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BOONE WEATHER		
1966	Hi	Lo
March 22	75	44
March 23	70	42
March 24	65	30
March 25	40	19
March 26	49	25
March 27	39	24
March 28	38	19
Snow Given To Nearest Half Inch		

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Although Boone's water does not come from the streams of Watauga County, Town officials are making a great effort to keep Boone Creek free of trash. Cleaned out shortly after this picture was taken, this neck of Boone Creek is again choked with assorted junk. Mayor Brown urges citizens to co-operate in keeping the creek litter free.

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## Boone's Water Supply Gets Highest Rating From State

Records on file with the State Stream Sanitation Committee last week dispelled a report published in the Democrat that Boone's drinking water is of C-grade, or fit only for fish and wildlife.

The charge came during a question and answer period after Mayor Wade Brown's speech at the Chamber of Commerce program meeting the first of March. At the time, the Mayor said that he had no records that Boone's water is inadequate.

According to records, Boone's water is Class A-1, the purest of six classifications set up by the Committee in 1953. A-1 designates streams, lakes and other bodies of water serving as sources of public water supply and from which the water is used for drinking, culinary and food processing purposes.

Quoted from a Committee publication: "This classification is intended primarily for those waters which fall on uninhabited protected watersheds, and require only chlorination or storage or a combination of the two in order to make them suitable and safe as sources of water for public consumption."

### Bingham New Chairman Of Board Elections

The new Watauga County Board of Elections met Saturday and organized by naming John Bingham Chairman and J. D. Winebarger Secretary. Both are Democrats. The Republican member of the Board is J. E. Holshouser, Sr.

The Board will meet again, Mr. Bingham says, April 9, at which time registrars and judges for the various precincts will be chosen.

The Board, chosen in Raleigh on recommendation of the Democrat and Republican committees in Watauga County, succeeds R. T. Greer, Jack Edmiston and Stacy Eggers.



G. R. ANDREWS

### Andrews Again Named To Board Auto Dealers

G. R. Andrews, Boone new car dealer, has been re-elected to a fourth three-year term on the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, according to an announcement made by NCADA Executive Secretary Mrs. Bessie B. Ballentine. Mr. Andrews has been a member of the NCADA Board since 1957 and has also served five years as Area Chairman for Watauga County.

Civic activities include membership in the Rotary Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

The next meeting of the NCADA Board of Directors will be held on Sunday, May 1 during the Association's 31st Annual Convention in Pinehurst.

Officers of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association are: W. A. Raney, Wilmington, president; C. Odell Mat- (Continued on page three)

### Filing Time Ends April 15

Interest is mounting in county politics and although the filing deadline is two weeks away a number of candidates have already filed for county office on both sides of the political fence and others are expected to throw their hats in the ring.

John Bingham, Chairman of the Board of Elections, reminds that Friday the 15th of April is the last day to file for the May 23 primary.

Class E, streams for navigation or water which may be used for limited disposal of domestic and industrial waste.

Questioned in the matter, Jack D. Cobb, supervising (Continued on page three)

### All Voters Required To Register Here

At a meeting of the Board of Elections held Monday a new registration of the voters of Watauga County was ordered.

This step has been advocated by a number of citizens for many years.

All those who expect to vote in the May primary or in the November election will have to register to gain that privilege.

The registration books will remain open each Saturday, April 23 to May 14, so that the registration may be completed in time.

## Candidates File For County Offices



WARD G. CARROLL

For Sheriff

Ward G. Carroll, 47, of Route 1, Boone, has filed for the office of Sheriff subject to the Democratic primary in May.

He attended ASTC, is married and the father of two.

Carroll has been in the lumber and livestock business here since 1947 and received four battle stars in Europe during World War II. He worked with the Highway Commission before the war.



ROBERT THOMAS

For Clerk

Robert Thomas has filed for Clerk of Court, subject to the Democratic primary. He is married and the father of one.

Thomas teaches American history at Watauga High School.

He has been a teacher five years, and a part-time policeman for eight years. He graduated from Cove Creek High School and ASTC.

He is the son of Police Chief Hubert Thomas.



ROBERT HODGES

For Clerk

Robert Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Hodges of Vilas, has announced his candidacy for Clerk of Court on the Democratic ticket.

He is married and has three children. The family belongs to First Presbyterian Church of Boone and resides in Vilas.

Hodges is a World War II veteran and has worked for the Observer Transportation Company, Charlotte, for 17 1/2 years.



GLENN HODGES

For Commissioner

Glenn Hodges of Brushy Fork Township has announced that he will file for Watauga County Commissioner, subject to the Democratic Primary.

He is married to the former Betty Ann Hagaman of Boone. They have three children and are members of the Boone Baptist Church. Hodges has worked on the precinct, county and state level of politics, and is a production foreman at IRC.

## Dr. Carroll To Speak

# W. H. S. Dedication Ceremonies Sunday

### Special Tours Of New Plant To Be Provided

The dedication of Watauga High School has been rescheduled for Sunday, April 3, from 2:30 until 4 p.m. in the school gymnasium. This event was planned for Sunday, Jan. 16, but was cancelled because of snow.

Dr. Charles F. Carroll, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, will deliver the dedicatory address, and the Watauga High School Band will present a concert from 2 until 2:30, under the direction of Otis Strother. The WHS 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 the modern secondary school culminates more than seven years planning and work by school officials and the citizens of Watauga. 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.

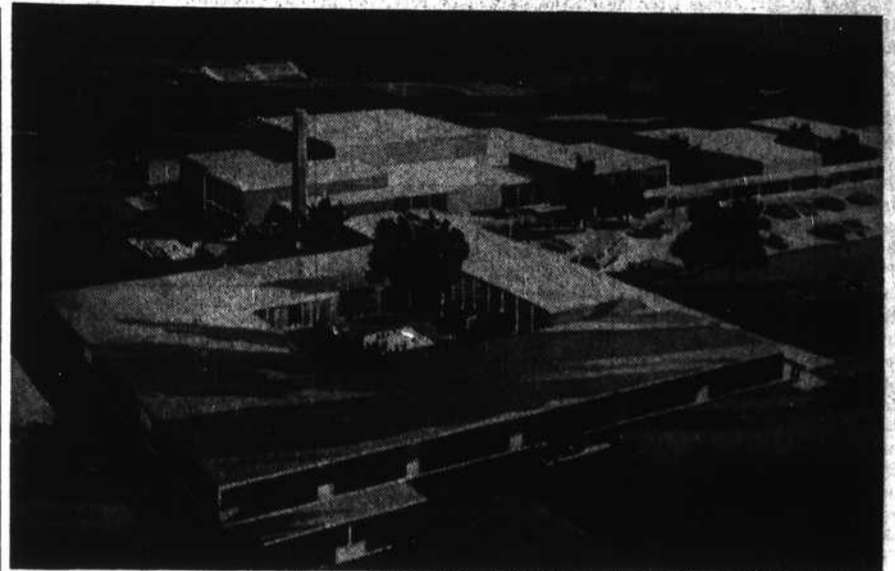
After the dedication, refreshments will be served and special tours of the buildings will be conducted by members of the Student Council and the faculty.

Consolidation of Watauga County high schools was first discussed in a Board of Education meeting Dec. 1, 1958.

Through the years, surveys of the 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 the County.

Early in 1961, the decision was made that Appalachian, Blowing Rock, Cove Creek, Bethel and the Watauga Consolidated high schools be consolidated as soon as a site and funds could be made available.

On Feb. 9, 1962, local officials began planning a bond referendum. On Sept. 17, 1963, Wataugans overwhelmingly approved. (Continued on page three)



DRAWING OF NEW HIGH SCHOOL PLANT.

## Easter Sunrise Service To Be Held By City Churches

The Boone churches will present a special service of worship on Eastern morning at 6 a. m. at the Greenway Baptist Church. Rev. Gordon Noble of the Advent Christian Church will deliver the meditation and other local ministers will take part.

Music for the sunrise service will be provided by the combined choirs of the Perkinsville and Greenway Baptist churches.

In years past the community outdoor Easter Sunrise Service has met many difficulties. It is hoped that this year's observance of the dawning of Easter, which is planned for both indoors and outdoors, will be well attended by those aware of the significance of this day. The service will not be broadcast, however, a special hour long program of inspiration featuring several Boone ministers will be presented over WATA Easter morning.

### Good Friday To Be Observed

The annual community Good Friday Worship Service sponsored by the Watauga County Ministerial Association will be conducted Friday, April 8, at 7:30 p. m., at the Boone Presbyterian Church.

Rev. Richard Crowder, president of the association, will be in charge of the services which will feature brief meditations on the seven last words from the cross by local clergymen.

The service will add much to the community's observation of the Easter season and all church members are urged to be present.

### Medicare Deadline Today

The Hickory District Social Security Office will be open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. on the 30th and 31st of March to give 65 year olds a last-minute opportunity to enroll in the Social Security Medicare Plan.

The special hours have been set so that everyone may take advantage of the hospitalization and supplementary medical insurance plans which Congress provided for almost all persons at least 65 years old.

The enrollment period ends March 31 this year. Those who enroll by that date will have the health insurance coverage starting July 1.

Don W. Marsh, Hickory District Office Manager, says it's urgent that anyone 65 years old who has not already filed an application for Medicare, to file during the last two days of March.

## Local Folk Singer Ends Tour Britain

BY WHEELER FARTHING

Doc Watson, blind folk singer and guitarist, has returned from a tour of the British Isles where he found "receptive" audiences and "miserable" weather.

He gave 22 performances during the tour. They included five in London, two in Scotland, and one in Belfast, Ireland. The remaining 14 were presented in other English cities.

Watson found the cold, damp weather in the Isles not to his liking, even though he grew up near the crest of the Blue Ridge in Watauga County where the winters are rarely mild.

The British people, he was pleased to learn, knew much about his music through the

sale of his records throughout England, Scotland and Ireland. They requested "quite a few" tunes he had recorded for an American company, which, in turn, arranged for their sale in Europe through another company, he said.

He and his manager traveled in Great Britain by train after their arrival in London by air from the U. S.

Commenting on British food, Watson said he found it "fair to good in most places, but I still think our cooks here in the States are much better."

Next up on his schedule is (Continued on page three)

### Democrats Go To Rowan Meet

A Ninth District meeting of Democratic women was sponsored by a Salisbury club last week. Mrs. Dan K. Moore was featured speaker and six Boone women were on hand for the event.

Robert Bingham, special guest at the meeting, was introduced as the Democrats' Ninth District candidate opposing James Broyles.

Representing the Boone organization were Mrs. James Council, Mrs. W. M. Matheson, Mrs. John Council, Mrs. Frank Payne, Mrs. Harvey Ayers and Mrs. Glenn Hodges.

## Great Fire Danger Exists On Parkway

The majority of the Blue Ridge Parkway is free of ice and snow and safe to travel. The only portion remaining closed at this time is the section from N. C. Highway No. 191 (French Broad River) to Balsam Gap.

Fire danger along the Blue Ridge Parkway is extremely high. High spring winds could cause a small fire to go completely out of control in minutes. Visitors and residents in this area are urged to use the utmost care by using ashtrays for discarded cigarettes and by not starting fires when burning conditions are critical.

1966 marks the 50th anniversary of the National Park Service. One way we can make this a memorable year is by being extra careful with our fires.