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FISHERMEN PRACTICALLY HAD TO STAND in line when fishing season opened at Tater Hill Lake Saturday morning. Lloyd Ragan of Route 2 went early and came home early with a line loaded with brook trout. All of the fish were in the 10-inch category and Ragan said he caught them with red-worms. More pictures on page 3, section B. (Staff photo)

Wagon Train Officers Named

Action was taken at the second annual meeting of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train, Inc., which convened in Darby March 26, to make a token payment to Ivey Moore, Chief Scout of the Train, and DeWitt Barnett, Wagon Master, for their services in 1965.

Boone Director Clyde Greene also moved that a committee be appointed to work out an arrangement for this summer, and Stewart Simmons, Clyde Eggers and Joe Edmisten were delegated.

James Richardson of North Wilkesboro spoke in behalf of Moore at the outset. He stated that Moore has incurred considerable expense in behalf of the Wagon Train.

Questioned, Moore revealed that he has had to pay \$100 for each suit of buckskin, has bought hats and moccasins and paid for trips to Spartanburg, Greensboro, High Point and Columbus, as well as other cities, for television appearances for the Wagon Train. For two years, he has rented a horse for the trip.

Greene told the group that he has been associated with the Wagon Train since it started and said that without Ivey Moore, it couldn't have lasted. The Train was originated by Greene in connection with Horn in the West, in 1963 as part of

the N. C. Tercentenary celebration. Demand brought on a repeat performance the following summer, and June will mark the fourth annual trek.

Upon passage of his motion to pay Moore a stipend of \$150, Greene moved that DeWitt Barnett, Wagon Master from Boone, has also spent money for promotion of the event and has donated equipment and teams free of charge. The directors turned over \$75 to Barnett.

John Dawson of Darby succeeded Clyde Greene as president of the Daniel Boone Wagon Train. Directors chose Stewart Simmons of Triplett for vice-president; Clyde Greene as secretary; and Fred McNeal of Boone, treasurer.

Watauga County Hospital Gets Duke Funds

Trustees of The Duke Endowment have announced an appropriation of \$664,266 to assist 59 North Carolina and South Carolina hospitals in financing charity services.

The Watauga County Hospital in Boone received \$2,157.

Thomas L. Perkins, Chairman of the Trustees, explained that the fund is in addition to \$1,404,392 distributed in February to 130 other hospitals and 43 child care institutions and brings to \$2,068,658 the amount appropriated this year to help such institutions finance their charity programs.

Of the total, the contribution to 189 hospitals for this purpose is \$1,550,199, to 43 child care institutions, \$518,459. The amount for hospitals is \$91,139 greater than last year's \$1,459,060 appropriation to 192 hospitals. (Continued on page three)

County Offices To Close Monday

All county offices will be closed Easter Monday, April 11. This includes Clerk of Court, Register of Deeds, Tax Offices, Welfare Department, Agricultural Extension, and Veterans' office.

The Health Department offices west of Boone will also observe this holiday.

Banner Employment Month In Area; Jobs Are Available

March was one of the banner months for employment in the Northwest area, Troy Perry, manager of the North Wilkesboro Office of the Employment Security Commission, stated Friday.

The North Wilkesboro office serves Wilkes, Alleghany, Ashe, Watauga and Alexander counties.

Placements were up in substantial numbers over February and March a year ago and claims for unemployment compensation almost reached a new low, Perry said in his month-end report.

In March, 190 were placed on jobs as compared to 92 in February and 74 in March last year. Further activity was reflected in the number of job openings received, which reached 209, and 273 referred to jobs. Many of the referrals were not processed in time to be included in placements in the March report.

New applications received totaled 610 as compared to 377 in February and 423 in March last year. However, Perry pointed out that most of the 610 were high school seniors registering for work but who will not be available until the end of the school term in June.

"The employment outlook for April is good," Perry said, "and there are jobs available now for male labor in both outside and inside occupations, and male workers can be put to work immediately."

Placements in March, Perry said, were in many types of industries. (Continued on page three)

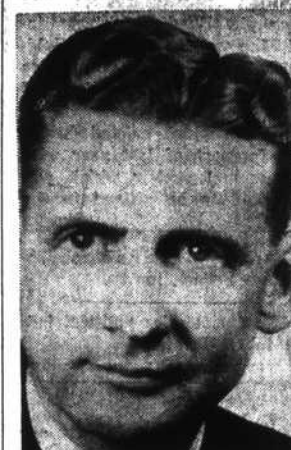
J. G. Wilson Promoted By Motor Vehicles

J. G. Wilson, Jr., formerly of Boone, has been promoted from inspector to Assistant Safety Administrator with the License and Safety Inspection Division of the Department of Motor Vehicles.

Mr. Wilson was formerly employed by Reins-Sturdivant of Boone as an embalmer. He went with the Department of Motor Vehicles in June, 1951, with the Highway Patrol. In June, 1954 he was transferred to the Department of Motor Vehicle Weighing Station at Salisbury as Assistant Supervisor. June, 1955, he was promoted to inspector and transferred to Edenton, to Rockingham, and then to Lexington where he and his family are now residing. They will be moving to Raleigh soon.

Mr. Wilson's wife is the former Irene Weaver of West Jefferson and Boone. They have two children, a boy and girl—thirteen and six.

The duties of this position will consist of assisting the administrator in the License and Safety Inspection Program. His office will be in Raleigh.



W. C. RICHARDSON

Richardson Given Award As Co. Agent

W. C. Richardson, Agricultural Extension Agent in Watauga County, was awarded a certificate for 20 years meritorious service in Agricultural Extension work.

This award was presented at the Annual Extension Conference in Winston-Salem last week, by Epsilon Sigma Phi the fraternity of Extension Service Workers.

Richardson began working (Continued on page three)



Part of the W. H. S. Band under the direction of Otis Strother at Sunday afternoon's dedication concert. (Staff photo)

Watauga High School Band Gets Top Honors In State Contest

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Sunrise Service Event Of Sunday

The Boone churches will join in an Easter sunrise service Sunday at 6 a. m. at the Greenway Baptist Church, the event to take the place of the service which had previously been held at the Horn in the West grounds.

Rev. Gordon Noble of the Advent Christian Church will present the meditation and other local ministers will take part in the service.

Vocal renditions will be provided by the combined choirs of the Perkinsville and Greenway Baptist Churches.

A statement by the sponsors of the service says: "It is hoped that this year's observance of the dawning of Easter, which is planned for both indoors and outdoors, will be attended by all those aware of the significance of the day."

The annual Good Friday service of the Watauga Ministerial Association will be held Friday at 7:30 at the Boone Presbyterian Church. Rev. Richard Crowder, President of the Association, will be in charge of the services.

Vermont-American Corp. Recipient Of Sears Award

The employees and management of Vermont American Corporation were honored on March 15 by Sears, Roebuck and Company for "Outstanding Performance in Manufacturing Superior Quality Products for Sears during the past year."

Manager Jack Cronland and Superintendent Paul Edmisten, Boone division, attended the meeting in Kentucky.

A. E. Satkamp, Chicago, national hardware department buyer for Sears, presented a Sears "Symbol of Excellence" award plaque during a brief dinner ceremony held in the Executive Inn, Louisville, Ky. The plaque was accepted by L. B. Thomas Sr., chairman of the board for Vermont American, on behalf of the corporation staff.

Representatives of the various Vermont American Corp. plants were present for the ceremony and also representatives from Sears Louisville Group and stores. The award is one of 180

State Band contest judges weren't giving away any free prizes last week, and the number 1, or superior rating, that Watauga High School's Band came home with Thursday night, was the result of a conscientious musical program.

And as band director Otis Strother put it, there was some question for awhile as to whether W. H. S. would enter the state competition at all. Strother said he and his students were wondering whether the entire band could muster up to class five competition, which is second to the most difficult music played in contest.

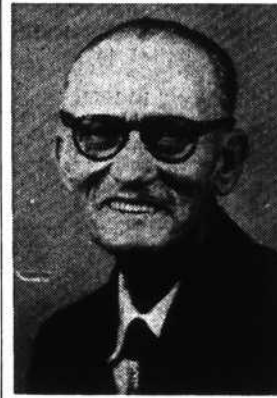
Finally, the Band decided to try class five music and see what they could work out. The students and their director came to the general conclusion that they could make at least a 3 rating (good, or average), although Strother encouraged them to think in terms of rating a 2 (excellent classification) at the very most.

Fifty-Two

For a high school population of 1,190, Strother thinks the band should be larger. But the 52 students who boarded a chartered bus for Greensboro about 10:30 Thursday morning were ready for the challenge of the contest.

Icy road conditions routed them to Greensboro through Lenoir, Hickory, Statesville and Mocksville. They stopped in Winston-Salem for lunch, got back onto the bus, and arrived at Aycock Auditorium in Greensboro about 2:15 p. m. Myers Park High School from Charlotte was playing. It sounded like stiff competition.

After hearing two more bands, W. H. S. students retired to the warm up room and went on stage about 4:50 p. m. The auditorium became quiet, the curtains opened, and Strother and his students struck off with the Brighton Beach March. They picked "Overture for Winds" for their second number and the judges rattled through three other numbers and came up with "The Im-



BYNUM GREENE

Bynum Greene Files For Board

Bynum Greene, who is serving his fourth term as County Commissioner, has filed to succeed himself to that post, on the Republican ticket. Greene has served as chairman of the Commissioners three of his four terms.

He married the former Lotie Edmisten, and they have two sons and two daughters. The Greens reside on Grove Street in Boone and attend Perkinsville Baptist Church. Now retired, Greene was employed by Coca-Cola Bottling Company 23 years.

New Building Costs May Reach Half Million

The Watauga Board of County Commissioners Monday took the first step toward replacing the county's 64-year-old courthouse, by arranging for plans and specifications for a new courthouse to occupy the same premises and to cost from \$300,000 to \$500,000.

Coffey & Annas, Lenoir architects, have been employed to make the plans and provide the specifications for the courthouse and the letting of construction contract will depend on the time when the plans and specifications are made available.

Survey Is Made

A topographical survey has been made of the courthouse land where the present facilities are located in order that the architects may have the basic information from which to initiate their work.

Tentative plans call for the new structure to be built on the site of the old building. A preliminary sketch indicates that the new building will be closer to West King Street than the old one, and will be approximately 83 feet wide and 100 feet long. It is indicated that the present jail and the stone office building will continue in use.

The architects expect to have their preliminary plans and drawings available in a short time so that those concerned may review them and offer suggestions, if desired.

No estimates of the cost of the new building have been made, but it will likely be in the \$300,000 to \$500,000 range, depending on the completion of the plans.

Cattlemen To Elect Slate Of New Officers

The annual meeting of the Watauga Hereford Breeders Association has been called by the president, B. W. Stallings, for Friday night at 7:30 in the County Agents office.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect officers for 1966 and attending any other business of interest.

A special entertainment feature will be a short movie of the recent Great Southern Register of Merit show and sale held in Athens, Ga. and filmed by Lonnie Isaacs of Vilas.

All breeders of registered Herefords are urged to attend and Hereford breeders in general. Refreshments will be served at the close of the meeting.

Christmas Seals Produce \$2,544

The 1965 Christmas Seal Campaign ended March 31, and amounted to \$2,544.50 in Watauga County according to Mr. Charles H. Blackburn, Jr., Seal Campaign Chairman and Mrs. Ruth T. Draughon, executive secretary.

Mr. Blackburn praised the individuals and business firms for their wholehearted support of the campaign, which exceeded the previous year's total by \$315.30.

Mrs. Herman Wilcox, president of the local Board of Directors of the Tuberculosis Association, expressed appreciation to everyone for their help in the campaign.

Mrs. Wilcox added that the Tuberculosis Association will continue their year around program in more extensive health education, research, patient service, an all out fight against tuberculosis, emphysema and other respiratory diseases.