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| 1969 | 23 | Lo | Snow | Proc. | 68 | 35 | Lo |
| Mar. 4 | 39 | 15 | | | | | 30 |
| Mar. 5 | 45 | 20 | | | | | 35 |
| Mar. 6 | 40 | 29 | | | | | 45 |
| Mar. 7 | 32 | 23 | 5.00 | .51 | | | 53 |
| Mar. 8 | | | | | | | 57 |
| Mar. 9 | 46 | 18 | | | | | 57 |
| Mar. 10 | 34 | 15 | 3.00 | .30 | | | 58 |



Nothing new in this scene. Crowded behind the past weekend's weather, which came to storm velocity the first of the week, were: 5 inches snowfall Feb. 9-11; 14.5 inches Feb. 16-17; 9 inches recorded Feb. 23; and 11.5 inches noted March 1 and 2. (Staff photo)

New County Jail To Be Topic Of Officials

"The county jail does not meet standards and there's no way to make it come up to the standards of the welfare office and public health."

Department. He said that up to 20 demerits is considered acceptable. To bring the jail up to health standards, the county is spending between \$600 and \$700 to revamp the cooking area and the electrical wiring. The work is expected to be completed by the end of this week.

But when and how are still question marks. Greene said that he estimated the cost of a new facility.

1969 Travel On Parkway Shows Sharp Increase

Travel on the Blue Ridge Parkway during 1969 has registered a 66.4% increase over the same period in the calendar year of 1968, a Park Service tabulation Monday revealed.

At the same time it was shown that in February there was a .05% decrease in travel from February of 1968.

February Parkway travel figures follow, the first in each case being for 1969, the second for 1968:

- James River district, mile 0 to 105, 15,114; 2,508.
- Rocky Knob, mile 105 to 217, 93,258; 84,600.
- Bluffs, mile 217 to 305, 16,203; 3,696.
- Asheville, 136,851; 177,738.
- Totals 261,426; 268,542.
- Calendar year 1969, 575,223 visitors; calendar year 1968, 345,729.

Counties Can Enact Own Laws

Legislation giving county commissioners in North Carolina authority to make ordinances has been enacted by the General Assembly.

It is the first of a series of home rule measures to be enacted.

The bill giving counties such authority struggled through the General Assembly under the weight of House amendments, and survived a delaying attempt in the Senate to be enacted into law.

The legislation was part of a home-rule package recommended by the Local Government Study Commission. One purpose of the package is to relieve the legislature of the cluster of local bills which bog down operations.

House amendments added to the bill prohibit the commissioners from enacting any ordinance without first publishing the ordinance in a newspaper, calling a public hearing, publishing the ordinance again, and then displaying it in the record books. The elapsed time from the first publishing to the last would be more than 30 days.

Municipal governing boards are not under such restrictions and the county ordinances would have no effect on the municipalities.

Day And Night Road Crews Act To Move Travel

The county's fleet of school buses stayed home a second day this week when Sunday's light snowfall and Monday's swirling snow clamped down on the prospects for school Tuesday.

Poplar Grove Road between Boone and Highway 105 was exemplary of many of the county's secondary roads Tuesday: Drifts confined passage to one lane in three or four points and a peaking drift rose more than one and a half feet above a stretch of guard rails.

Some sets of stairsteps dug out at residences Monday were piled with snow the next day; where the snow base was good, most children home from school found the early day too severe for sledding; and while the N.C. Highway Department put its equipment to work, the town of Boone was at it. Uptown, a tractor fitted with a snowblade cleared stretches of King Street sidewalks for those who would brave the storm coming to work and shop.

N. C. Highway Department units at work Tuesday morning were 10 trucks with snow plows, four motor graders, five salt trucks and two sand trucks.

Dale Blovins, the Department's supervisor for Watauga and Avery counties, said not quite as many men are at work in Avery, which does not have as many miles of roads as here.

In Watauga, "We have some drifts on secondary roads," Blovins said; "some of the unpaved roads are blocked." But all paved roads were open as of 8:30 that morning, he said.

The snow plows were manned by two, with the sand and salt units requiring loaders at their pickup point next to the local

Storm Is Continuing Tuesday

Watauga Schools Close As Blizzard Hits Area



While March is a month for accounting in tax matters, it provided Sheriff Ward Carroll (left) and his deputies the job of accounting the loss of a seasonal resident of Watauga County. As they examine this truckload of goods, the answers come easily. (Flowers photo)



RICHARD RANDALL

Randall Will Be Page During Coming Week

Richard Randall has been appointed to serve as a page for the North Carolina General Assembly during the week of March 17-21.

Speaker of the House of Representatives, Earl W. Vaughn, made the appointment.

Richard, the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. Frank Randall, is a junior at Watauga High School. He is a member of the varsity debate team and the National Beta Club. He has attained the rank of Eagle Scout and was a representative from the Old Hickory Council to the World Scout Jamboree in 1967.

Richard was nominated by Representative J. E. Holsouser Jr. of Boone.

Two Jailed On Burglary Charge

A snowy Watauga County road stopped cold a get away after a burglary Friday morning.

After receiving a call on a minor theft near Appalachian Sid Mtn., Sheriff Ward Carroll apprehended two men digging a truck out of the snow.

The 1954 two-ton International bearing a Georgia license plate, was loaded with about \$2,000 worth of furniture from the vacation home of Glenn A. Kiser, M. D. of Salisbury, N. C.

Sheriff Ward G. Carroll brought the men to Watauga County Jail where he and FBI agent Boyce Crocker questioned

them. The Sheriff said he leveled charges of larceny and breaking and entering against Frank Hunter McClure, 42, of Hendersonville and Frankie Dalton Hyder, 18, of Route 6, Hendersonville.

Each was jailed under \$5,000 bond. The truck is owned by McClure's brother, a Georgia resident.

The hearing for McClure and Hyder is set for Monday, April 7, in District Court. Probable cause at this level would bind the two over to Superior Court.

TWO DAYS

The two-ton truck had been seen in the area the day before it was found loaded with stolen merchandise.

Sheriff Carroll said Albert Hayes, area manager of Appalachian Ski Mtn., called at 9 Friday morning to report a battery had been stolen from one of the Ski Mtn. trucks.

Before he and his men got to the truck, the Sheriff said he talked with Justin Perry Coffey of Blowing Rock who said he saw a truck on Flat Top Road between 3 and 4 Thursday afternoon. About 6:45 that evening, Coffey and his wife were driving along Flat Top and saw the truck crossways in the road ahead.

The Sheriff said the two men then helped the Coffeys push their car past the truck, then empty.

Having learned this Friday

morning, the Sheriff drove up above the Ski Mtn. sales office where he found the big truck snowbound and "two men shoveling snow as hard as they could, trying to get out of there." It was about 9:45 in the morning.

The Sheriff said he then called the men down to his car, told them they were under suspicion and were being held until an investigation was made of the

houses on the mountain. A tractor driven by Daniel Klutz pushed out the snow to dislodge the truck and Carroll asked Klutz to check on other houses while he took the suspects to the Sheriff's office in Boone.

Sheriff Carroll said that after talking to him and Agent Crocker, McClure and Hyder admitted getting the furniture out of Dr. Kiser's home on Ski Mtn.

Parking Cases Reach Court

District Court is in session this week in Boone with Chief District Judge Ray Braswell presiding at the three-day session that began Wednesday.

Phillip Thomas of Burnsville is the solicitor.

The court calendar lists some 142 cases up for trial. Many of these cases have been continued from past court terms.

A new case type will be on the docket this week as several drivers are contesting the charges brought against them by the Town of Boone for failure to pay parking tickets.

Last month, Boone's Town Council elected to track down the large number of drivers who had received overparking citations and serve warrants on those people.

After a tabulation, it was found that some 600 warrants would be necessary since a warrant had to be written for each ticket.

Each warrant draws \$15 court cost plus the dollar for the overparking fine. Magistrate Ralph Greene said that he and the other magistrates would be "human" in handling the cases since many of them are extremely large.

Last week some 60 warrants were issued as a starter. Of these, six have chosen to pursue the matter in District Court.

The six are Herbert Aldridge, Theodore Mast, John E. Johnson, David A. Walker, Barbara L. Barlow and Frank A. Chappel. They were placed on \$100 bond and will appear in court this week.

Mrs. Coy Isaacs, a police-

Boy Scouts Aid Heart Campaign

The Boy Scouts sold helium-filled balloons in exchange for donations for the 1969 Heart Fund campaign in February. Under the direction of Scout leader Joe Miller, chairman of the Heart Fund Balloons Sales, the boys took in \$105 in one Saturday.

Other teenagers working for the Heart Fund were the Watauga High School cheerleaders. Under the supervision of Jim Hastings, Boone's recreation director, they passed a sheet and received donations at several basketball games.

Watauga Legion Post Will Celebrate 50th Anniversary

Watauga Post 130 and the Auxiliary American Legion will celebrate the fiftieth birthday of the American Legion Friday, March 14, at the Legion Building in Boone.

After a covered dish supper starting at 6:30, two guest speakers will be heard; past

State Commander Leslie Brady of Newton and All National Committeeman Ralph Adcock of Hickory.

All ex-servicemen are invited to bring their wives and a covered dish and be part of the Legion's golden celebration.

Watauga Homemakers Have Busy Lives

Are Watauga County women freer than their husbands? Is their life one of relative leisure, with plenty of time each day for luncheons, card games, back fence conversation, naps and general time killing?

That's what the men think. But, according to their wives, that is a very distorted picture. Actually, they claim, they are so busy with their household tasks that they have very little more free time than their husbands have.

To sort out these conflicting views and set the record straight, the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research conducted a survey among a representative sampling of people in each section of the country.

It sought to find out just how the average married person spends his day.

On the basis of these general findings, it appears that

the typical working man in Watauga County devotes 9.2 hours per day to work-connected activities.

This includes 8 hours actually on the job plus about 3/4 of an hour on work breaks. The rest of the time is taken up with traveling to and from his place of employment.

If he drives to work, it takes about 20 minutes, on average, but nearly twice as long as that if he uses public transportation.

According to the latest government statistics covering Watauga County, less than one percent of the people use public transportation to get to work.

As for the average housewife who has no outside employment, her household chores take 5 1/2 hours a day, with 30 per cent of the time taken up with cooking and dishes, 40 per cent with cleaning, 25 per cent with

laundry and 5 per cent, miscellaneous.

Then there is marketing, mending, caring for the children and incidental duties.

For the 1,270 or so working wives in Watauga County, equivalent to about 34 per cent of all married women locally, their time is apportioned differently.

Because of their outside employment, although many of them work part-time, they spend about two hours less per day on housework. They make up for it, to an extent, on Sundays.

After accounting for the amount of time spent in sleeping and in personal care, the general conclusion reached in the survey is that the average housewife with no outside job has only about one hour more time per day for leisure than her husband has.