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BOONE WEATHER					
1967	Hi	Lo	Snow	Pres.	Hi
Feb. 21	41	18		.25	36
Feb. 22	30	15		.12	35
Feb. 23	30	14	1	.05	35
Feb. 24	30	7	1	.05	35
Feb. 25	11	-7 1/2		.02	36
Feb. 26	33	1			38
Feb. 27	39	15			38

Snow given to nearest half-inch.

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N. C. Rhododendron Queen Linda Blair receives the title Heart Fund Queen as Thomasville Mayor Thomas F. Johnson presents her a key to the city. Miss Blair is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Neal Blair, Sr., Deerfield Road, Boone. — (Story on page six)

Evans Named Young Educator Of Year At Jaycee Ceremony

Monday night the Boone Jaycees honored a Watauga High School teacher who is the Jaycees' Outstanding Young Educator of the Year. Len G. Evans,

30, of Villas, was awarded at a special ceremony at the Daniel Boone Inn. All nominees were guests of the Jaycees.

At WHS, Evans is chairman of the social studies department and has taught civics, American government and United States history since joining the faculty in 1965. He taught three years at Cove Creek High School.

Judges selected the young teacher on the basis of his answers on the ducator evaluation form. The O. Y. E. award is sponsored by World Book Encyclopedia and the United States Jaycees.

Evans had listed under individual counseling "that being a friend to students outside the classroom makes me more effective in the classroom" and of instructional procedure noted his aim of adjusting the program of an individual to suit his particular needs.

Asked how he provided an atmosphere to encourage learning, Evans answered: "Students learn best when they are physically and emotionally comfortable, yet alert students learn best when they help select problems and goals of real interest to them. I believe that the individual learns best when he is challenged within the range of

his abilities. Students should be stimulated emotionally as well as intellectually. Hence, in a friendly and yet intense type environment, learning becomes a process of change and development."

To broaden and enrich subject matter, Evans says the social studies teacher should be "saturated" in subject matter. "Consequently he has something to communicate. In the teaching of United States history, the textbook serves as a guide. I attempt to deepen the students' understanding of the course content by the use of current events, forums, audio-

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House Razed In Series Of Fires

In a rash of fires in the last week, one house and one house trailer were destroyed and lesser damage was done in four other blazes.

Two of the fires were in Boone and the others in the County. The Boone Fire Department was called to all six. Fire Chief R. D. Hodges gave this report:

Wednesday, Feb. 22, smoke damage was suffered by four business establishments about 9:40 p. m. when trash caught fire in an alcove behind Carolina Business Machines on the corner of East King and Appalachian streets. The business machines store suffered most, but smoke seeped into the Fin-Fur-Feather pet shop, Linzy's Hobbycrafts and the offices of Dr. Len D. Hagaman, M. D. Friday, Feb. 24, a "runaway" oil stove caused damage to a dwelling owned by Lloyd Isaacs at Silverstone. Little damage was done.

Saturday, a house occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Russell burned to the ground in an early morning blaze. Nothing was saved. Temperatures were sub-zero at the scene of the fire behind Highland Hills Motel on Highway 105.

Saturday, firemen were called to the home of Dennis Anderson on Orchard Street. About 4 p. m., a furnace misfired, causing smoke damage.

Monday at 1:40 a. m. a call was answered in the Sands Community. An unoccupied house owned by Edward Greene caught fire from what firemen said was a faulty flue. Damage was listed at about \$150.

Later in the morning on Monday, firemen were called to Silverstone where a trailer owned by Dennis Canter was afire. The mobile home was destroyed and probable cause listed as "runaway oil stove."

Schools Are Again Closed Due To Snow

Children in Watauga missed their tenth day of classes Tuesday because of snow.

Superintendent of Schools W. Guy Angell said no Saturday classes have been scheduled, as 12 days were allowed for bad weather in the tentative schedule. These days will be made up at the end of the year.

If more than 12 days are lost due to weather, school on Saturdays will be considered.

Beautification Expert To Speak At Tuesday Meet

Plans are being finalized by representatives of many civic organizations to welcome W. W. (TaO) Tatgenhorst, community improvement and beautification expert, to Boone Tuesday, March 14.

Garden and civic clubs will sell tickets for the buffet dinner that night at Holiday Inn and all interested people in Watauga are invited to take part in the important dinner meeting.

Tatgenhorst, earlier in the day, will tour the area, noting areas of improvement on which he will speak that night.

The purpose of Tatgenhorst's tours is to encourage local people to come together to do a job that will benefit all.

Stanley Harris Sr. presided as committees were selected: Dinner arrangements—Mrs. Joe Hartlery, Mrs. Robert Poe

and Harold Rice; promotion committee—Jim Rhoades, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. J. C. Yoder; ticket committee—Harris; public

licity committee—Mrs. Jim Winkler, Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Homer Brown and Rachel Rivers.

Lincoln's Memory Honored By G. O. P.

Watauga County Republicans braved sub-zero weather Saturday night to commemorate the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln at a dinner meeting held at the Daniel Boone Inn.

The highlight of the meeting was a stirring address by Attorney James Johnson of Cabarrus County. Johnson is Representative in the N. C. General Assembly and former Judge of Domestic Relations Court in Cabarrus County.

The speaker was introduced

by James E. Holshouser Jr. of Boone who is State GOP Chairman.

Rep. Mack Isaacs of Newland spoke briefly and reviewed the actions taken and contemplated by the present Assembly in Raleigh.

Mrs. Lura Greene, Watauga County vice-chairman, gave the welcome address.

Others taking part in the program were Miss Sherry Foster, who presented the

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Volunteers Among Hosts

Over 5,000 Gather At New Hospital Sunday

Two Burglaries Investigated; Suspect Jailed

Two breakins of last week are being investigated by the Sheriff's Department, and a suspect in one of the robberies has been jailed.

Sheriff Ward Carroll said another arrest is expected in connection with the Saturday night breakin of Brown Brothers Ready-Mix Company on Poplar Hill Drive. Part of the stolen goods, and the car believed to haul the goods, have been recovered. Some of the goods were found in Virginia and the FBI was called in on the case.

An agent arrived Tuesday to work with local authorities. A \$1,400 cash register and March of Dimes contributions were taken sometime between Sunday night closing time and Wednesday afternoon (Feb. 15) at Kentucky Fried Chicken on Blowing Rock Road. The theft was reported at 5:30 p. m. that day.

The eating place is open only on weekends and exact time of entry is not known. The front door had been pried open.

In the Brown Brothers theft, two men and a 1955 Chevrolet were seen in the area at the time of the robbery. Sheriff Carroll listed these articles among missing:

A one and a half horsepower drill, grinder, two sets of screw drivers, drill bits, four pipe wrenches, micrometer, 10 hammers, kerosene and electric heaters, a four-yard jack, case of starting fluid, case of transmission fluid, six drop cords, six lightbulbs, 10-cup coffeemaker, two sets cutting goggles and a hood for electric welder.

Red Cross Asks Blood Donors To Ease Shortage

Officials of the Watauga County chapter of the Red Cross this week issue an appeal for blood donors to help ease a large quota shortage.

The service organization's Bloodmobile will be stationed on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus from 11 a. m. until 4:30 p. m. Friday. "We need 300 pints of blood this week," said Mrs. Goldie C. Fletcher, executive secretary of the local chapter.

"At the present time, we are about 200 pints short of meeting our quota of 1966," she stated.

The Bloodmobile will be stationed outside East Hall near Blowing Rock Road.



Nurse Mary Ellen Rowe talks with visitors to one of the hospital's surgical rooms. (Staff photo)

Schedules Of Health Dept. Clinics In County Cited

GENERAL CLINIC including immunizations, Monday mornings between 8:30 - 11:30 a. m. Held by Dr. Mary Michal.

FOOTHANDLERS CLINIC, Monday afternoons between 1:30 - 3:30 p. m.

CHEST CLINIC every other month (even months). Held on second Tuesday between 9:00 - 11:00 a. m. by Dr. O. L. Henry from the Western N. C. Center, Black Mountain, N. C. By appointment only.

NURSE SCREENING CLINIC, second Tuesday each month at 1:30 p. m., by appointment only.

CHILD PEDIATRIC CLINIC, third Wednesday each month at 1:30 p. m., by appointment only.

ORTHOPEDIC CLINIC, third Friday even months. Held from 8:30 - 11:30 by Dr. R. W. Gaul from Charlotte.

MATERNAL CLINIC, fourth Friday each month. Held at 12:15 p. m. by Dr. L. A. Heavrin from Blowing Rock, N. C. EYE CLINICS, held as scheduled by Dr. R. H. Harmon, N. C.

SCHEDULE FOR MARCH, 1967

Eye Clinic, March 1, 1967 between 8:30 and 11:30. By appointment only. General Diagnostic Clinics, every Monday morning. Foodhandlers Clinic, every Monday afternoon between 1:30 and 3:30 p. m. Nurse Screening Clinic, March 8, 1967 at 1:30 p. m. By appointment only. Child Pediatric Clinic, March 15, 1967 at 1:30 p. m. By appointment only. Maternal Clinic, March 24, 1967 at 12.

"Superior" Ratings Won By WHS In State Contests

Two ratings of "Superior" were earned by choral groups of Watauga High School at the State Vocal Ensemble Contest at Davidson College Saturday.

The Watauga High School Choral Ensemble and the Boys Octet were both judged superior. The singers performed grade IV music, the most difficult classification in choral music. The superior rating is the highest rating given.

The singers are directed by J. E. Wilson Jr., choral director at Watauga High.

The vocal ensembles were rated on tone, intonation, diction, technique, balance, interpretation and musical effect by judges selected by the North Carolina Music Educators Association. Judges comments included: "Pleasant tone, easily produced and well blended—plenty of vitality and energy." "Excellent intonation, good diction and balance." "Singing done with fine interpretation and musical effect."

Contestants were: Sandra Cooke, Sybil Van Dyke, Judy Warren, Myra Davis, Martha Stacy, Barbara Barnett, Linda Barnett, Jenny Robinson, Jane Deas, Barney Hodgson, Gary Deitz, Morris Hatton, Jae Shores, H. J. Cottrell, John Payne, Jimmy Brooks, Danny Austin. Accompanists were Kathy Dotson Adams and Robert Melton.

Other high schools participating included Reynolds of

Citizens Like Preview Of Medical Center

The Watauga County Hospital was decorated with sprays of flowers from well-wishers as an estimated 5,000 men, women and children toured the new facility Sunday.

Hosts for the gala event included Trustees of the hospital, staff, some 45 Red Cross Volunteers and several Candy Strippers, youth workers of the Watauga Medical Society.

Mrs. Virginia A. Groce, administrator, and Mrs. Dare Harrison, supervisors of nurses, greeted the hundreds who filled through the glass entrance doors throughout the afternoon. The open house, scheduled to start at 2 p. m., was in swing shortly before and visitors stayed on past the planned 5 p. m. closing.

The two elevators were constantly in use, conveying the crowds from floor to floor, and the stairwells were jam-packed, carrying the overflow.

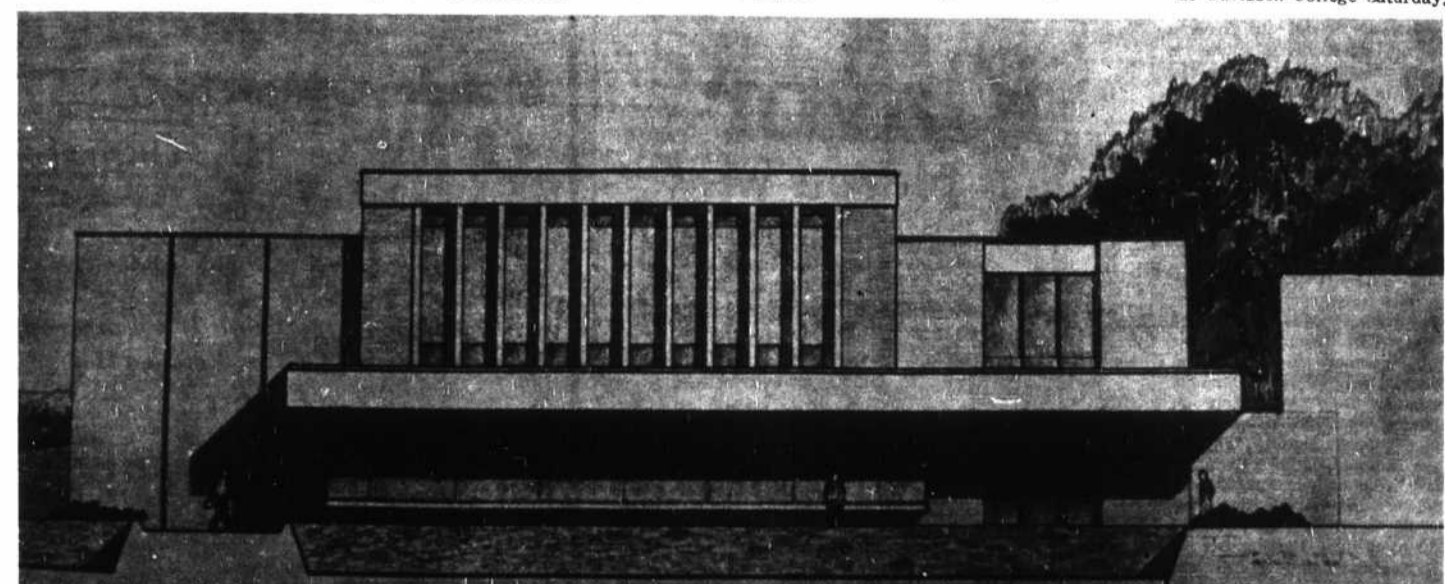
Mrs. Groce stated that the Trustees all were due "a great deal of credit for the hard work they have done. The board members have worked faithfully and diligently to fulfill their obligations and duties as board members."

She called attention to the many special meetings called during the construction period, the service rendered by the board's building committee, which worked closely with the medical staff, hospital staff, contractors and architects from the time the new center was scheduled to be constructed.

"Wade Brown, chairman of the Board, has given of his time and talents far beyond the call of duty. He and other members of the board have made many trips to Raleigh and other places in the interests of the hospital," she said.

Mrs. Groce also had high praise for her hospital staff, department heads and all other workers. "These people have worked many long hours toward the necessary planning for their respective departments. This included establishing the needs for each department, listing the supplies and making a final selection of equipment in their

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NEW BOOK STORE FOR ASTC—Here is an architect's drawing of a new book store which is to be erected on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College. Construction of the \$300,000 building, which will contain 20,000 square feet and feature five intermediate levels, is to be financed by the college. The air-conditioned structure will be of brick and pre-cast stone design.

Horse Show Meet Friday

Bitter weather Friday night prompted postponement of the planning session for the fourth annual Cove Creek Horse Show.

R. G. Shipley, director of the show, said the meeting will be held at 7:30 p. m. Friday night in the Cove Creek Elementary School and all interested persons are asked to attend.

Firemen Are To Be Honored

Cecil Miller and Estel Wagner will honor Boone firemen at a steak dinner Friday night.

The dinner is in appreciation for the work the Fire Department did putting out a blaze on their property last week.