NEW SHERIFF . . . Sheriff G.

M. Watson, recently appointed

by the board of commissioners

to finish out the term of the late

Meeting Held

About 350 persons attended the

district meeting of the Blue Ridge

Electric Membership Corporation,

held in the courthouse here last

The meeting was featured by a

local talent contest, in which

and solos participated. The Deep

Gap rhythm band and baton

crusaders of Boone, second; and

the Hagamen quartet of Sugar

Gilbert, home economists.

Merchants Association of Boone

and Watauga County and their

employees participated in the

annual picnic held at Camp Sky

Softball, swimming, horseshoe

pitching, and card games featur-

ed the recreational activities,

Wednesday afternoon.

Ranch

August 23.

REA District

Saturday afternoon.

Grove, third,

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, AUGUST/SI, 19

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politically-minded may be west of Asheville. to congregate here and tauga voters get ready to go all great American game of party Ridge Parkway construction. politics . . . In a world which seems to be drifting continually farther away from democratic tendencies, it is heartening to see Watauga folks with an abid- Frank Graham and Clyde R. ing and absorbing interest in Hoey. who's to be the next Sheriff, Representative, or County Comkind of interest is retained in matters of government, there is firming the Park Services pro-"isms" getting any secure foot-hold . . . Manager Price of the Daniel Boone Hotel, meantime has a candidate for the "meanest man" title-the fellow who cut down the grass rope swing on which the children played down on the spacious hotel lawn, Long distance operator uses a bit of our time getting us all squared up on a phone call to some faraway place, with a man of whom we'd never heard who wanted to talk to some guywe're sure never was in Boone, much less on the staff of the Democrat . . . The mixup was explained by the "voice with a smile" . . . She had the right number all right, but in the

MRS. COLLIS PARLIER gives the Democrat a big pink dahlia bloom, an enormous posie which measured 10½ inches across ifs many-petaled face, and which speaks volumes for Mrs. Parlier's ability as years ago we were presented a dahlis of similar proportions and through a slip of the tongue, or of the pencil, or may-be the typewriter, we substitu-ted the word "diameter" for c'rcumference and had the flower just about the size of one of these oversized cart wheels you see down in Eastern Carolina . . . A few days passed and we had a card which said: "Just what brand do you use, and in what proportions, to make a little fall flower look as large to you as a washing tub?"... Since then we've played pretty safe in giving down information on the measurements of prize-winning blooms which often find their way into our office.

wrong town!

Corporation to be commended on tury Hopes for Health." establishment. . . . Likewise, T. Grand Master Milton Greer, who has managed the Dixie Store during its entire existence here, deserves feliciations. . . . The steady growth o the business, under his leader ship made necessary the current expansion program . . Mr. Greer started his grocery store career in Boone twenty-five years ago with the Carolina stores, later absorbed by the Dixie interests, and is one of the most familiar and popular business figures along our street . . . Courteous, obliging and helpful, he is held in the highest regard by his customers and friends . .

SCHOOL OPENS TUES-DAY, and the kiddles jam the buses, and scamper along the streets, eager to get down to business on the first day of the term. . . . Most of the younga-ters seem to be "all het up" about the prospects of delving further into the three r's. while further into the three r's, while occasionally we note one, who just can't hurry himself on the way to school... Longing eyes note everything of interest along the street and he stops on every pretext... A lower of the great outdoors... of everything God has created, with an intense interest in all activities of mankind, he approaches the halls of learning with a heavy heart... He don't want to be shut in... We teel a sort of pity for the few with the far-away look... but it is greatly to the credit of the modern educational insti-

Early Completion Of DEMOCRATS TO Nine Miles Paved County BY ROB RIVERS Scenic Highway Seen PARTY CHIEFS AT BIG RALLY POLITICAL ACTIVITY definitely on the upswing in these parts, as a full slate of worthy graft, as a full slate of worthy Republican candidates goes into

biennium to complete the Blue come a completed project."

Ridge Parkway from Shenan- Bayliss advised the North. the field, and the Democrats plan Ridge Parkway from Shenanto pick a ticket from a number doah National Park to Asheville Carolina solons that contracts of those willing to run "if the and to construct at least one, will be let during the 1951-1953 folks want me" . . . Groups of possibly two, Parkway links biennium for one link near

there along the street as rumors Parkway branch of the National follows: fly thick and fast, and the Wa-Park Service, disclosed that \$12,-1. Gr 900,000 will be available during five-mile Deep Gap link at esti-the two-year period for Blue mated cost of \$800,000. their interpretation of the the two-year period for Blue

district, and Robert L. Doughton, ninth district, and Senators

At the same time, Rep. Redden released a copy of a letter he re-

Secretary Chapman also assured Rep. Redden that "as will be the first North Carolina

will be let during the 1951-1953 biennium for one link near Buena Vista in Virginia and

1. Grading and overpass

tion at estimated cost of \$2,700,-

ment of 11 1-2-mile section of the Parkway west of Asheville between U. S. Highway 276 near missioners . . As long as that ceived from Secretary of the In- Wagon Road Gap and Beech kind of interest is retained in terior Oscar L. Chapman con- Gap where the Parkway connects with an existing state little danger of any of the gram for completing the Blue road. The estimated cost is \$750,"isms" getting any secure footRidge Parkway.

The Wagon Road Gap section funds are available immediately following the fiscal year 1953, we propose to hasten the con-

down on the spacious hotel lawn, and carried the cord sway ... 50 Watauga Youths To Report For Draft Soon

Green To Speak Twice in Boone



C. SYLVESTER GREENE

C. Sylvester Greene, former Durham newspaper man, will deliver two addresses in Watauga county during the first of September, the Watauga Democrat has been advised.

Dr. Green will speak Tuesday September 5, to the Boone Lions Club on "Living With Confusion." On Wednesday September 6, he will be the speaker for the DIXIE HOME STORES open Watauga Health Council and new super market here today . . . will use for his topic "Half Cen-

To Speak Here

Dr. Walter E. Caldwell, Mas-ter of the Grand Masonic Lodge of the State of North Carolin will be the featured speaker at the 40th district Masonic meeting, which will be held in Boone with Snow Lodge No. 363, A. F. & A. M. next Saturday afternoon

The afternoon session, which will be held at 3 o'clock is expected to be attended by Masonic lodge officers of the district. Masters and Secretaries are par-ticularly invited.

At the evening session, which

will be held at 7:30, Dr. Caldwell will speak, and all Masons are invited. Refreshments will be served during the course of

he meeting.

The 40th district is composed of Masonic lodges in the councies of Watauga, Avery and ties of Mitchell.

Russell Hodges Is

3. Grading and surface treat-

Fifty young men from Watauga County will report to the Charlotte induction center for qualifying mental and physicial xaminations on September 20, according to an announcement by Capt. Paul Johnson, officer charge of the station, Every registrant who passes the tests will be inducted late in October or early in November.

All men 19 years of age or older who have not reached their 26th birthday and who have not been classified as other than 1-A as the result of previous military service or other reason, will be eligible for the September pre-induction call. It is expected that most of the men will be drawn from the 19 year old group, preliminary checking by Mrs. Lucy G. Lovill selective service clerk, indicating that few Watauga men in the 20 to 26 year bracket fall into 1-A classification.

The Charlotte induction center record for August shows 1,102 men out of an examined total of 1,942 to be listed as for military service"—a 57 per cent acceptance rate. Only 15 of the 42 counties handled by the Charlotte center were repr ted this month, the Watauga draft board being one of those not activated in time for the August pre-induction call.

Latest instructions from Third will be sent to Fort Jackson, S. C. for training. Previously

Grade Cattle To Draw Fair Prizes Health Office To

The Blue Ridge Fair will pay premiums on classes, of grade beef heifers and grade dairy heifers for the first time in 1950. These heifers must be shown at helter and will be judged with other grades and will be judged with other grades and will not show against purebreds. Grade beef cattle will be shown on Friday, September 15, and grade dairy cattle on Saturday, September 15. Premiums will be as large as for the purebred classes. show is open to farmers in Watanga and adjoining counties and we hope to have a large show this year.

Injured in Accident

Russell D. Hodges, local hardware merchant suffered a fracture of hir right leg in an accident at his store last Friday. Mr. Hodges was struck by one of his company's wocks, which was being placed in a cast at Wataliga Hospital, and Mr. Hodges is now recuperating at his home here.

The United States' today has school.

He has been a member of the chapter teams in their judging, crop judging, ritual and parilamentary procedure, public speaking and others. He has a herd of registered Jerseys, one of which he recently showed in the blue group at the Lexington Junior Dairy Show; he is feeding his some other beef cattle; he has a flock of registered Hampuhire The United States today has

Saturday; Smith, Doughton, Eury to Bring Oratory.

The biggest political rally ever eld in Watauga County is plan-Dudley C. Bayliss, chief of the three links in North Carolina, as ned for September 2, when the Parkway branch of the National Park Service, disclosed that \$12,
1. Grading and overpass for cratic Club will be host to the Young Democrats of the Congressional District. Jim Tay-Ridge Parkway construction.

He discussed the program with Reps. Monroe M. Redden, 12th Rock-Grandfather Mountain secthe plans for the rally which is expected to draw more than 500 Democrats from outside the county. The affair will mark the sixth month of the existence of the local group.

Speakers for the occasion will include , Senator-elect Willis Smith of Raleigh, Congressman Robert L. Doughton of the Ninth District, and North Carolina's Secretary of State, Thad Eure, all of whom have indicated they plan to attend.

Preceding the rally there will be a free barbecue supper at 5:30 p. m. Committees who are charge of the event include the following: Foods-W. R. Winkler, chairman; E. B. Hagaman, Tommy Osborne, Howard Cottrell and Roy Rufty. Place of neeting-John Farthing, chairman; Edwin Dougherty, Max Hardin, Frank Baird and Raleigh Cottrell. Welcoming committee-Wade E. Brown, R. C. Rivers, Miss Helen Underdown S. F. Horton and Mrs. Horton, Mrs. John Brown, Mrs. R. W. Watkins, and Mrs. John Greer. Tickets and invitations-Mrs. Crayte Teague, Mrs. Roy Smith, Miss Madeleine McCain, Leo Mast and Carlton Swift.

Invitations have been issued to all state officers of the North Carolina Young Democratic ed that a number will be pre-sent. One state officer is a member of the local club-Mrs. Earleen G. Pritchett of Boone, state

vice president.

The rally follows a convention of Watauga County Democrats to be held on the afternoon of the same day. All local candidates, chosen at the convention, are expected to be present and to be introduced at the rally. Delegates from several other districts have signified their intention of attending.

Education Sosa

Apolarina Hector Sosa, young Argentina student, arrived in Boone this week in preparation for a year of schooling at Appa-Army headquarters at Fort Mc-Pherson, Ga., specify that North under the sponsorship of Dis-Carolina draftees and enlistees trict 280 of Rotary International. A graduate student and president of the National Student Ascourse dinner, prepared by the listees have been going to Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Fort Jackson, earlier scheduled for retirement as an Army installation, was ordered reopened by Secretary of the Army Frank Pace last month.

Course dinner, prepared by the Sociation of Argentina, he has sociation of Argentina, he has sociation of Argentina, he has sociation for the close of the day. Hill-side Dairy furnished ice "cream for the occasion."

Association members expressed themselves as being extremely grateful to Camp Sky Ranch of the Borns. that republic. He will study aspects of teacher training as advocated by the local institution.

Mr. Sesa has been made an ly grateful to Camp Sky Ranch

honorary member of the Boone officials for the privilege of us-Rotary Club and will attend its ing their grounds for the annual

Close Labor Day

South Carolinian Dies In Crash On Route 421

Robert Vaughn, 30, was killed and H. W. Fagg, 38, injured Nash to Return early Tuesday morning when the Dixie-Home Stores truck in which they were traveling overturned and left the road on a steep curve near the Wilkes county line on highway 421. Cause of the accident is believed to have been defective brakes. The driver and his assistant

had driven to Boone from Greenville, S. C., delivered a consign-ment to the local store, and were enroute to North Wilkesboro, It was said to have been the driver's first experience in driving a heavy vehicle over the steep grades in this vicinity.

Highway patrolmen and funeral home representatives arrived on the scene shortly after the wreck and found the driver pinned in the cab, chest crushed by the twisted metal. One funeral home official estimated that it was a two and a half hour task o free the body with the use of

The assistant, Mr. Fagg, was taken to the Watauga Hospital where he was reported "badly shaken up but evidently not seriously injured." He was said to have been resting comfortably string bands, vocal quartets, duets Tuesday afternoon.

club won first prize; the king's Pomona Grange To Be Formed

The meeting was called to order by the president of the board The subordinate Granges of of directors, J. C. Goodman, of Watauga county including Beav-Ashe county, who delivered the er Dam, Green Valley and Deep w loome address. Reports of the Gap, will meet Thursday night. Streeted both organizations until different committee were heard. September 7, at 7:45 o'clock, at he entered military service is Officials attending included: C. the Green Valley school building E. Viverette, general manager of or the purpose of organizing the Lenoir; H. H. Beach, assistant Watauga County Pomona Grange manager and general superinten- The entire membership of all dent of Lenoir; E. L. Alread, elec- subordinate Granges are requesttrical advisor of Lenoir; Mrs. ed to be present. In addition to Percy Deverick and Miss Lillian the organization of the Pomona Grange the rural telephone pro-The four directors from Wagram and the problems of the tauga county present were Clyde bean market may be discussed

Perry, Avery Greene, Bert Mast The Grange, which is the largest and oldest farm organization in existence and the only rural Merchants, Employees fraternity in the world, was org-Hold Annual Picnic anized in 1867, and now has acwith 225 local units in North Carolina which state is leading the nation in organization. The State Grange convention will be held October 23-25, at Lumberton, and all masters and their wives of subordinate Granges are the duly authorized delegates and are expected to attend. The sixth degree will be exemplified and will he led as usual by Gov. W. Kerr

To Appalachian



Gordon Nash, former Appalachian professor of music and director of the college and high school bands, will resume his duties with the college at the beginning of the fall quarter, according to an announcement this week from the office of the Dean. A graduate of East Kentucky State College and a teacher of

wide experience, Mr. Nash came to Boone in 1937, organizing the Appalachian High School Band hat year. The following year he organized the college band and 1842 as a lieutenant in the Navy.

in 1945 he returned to his work at Appalachian, leaving again in 1948 to accept a position as field representative for Brodt-Separt Company of Winston

Entering the University of Ken tucky this summer ,he completed the necessary requirements for a Master of Arts Degree in Music, returning to Boone last week after graduating.

Roy R. Blanton, who succeeded Mr. Nash as band director in 1948, will remain as director of the high school band, the two planning to coordinate their efforts toward constant miprovement of both college and high school instrumental groups.

Art Exhibit

Mrs. Ellie Mae Wallace
Dies At Banner Elk
a far greater success than anticipated by officials of the or-Mrs. Ellie May Wallace, resignization here.

The exhibition, since the open-

dent of Banner Elik, R. F. D., died at Grace Hospital Monday.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at the Liberty Methodist church and burial was in the Matney cemetery.

The exhibition, since the opening last week, has drawn hundreds of people into the new community library building, including leading art enthusiasts and critics. More than ninety FEDERAL WORKERS

Surviving are eight daughters paintings and watercolors are there were 1,969,940 employes and one son: Shirley, Helen, Dare, on exhibit, Works of such fam-The offices of the District
Health Department will be closed on Labor Day, Monday, September 4, this being a State holiday.

There were 1,309,940 employes and one son: Shirley, Helen, Dare, on exhibit, works of such famous painters as James Lunnen, Mrs. Leonard Watson, Mrs. Gilbert Ward, and James Wallace, Cancelled by the outbreak of the The father, Mr. A. C. Miller, also current Korean war. ly been center of attention, but officials of the art association have been cheouraged by the number of pieces of sculpture

Highway Commissioner Gives Information About Road Program Locally.

Nine miles of newly paver road have been opened to the public in Watauga County this summer under the \$200,000,000 econdary road program, the State Highway Commission annou this week.

The five projects complet during the last three months are part of the acgelerated stateconstruction program authorized by the people in a special bond election last year. Eighth Division Highway Commis Mark Goforth says the recently finished projects are only part of the total program planned for Watauga and other northwest North Carolina counties before the end of the 1950 paving sea

summer are as follows:

From intersection of Parkway and Bamboo north toward 421 0.9 mile; Big Hill Road from 221 toward Todd, 2.6 miles; County road from Sherwood east, 1.2 miles; from Vilas east toward Lovill, 15 miles; and on Route 603 near Sugar Grove toward Tennessee line, 3 miles.

Watauga's share of the firs \$125,000,000 in bond funds is \$724,500. With the exception of \$41,200, this amount has been allocated to specific work in the ccunty. The Secondary Road Bond Act as passed by the General, Assembly divided the bond money equitably among the 10 counties.

The co t of road construction under the secondary program less than expected by the State Highway Commission and conse-quently more mileage of roads hay be paved under the program than was expected in many area fifth of the proposed Scott paving program had been finished throughout the state.

In addition to the nine mile of road opened this summer th State Highway Commission finished two major primary road projects in Watauga last fall. They were the hard-surfacing from the intersection of 321 in Blowing Rock to the Blue Ridge Parkway and from that point to 421 in Boone. Also finished last fall was the paying of a 1.8 mile stretch of county road from Shulls

Mills to Foscoe.

Dr. Henry Jordan, chairman the State Highway Commission, recently announced that 1950 would be North Carolina's greatest year of roadbuilding if good crisis does not intervene. Some Huge Success 2,375.8 miles of secondary roads have been paved so far under the \$200,000,000 program. At the s time work is progressing on the ing funds set up in the regular highway fund budget

GOP To Open District Office

Statesville - Republican state headquarters for the 1950 camheadquarters for the 1950 campaign will be opened September I, in the \ld City Hall building, Statesville, J. M. Baley, Jr., of Marshall, state chairman, announced in Statesville this week.

Chairman, Baley indicated that

the committee named to select a location for istate headquarters was governed largely by the fact that Statesville was near the center of the Republican strength and would be readily accessible to the greatest number of Repub

besture.

Kenneth will be a delegate to the National FFA Convention as Kennes City, Missouri, in October but his outstanding livestock program won another trip to the National Convention for him and his advisor, R. G. Shipley.

Kenneth is a son of Mr. and Miss. John K. Perry, Sherwood.

ANNUTTES

About 172,000 former government employes or their families are receiving monthly annuity checks from the Civil Service Retirement fund. The fund paid out over \$172,000,000 during the last fiscal year.

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Local Farm Youth Heads FFA have been chouraged by the public reception of several of the lesser experienced artists. A eep, a registered gilt and a are also on display.

Kenneth Perry, member of the Cove Creek chapter of the Fu-ture Farmers of America, Sugar Grove, was recently elected president of the North Carolina Future Farmers at their annual convention in Raleign. Perry has taken a very active part in FFA work since his first year in high school.



flock of chickens. His crop pro-jects consist of corn, hay, and the state art association recent-ly stated that the Blowing Rock