

## Brown's Job Claim Rejected

Watauga county's new Republican board of county commissioners refused to honor the appointment of Edgar Brown, Democrat, as county tax supervisor and elected Republican Ivey Wilson to the post, which had been the topic of heated political controversy during the week end.

Mr. Brown was appointed to the position by State Revenue Commissioner Eugene Shaw under a special act of the General Assembly which created the position in 1929.

Mr. Brown, who said he received a number of anonymous and threatening telephone calls Sunday concerning his appointment, said he would seek court relief in the matter of his appointment.

The new commissioners issued a statement in which they said that if the majority of the citizens of Watauga county had wanted a Democrat for tax supervisor they would have elected a Democratic board in November. They took the position that the local act under which the commissioner of revenue made the appointment, was repealed by state-wide enactment in 1939.

Brown had been tax supervisor for two years under the Democratic administration. He was also auditor.

## 937 Persons Are Jailed In Last Two Years

George Smitherman, keeper of the county jail, has compiled a record of the number of persons incarcerated during his two-year tenure.

A total of 937 persons were jailed during the time, Mr. Smitherman says, and following is a breakdown of the number of offenses involved:

Public drunkenness 428, driving drunk 132, reckless driving 29, speeding 24, no operator's license 37, violating prohibition laws 29, breaking, entering, larceny 73, non-support 21, AWOL 18, simple assault 16, rape 6, murder 4, worthless checks 20, forgery 4, assault with intent to kill 4, highway robbery 2, armed robbery 2, manslaughter 1.

The remaining 87 cases involved trespassing, carrying concealed weapons, hit and run driving, peeping Tom indictments and adultery.

## Bob Davis Car Wins Top Place In Hill Climb

The Bob Davis Special, a sports car built by Bob Davis, chief mechanic at Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., in Boone, was first place winner in the Central Carolina Sports Car Event at Chimney Rock Sunday.

Ed Welch of Winston-Salem, drove the car to beat all of the 35 other entries in the hillclimb race. His time for the two and three-fourths mile ascent was 4:01.1. The track was hard surfaced and was about a 2,000-foot high climb.

Entered in the race were several type sports cars including the C-type Jaguar, a car which holds several hill climbing records in this country.

## Mrs. Watson Is Winner Of TV

Mrs. Harold Watson, of Howard Street in Boone, was the winner of the 21-inch color RCA television given away Monday by the Dixie Home Store, according to T. Milt Greer, manager of the local store. Along with the television set, she received a special antenna which is designed to give better reception of programs, especially those in color.

The contest began in November and each week of the contest a portable tv set was presented to a lucky visitor of the store.

Those receiving portable sets were Evelyn Lewis, student at Appalachian State Teachers College; Bob Sneed, student at ASTC; and Mrs. Russell Teague, of Oak St.



Staff Photo By Joe Minor

**TOBACCO COMES TO BOONE.**—Frank Brown, right, of Vilas, watches as some of his Burley is weighed at the Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 1. Mr. Brown has sold his tobacco in Boone for many years, and says as soon as he can get the rest of his crop ready he will put it on the local floor. Ferd Michael, warehouse worker, leans out the weighing window while the pile is weighed.

## Burley Prices Reach Peak On Boone Auction Floors

Highest prices in the history of the Boone burley tobacco market are being paid to growers this season.

Sales Monday and Tuesday of this week totaled 178,856 pounds with an average price of \$62.04 per hundred Monday and \$62.23 Tuesday.

On Friday of last week it was reported that the Boone market topped the entire burley belt with a \$62.56 average for 92,000 pounds.

For the first six selling days, including Tuesday of this week, the market has sold a total of 539,088 pounds, and paid out \$329,738.66 to growers, for an

average price per hundred pounds of \$60.61.

This is an increase of \$4.26 per hundred over the average for the same period last year, and prices are expected to remain at high levels until the market recesses for the Christmas holidays after sales of Friday, December 21, said a spokesman for the R. C. Coleman Associates, operators of the local market.

Volume has been comparatively light so far, due to unfavorable grading conditions. "A rainy day would do a world of good in helping the farmers prepare their tobacco for market," said Mr. Coleman.

## Committee Slates New Set C of C Officers

The nominating committee of the Boone Chamber of Commerce has recommended the following officers for the coming year, who will be elected and installed at the annual meeting to be held December 14th in the Elementary School Cafeteria.

Glenn Andrews, president; J. V. Caudill, first vice-president; O. K. Richardson, second vice-president; James Marsh, treasurer.

Richard Morhouse, Harold Rice and Grant Greene are the three new directors recommended to replace the three which will fall out this year.

Mr. Andrews has appointed the following to serve on committees for the year of 1957:

Monthly meetings: J. V. Caudill, Hugh Hagaman, O. K. Richardson.

Planning committee: W. W. Chester, Guy Hunt, Bob Agle.

Agriculture: G. W. Scroggs, Roy Ruffy, Bill Bingham, B. W. Stallings, Grady Farthing, L. E. Tucker.

Industrial: Watt Gragg, Alfred

Adams, Neil Faries. Membership and Finance: Harold Rice, Bill Bingham, Edwin Dougherty, J. B. Robinson, Paul Coffey, Richard Kelley, Lyle Cook, Jack Williams.

Tourist Committee: Estel Wagner, Dwight Edmisten, Jerry Coe, D. L. Crook, Ray Luther, Grant Greene, Russell Hodges.

Publicity Committee: V. G. Rollins, Ralph Tugman, Bill Klutz.

Educational Committee: Leo Pritchett, Lee Reynolds, Peter Everett, Bill Garvey, Guy Angell, Dr. Herbert Wey.

Armory Committee: Howard Cottrell, Bynum Greene.

Roads Committee: W. R. Winkler, Milt Jordan.

Markets Committee: J. C. Goodnight.

Public Relations: Wade Brown, Tom Winkler, D. L. Wilcox.

Radio: Clyde Eggers, Hugh Hagaman.

Auditing: Jack Williams, Paul Coffey, James Marsh.

Horn Committee: G. C. Greene, Jr., Bill Ross.

## Funds Sought For Orphans

Friends of the Grandfather Orphans Home in this section are again to have the privilege of contributing to the Christmas offering for the children who are being cared for at Banner Elk.

For a number of years, residents of Boone and environs, without regard to denominational lines, have been aiding this institution, which is doing so much for the children of the hill country. Those who wish to share their good fortune with these homeless children should make their contributions to either of the following: Guy Hunt, W. W. Chester, Rob Rivers or W. H. Gragg.

## Funds Being Sought For Needy Hungarians

Ralph Tugman, Chairman, Watauga Chapter, American Red Cross, announces that Watauga County has been asked to help provide funds to care for Hungarian Refugees.

"Five million dollars is needed immediately to clothe, feed and provide medical care for thousands of Hungarian Refugees, fleeing before the brutality of the Russian onslaught now enveloping Hungary," said Mr. Tugman. "The Red Cross is the International Agency moving supplies in-

man.

As last year, the Boone market is selling five days a week with a full set of buyers, including the house, competing for the tobacco. "Full competition means higher prices for the growers," Mr. Coleman said.

"There is always plenty of room on Boone floors to receive and unload tobacco, and it will be sold the day it is brought in, Monday through Friday.

"At Boone, your home market, you will get as much, if not more, for your tobacco, grade for grade, as anywhere in the burley belt," Mr. Coleman concluded.

## Possums Fetch 55c

A pair of 'possums brought 55c a pound Monday on the Boone tobacco market.

As a speculator was repacking a basket of burley he had bought at that price, out jumped a couple of live 'possums from the middle of the pile. They had apparently crawled in and made a bed for themselves the previous night, before the tobacco was brought to market.

Weighing about five pounds each, they brought \$5.50, which is a pretty fair price for 'possum meat on the hoof.

## COST OF LEAVING HIGH

Reno, Nev.—When six prisoners who broke out of the Washoe County Jail on October 28, captured and held for Federal action at Sacramento, Calif., wrote and asked return of \$199 they had left behind in the jail, District Attorney A. D. Jensen immediately filed a small claims damage suit against them for the hole the escaping prisoners cut in the wall. The amount of damage to the jail \$199.

# Bynum Greene Chairman Of County Commissioners

## Newly-Elected Officers Are Sworn In Monday

Bynum Greene of Perkinsville, was elected chairman of the new Republican Board of county commissioners, which was inducted Monday morning.

Clerk of the Court Austin E. South administered the oath of office to the new officials. Miss Helen Underdown, the only Democrat to be elected on the county ticket, was also sworn in for another four-year term.

The other members of the board of commissioners are F. R. Hatley of Shulls Mills, and Fred Lewis of Boone. They succeed Arlie Walsh, George Wilson and J. D. Shoemaker, Democrats, who were defeated in November.

The initial meeting of the new board concerned itself mostly with routine matters, and the filling of appointive offices.

Ivy Wilson was named tax supervisor, Clint Cannon was appointed county auditor, Orville Foster is the new tax collector, and Roby Oakes is janitor.

## Paper Drive Is Slated Saturday

A town-wide scrap paper drive will be conducted in Boone Saturday morning (Dec. 8) beginning at 9 o'clock. The drive is to be conducted by Boy Scout Troop 109, of the Boone Methodist Church, J. B. Robinson, Scoutmaster.

The sponsors of the pick-up are conducting the drive at this time of the year, hoping to aid housekeepers in getting their homes ready for the Christmas holidays, and all who have paper that is in the way are asked to have in bundled and in a conspicuous place at 9 a. m. Saturday.

To be sure the paper is not overlooked, a telephone call to any scout in troop 109 before Saturday morning will help the workers in locating the paper. Help will be furnished to bundle the paper if a call is made to any of the scouts on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of this week. It is important that the paper be packed conveniently so the entire town may be covered.

Old newspapers and magazines will be the main items, but cardboard if wrapped flat will also be picked up.

## PTA Will Enjoy Yule Musical

The Boone Parents-Teacher Association will be feted to a Christmas music program when it meets at the Elementary School Monday at 7:30, according to an announcement by Mrs. William M. Matheson, president.

The High School Mixed Chorus will sing "The Little Jesu of Braga," an arrangement by Gaul, "Bring a Torch, Jeannette, Isabelle," arranged by Nunn, "Angels We Have Heard," an old French Carol, and "Carol of the Bells," an arrangement by Wilhousky.

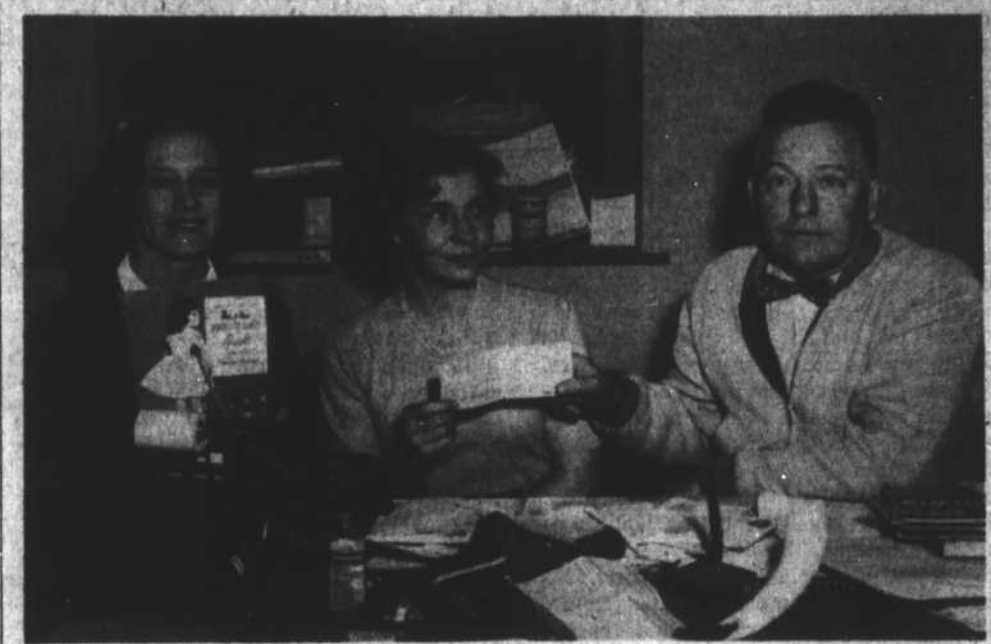
The Beginning Band will play two numbers, "Jolly Old St. Nicholas" and "Jingle Bells."

The Junior High School Band will play "Grandfather's Clock," by Work, "Christmas March," by Paul Herfurth, and "Frosty the Snowman," by Walter Beeler.

The High School Band will present "Prayer and Dream Pantomina" from "Hansel and Gretel," by Humperdinek, and "A Christmas Festival," by Leroy Anderson.

## RETRIEVER RETRIEVED

Eden, Wis.—Clarence R. Ochs, of Pond du Lac, shot a squirrel which became wedged in branches as it fell. Ochs climbed the tree and became lodged in the limbs himself, 40 feet above the ground. A ladder company of the fire department, summoned by Ochs' more cautious companion, retrieved the retriever from the tree.



—Staff Photo by Joe Minor

**FIRST MARCH OF DIMES CHECK.**—Howard Cottrell, chairman of the Watauga Chapter of the National Polio Foundation, gives Mrs. W. W. Littleton the first check for the 1957 March of Dimes. The check was from the Fifty-Nighters Club. Mrs. Hadley Wilson, left, holds some promotional literature for the campaign. Mr. Cottrell had just announced the appointment of Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Littleton as co-directors of the current polio fund campaign.

## Local Ladies Are Named To Direct March Of Dimes

Mrs. Hadley M. Wilson and Mrs. W. W. Littleton, of Boone, have been appointed co-directors of the Watauga County 1957 March of Dimes in January. Announcement of the appointments was made this week by Howard Cottrell, chairman of the Watauga County Chapter of the National Polio Foundation.

"The Salk vaccine has dramatically cut the incidence of polio during the past year, but there are today about 80,000 children and adults stricken before the vaccine was available who urgently need a helping hand in their long struggle for recovery," Mr. Cottrell

said in making the announcement. "Doing all we can to give these patients the care they need," he added, "is just as important a part of the March of Dimes victory over polio as the Salk vaccine. That is why we have chosen as our 1957 March of Dimes slogan, 'Let's Finish the Job!'"

Both Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Littleton have been active in civic and community affairs here. Mrs. Wilson is presently president of the Gardenette Club and a member of the Medical Auxiliary. Mrs. Littleton is first vice president of the Junior Women's Club and is secretary of the Boone Mental

Health Association. Both ladies are members of the First Presbyterian Church in Boone.

In accepting the important community assignment, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Littleton indicated that additional appointments to the county-wide March of Dimes organization will be made in the near future.

"We need volunteers for the campaign," they said, "All those who would like to assist in the polio fight should phone AM-herst 4-8888. There's plenty of interesting work and everyone is needed."

## Horn Faces Crisis; Fate To Be Determined Thursday

By V. G. ROLLINS

Outdoor drama in Boone is facing the biggest crisis in its five-year history, and the fate of Horn in the West hangs in the balance. The crisis is financial.

An ultimatum has been laid down by the finance committee: \$20,000 or no "Horn" next year. That's the amount it will take to promote and publicize the drama, pay salaries, and begin production for another season. And the preparations must be started right away.

Forty persons rallied to the cause on a frigid, snowy night, Tuesday, November 27, at an emergency meeting, and 26 of them signed personal notes of \$300 each.

Nine more notes had been signed as of noon Tuesday, December 4, bringing the number to 36, or a total of \$10,800—slightly more than half the amount needed. The

Northwestern Bank will advance the total face value of these notes to the producers of the play.

Another—and final—meeting has been set for Thursday, December 6, at 7:30 p. m. in the upstairs dining room of the Boone Trail Restaurant. This meeting will decide the issue, one way or the other. If the balance of the \$20,000 is not raised, Horn in the West will be only a memory.

Needless to say, the presence and support of every person interested in the continuation of the drama is not only requested, but vitally necessary.

At last Tuesday's meeting, Treasurer James P. Marsh, who presided, declared that "continuation is a must." In pointing out the play's boost to the local economy, he said there were only two or three tourist courts in and around Boone in 1951, and now there are fourteen. He also cited many more

service stations and other types of new business, as well as increased volume of trade in general. A large measure of this growth can be attributed to Horn in the West, he said.

A population growth can also be credited in part to the play, said Mr. Marsh. "Many persons who came to see 'Horn', liked the area and decided to settle here."

In other expressions, W. H. Gragg said: "This community has derived much good from Horn in the West. It would be a tragedy for us to fail in such a fine project. It would also be a 'black eye' in our efforts to persuade other business enterprises to locate here."

"However, the finance committee hesitates to make commitments unless the money is available."

Stanley A. Harris: "Much time and money has already gone into publicizing and promoting Horn in the West. The Chamber of Commerce is participating in a nationwide program by the Colgate-Palmolive Company, in which the play is advertised in large newspapers with tremendous circulation."

"Horn in the West brought at least 10,000 extra people to Boone last season. Each of them spent \$10 to \$20 while here. It would be a catastrophe to let the play drop."

Dr. H. R. Reed of Blowing Rock suggested notes of \$100 and \$150 also be accepted, and this was approved.

Horn in the West played to some 53,000 persons in its first season (1952). Since that time at

## Garden Club Members Decorate Local Homes

The Blue Ridge Garden Club of Boone is decorating a number of local homes for Christmas. These will be open to the public for a tour on Sunday December 9 from 3:00 to 5:00 and from 6:30 to 9:00 p. m.

The tour will start at the Early American home of Dr. and Mrs. Wayne Richardson on Cherry Drive in Cherry Park and continue to the Colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne. From there the Victorian home of Mr. and

Mrs. James Council will be visited and the tour will end at the Modern home of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Cline. Decorations will be in keeping with the style of architecture and furnishings of each home.

At the Richardson home, Mrs. Mae Miller will preside at the register, where a silver offering will be taken. This offering will be used to continue the Garden Club's planting and beautification project at the Appalachian Elementary School in Boone.