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1968	Hi	Lo	Snow	Prec.
Apr. 23	66	49	.20	62 44
Apr. 24	60	46	.84	60 45
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ASU CLUB OFFICERS—These are the new officers of Appalachian State University's Josef Club, an organization which sponsors projects to boost pride and spirit, athletically and otherwise, throughout the institution. Left to right are: Cindi Bosch, freshman from High Point, reporter; Jack Self, freshman from Martinsville, Va., treasurer; Sharon Carter, sophomore from Clinton, secretary; Johnny Rogers, junior from Statesville, president; and Amy Belk, freshman from Kannapolis, vice-president.

## Brings 1968 Traffic Toll To Six

# Four Wataugans Die In High Speed Crashes In Week End

### 1 Killed On 194; 3 Meet Death On Hwy. 421 West

High speed was the cause of two crashes which killed four young people over the week-end.

Glenn Allan (Checo) Coffey, 17, of 208 W. Howard St., died instantly when the 1955 Ford in which he was a passenger ran off N. C. 194 six miles north of Boone and crashed into a tree at high speed.

Concluding his investigation of the 9:15 Saturday night crash George Baker said he charged Richard Eugene Walls, 18, of Route 1, Vilas with manslaughter and reckless driving. The driver of the car, Walls was not injured.

The officer said other passengers were Ray William Miller, 18, of Route 2, Boone, who was released from Watauga County Hospital after receiving first aid treatment, and Benny Butch Wineberger, 17, of Todd who sustained minor bruises.

Baker said the vehicle was traveling south when the driver lost control on a curve. The car ran off the right side of the highway.

Coffey's was pinned in the wreckage. His body was removed by the Watauga Rescue Squad.

At 12:25 a. m. Sunday, a 1965 Chevelle driven by Brook Shelton Greer, 23, of Route 1, Boone, went out of control on U. S. 421 two miles west of Boone.

Investigating Patrolman Ray Wicker said Greer died instantly. Pronounced dead on arrival at Watauga County Hospital was Miss Cary Jane Hampton, 15, of Blowing Rock, Bobby Len Miller, 19, of Route 2, Boone, died at 4:30 a. m. at the hospital, Wicker said.

He reported that the car was traveling at excessive speed when it went onto the right shoulder of the road, careened out of control and skidded 425 feet across the highway into a pickup truck parked in a yard at the M. J. Williams residence. The truck was knocked 69 feet on impact and both vehicles were listed as total losses.

The four deaths raised the total of highway fatalities in Watauga to six for 1968. The total in 1967 was eight with October and November being the worst months.

**FUNERALS**  
Mr. Coffey was born in Watauga County to Paul and Verdola Coffey.

Surviving are his mother of the home; his father of Seattle, Wash.; two sisters, Mrs. Willie White of Boone and Miss Lena Coffey of the home; five brothers.

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Gov. Bob Scott (standing at center) greets the overflow crowd at Scott Headquarters. (Staff photo)

## Bob Scott Makes Campaign Speech On Tour Of Region

"I want you to be able to look back without any regret whatsoever at having supported Bob Scott for Governor."

These were the words of the Lieutenant Governor as he brought his campaign to Watauga County last Wednesday. He addressed a crowd of more than 125 at Scott Headquarters in downtown Boone, proceeding to the University for an informal talk and question-answer period courtesy of the Young Democrats Club.

Uptown, the Democratic candidate delved into roads, education and the liquor-by-the-drink controversy, winding up with a pledge to keep open the lines of communication between the people and their capitol.

"You in Watauga will not have to shout any louder to be heard in your state capitol than my neighbors in Haw River." He said his personal philosophy of government is that "It is a servant of the people, rather than the master. When you have

problems, matters that need the attention of state government," Scott said, "I don't care who you are, where you come from, what your station in life," the door will be open.

He added the public should not have to trip over red tape getting in the door or have to wait a month or two for an appointment. He said no one should have to approach government "hat in hand, apologizing for bothering somebody."

"I feel that we're ahead and will win. And the reason we're going to win is because of people like you, I'm going to work hard with you and for you for four years."

### RUMORS

On his way to Sparta where he ended his 100-county tour, Scott told Wataugans it has been rumored he plans to fire highway department personnel from the top down to the truck drivers. Instead, he said he merely wants to let in "fresh air at the policy level."

"Highway programs are not people programs anymore. Time was when local officials and highway engineers had some influence with the roads

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ROY W. ISLEY

## Isley Named Lt. Governor Civitan Zone

Roy W. Isley of Boone last week was elected Lt. Governor of Zone 2, North Carolina District West, Civitan International at a Zone 2 meeting held at Kerr Scott Dam in Wilkes County.

In his new position, which becomes effective on July 1 of this year, Isley will serve Civitan Clubs of Boone, Hickory, Lenoir, Newton-Conover, Lincoln, Statesville and Wilkes County.

Married to Nina C. Isley, he is the father of two children, Geiselle and Rhett. He is a member of the First Baptist Church where he serves as Sunday School teacher of the Junior Class in the College Department.

Isley served with the U. S. Army in World War II and is presently an Army Reserve Captain. He received his B. S. degree in agriculture economics from the University of Tennessee and has been office manager of the Watauga County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service since 1961.

Isley is a charter member of the Boone Civitan Club and was instrumental in the organization of the local unit. His services to the club include secretary one year, publicity chairman three years, and program chairman for two years.

## Governor, School Board Races Spark Local Primary

Both parties will participate in the State and local primaries next Saturday and considerable interest is being developed in the races for the gubernatorial candidates as a somewhat listless campaign approaches the homestretch.

Of most interest on the local level are the races for the five places on the Watauga County Board of Education and eighteen candidates have filed in the statutory non-partisan balloting. Voters are asked to vote for ten, and in turn the ten will be submitted in the General election, it is said, the five highest getting the nod of the electorate.

Since the Democrats have no contests they will have no county ballot in the primary. On the other hand Republicans will vote for two of three candidates for the District Judgeship in Watauga, Avery and Mitchell, where the Democrats evidently saw no point in fielding a ticket. Both parties have candidates on the State level.

The candidates for the school board are as follows:

Hugh B. Hagaman, James P. Marsh, John H. Hollar, Lawrence A. Heavrin, Benjamin F. Strickland, Larry A. Campbell, S. C. Eggers, John R. Herman, Howard Lawrence, I. W. "Bill" Carpenter, J. B. Ragan, William E. "Bill" Miller, Mrs. Hazel H. Greene, Mrs. Laura Ruth Williams, Henry W. "Hank" Greer, Dennis O. Greene, Edsel Cook, H. W. Mast, Jr. For district judge on the Republican ticket are J. E. Holsouser, Sr., Boone; J. Ray Braswell, Newland and W. Hall Young of Minneapolis. The first named are both lawyers, Mr. Young is not. A considerable issue is being developed as to

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### Rhododendron Queens Guests Of Congressman

Bakersville—Invitations were received last week from Congressman James Broyhill, for Miss Ann Elizabeth Bailey and her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Robert C. Bailey of Concord and for Miss Terri Henley and her parents of Morganton to come to the Nations Capitol on Monday, May 6th to attend a congressional luncheon given in honor of the two North Carolina beauties.

Miss Bailey is the reigning North Carolina Rhododendron Queen and Miss Henley is the reigning Jr. Rhododendron Queen.

The two young ladies will leave Concord early Sunday morning and drive to Washington, in time for some sight seeing that afternoon. Congressman Broyhill has arranged for a personal tour of the Capitol Building Monday at 10. They will be joined by other Congressman and Senators at 12:15 P. M. for lunch. Each girl will be given the opportunity to speak before the distinguished group gathered to honor them for the excellent work they have done this year in the promotion of their state.

It is expected that they will arrive back home sometime Monday night.

## Easter Seal Sales Total \$1,700 Here

The 1968 Easter Seal Campaign probably will reach total contributions of \$1,700 here.

Making the announcement is Maurice Ritchie, chairman of the Watauga County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, who says donations this week are pushing \$1,600, a new peak for funds collected.

"This year's campaign fund exceeds by several hundred dollars last year's campaign and sets a new record for Easter Seals," Ritchie said. He

pointed out that the Society failed to reach its \$2,000 goal for this year, but is no less pleased with this record-breaking campaign.

Persons may still contribute to Easter Seals by dropping their contributions in an envelope, marking it "Easter Seals" and addressing it to James Greene, Carolina Pharmacy, Boone, N. C. Rev. Ritchie thanks all who contributed to Easter Seals through the mail or participating in an Easter Seals project.

## Sam Ellison Is Being Held

# Willie Isenhour Dies Of Gunshot Wounds

A shooting Sunday night in North Fork Township claimed the life of Willie Isenhour, 42, of Todd.

Watauga Sheriff Ward G. Carroll said Mr. Isenhour suffered the fatal blast in the upper part of the chest. It was believed the bullet was fired from a small calibre pistol.

Carroll said Sam Ellison,

in his 50s, was lodged in the county jail on a charge of murder from a warrant signed by Dana Isenhour, a nephew of the deceased. He said resident Judge W. E. Anglin of Burnsville set Ellison's bond at \$10,000.

The Sheriff and Deputy Clyde Tester were called to the scene of the shooting at 11 p. m. Sunday where they said Ellison was

awaiting them. He was placed under arrest and brought to Boone where the warrant signed by Dana Isenhour was read.

The Sheriff said statements were taken at the scene of the shooting and at the jail from witnesses to the death. "I was called by Charles Whitman, state Bureau of Investigation, Carroll and County Coroner Barney

Hampton are continuing their investigation.

A preliminary hearing had not been set as of Tuesday morning and Ellison was still jailed. The shooting occurred in front of the suspect's home.

Mr. Isenhour was born in Watauga County to Bill and Nancy Pennell Isenhour and was an employee of Juno Construction Company.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Annalee Ellison Isenhour; three daughters, Mrs. Tessie Hicks of Todd and Misses Ruby and Nancy Isenhour of the home; three sons, Ivey, Davie and Mack Isenhour of Todd; nine sisters, Mrs. Lillie Canter, Mrs. Bessie Canter and Mrs. Murphy Ellison of Todd, Mrs. Ellie Colvard and Mrs. Lola Isenhour of Lenoir, Mrs. Alice Greene of Lynch-

burg, Va., Mrs. Callie Guy and Mrs. Lizzie Wilson of Zionville and Mrs. Emma Trivette of Avondale, Pa.; and a brother, Arthur Isenhour of Todd.

The funeral will be held at 2 p. m. Thursday at the Church of Christ at Tamarack with the Rev. Clayton Winters officiating. Burial will be in Main Cemetery.

## Vote Ruling Is Given Out

Contrary to rumors circulating about the area, those who will celebrate their 21st birthday on the day of the primary elections, May 4, will not be able to register and vote the same day.

According to John Bingham, past chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections and current secretary of the group, people who celebrate their 21st birthday on the day of the primary or between the primary and the general election would have been able to register and vote in the May 4, primary.

He added, however, that the books were closed after the last registration day, Saturday April 20. He said the registration books will open again in October for the general election.