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SKIING ON THE THOROUGHFARE . . . If the slopes are crowded, one can always find a spot somewhere else, as this young lady did in a residential area near Blowing Rock.

Thursday brought four inches of snow to close the schools, which were opened again Friday. A couple more inches fell before the snowfall ended. Staff photo.

16 Certified Teachers School Board Receives \$211,514 Federal Grant

Polling Places Are Given For Burley Ballot

Polling places for the March 10 referendum on acreage-poundage marketing quotas for the next three crops of burley tobacco have been designated by the Watauga ASC County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee as follows:

Beaver Dam Community, Bill Farthing Store; Brushy Fork Community, Vilas Service Station; Cove Creek Community, James Mast Store; Laurel Creek Community, V. D. Ward Store; Meat Camp Community, Meat Camp Service Station; New River Community, Perkinsville Service Station; North Fork Community, David Ellison Store; Shawneehaw Community, McGuire Grocery; Stony Fork Community, Parkway School; Watauga Community, Howard Mast Store.

Committee Chairman Clint Eggers points out that notices of farm acreage allotments and poundage quotas—as well as allotments under the program now in effect—have been mailed to all burley tobacco farm operators so that they may know these program details in advance of the referendum.

The acreage allotments under the new program are about six per cent larger than in 1965. (The 1966 farm allotments under the present program would be about 15 per cent smaller than in 1965 for farms not protected by minimum provisions.) The 1966-crop poundage quota for each farm is based on the farm's production history during the five years 1959-63.

If more than two-thirds of the growers voting in this special referendum vote yes, the acreage-poundage quotas provided by the new program will be in effect for the 1966, 1967 and 1967 crops of burley tobacco. Penalties will apply to marketings in excess of 120 per cent of the 1966-crop farm poundage quota (110 per cent of the quota in subsequent years).

Any marketings above the farm's quota in a particular year will be deducted from the (Continued on page six)



JOE L. HARTLEY

Founded Singing Joe L. Hartley A Noted Figure

(Miss Beverly Wolter, reporter for the Winston-Salem Journal, has sent this dispatch from Linville to her newspaper. The Democrat so appreciates her remarks about Mr. Hartley that the full text of the story is herewith printed.)

Linville—Grandfather Mountain will be there, same as it's been for millions of years, but the Singing on the Mountain there won't be the same this summer.

"Uncle Joe" Lee Hartley won't be there, stumping briskly around with his cane, greeting the celebrities, taking a bow himself from the speaker's stand, bright-eyed and grinning through tobacco-stained teeth and mustache at photographers. "Uncle Joe" died yesterday in a Banner Elk Hospital after

a five-day illness. He was 95, five years short of the age he jokingly predicted for himself.

"I figure I was born to live 200 years," the grizzled mountaineer said, "but I ruined my teeth chewing tobacco so I reckon that'll take 100 years off my life."

He was a farmer, a fire warden and a philosopher.

He was best-known, though, as the founder of Singing on the Mountain 42 years ago.

The sing started in 1922 when the Hartley family had a reunion. Everybody had such a good time singing, eating and listening to the preaching that they decided they ought to do it every year. They made "Uncle Joe" chairman.

Year by year the event grew until now it attracts thousands. (Continued on page three)

Funds To Aid Deprived In Public Schools

The Watauga County Board of Education has received approval of its first project financed through funds allocated to this administrative unit by the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

The local project, entitled "The Development And Improvement Of Communication And Vocational Skills In The Elementary And Secondary Schools Of Watauga County", calls for an expenditure of Federal funds in the amount of \$211,514.00 for the current school term.

Superintendent of Schools Guy Angell says Watauga County has been allocated a total of \$293,072.88 and the balance of this allocation will be included in a project, now being prepared, for a summer school for the economically deprived children in the County.

Federal funds designated for Watauga County were based on the number of economically deprived children residing in this county and are to be used for the up-grading of the educationally deprived now enrolled in the public schools.

In his letter of approval of this project, Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, congratulated the administrative staff on the development of this project and expressed the hope that its implementation will lead to improved educational programs in this unit.

Some of the major provisions of the project designed to develop and improve the communications and vocational skills include the employment of additional personnel and the purchase of equipment and materials urgently needed in the instructional program.

Included in the additional (Continued on page three)

Mayor Brown To Speak To Boone Chamber

Mayor Wade E. Brown will address the membership meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, March 8. The luncheon meeting will get underway at noon at the Daniel Boone Inn.

The Mayor will discuss the water and sewer systems as they relate to Boone's expanded city limits; the subject of cablevision in the area; and the cooperation between the State Highway Department and the Town of Boone in maintaining the city streets.

2,009 Wataugans Are Paid Wages Totaling \$5,788,000

Figures just released by the Government show that the number of businesses in operation in Watauga County is at a high level.

There are more of them flourishing in the local area, in proportion to population, than in many parts of the country. The survey, which was conducted by the Census Bureau, in cooperation with the Social Security Administration, also provides data on the number of people employed and the size of payrolls in every section of the United States.

The report was compiled from tax reports submitted by

employers last year, under the social security program. It was based on figures covering the prior year's operations.

Listed in Watauga County are a total of 279 active business establishments. Of this number, 167 have 3 employees or less, 62 have from 4 to 7 employees and 37 from 8 to 19. The remainder are bigger. Some 95 percent of the total are small businesses, with fewer than 20 employees each.

The ratio is high. Elsewhere in the United States there are 90 percent in this category.

The ratio in North Carolina is 89 percent.

The proportion of establishments in this group indicates the extent to which moderate-size enterprises are supported locally.

At the same time, there is no dearth of larger-size firms in the county.

The report shows that Watauga County's business concerns provide gainful employment for 2,009 people in "covered" jobs. By covered is meant employment that falls within the scope of the social security program. (Continued on page three)

County Farm Income In '65 Was \$3,601,474

Watauga County farmers had an estimated \$3,601,474 income in 1965, as against \$3,553,280 in 1964, according to figures given the Democrat Monday by L. E. Tuckwiller, County Farm Agent.

Income from burley tobacco brought the most farm dollars, but the \$986,826 was a decided drop from the \$1,023,371 the growers received in 1964.

The income from broilers came second with \$575,200 as against \$546,000 a year earlier; other poultry brought \$7,590 and \$6,830, respectively; while cattle came in third for the year with income of \$575,200. In 1964, cattle brought \$517,400.

Dairy products yielded an income of \$206, as against \$217,500 a year earlier. Nurseries and greenhouses brought \$185,000, \$160,000 in 1964; cabbage brought \$180,000 and \$225,000.

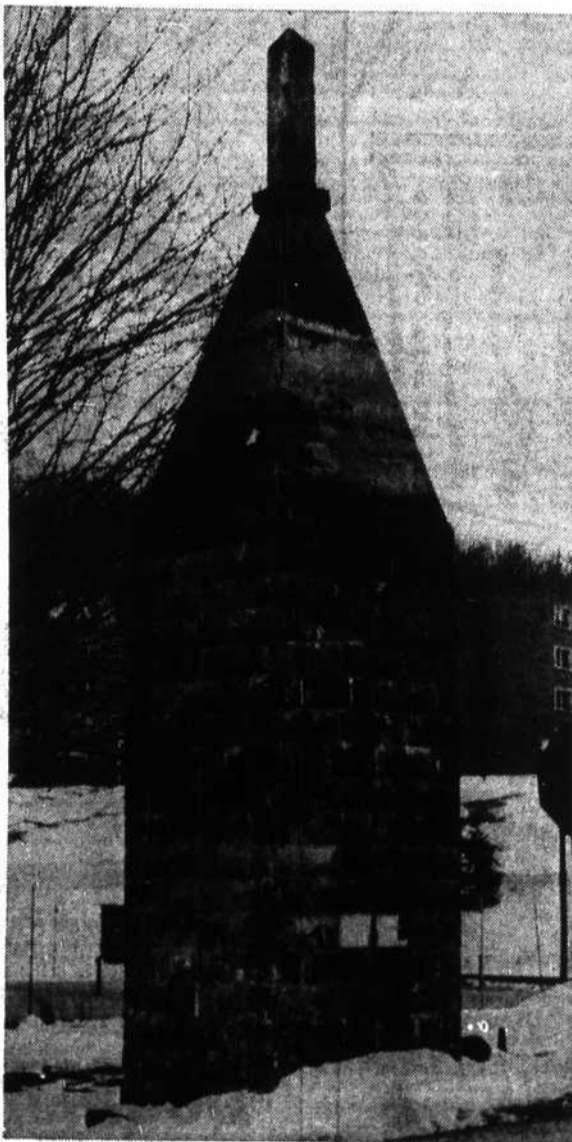
Other farm income, without regard to rank, follows, with the 1965 figure followed by the one for 1964, in each instance:

Corn \$14,000, \$12,000.
Potatoes \$78,000, \$65,878.
Hay \$27,000, \$21,000.
Sorghum \$1,500, \$1,500.
Apples \$94,500, \$148,000.
Other vegetables \$57,500, \$51,328.

Strawberries \$20,000, \$17,500.
Lumber and logs \$172,500, \$122,500.

Other forest products \$92,500, \$90,140.
Hogs \$15,996, \$12,000.
Sheep \$31,000, \$28,900.
Horses \$5,000, \$2,188.

Eggs \$72,900, \$94,840.
Wool \$7,800, \$8,400.
Meat \$50,000, \$50,000.
Honey \$500, \$300.
Government payments \$3,601,474, \$3,553,280.



Camped Here 1760-69

The historic Daniel Boone monument, which stands on the Appalachian campus across from Duncan Hall, seems fitting enough tribute to the fact that Daniel Boone once lived in the Boone Valley. On the north side of the monument (pictured), the plaque reads: Daniel Boone, Pioneer and Hunter; Born Feb. 11, 1735, Died Sept. 26, 1820; Camped here 1760-69. The monument stands on the site of the old pioneer's cabin in which Boone is said to have lived for nine years. The plaque on the south reads: W. L. Bryan, son of Battle and Rebecca Miller Bryan; Born Nov. 19, 1837; Built Daniel Boone Monument Oct. 1912; Cost \$203.37. Bryan was the first Mayor of Boone. The monument to the pioneer was erected by public subscription. (Staff photo)



JAMES C. (RED) LYONS

Lyons Runs For Sheriff

County Commissioner James C. (Red) Lyons announces his candidacy for the office of Sheriff of Watauga County, subject to the Republican nomination in the May primary.

Lyons is 29 years old, married and has two sons. He and his family reside on Deerfield Road.

Balloon Sale Aids Heart Fund

The Heart Fund has \$161.67 more to help in the 1966 campaign due to the hard work of a group of boys and to the generous donations made by the buyers of balloons. Last Saturday, "Balloon Day" here nearly 1,000 balloons were sold by two Boy Scout troops.

From Troop 109 (Joe Miller, (Continued on page six)

Northwestern Bank Has Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the stockholders of The Northwestern Bank was held Tuesday, February 22, at the Home Office in North Wilkesboro.

Edwin Duncan, President of the Bank, reported a 22 per cent increase in deposits with deposits increasing from \$200,000,000 to \$245,000,000. Total resources reached an all time high of \$281,000,000, as compared with \$235,000,000 in 1964. Net profits, before dividends and addition to reserves, but after the deduction of federal and state income taxes, paid or reserved, were \$2,205,875.84 or \$4.02 per share based on the average number of shares outstanding.

The stockholders re-elected

the following directors: W. H. Allen, Statesville; R. T. Chatam, Jr., Elkin; F. D. Forester, Jr., North Wilkesboro; C. G. Fox, Hickory; E. F. Gardner, North Wilkesboro; W. B. Greene, Kingsport, Tennessee; John D. Guigon, Valdese; C. W. Higgins, Jr., Galax, Virginia; V. H. Idol, Madison; A. Hugo Kimball, Statesville; G. M. Kirkpatrick, Taylorsville; G. C. Mason, Madison; O. J. Mooneyham, Sr., Forest City; Leonard Moretz, Maiden; Hubert R. Moss, Hickory; C. M. Ogle, Hendersonville; J. H. Pearson, North Wilkesboro; B. R. Penland, Burnsville; Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Boone; A. Fuller Sams, Jr., Statesville; D. H. Sigmon, Morganton; J. Raymond Smith, Mount Airy; Gordon H. Winkler, Boone; and (Continued on page three)