



W. H. S. Student Wins National Award

A \$100 prize has been awarded Greg Nichols (left) for his oil painting, "Road to the Farm". The national Scholastic Art Awards are sponsored by "Scholastic Magazine". Greg also won honorable mention for a pastel entitled "Dream Girl". With him is his teacher, William E. Lee of Deep Gap, who is a retired major in the Marine Corps, now painting and teaching for pleasure. Greg has been Lee's student more than a

year. "Light of the World", pictured, was created in seven months, according to the Watauga High School freshman. He has been an outstanding freshman football player and one of three who qualified for track. Greg, son of Mrs. Treva Nichols of Deep Gap, plans to go into architectural drawing after graduation from high school. (Staff photo)

\$3,103,500 Available Bids Sought For Boone's Water, Sewer Project

Good Service Is Seen For Expanded Area

Town officials and water-sewer engineers from Asheboro probably will be digging out from under a huge pile of paper matter when they have opened sealed bids at the Town Hall on Tuesday, June 21.

Six bids are to be let for the construction of a new sewer main in Boone: interceptor sewers, sewage collection and outfall lines north of interceptor; sewage collection and outfall lines south of interceptor; waste treatment facility; heating installation for water treatment facility; and electrical installation for waste treatment facility.

Bids are to be let in five sections for partial construction and expansion of the Town's water facilities: Lake storage reservoir and dam; water distribution system; tank foundations, access roadway and miscellaneous structures; town water storage tank; and electrical installation.

Plans, specifications and proposed forms are on file at the office of Moore, Gardner & Associates, Inc., Asheboro, N. C., according to Mayor Brown. Proposals made to the engineers must clearly be marked as to which project and which division they apply.

The addition of a Federal grant from the Economic Development Administration the first of May boosted funds \$1,003,500 to a total of \$3,103,500. Brown said in a news story May 5 that "It will be necessary to go on and complete the engineers' plans, let them out for bids and get all bids in before the money can be allotted."

The new water-sewer lines will allow up-to-date service to the Town of Boone, which now includes three formerly outlying areas which were annexed last summer. Prior to annexation, Boone voters approved bonds of \$1,110,000 for the sewage system, and \$690,000 for the water system. The annexation simultaneously received a vote of approval.

Consulting engineers are Moore, Gardner & Associates. They will be in Boone for the opening of bids at 2 p. m., June 21.

A grant of \$300,000 has been received from the state of North Carolina for the college's part in building the sewer system. Appalachian has its own water system.

On First Lady's Tour

Mrs. James H. Council is on the First Lady's Tour of Sites and Scenes. The group toured many historical places from the mountains to the coast of North Carolina. Mrs. Council is the sister of Governor Dan K. Moore.



MISS BETSY GRAHAM of Todd, reigning Miss Ashe County, passes the crown on to the newly-elected queen, Miss Martha Long, seated. Happy over the occasion is Miss Rhododendron, Miss Jeanne Rhodes. (Photo by Jerry Smith)



Dr. Rankin, Former ASTC President, Dies On Monday

Funeral services for Dr. James Daniel Rankin, 90, President Emeritus of Appalachian State Teachers College, were held Tuesday at 2:30 o'clock at the Boone Methodist Church.

Rev. Richard Crowder, the pastor, was in charge of the rites and was assisted by Rev. Paul Townsend.

Burial was in City Cemetery. Dr. Rankin died Monday af-

ternoon, following a long illness.

Surviving are the widow, the former Tula Abernethy; two sons and one daughter: C. E. Rankin, principal Proximity School, Greensboro; W. B. Rankin, assistant commissioner Food and Drug Administration, Washington and Mrs. Ruth Rutherford, concert pianist and faculty member at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. There is one sister, Mrs. James Peeler of Durham.

Dr. Rankin had a record of 34 years of continuous service to ASTC at the time of his retirement in 1955, including 26 years as dean of the college.

The well-known mountain educator became the second president of the institution in May 1955, upon the retirement of the first president, Dr. B. B. Dougherty. He served as interim president, relinquishing the reins to Dr. W. H. Plemmons Sept. 1, 1955.

Born at China Grove, to Osborne and Amanda Shuford

Rankin, Dr. Rankin received his bachelor's degree from Rutherford College in 1898, his master's degree from Oskaloosa College in 1912 and his S.T.D. degree from Oskaloosa in 1932.

Beginning just before the turn of the century, Dr. Rankin served as an ordained Methodist minister for 16 years before entering the educational field. He served full-time charges at Brevard, Clyde, Mills River and the Statesville circuit.

In Boone he was active in his church and had served as district lay leader, member of the official board and secretary of the quarterly conference.

From 1911 to 1914, Dr. Rankin (Continued on page three)

Eddie Rush Is Hurt In Blast

Eddie Rush is a patient at Watauga Hospital, where he is recuperating from injuries received last Wednesday afternoon in a dynamite explosion.

Mr. Rush had his compressor and drills at work breaking up the old cement vault in the Savings and Loan building. Small charges of dynamite were being used to help in the demolition. The third charge threw fragments of concrete and wood, striking Mr. Rush in the face and inflicting severe bone fractures and lacerations.

While the injuries sustained are serious, Mr. Rush is said to be showing a normal recovery, following surgery.

Township Committees

Following are the names of those elected to the township committees at the precinct meetings May 7. The first named in each case is the Chairman and the member of the County Com-

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City Park Group Asks For Full-Time Director

The Boone Parks and Recreation Commission met Thursday, May 12, at 7:30 p. m. in the City Hall, with chairman Paul J. Smith presiding.

Upon action previously taken by the Commission, an official request was sent to the Town Council requesting that an amount be included in Town Budget for 1966-67 for a full-time Director of Parks and Re-

creation for the Town of Boone. A call has already been sent out through state recreational agencies for a director, and applications are now being accepted.

A small plot of land owned by the Town and located at the intersection of Poplar Hill Drive and Highland Park Extension was recently turned

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Dugger Heads Democrats; Committees Are Listed

James A. Dugger was re-elected Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee by its members, during the course of the County Convention held at the courthouse Saturday afternoon, receiving 23 votes as against 8 for J. D. Shoemaker.

Mrs. Rachel Hartley was elected First Vice-Chairman;



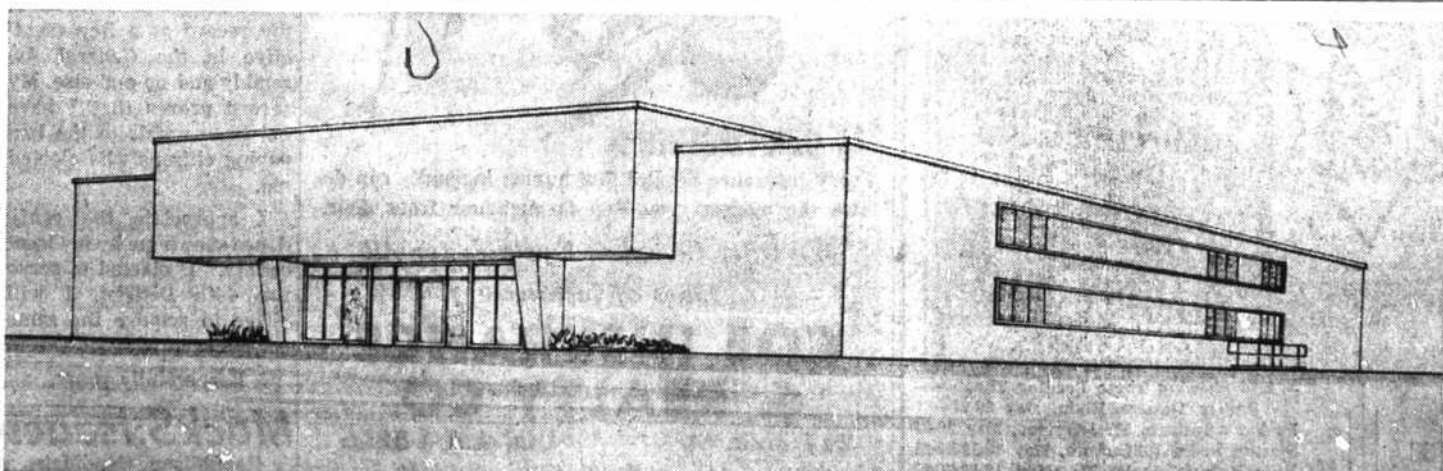
JAMES A. DUGGER

Howard Coffey, Second Vice-Chairman; Tom Lawrence, Third Vice-Chairman; Mrs. R. C. Rivers, Secretary, and George C. Thomas, Treasurer. All were elected by acclamation.

The convention voted that all those desiring to attend the State Convention in Raleigh at 10 a. m. today (Thursday) would be recognized as delegates. The ninth district caucus will be held at 9:30 the same day.

Robert Bingham, candidate for Congress in the ninth, spoke briefly. Ward Carroll, a candidate for Sheriff, was recognized, as was Glenn Hodges, candidate for County Commissioner. They spoke briefly. J. D. Shoemaker also spoke.

The Chairman told the large gathering that all important matters during the past two years had been passed upon by the full committee, and said the same procedure would be continued.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF WATAUGA'S PROPOSED \$400,000 COURTHOUSE

Body Of Dr. Robt. King Found In Detroit River

The body of a Detroit, Mich., doctor was recovered May 11 from the Detroit River after he mysteriously disappeared the afternoon of March 5. Dr. Robert R. King Jr., age 47, brother of Mrs. Jack Cobb of Boone, was head physician and director of medical-physical rehabilitation at Wyndotte General Hospital, Detroit.

Services were held at 1:30 p. m. Monday in a Grosspointe, Mich., Episcopal Church.

Authorities say the doctor was returning home from the hospital on March 5 when he was listed as missing. Later, his car was found parked in a dangerous Detroit neighborhood, a block from the river. Investigation of the cause of death continues.

Dr. King was health director of Alleghany, Ashe and Wa-

tauga counties from 1946 to 1948. He received his M. D. from Bowman-Gray School of Medicine; his M. A. in public health at U. N. C.-Chapel Hill; and his Ph.D. in medicine from Columbia University.

From 1948 to 1950, he was health director in Alamance County, and taught at the University of Puerto Rico from 1950 to 1962. Since 1962, he had been working in Detroit.

He was born March 9, 1919, to the late Dr. and Mrs. Robert R. King, Sr., in Little Rock, Ark.

Surviving are his widow of 273 Lakeland, Grosspointe, Mich.; four children, Christine, Carole, Joan and Bobby, all of the home; two sisters, Mrs. Hubert Dean, Gilford, Conn., and Mrs. Jack Cobb, Boone; two brothers, John T. King, Win-

ston-Salem, and Albert King, Chapel Hill.

Burial will be in Puerto Rico.

Win In '66 Dinner Set By Republicans

Watauga County Republicans will gather Friday night for a "Win in '66" dinner sponsored by the Watauga County Young Republican Club and Republican Women's Federation.

Dennis Greene, president of the Young Republican Club, announced this week that the two organizations had completed arrangements for the dinner, to be held at Parkway School at 7 p. m.

All Republican candidates for office in Watauga County have been invited to the dinner, and there will be a guest speaker.

Deep Gap Home Burglarized

The break-in of a residence in the Deep Gap community was discovered Monday.

It was reported that damages and loss to the home of Wayne Bragg, missionary in Brazil, was \$300. Bragg's mother from Kannapolis discovered the break-in and stated it happened in the last three weeks.

Park Rangers Dick Young and Carl Hanson were on the scene Monday with Watauga County Deputy Sheriff John S. Brown. Investigation has not been completed.