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BOONE WEATHER	
1965	To Snow Free
Nov. 29	12 1/2
Nov. 30	19 2 1/2
Dec. 1	41 29
Dec. 2	41 29
Dec. 3	35 20
Dec. 4	34 9
Dec. 5	47 16
Snow given to nearest half-inch.	

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After taking office Monday morning, County officials gathered in the Clerk's office. Seated, l-r, are James Vines, tax collector; Orville Foster, Clerk of Court; G. Claude Danner, tax supervisor and auditor. Standing, from left, John H. Bingham, county attorney; Don H. Perry, jailer; Deputy W. Shuford Ed-

misten; Sheriff Ward Carroll; Deputy Clyde Tester; (front) Tom Jackson, chairman of the Board of County Commissioners; (rear) Commissioners Glenn Hodges and Dr. Len D. Hagaman; and Deputy Charles Hubert Welborn. (Staff photo)

New County Officials Assume Duties Monday

As a slate of Democratic officials and appointees was sworn into office Monday morning, the new Board of County Commissioners (Glenn Hodges, Dr. Len D. Hagaman and Tom R. Jackson) named Jackson their chairman.

Well-wishers gathered in the office of Clerk of Court Orville Foster and in the courthouse hall as public servants took the oath of office.

Miss Helen Underdown (D), Register of Deeds since 1928, wasn't voted on in the Nov. 8 balloting. She was joined in the proceedings by a complement of Democrats, and Republican Clerk of Court Orville Foster.

Sworn in as tax collector was James Vines of Oak Grove Road, a former employee of Coca-Cola Bottling Company. A retired Army man, G. Claude Danner, was appointed county tax supervisor and auditor. Danner lives on Junaluska Road with his wife and four children.

Ed Cullers has been appointed maintenance supervisor. Temporarily, Forace Moritz, Route 2, Boone, is working in Culler's place.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll,

Resurfacing Contracts Let On Local Roads

The bituminous surfacing of 16,607 miles of roads in Watauga, Caldwell and Avery was let at last Thursday's meeting of the State Highway Commission.

Brown Brothers, of Zionville won the contracts with a bid of \$110,132.50.

In Watauga County the letting calls for the resurfacing of U. S. 221-321 in Blowing Rock from South Main Street northeast to junction of U. S. 321 bypass at the Snyder Lake, .65 mile. The project will cost \$8,050.

Also to be resurfaced will be the following secondary roads in Watauga County.

1522-1523 from 1523 east to 1510, Deerfield Road.

1202 from U. S. 321 to 1201, 1.6 miles, Windy Gap.

1552 from 1551 southwest to end of pavement, 1.2 miles, Poplar Grove.

1514 from US 421 to 1523, 1 mile, Bamboo.

Cost of these projects is \$32,850.00. Due to winter weather the paving cannot be done until spring.

former lumber man and veteran of World War II, named as deputies W. Shuford Edmisten, Charles Hubert Welborn and Clyde Tester.

Named jailer was Don H. Perry of Silverstone, father of six. A former employee of Maymead Block Company here, Perry also was substitute mail-carrier seven years.

Edmisten, farmer and resident of Blowing Rock, will be stationed there as part of the County law enforcement team. Deputy Welborn, resident of Stony Fork and father

Santa Claus Tops Gay Yule Parade

When the Beauty Pageant Christmas Parade coursed through Boone Saturday, just about everybody played second fiddle to the last unit in the procession.

Children jumped and romped and dashed away from parents' sides to follow the season's Pied Piper, Santa Claus. The Old Elf ho-ho'd, and danced and tossed great armloads of candy to his youthful followers. His bright suit of red contrasted against his snowy beard and he followed the Christmas parade through late afternoon under bright skies.

The Mayor, Wade E. Brown, was in the lead car, and he was followed by Guy Wilson's antique fire truck and the daz-

ing Watauga High School Band, whose director, Otis Strother, that night sang a duo with his wife for pageant spectators.

Tweetsie Railroad entered an elaborate choo-choo train float with a caboose chuck-full of happy youngsters. The Rescue Squad ambulance trailed the train, and behind it, a miniature milk truck circled and turned to the delight of on-lookers. Antique cars spiced the units, as did 1967 autos from local showrooms, and pretty convertibles, carrying pageant contestants through the chilly shadows of King Street.

Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts were in the long, long line, separated by guest queens

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of Education five years and served one term in the State Legislature. He served on the Tax Appeal Board two years and was supervisor for the Watauga Soil and Water Conservation agency 12 years.

Commissioner Glenn Hodges, production foreman at IRC, has served as Ninth District YDC chairman, Watauga YDC president for two terms, and two terms as a member of the Watauga Democratic Executive Committee. He has been a local elementary school committeeman and United Fund worker, and has experience in farm, industry and school activities.

Dr. Len D. Hagaman has been a general medical practitioner in Boone 22 years.

He was engaged in public health work in Caldwell and Burke counties four years, and in the Navy became a member of the Okinawa Military Government team which drafted civilian laws and regulation for transition from military to civilian government at the end of World War II.

Orville H. Foster, re-elected Clerk of Court (R), is a resident of Vilas.

Foster stated Nov. 3 that he felt the establishment of the District Court System (the Judicial Department Act of 1965) would be the most important problem of his office. The system will begin operation in Watauga County the first Monday in December, 1968.

Prior to the election, Sheriff Carroll pledged to provide 24-hour law enforcement (Continued on page three)

Wreck At Davidson Boone Man, Wife, Grandchild Killed

J. W. Norris Is Given Honor By Head Of Legion

Mr. J. W. Norris, Watauga County Veterans' Service Officer, has received National American Legion honors, as this letter from John E. Davis, National Commander, Indianapolis, indicates:

"The National Executive Committee of The American Legion, at its recent meeting in Indianapolis, Ind., confirmed your appointment as general member of the National Membership and Post Activities Committee. This appointment is made with the recommendation of the Department of North Carolina, in recognition of service rendered that department.

"The American Legion is creating a solid front to back our fighting men. You have an important job. I know I can count on your full assistance."

Gifts Sought For Orphans

As has been the custom for a great many years a Christmas fund for the Grandfather Home for Children is being made up by Boone citizens.

Since the Banner Elk institution cares primarily for our local children, a number of people have contributed to this fine effort throughout the years.

The money is needed right away so those interested are asked to leave their contributions with Guy Hunt, W. W. Chester, James Marsh or Rob Rivers.

Pat Mozingo Is Given "Miss Watauga" Title

While the judges cast their votes, Watauga's Queen Patti Jones reviewed her year and five finalists in the Jaycees Jaycettes Winter Wonderland pageant waited anxiously to hear the decision.

Fifteen lovely young ladies had competed in three phases of competition—even gown, talent and swimsuit—trying for the county title, which leads to the Miss North Carolina pageant, and for the winner there, to Atlantic City and the Miss America Pageant.

MC Bob Barnes announced the second runner-up, Miss Emily Von Cannon, the first runner-up, Miss Barbara Clough—who in the absence of the new queen would re-



MISS PAT MOZINGO

present Watauga County—and they stepped forward for their trophies.

Then the applauding audience stood to greet the new queen, Miss Pat Mozingo, who, cradling her large trophy and the traditional roses, stepped from the stage onto the ramp, flashing pretty smiles to the darkened auditorium of Appalachian Elementary School.

The 19-year-old beauty, a resident of Charlotte, is a junior at ASTC.

The Best

There was an overflow crowd, and the pageant which has loosely been termed "one of the best" Saturday night

pulled itself into a category all its own.

Jaycees President Bob Snead began the evening, terming the pageant "the completion of a project begun several months ago."

The work showed in the quality of the production. Jaycees and Jaycettes, under the direction of George Ragan, presented a staged snow scene, complete with ice-hung chalet, snow-capped mountains and chairlift. Mr. and Mrs. Otis Strother introduced the pageant theme, singing "Winter Wonderland."

Barnes called out the judges: Mrs. Kenneth M. Barlow of Lenoir; J. T. Greene, of Winston-Salem, judging his 18th pageant; Blake Wallace; Cecil E. Porter of North Wilkesboro (judge, MC and director of 80 pageants); and Mrs. Wayne Burgess of West Jefferson. ASTC graduate and director of the recent Ashe County pageant.

Guest Queens

Glenn Hodges and Bob McFarland, threw the spotlight across the audience as guest queens were recognized. North Carolina Rhododendron Queen Linda Blair, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair of Boone, announced she will appear in the Tournament of Roses Parade, Jan. 2, in Pasadena, Calif. While there, she also will be guest star on the television program, Dating Game. (continued on page ten)

Richard Hodges Family Victims Tragic Crash

Richard Ira Hodges, 58, Boone businessman; his wife, Mrs. Frankie Johnson Hodges, 45, and their five-year-old granddaughter, Susan Carroll, also of Boone, were killed Sunday afternoon in a two-car accident near Davidson, on US 21, 14 miles north of Charlotte.

Also killed in the crash was Hugh Clayton Sherrill, 32, of Route 1, Troutman, a passenger in the car driven by Louis Richard Cowan, 33, of Route 1, Troutman.

Cowan was admitted to a Charlotte Hospital with severe facial cuts.

State Patrolman T. L. Hooks was quoted as saying that Mr. and Mrs. Hodges and their grandchild were traveling west on Sam Furr Road, when their car, apparently driven by Mrs. Hodges, ran into the path of the car being driven by Cowan, who was traveling toward Charlotte on U. S. 21. It was indicated that all four were killed almost instantly.

Mr. and Mrs. Hodges and Susan had started to Boone, after having visited relatives in the vicinity of Charlotte.

Mr. Hodges was born in Watauga County to William Martin Hodges and Mrs. Candace B. Hodges, and was owner and manager of the Boone Body Shop for many years. He was a member of Perkinsville Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hodges was born in Watauga County to Rufus and Bessie Ward and was a member of the Perkinsville Baptist Church.

Funeral services for the three will be held at 2 o'clock today (Wednesday) at the Perkinsville Baptist Church with Rev. Maurice Cooper officiating. Burial will be in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

Mr. Hodges is survived by three sons, Jesse Hodges, Hollywood, Calif.; Arlus and Joseph Hodges, Tacoma, Wash.; two brothers, Dave Hodges of Boone and Dallas Hodges of Vilas, and a sister, Mrs. Bessie Hodges of Lenoir; 12 grandchildren.

Surviving Mrs. Hodges are her mother, Mrs. Bessie Ward of Sugar Grove; a daughter, Mrs. Geraldine Carroll of Boone; two sisters, Mrs. Nell W. Matheson of Vilas and Mrs. Marion W. Simpson, Sugar Grove, and a brother, Thomas Ward of Huntersville.

Susan Carroll was a daughter of John and Geraldine Johnson Carroll of Boone. Mrs. Carroll is a case worker with the county welfare department. Susan is survived by her parents and a brother, Richard Carroll of the home.

Yule Contest Judging 18th

The Christmas contest being sponsored by the Watauga Council of Garden Clubs includes any outdoor decorations that can be seen while driving by your home. This includes doors, garages, displays, indoor trees seen from the outside, and special emphasis is being placed on live lighted outdoor trees. The judging will begin at 6 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 18.



TWEETSIE, big as life, makes colorful float. Staff photo.

As Many Workers As Students Necessary

By springtime there may be as many construction workers involved in building projects at ASTC—as there are students attending classes. Currently, 4,417 students are enrolled here.

Already under construction are an 8,000-seat gymnasium which will cost more than \$2 million, a \$1,275,000 student center and a \$423,000 addition to the school's industrial arts

building. Construction on a new \$600,000 administration building will commence within a few days.

And if these were not enough to keep area contractors jumping, the erection of a \$1,800,000 library, and four more high-rise dormitories at a total cost of \$3,600,000, are scheduled to begin in the not-too-distant future.