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A check for \$25,000 is passed to Dr. W. H. Plemmons (left), college president, by Dr. John Bohrer, IRC official. Senator Adrian Shuford looks on.

IRC Official Brings Grant Of \$25,000 To Appalachian

A \$25,000 grant was presented to Appalachian State Teachers College Friday night by IRC, Inc.

at IRC's central office in Philadelphia. State Senator Adrian Shuford, chairman of the Senate Committee on Higher Education, was the principal speaker at the ceremony presided over by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president.

"IRC is both proud and happy to stimulate other such firms to aid the college in such a manner," Dr. Bohrer added.

Hospital Leased For 10 Years

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners will sign an agreement leasing the Watauga County Hospital to the Board of Trustees for a period of ten years.

number of twelve to a total of eighteen members, with each section of the county having representation on the Board.



McCracken Is Area Engineer For Sirrene Co.

Civil engineer Jerry McCracken, employed by J. E. Sirrene Company of Greenville, S. C., has been promoted to the position, area engineer.

After looking over other hospitals throughout the state, and on the advice of the Duke Foundation, Ford Foundation, and Hospital Care Association, it was decided that for the benefit of the hospital and county that this action should be taken.

The Commissioners have released this statement: "This action does not mean that the county will have no control over the hospital, it is a simple matter of delegating responsibility, protecting the hospital from political influence, and leaving the door open for grants from the various foundations that do not particularly like to contribute gifts to county operated hospitals.

Beautification Plan In Cards

A program of beautification-improvement will be formulated Tuesday, May 9. Glenn Hodges, president of Watauga Community Improvement, and Mrs. John Hollar, secretary, are contacting presidents of area organizations to meet with the steering committee at 7:30 p. m. at the Appalachian Elementary School.

Annaheim New Chief Engineer At Boone IRC

IRC, Inc. has announced that Walter Annaheim is now Chief Engineer at its Boone (North Carolina) Division; he was formerly a Plant Manager for Kearfoot Company.

In announcing the appointment, Carl Smith, Division General Manager, noted, "This division is undergoing a major expansion to accommodate the equipment required to meet the increasing demand for its present products and for new ones being introduced. Mr. Annaheim's extensive experience will be a major asset in coordinating our increasing engineering efforts."

The new Chief Engineer was graduated from Newark College of Engineering with a B. S. in Mechanical Engineering. He is an active member of the American Society for Quality Control and the Society for the Advancement of Management.



Pharmacy Is Broken Into; Burglar Flees

King Street Pharmacy was broken into Saturday night or Sunday morning, according to Boone Police Chief Hubert Thomas.

The would-be robber was apparently frightened away before he could take anything. Thomas said a side window lock had been prized open, a small safe also had been opened and money and checks removed and placed on the counter.

When the break-in was discovered Sunday morning by James Furman, pharmacist, the money had been left on the counter. Police are still investigating.



STRIKES BRIDGE ABUTMENT—Severe injuries were sustained by a Boone youth whose car struck a bridge abutment on U. S. 221-321 shortly after midnight Monday. Patrolman W. D. Teem said Thomas Russell Pease, 19, of 105 Cherrybrook Dr. was traveling north in a 1967 Buick when the car blowing off the road and struck the bridge near Middle Fork Baptist Church between Boone and Blowing Rock. Teem said young Pease was pinned in the demolished car nearly an hour before Watauga Rescue Squad volunteers and others were able to remove him safely. The boy was hospitalized with fractures of the skull, collar bone, leg and arm and internal injuries, the officer said. The report stated the driver apparently went to sleep at the wheel and no charges were anticipated. Boone policeman assisted with traffic direction during the emergency maneuver. (Flowers photo)

Official Salary Change Noted

Courthouse Will Be Moved If Commissioners' Bill Passes



Chosen "Girl of the Year" by her honor sorority, Mrs. Wade Wilmoth (center) pauses with Chapter president Mrs. Shirley Barlowe (left) and her sister, Mrs. Christine Beane, who also is a member of the sorority. The trophy was presented at the Wilmoth home Friday. (Minor photo)

Named "Girl Of Year" By Sorority

There was never a more surprised "Girl of the Year" than Mrs. Wade Wilmoth of Boone.

Last Monday evening, her sorority sisters (Xi Alpha Xi of Exemplar Chapter, Beta Sigma Phi) called her from the Founders Day Banquet at Lenoir's Cedar Rock Country Club to break the news of the honor they had bestowed upon her.

It was at the Jan 10 meeting, as she was giving the program, that Mrs. Wilmoth was taken ill. Though she realized something was wrong, she completed the program and returned home.

Her doctor sent her to Winston-Salem to be hospitalized and from there she was carried to Pittsburgh, Pa., for open heart surgery on Valentine's Day. She has been recuperating since.

COVETED AWARD

Friday night Mrs. Christine Beane, who had accepted the award for her sister, came to Boone with Mrs. Shirley Barlowe, Chapter president, and

Mrs. Gay Allred and Mrs. Eloise Walsh to present the Girl of the Year trophy.

Mrs. Wilmoth was a member of Alpha Xi before she and her husband moved to Boone six years ago, and she has religiously attended the twice monthly Lenoir meetings.

Mrs. Barlowe said Mrs. Wilmoth has held every office in the Chapter and served on every committee.

The award given her is the highest recognition obtainable and hence, the most coveted.

The Chapter president said Friday: "Each year she (Mrs. Wilmoth) became more involved with the Chapter and her sorority sisters and seems never to be able to do enough for it. We are looking forward to having her with us at our meeting when they resume next September.

"Her faithfulness and efforts in continuing her trips to Lenoir for the meetings shows her love for her sorority sisters."

The Wilmoths moved to Boone in 1960 so she could attend Appalachian State Teachers College. Mrs. Wilmoth graduated, magna cum laude, in 1964.

For awhile, she was out of

school for the birth of a son, Greg, and a brief illness. Mr. Wilmoth, an ASTC graduate, is a sales manager. They also have a daughter, April.

Watauga Leads Class In March Dimes Support

In collections for the March of Dimes, Watauga County this year showed the biggest percentage increase for counties in its class.

John Spelman, State representative of the National Foundation, told volunteers at an appreciation dinner Thursday night that there would be enough money for the Foundation's research, educational and help projects, if every person gave just 10 cents.

Based on the last County census (approximately 17,500), Watauga gave nearly double this quota. The final accounting for 1967 was set at \$3,388.16.

As George C. Thomas, County chairman, presided, Spelman spoke briefly and presented certificates of appreciation to Mrs. Harvey Ayers, Mrs. Paul Branch, Mrs. Joe Rhyne, Mrs. Jimmie Cline, Mrs. William Hayes, Mrs. Robert Poe, Mrs. Robert Danner, Miss Beverly (Continued on page three)

Ballot Said Building To Be On Present Site

Watauga's Board of Commissioners could alter the provisions of the courthouse bond issue if legislation introduced Monday night gets the nod of the General Assembly.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Earl Tate of Caldwell, would permit the commissioners, to acquire a site different from the one occupied by the present courthouse.

Watauga voters approved last fall the issuance of \$450,000 in bonds for a new courthouse and furnishings on the site of the existing courthouse.

Tate's bill would nullify provisions of the bond order adopted by the commissioners last October, which specified that the new courthouse would be built on the site of the existing one.

This bill stipulates that the new site be located not more than one-half mile from the present location and County Commissioner Glenn Hodges said bond money would not be used in acquiring the second location. As to selection of "suitable land" called for in the legislation, he said public hearings would be in order.

REPUBLICAN AVOIDED Watauga County officials went outside their legislative district and persuaded Tate, who represents Alexander, Caldwell and Burke counties, to introduce the bill, Watauga County's representative is Mack Isaac, an Avery County Republican.

Tate also offered a bill providing that in case of a vacancy on the Watauga Board of Commissioners, the Republicans would fill Republican vacancies, and the Democrats fill Democratic ones.

Commissioner Hodges told the Democrat Tuesday that state law now provides that such vacancies be filled by appointment by the Clerk of Court. SALARIES

Isaac introduced a bill that would set the salaries and fees of various officials and employees in Watauga County. (Continued on page three)

Democrats To Nominate City Ticket May 27

A convention of Democratic voters for the town of Boone will be held Saturday May 27, at the courthouse at 8 p. m. for the purpose of naming a slate of candidates for town offices.

The convention is called by Democratic Chairman James Dugger.

Temporary Courthouse To Be Legalized By Assembly

The following bill, introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Earl Tate of Caldwell county, is aimed at legalizing temporary quarters for a courthouse, while the new one is being constructed, presumably as the ballot stated, "on the site of the existing county courthouse".

TEXT OF BILL

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County proposes to construct a new courthouse and jail; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to demolish the existing courthouse in order to build the new courthouse; and

WHEREAS, this will neces-

sitate securing temporary quarters for courthouse purposes; NOW, THEREFORE, The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

Section 1. The Board of County Commissioners of Watauga County is hereby authorized to secure by lease or otherwise and provide necessary temporary space for courthouse purposes and jail purposes pending the demolition of the present courthouse and the construction of a new courthouse and jail. Such quarters so provided may be designated by said Board of Commissioners as the Watauga County Courthouse and the Watauga County Jail, respectively, and the said board

shall cause a bulletin board to be placed in a lobby or room in such temporary courthouse quarters and to designate the same as the Watauga County Courthouse bulletin board. Wherever any statute or court order permits or requires that any legal notice, document, map or other paper or process posted at the courthouse door or on the courthouse bulletin board, it shall be deemed a full compliance with the law to post the same on the temporary courthouse bulletin board hereinafore provided for. Whenever any sale is required to be held at the courthouse or courthouse door or courthouse steps, it shall be deemed a full compliance with the law to hold the same on the temporary courthouse bulletin board. (Continued on page three)