defined services concept, techniques of administration, new directors in county government, and other topics of special interest to county officials.

Shortly after noon discussions will recess for lunch. After luncheon the sessions will be resumed and continue until mid-afternoon.

ASTC Gets \$48,000 Of Federal Money

A grant of \$48,000 has been received by the Division of Special Education of the Appalachian State Teachers College Department of Education from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, according to announcement by Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian.

The funds will be used for the preparation of professional personnel in the education of handicapped children and youth for the academic year 1966-67. It will provide graduate assistantships and undergraduate traineeships in the area of mental retardation and graduate fellowships in the area of the deaf and the hard of hearing.

Dr. Milton Blue is director of the Appalachian Division of Special Education.

Appalachian will receive funds for graduate scholarships in the amount of \$2,000 each per year, plus \$400 for each dependent, tuition and fees, for graduate studies.

Senior year fellowships granting a stipend of \$1,600 each plus tuition and fees, will be available for training in mental retardation.

Dr. Blue said that funds have been made available to Appalachian due to the great need for qualified teachers of the mentally retarded in North Carolina. According to Blue, of the approximately 1,000 teachers of the mentally retarded in the state, less than five percent have degrees in the specific area of mental retardation.

College To Start Later In Fall; More Holidays

Students at Appalachian State Teachers College will begin classes later in the fall and will have a longer Christmas holiday period in the 1966-67 academic year, but will meet their classes longer each day, according to a revision of the college calendar.

Major changes in the college schedule for next year were approved today by Dr. Paul Sanders, dean of Academic Affairs, following approval by the Ad-

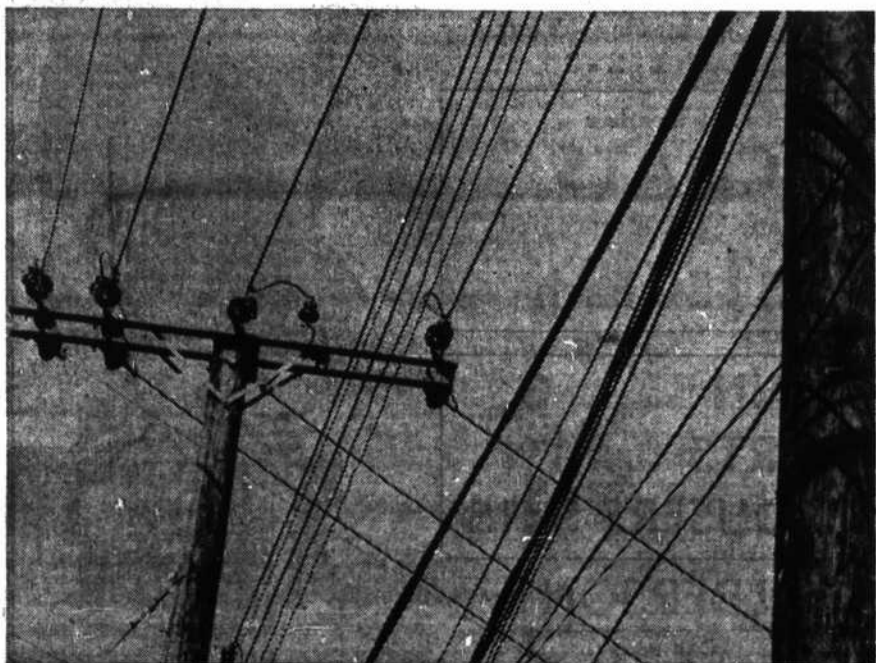
ministrative Council of the college. Registration for the fall quarter will begin on September 14 in contrast to a date of Sept. 7 for the past year and classes will begin on Sept. 19 in contrast to Sept. 10 of the past year, according to the announcement by Dr. Sanders.

Students will begin Christmas holidays officially on Dec. 8, following final examinations for the fall quarter, and the winter

quarter will begin with the resumption of school on Jan. 3. Spring quarter classes begin March 22 and closes on June 2. Commencement will be held on June 3.

Commencement is scheduled for May 27 this year.

In addition to these changes, classes during the 1966-67 academic year will meet for a full 60 minutes with 10-minute intervals between classes. (Continued on page six)



WIRES, WIRES EVERYWHERE—and in some towns, businessmen have looked toward the possibility of putting telephone wires underground—with the assistance of the telephone company, of course. Very soon,

at least one business on King Street is expected to announce that it will conduct a pilot experiment in underground telephone cables. (Staff photo)