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It took a lot of hard work. Neighborhood Youth Corps workers are shown putting the finishing touches on a string of greenery and lights on West King Street. (Staff photo)

Bright Lights To Blaze Parade Of Pulchritude To Mark Yule Opening

**Santa Claus,
Beauty Queens
To Be Guests**

The cadence will start precisely at 3 Saturday afternoon.

Santa Claus probably will fluff his beard and blond Nanette Minor, Miss North Carolina 1967, will be readying to greet parade-goers in downtown Boone.

Christmas lights will blaze along King Street as the Christmas season in Boone officially opens. The Christmas-Beauty Pageant Parade will be on its way and Parade Marshall (Jaycee) Larry Klutz says he is planning on three bands for the festive procession.

In addition to Santa Claus, who is to be the honored guest of the afternoon, Smoky the Bear may be able to make an appearance, and merchants wishing to enter floats can do so by contacting Jaycee Klutz or Optimist Jack Williams by Saturday morning at the latest.

This will be a pretty parade. The 15 contestants in the Miss Watauga Pageant, to be held Saturday evening, will ride through town in convertible, weather fitting. Pageant judges will ride in 1967 automobiles supplied by local dealers, and Watauga Queen Patti Jones, on the last day of her reign, will be, as usual, a regal representative of the area.

The newly crowned queen of Ashe County will be a guest of the Jaycees and Optimists, and Klutz says the parade will comprise 30 units or more.

Hundreds will turn out for the spectacle which will disperse at Conrad Stadium after its trip through Boone.



Proud Octet—left to right: Barney Hodgson, president of the Choral Ensemble; Jimmy Deal, Student Council president; R. D. Hodges, president, Concert Choir; Jane Dougherty, treasurer, Student Council, and Jenelle Payne, president, Girls' Chorus. (Staff photo)

Davis To Speak At Area Awards Banquet

**Retired Railway Engineman
Rides Sky On 80th Birthday**

James A. Miller, who used to manipulate the throttle on narrow gauge engines between here and Johnson City, had been satisfied to do his traveling on the ground until Thanksgiving day, when he enjoyed his first airplane trip, flying from the Boone air strip to Knoxville municipal airport and back.

The trip was taken in a private plane piloted by Jack Norris, Boone builder and airplane enthusiast. They were back in Boone in 3 hours.

Incidentally the trip was made on Mr. Miller's 80th birthday.

An address by Archie K. Davis in Elkin Dec. 8 is expected to review developments to date in the 11-county Northwest area and forecast future trends in the light of state and national conditions.

Davis will be the principal speaker at the annual awards banquet meeting of the Northwest N. C. Development Association. The program is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m. at the Gilvin Roth YMCA.

Davis is chairman of the board of directors of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. He helped organize the Northwest association in 1954 and served as its first president. As president of the American Bankers Association, he has spent the past year filling speaking engagements in many cities of the nation.

"We have brought to our annual meetings many notable speakers in the past dozen years," said present association president James Boyles last week. "But I do not believe we could select a more gifted speaker or one with more knowledge of our area and sympathy for our people's aspirations than Mr. Davis."

He pointed out that Davis' recent contacts with business leaders throughout the country "have undoubtedly provided him with new information and new insight into what lies ahead for Americans—both here in our Northwest home country and elsewhere in the nation."

Despite his own busy schedule as a bank official and as a director in several industries—Hanes Corp., Chatham Manufacturing Co., Western Electric and others—Davis has remained active in community development programs and has aided other areas of the state in launching programs similar to those operating here in the Northwest.

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MISS NANETTE MINOR
Miss North Carolina

Nannette Jackson Minor, Miss North Carolina 1967, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Minor of Charlotte, a graduate of Myers Park High School and the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Prior to the Miss N. C. Pageant, she was full time organist for Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, taught piano, gave volunteer services to Mecklenburg Juvenile Diagnostic Center and concertized in the Southeast. While in college she did the operatic lead in the comic opera "Telephone" for USO tour in the Caribbean. She plans to study for her Masters Degree.

WHS Student Fund To Procure Piano

Students at Watauga High School voted to spend \$714 of their 1966 magazine sale profits to complete a piano fund begun several years ago at Appalachian High School, and carried over to W.H.S. when the schools were consolidated.

A Knabe Grand Piano has been purchased for use in

musical concerts and choral programs—total cost: \$1,880. Local high school students had been setting aside two to three hundred dollars per year and last year the Distributive Education class donated \$200 to the fund.

From the \$3,000 profit earned in this year's sale, the

students voted to complete their piano fund, to spend \$1,000 for library books and materials, to contribute \$200 to the high school band for their Marching Pioneers banner and uniforms, and to add \$300 to the school newspaper fund.

The remainder will be used

for student council expenses, the junior-senior prom, and the trip to Raleigh for the winning homeroom and high salesmen.

The top salesmen in the 1966 sale were Jimmy Marsh, first; Jimmy Deal, second; and Susan Miller and Connie Edmisten tied for third place.

Miss Watauga Will Be Chosen Next Saturday

The annual Boone Jaycees beauty pageant will be held Saturday, Dec. 3, at Appalachian Elementary School Auditorium at 7:30 p. m.

Making her first official appearance in Boone will be Miss Nanette Jackson Minor, Miss North Carolina 1967. Nanette is a native of Charlotte and a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. Appearing on the stage also will be Miss Linda Jeanne Blair, 1967 queen of the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival. Linda comes from Greensboro and is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair of Boone. This lovely duo will be joined by several special guests of the Boone Jaycees, representing other towns and

counties throughout north-west North Carolina.

The theme for this year's pageant is "Winter Wonderland" and according to chairman Buck Robbins, the sets devised by the Jaycees and their wives are fantastic. "We've had a problem," says Buck, "but it was a happy one. We have more contestants than ever before in the history of the Miss Watauga Pageant."

Fifteen lovely young ladies will compete for the title, Miss Watauga, 1967. "Due to the large number of contestants and the wide range of fine talent, we have to make sure the pageant moves quickly. We are expecting our finest production," says Robbins.

The Boone club has a reputation of producing one of the finest beauty pageants in the state, as local audiences can testify. For several years, the pageant has been presented to a sell-out crowd. "This can be explained," says Jaycee President Bob Snead, "by the hundreds of hours the Jaycees and their wives put into this production."

The present Miss Watauga, Patti Jones, won the title last year with a fine talent production of dancing. In winning, Patti was awarded more than \$500 in prizes, wardrobes and scholarships. Re-

presenting Watauga County, she placed first runner-up in the North Carolina Rhododendron Festival, and won the "Miss Apple Queen" at Hendersonville last summer.

Ford King V, pageant director, expects competition to be keen among the fifteen contestants. "We not only have the largest number of girls this year," says King, "but we have the most talented. I think everyone can appreciate the difficult task of the judges more if you will judge for yourself. We're using the official Miss America

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'Horn' Directors, Officers Named

"Horn in the West" outdoor drama opens its 16th consecutive season, June 23, 1967, playing nightly except Sunday through August 26. In past seasons the drama has played on Sunday night and not on Monday, but for the 1967 season, the drama will not be staged on Sunday evening.

Gene A. Wilson, professor of speech and drama at Wisconsin State University at Whitewater, Wis., has been named production director for the 1967 season. This will be Wilson's fifth year as director and his 16th season with the outdoor historical drama.

Returning for his third year as general manager of "Horn in the West" is Boone businessman, Herman W. Wilcox. Wilcox has served on the board of directors and as executive vice-president in years past. He is one of the originators of the drama, making the motion to produce the show, in 1951.

Dr. I. G. Greer of Chapel Hill, well-known educator and promoter of North Carolina, has once again been elected to the position of president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the drama. Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, Boone optometrist, moves from vice-president to executive vice-president for 1967. Dr. Lawrence has sup-

ported the drama since its beginning in 1952. Alfred T. Adams, vice-president of Boone's Northwestern Bank, serves in the position of vice-president. Mr. Adams has always held a high interest in promoting Boone and the surrounding area. Mrs. Earleen Pritchett has been re-elected for another year as secretary for the association. The position of treasurer is filled for 1967 by Boone attorney John H. Bingham. Bingham replaces Lynn Holaday who served as treasurer for 1965 and 1966.

The following people have been appointed chairmen of the various committees needed to produce such a show: H. R. Eggers, production committee; G. R. Andrews, finance committee; H. Grady Farthing, public relations committee; ship committee; Mrs. Rachel R. Coffey, publicity; and Bob Allen, curator.

The board of directors for 1967 are: Bob Allen, Clyde R. Greene, Stanley A. Harris, Sr., Lynn Holaday, Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, Dr. W. H. Plemons, Dr. O. K. Richardson, Grover C. Robbins, Jr., Mrs. B. W. Stallings, H. W. Wilcox, Dr. R. H. Harmon, J. E. Holshouser, Jr., James Marsh, Frank Auten, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Leo Pritchett. (Continued on page two)

Snow Falls In Watauga

It snowed most all day Monday in the season's most extended foretaste of winter.

The snow was accompanied most of the time by a high wind, and above freezing temperatures. About four-thirty in the afternoon the snow began to accumulate and reached a depth of perhaps 3 inches. Salt treatment kept the main highways clear, but some skidding and slipping was evident on side streets and secondary highways. Mercury dropped to the low twenties Tuesday night.

The snow was continuing intermittently Tuesday but schools were open and traffic was moving normally.

Presstime reports were that Watauga County schools would be closed Wednesday.

Service Officer Is Lauded By Veterans

J. Wilson Norris, Veterans' Service Officer for Watauga County, was commended by Watauga Post 130 American Legion for "the wonderful work he has done for the servicemen, their widows and orphans."

Commander Walter H. Davis presided at the called session of the Legion Post which was held last Saturday night.

A resolution which was passed by the post, said, in part:

"We hope we will have the

continued service of Mr. Norris, one of our comrades, who has the experience and the ability to carry on this work as he has been doing, and who has done such an outstanding job."

The Legion voted unanimously to tender to Mr. Norris a life-time paid-up membership card, "to show in a humble way our appreciation for his splendid service."

Mr. Norris is a charter member of Watauga Post, which was established more than forty-five years ago.