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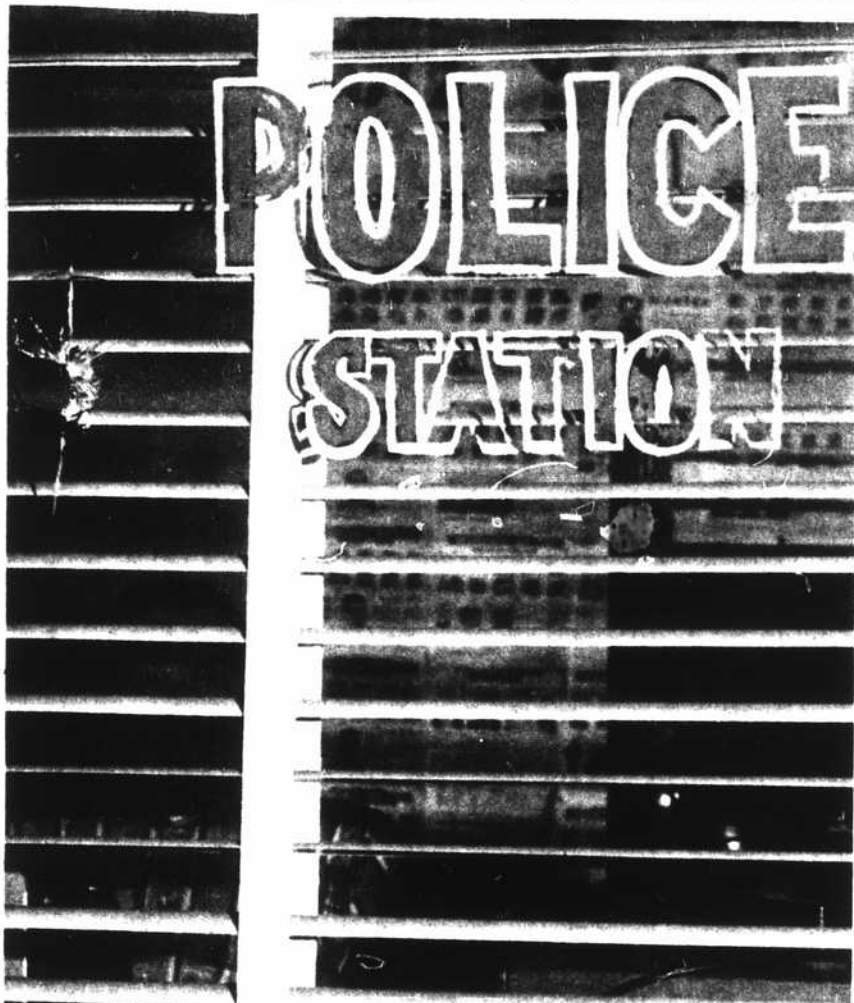
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A Five Hundred Dollar Hole

Radio Dispatcher Clay Ward was narrowly missed Sunday night when a .38 caliber bullet smashed through the front window of the police station in which he was working. In this photograph by George Flowers, Ward is posed to show how it was when at 7:55 p. m. Nov. 19 the bullet was fired from a passing automobile. Ward, who joined the department several weeks ago, said he had no clear description of the car. Suspects in the incident were checked, but no arrests were made. Police Chief Red Lyons Monday posted a \$500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the gunman. The Police Station entrance is some 25 feet from the traffic lanes of West King Street.



LIEUTENANT BARNES

Lt. Barnes Makes 200 Vietnam Air Missions

A Hillsborough naval aviator was honored in a formal ceremony for completing 200 or more missions over Vietnam.

He is LT Edwin R. Barnes, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Barnes of St. Mary's Road, Hillsborough and husband of the former Miss Barbara Matheson of Boone, N. C.

The ceremony was held aboard the attack aircraft carrier USS Constellation (Seva 64).

Yule Parade Set For Dec. 1

The Christmas Parade will go through Boone Friday, Dec. 1, at 4 p. m.

Included in the parade will be the town officials, various civic clubs and the Watauga High School Band. New cars

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Burley Market To Open

The tobacco market will open Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Burley Warehouse No. 2.

Joe Coleman, an owner in the three-warehouse seasonal venture, said sales will be limited to three and a half hours and 340,000 pounds per day. Because of an extremely dry fall, Coleman said "very little tobacco is ready," although what has been brought in "looks the best I have seen since being associated with the market."

At press time, some 150,000 pounds was on the floor.

County Extension records for 1966 show tobacco accounted for \$918,503 of the record total of \$3,711,843 farm income.

This year, however, an estimated quarter of a million pounds in allotments was not planted and the revenue in Watauga will be much less.

All the major tobacco companies are expected to have representatives here this season.

Gusty Winds Cause Power Failure Here

A power failure in the town of Boone and Blowing Rock and Rural areas of Watauga Tuesday, Nov. 13, from 11:45 p. m. to 12:45 a. m. was due to high winds and a sudden drop in temperature, which caused a line fault on the incoming transmission line in the Sands-Todd area of the County.

A failure in automatic relay equipment which should have isolated this section of line caused a complete power failure to the area.

The delay in restoring service to the area was due to a delay in getting telephone communications to West Jefferson, which is the source of the transmission feeder line.

The failure of this equipment was beyond the control of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, which wishes to apologize to its members and the people of the town for inconveniences this might have caused.

Pageant Of Pulchritude Myra Davis, Boone Beauty, Gets Miss Watauga Crown

Queens Of Other Counties Are Special Guests

"Miss Congeniality is... Amy Sue Long," and with 13 contestants in the Miss Watauga Pageant looking on, emcee Bob Barnes started the end-of-evening suspense.

"Second runner-up is Barbara Fay Clough," he said. "First runner-up is... Kathy Lynn Caudill."

Then the new Miss Watauga, Myra Davis, daughter of the Hoyle Davises of Boone, was called to stage center. Crown placed on her auburn hair by reigning Queen Pat Mozingo, the East Carolina freshman took her dozen roses and approached the ramp while a capacity crowd stood applauding in the auditorium of Appalachian Elementary School.

The ASU Stage Band (directed by Elmer White) broke into the Miss America song and localized lyrics were sung by Doug Harris as dozens of well-wishers flocked around Miss Watauga, 1968.

The Boone Jaycees had spiced special entertainment throughout the program. Debbie Bryant, a Watauga High School junior, accompanied herself on guitar and sang three contemporary folk songs.

Next was 12-year-old drummer Jason Brashear, who handled the percussion in "Cute," Johnny Carson's Tonight Show theme. A seventh grade student at Appalachian Elementary, the boy was cheered by members of the band before setting the pace for vocalist Doug Harris, who soloed two numbers. (Jason's parents, incidentally, teach at ASU.)

In the audience for the Saturday night event were the queens of Lincoln, Ashe and Wilkes counties; Miss Asheville, Miss Lenoir and Miss Newton-Conover.

TALENT

Carol Ann Tomaino and Sherry Ensogna each presented

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Seeking a solution to a public problem are (from left, clockwise) Tom Jackson, Dr. Len Hagaman, Council Cooke, Richard Kelley, Stradley Kipp, Barney Hampton and Jerrell Little. (Staff photo)

Boone And Blowing Rock Will Lose Ambulance Service First Of Year

The Board of County Commissioners sat on one side of the issue; officials of Reins-Sturdivant on the other.

The special meeting was called Thursday when it was learned that the funeral home will abandon its ambulance service in January.

Because of Legislative act, said Richard Kelley, regulations pertaining to employment of ambulance personnel will make private operation of a service prohibitive. The deadline for compliance to the federal wages and hours law is the 10th of January, he said.

The federal requirements are applicable because Medicare patients and VFW recipients use ambulance services. And two avenues of escape as regards the good of the public—were hardly blocked.

According to County Attorney John Bingham, the law also specifies that ambulance service can be provided by using non-tax money, but the question arose as to whether such is a public necessity warranting public spending from county coffers.

In answer, the Attorney General of North Carolina said no.

Tom Jackson, chairman of the Commissioners, said an Ashe County Commissioner reported they'd set aside money for operation of a public service. The opinion of the assistant Attorney General as to the legality thereof was that of a test case of a hospital using tax money would be required to test the law. He felt if hospitals couldn't, counties couldn't.

(Kelley had suggested that the County might put an ambulance at Watauga Hospital and let it run from there.)

Then what about the facilities

of the Watauga Rescue Squad? Chief Jerrell Little told the assembly "Our 1967 vehicle is still not up to the (federal) standards." And since the squad is a non-profit emergency unit, its only use to the public would be as a backup to a regular ambulance service. At the time, he said, "We have no ambulance service. Ninety-nine per cent of our calls come through the funeral home."

While the facilities of the Rescue Squad are more than adequate, government regulations are stringent, running several typewritten pages in length. Little commented on the rule about space between the patient and the roof of the ambulance. He pointed out much more expensively designed vehicles would be required. A \$14,000 to \$16,000 vehicle, he said, would be needed to meet the head-space requirement.

Stradley Kipp, administrator of Blowing Rock Hospital, said he notified the Town of Blowing Rock on receipt of the deadline edict: He told them ambulance will cease Jan. 1.

"Under the regulations," Kipp explained, "we will no longer be able to do it."

Costs have long been a burden to Blowing Rock and Reins-Sturdivant. Kelley said a North Wilkesboro firm saved \$25,000 a year when it dropped service. It could mean as much as \$15,000

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Anderson Named By BREMCO As Area Developer

Cecil E. Viverette, General Manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, announces the appointment of W. Herman Anderson as director of member services and power sales for Blue Ridge Electric eight years. In his role as director of area development, he will help Blue Ridge Electric to determine how it can best use its resources in total area development. The primary purpose of the program is to work with and through the many individuals and organized groups in the area served by the electric cooperative that are interested in economic and social advancement of the area and to promote this advancement. Anderson will serve as a resource person to get new industrial plants to locate in the area, to get improved roads and highways, better housing, community water systems, a trained labor force, additional recreational facilities, and other needs which will contribute to the growth and development of the area.

In his role as Director of Area Development, Anderson will work with the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development, the highway commission, the Extension Service, local Chambers of Commerce, development associations, private foundations,

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Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Will Open On Dec. 15

Blowing Rock Ski Lodge has been leased to the International Speedway Organization of Charlotte.

President of the organization is E. L. Harris, who announces he will be manager of the lodge, which will open Dec. 15 for the ski season. He further states that he will soon release information on his planned year-around operation of the facility.

The ski lodge will be run under professional management and with sufficient financial backing, he said.



The new Miss Watauga, Myra Davis is seated with her court. From the left, behind her, are Kathy Lynn Caudill, first runner-up to the title; former Miss Watauga Pat Mozingo; and Barbara Fay Clough, second runner-up. (Staff photo)