

Date	High	Low	6 p.m.	rain
Sept. 4	72	56	66	
Sept. 5	80	59	67	54
Sept. 6	89	52	59	55
Sept. 7	65	55	59	
Sept. 8	65	41	52	
Sept. 9	63	38	37	
Sept. 10	61	31	53	

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## Ticket Slated By Democrats

Watauga County Democrats met in convention Friday afternoon, and named a slate of candidates for county office without a dissenting vote.

Chappell Wilson, dean of the Graduate School at Appalachian State was nominated for the House of Representatives.

Miss Helen Underdown, Register of Deeds was renominated; W. R. Vines was nominated for the post of county surveyor, while the incumbent county commissioners, Arlie Walsh, George Wilson and J. D. Shoemaker were nominated.

All nominations were unanimous and no other names were offered the convention.

### Miss Underdown Honored

A resolution commending Miss Helen Underdown for her fine service through the years as Register of Deeds, was introduced by Mayor Gordon H. Winkler, and passed by the convention. The resolution follows:

That, whereas, the Democratic party, as well as the entire people of Watauga County, have had the benefit of the efficient, faithful and unselfish service of a public servant for the past 28 years; and, whereas, it is fitting and proper that any person who has served the public in such an efficient, capable and unselfish manner should be recognized in a suitable and proper manner:

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Democratic convention for Watauga County, in session on this, the 7th day of September, 1956, that we heartily commend the fine service of our faithful and efficient Register of Deeds, Miss Helen Underdown, and that we wish for her many long years of usefulness in the future, and recognize the fact that, through her untiring and unselfish service, she has been of inestimable value to the Democratic party, as well as being one of the outstanding Registers of Deeds in North Carolina and that through her faithful and efficient services she has added to the glory and recognition of our fine County, not only the people of Watauga County but to all of those who have had occasion to have dealings with her office from every State in the Union and many foreign countries.

Be it further resolved that the above convention adopt this resolution and that it be spread upon the

minutes of the Democratic party of Watauga County.

This 7th day of September, 1956. Attorney Wade E. Brown introduced the following resolution for State Senator H. B. Perry, deceased, which was passed:

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry B. Perry, Sr., on the 19th day of November, 1955 passed away while serving as the Senator from the 29th Senatorial District of which Watauga County is a part, thus ending his distinguished career and service to the people of this Senatorial District and particularly to the people of Watauga County; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Henry B. Perry, Sr., while rendering his able and faithful service to the people of Watauga County, the 29 Senatorial District and the State of North Carolina as a whole not only during the term which he was serving but having served a previous term in the North Carolina State Senate; and

WHEREAS, for more than a half century he has served the people of Watauga County and North Carolina as a practicing physician and as a faithful and influential member of the Democratic party to the end that his influence will be felt in this County many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED By the County Convention of the Democratic Party of Watauga County assembled on this the 7th day of September, 1956 to hereby adopt the following resolution:

That we deeply regret the passing of Dr. Henry B. Perry, Sr., that the Democratic Party of Watauga County has lost a faithful member and that his passing in many respects is a great loss to the people of this area.

That this resolution shall be given due and proper publicity and a copy furnished to the family of Dr. Perry.

Unanimously adopted this 7th day of September, 1956.

Joe Fowler, member of the House from Surry County, spoke in behalf of the Pearsall amendment, while Representative Hugh Alexander addressed the convention.

Mr. Frank Baird, chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee presided over the convention.



Dr. L. H. Owsley, chairman of the United Fund budget committee, hands the report of the committee to the fund president, R. E. Agle. Adoption of the report by the board of directors set the goal of the United Fund for 1956-57 at \$14,060.39, with the campaign scheduled to run October 8-27.

## Fall Court To Try Over 175

The fall term of Watauga Superior Court will convene September 24th for a one-week criminal session and about 175 cases have been docketed for trial, says Clerk Austin E. South.

Two cases of homicide are to feature the session. W. O. Wyatt is to face trial in the death of Clement Triplett, while Bruce Phillips will be arraigned in connection with the slaying of Mrs. Harrison Parsons.

Forty-five persons will be tried on charges of driving drunk, 75 for speeding, 10 for reckless driving, 12 for operating motor cars without driver's license, 9 for violation of the prohibition laws, 5 for driving after license revoked, larceny 6. There are other miscellaneous misdemeanors.

Judge J. Will Pless of Marion will preside at the session.

The jurors following are the names of those who have been summoned for jury duty:

Bald Mountain: J. B. Ragan, James Trivette, Emery Ragan, Beaver Dam: Mrs. Lillie Main, S. G. Lawrence, Edmond Farthing, Howard Cable, Narvie Moore. Blowing Rock: Clayton Hayes, Collis Austin, J. Vilas Cook, Charlie Spann.

Blue Ridge: Wilson Hollars, Larkin P. Hodges, Hugh Hampton. Boone: Louise DeLima, L. T. Tatum, Howard Culler, Horace Dowling, D. Grady Moretz.

Brushy Fork: Roger Colvard, Roy Brown, John Dugger, Mrs. A. V. Howell, Mrs. A. C. Farthing. Cove Creek: Gordon Sherwood, J. M. Burkett, Sr., Stanley Dancy, Otto Thomas, A. C. Mast.

Eik: Glenn Triplett, G. W. Hodges.

Laurel Creek: Ronald Ward, John Hagaman, Roosevelt Pressnell.

Meat Camp: Waldo Tugman, George Lookabill, Avery Greene, John Wilson, Wade Lookabill, Forest Greene.

New River: Chas Norris, Stuart Barnes, C. N. Blackburn, Jr., Paul Edmisten, David R. Hodgins.

North Fork: J. M. South, Willie Laing. Shawneehaw: Lee Ward, Vance Norwood, Maston Trivette, Mrs.

Ruth Shook. Stony Fork: Hayes Wellborn, Lane Idol, C. D. McNeil, Ward Carroll. Watauga: Mrs. Clarence Newton, Frank Taylor, C. M. Shore, Jr., Hillary Hobby.

## Andrews Named Area Chairman For Auto Group



G. R. Andrews of Andrews Chevrolet Inc., in Boone, has been appointed area chairman for Watauga county, according to John M. Tiller of Durham, president of the North Carolina Automobile Dealers Association, who made the appointment.

As area chairman for Watauga county, Mr. Andrews will be the liaison between the state and national dealers associations and local dealers. He will also direct the two associations' annual membership campaign to be held in October.

In announcing the appointment President Tiller stated, "I am happy to have such a capable and outstanding man as Mr. Andrews in this most important position. I feel certain he will do a splendid job of keeping dealers and the public abreast of matters of interest in the retail automotive industry."

# Watauga United Fund To Seek Total Of \$14,060.00

## 15 Causes To Be Served By Organization

The new Watauga County United Fund set its goal for its October campaign by adopting the recommendations of its budget committee as submitted to a meeting of the fund trustees. The budget, adopted unanimously by the board, called for the raising of a total of \$14,060.39.

The recommendations of the budget committee, presented by the committee chairman, Dr. L. H. Owsley, was itemized as follows: County disaster and emergency disease fund... \$2,000.00 County school children's clothing fund... 500.00 4-H Clubs... 530.00 Empty Stocking Fund... 450.00 Watauga County Crippled Children's Fund... 300.00 Girl Scouts... 50.00 Red Cross... 2,705.00 Watauga Teen Canteen... 400.00 Mental Health Association... 169.20 Watauga's Fair Share of Agencies approved by State Budget Committee... 1,424.84 Allowance for fund operations, campaign expenses and other contingencies... 1,278.22 N. C. Medical Foundation for Research in Dread Diseases... 1,019.00 Boy Scouts... 2,634.13 School Band Fund... 600.00 Total U. F. budget... \$14,060.39

Officers of the fund expressed themselves as pleased with the budget and grateful for the study given the problem by Dr. Owsley's committee.

R. E. Agle, president of the fund, declared: "The budget meets the needs of Watauga county as nothing else could. It includes several long-needed provisions, such as the disaster fund to provide for families made homeless by fire. Heretofore interested people have had to beg from friends and go from store to store asking for handouts from merchants to help these people. Hereafter, if the United Fund succeeds, such unfortunate people can appeal to the United Fund and have their needs filled. This particular fund is also open to people unable to provide for the emergency of such diseases as cancer and polio."

"The fund for clothing for school children is also an improvement over the uncertain and burdensome way in which such children have been taken care of in the past."

"The other items in the budget are all of real value to the county, and will be explained from week to week by panel speakers for the fund and by stories in the Democrat."

"This budget," Mr. Agle continued, "is reasonable and fair to all concerned. It can be raised if people will realize its value to the county—how it organizes hazardous activities and saves the time of fund solicitors and contributors. We all want to provide for every need of this sort, and there is no reason why we should be besieged from week to week by new campaigns and squads of solicitors."

"The next and final step," President Agle concluded, "is for everyone to consider earnestly how much he can and should contribute to the United Fund. We of the United Fund are grateful for the endorsements we have received and for the interest and good wishes that have been expressed to us. But only the people of the county can decide whether the United Fund will be the permanent solution of our social welfare problems."

### NATIONAL PRODUCT

The Department of Commerce has reported that the gross national product of the United States reached a record annual rate of \$408,000,000 in the second quarter of 1956, being \$5,000,000,000 above that of the first quarter—the previous high—and \$21,000,000,000 above the comparable quarter of 1955. The gross national product is the sum of goods and services produced.



NEW SCHOOL BUILDING GOES UP. New Elementary School, now in process of construction at Blowing Rock which will contain eight classrooms and complete cafeteria and kitchen equipment to serve the students of the entire school. A covered walkway will connect the new building and the present High School building. The new building, which will be ready for use by late fall, will have a library room and a central heating system. The total enrollment of the school is now 450. Prof. James M. Storie is principal of the school. (Photo by Emerson Humphrey.)

## Horn, Or Other Drama Will Be Seen Next Year

By V. G. ROLLINS

At a mass meeting last Wednesday afternoon called by the board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association to decide the fate of the outdoor drama, Horn in the West, some fifty business and professional people of Boone and Blowing Rock voted unanimously to:

1. Present a play in the Daniel Boone Theatre next season, provided sufficient financial backing can be obtained. This would be either a continuation of Horn in the West, or an entirely new play.

2. Pay off a deficit of \$13,000 incurred in this year's operation, of which \$10,000 is expected to be received in a grant from the State of North Carolina.

3. Skip the interest payment to bond holders this year, because "there is no money to pay it with."

As the meeting was called to order by W. H. Gragg, mimeographed copies of the financial statement were distributed to those present. This statement showed receipts this year of \$74,970.79, disbursements of \$74,808.32, and a balance on hand of \$162.47.

However, at a similar meeting last year, 50 individuals signed notes of \$300 each at The Northwestern Bank, to be used when and if needed for this season's operation. Of this total amount of \$15,000, the sum of \$14,000 was actually borrowed and \$1,000 repaid, leaving a balance due of \$13,000. The state grant of \$10,000 would reduce the debt to \$3,000.

Russell D. Hodges, who presented the report in the absence of Treasurer James P. Marsh, made a motion that the bank be asked to pro-rate the amount due (3,000) among the fifty signers of notes, and that these signers pay their proportionate amount and "wipe the slate clean."

A similar plan is expected to be followed to raise money for producing next year's play.

### Many Suggestions Offered

Mr. Gragg cited figures revealing a steady decline in attendance since the drama opened in 1952, when it played to a total of 54,000 paid admissions. This figure had dwindled to some 23,000 for the season just ended.

After announcing that "we are here to decide what to do about the \$3,000 we owe, and what to do about next year," Mr. Gragg called for expressions of opinion from the gathering.

A wide range of suggestions was offered, including continuing Horn in the West; producing a new play; presenting both "Horn" and a new play on alternate nights, using the same cast for both; producing a religious play in lieu of "Horn"; and exploring the possibility of switching locations for one season with "The Lost Colony" at Manteo.

About the only thing that was not suggested was to produce nothing. Everyone was in accord on one thing: Outdoor drama is in Boone to stay, and something must be worked out for next year.

Mrs. L. H. Owsley reminded the group that several adverse factors could have affected this year's attendance, such as an unusually cool summer in other sections, road construction in this area, and industrial strikes which have thrown many workers temporarily

off the payroll.

Other expressions were: W. W. Chester, Boone: "Go ahead with 'Horn.' It would be a tragedy not to."

R. B. Hardin, Blowing Rock: "We are interested in seeing a drama produced next year. Let's pay off and continue."

J. V. Caudill, Boone: "I want to endorse those sentiments to the letter."

D. M. Edmisten, Boone: "There are 40 motels around Blowing Rock, and twelve around Boone. Needless to say, we want a drama, and should take more interest in seeing that we have one."

Dr. A. P. Kephart, Boone and Camp Yonahlossee: "I think we have used up Horn in the West, but it would take \$18,000 to \$20,000 to produce it again next year, and possibly \$30,000 for a new play. Kermit Hunter (author of Horn in the West) thinks we should continue."

Al Boyles, Horn publicity director: "Kermit Hunter said he would write us a new play at no cost, if that's what we want, but would not be offended if we secured another author."

Stanley A. Harris: "We are more likely to make a new play pay than we are Horn in the West. Our territory is rich in church history. I have already suggested a title (Continued on page six.)"

## Light Vote In Favor Of Water Bond Issue

The voters of Boone turned out in scant numbers Tuesday for the special city election but lent approval to the water bond proposal to the tune of more than six to one.

Final returns indicated that 184 votes were cast for the water

system bonds and 16 against. Seventy-five thousand dollars in bonds will be issued to cover the costs of providing additional water for the city, for an additional reservoir and for other improvements to the water system.

## Watauga Voters OK Pearsall Program

More than two thousand Watauga county voters went to the polls Saturday to cast their votes on the Constitutional amendment known as the Pearsall plan, and endorsed the proposal by an overwhelming majority.

The amendment, which is designed to solve the school segregation problem by allowing the handling of schools on the local level, even to the closing of the units under certain conditions, won topheavy approval in the county. Proponents of the plan cast 1779 votes as against 317 opposed.

Only one township in the county, Boone, voted against the amendment. In a light vote of 374, the amendment received 180 votes,

while 194 were cast against the proposal.

Nearly 800,000 voted in the special election in the State, and gave all four amendments overwhelming endorsement.

In Watauga the amendment favoring increased compensation for Legislators was approved by 1159 and opposed by 340.

The amendment changing the convening of the General Assembly from January to February was approved 1254 to 205.

The amendment clearing the way for a married woman to exercise the power of attorney conferred upon her by her husband, won approval in Watauga 1200 to 250.



PONY LEAGUE CHAMPIONS—Front row, left to right: Billy Murray, Ben Austin, Carl Smith, R. A. Cornett; second row: Douglas Carson, Joe Minor, King Triplett, captain, Andy Stallings; not shown: Ronnie Clark, Gary Hollen.—Photo by Palmer.



LITTLE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS—Front row left to right: Michael Todd, Dean Greer, Denver Cornett, Bartlett Dougherty, captain; second row: Dave Abernathy, recreation director, John Harrison, Billy Pressnell, Ronnie Hunt, Johnny Stacy; not shown: Graydon Eggers, Joe Todd, H. J. Cottrell, Chuck Blanton.—Photo by Palmer.

## Watauga United Fund Topic At Chamber Commerce Meeting

By V. G. ROLLINS

The September meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, held at noon Tuesday, was given over to a discussion of Watauga County United Fund, Inc., a recently formed organization designed to consolidate contributions to all charities into one fund drive each year.

R. E. Agle, president of the new organization, Dr. Herbert Wey, chairman of its public speaking bureau, and Miss Barbara Stevenson, dean of women at A. S. T. C., explained the United Fund, and conducted a questions and answers period.

Miss Stevenson pointed out that the United Fund is different from the Community Chest, which is for local organizations only, whereas,

the United Fund includes state and national charities. There were seventeen separate fund drives in Boone last year on behalf of recognized local and national charities, she said, and the United Fund will reduce this multiplicity of effort and giving to one big campaign.

Copies of the budget adopted last week at a meeting of the organization was distributed to those present, and the meeting was thrown open for questions from the floor. The questions asked, which were answered by Mr. Agle, Dr. Wey, Len K. Pritchett and R. D. Hodges, Jr., included the following:

Q. Is there any scientific way that I can determine how much I should contribute to the United

Fund? A. There is a Biblical way, which is ten per cent of your income, but if you want to turn the other cheek and give 20 per cent, that will be all right.

Q. Will organizations not in the fund receive permission to solicit in Watauga County?

A. State certified organizations do not need local permission, but otherwise no organization is allowed to solicit funds without permission.

Q. How will solicitation for school annuals and other school funds be handled?

A. As for the annuals, that comes under the head of advertising, not donations. Each school in the county is allowed one solicitation (Continued on page three)