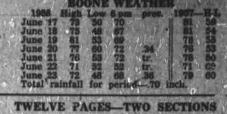
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Watauga **Hospital Is** Accredited

As a result of a recent survey of Watauga Hospital by the Joint on on Accreditation, the hospital has been notified that it has been fully accredited for a period of three years. The accrediting agency is made

up of The American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Hospital Asso-ciation, American Medical Association, and Canadian Medial As sociation.

Dr. T. Nordlander, a representa tive of the Joint Commission of Ac-creditation, visited the hospital on May 5. The essential divisions surveyed were the physical plant, administration, medical staff organization and medical record de partment. The complementary and service divisions - surveyed were surgical department, obstetrical department, anesthesia department, dietary, and nursing staff. Dr. Norlander stated that he was favorably impressed by the excellent medical program carried on at the hospital. Watauga Hos pital was first approved in 1957, and has been fully approved since that time.

It is pointed out that the examination by the Joint Commission is purely voluntary, and made only to those hospitals that request it. Hospitals are approved for three year periods only, and must then

Mrs. Jack Groce, administrator of Watauga Hospital, expressed her appreciation to the medical and surgical staffs, to the board of trustees, and all the other depart ments, and employees for their cooperation in helping to main-tain high hospital standards.

Local Clubs Vote Yes On **Park Proposal**

end.

will direct the show.

Various Boone civic organiza tions have gone on record as officially endorsing a proposed re-creation park and civic center on the city-owned Horn in the West property, according to an announcement by Hugh Hagaman, chairman of the publicity commit-tee of the Daniel Boone Park Committee, a group formed to promote the project.

A municipal election is scheduled to be held on July 15 to decide whether the Town of Boone will gotiate a \$150,000 bond issue to finance the project, which would provide for a swimming pool, clubhouse, playground, memorial gardens, and other facilities.

One of the major projects of the Chamber of Commerce for Dies Tuesday



MISS WATAUGA COUNTY.-Miss Linda Wey, center, poses with her proud parents, Dr. and Mrs. Her bert Wey, after being crowned "Miss Watauga County" for 1958.-Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Fourth Celebration Is Planned At Rock

Blowing Rock, June 24 .- A di- held at the Playground Park Paversified Fourth of July celebravillion Friday evening. tion, under the general sponsor-ship of the Rotary Club, will be held over the long holiday week Saturday afternoon a Swimming Meet will be held at the Olympic Swimming Pool under the direction of George Mattar, Jr.

On Friday the Fourth, the annual Saturday evening there will be Children's Horse Show and Pet street dancing in front of Play-Show will be presented at the horse show grounds at 2 p. m. Mrs. ground Park with free dancing in the pavillion to follow. Lloyd M. Tate and those associ-A more complete program will

ated with her at Tate Stables, appear in the next edition of the The usual square dance will be Democrat.

Beech Creek Dam Plans Are Renewed Prospects for the construction of the Beech Creek Dam were **Ed Anderson** brightened last Thursday when a

group of North Carolina and Tennessee citizens met in Moun-tain City, Tennessee, to consider

Linda Wey Is **Miss Watauga**

Miss Linda Wey, 18 year old was crowned "Miss Watauga County of 1958" following winning the title in a con her test between nine girls at the Boone Elementary School Saturday night.

Crowning of Miss Watauga wa the climax of the annual contest which is sponsored by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Wey, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Wey, will go to Char lotte Thursday, July 10, to compet in the Miss North Carolina contes Miss Mary Lawrence, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. Ray Lawrence of Boone, was named runner-up, and Miss Jane Moretz of Deep Gap, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Moretz, was selected by the

other contestants as "Miss Geniality. Included among the judges were

Mrs. Joan Melton Grubb, Miss North Carolina of 1957; Mrs. Gail Starke, who was Miss Kansas of Dr. Gene Reese, president of the 1955.

Curtain Rises Saturday On Seventh. "Horn" Run

Good Year For Drama Is Seen

The curtain will go up Saturday night on the seventh season production of Horn in the West, Kermit Hunter's outdoor drama dealing with the settling of western North Carolina in the 1770s. The play, which opened here in 1952 and which is sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Histor-ical Association, has played to approximately a quarter of a million people and last season regist-ered a 12 and one-half percent increase in attendance, the largest jump in the show's history.

Leo Derrick, Jr., director of public relations and promotion, said today that advance ticket sales were the highest yet recorded and that indications point toward another banner year. Horn in the West is regarded

as unique in outdoor theater for Golf Work the unusually high percentage of its actors that return each summer to their roles. Drama authori- Ahead Of ties credit the success and calibre of the play largely to this fact. Three of this year's principles Schedule

opened and the production director, William C. Ross, has been in every performance. This season, however, he was taken out of the cast to assume directorial duties after two highly successful summers in the play's lead Previously, he played another top role for 4 years.

Returning for his seventh sea-son as the frontier preacher is Charles Elledge as Rev. Isaiah been cleared away, the initial Sims. Glenn Causey, at 6 feet, 4 grading has been done on eight Charles Elledge as Rev. Isaiah inches and whose drawl and long, easy gait are reminiscent of the confidently expects to be able to famous frontiersman and Indian seed the course during August, fighter he portrays, according to looking to the opening of the

historians, is another 7-season veteran and is cast as Daniel Elledge, who had a part in the current Robert Matchum movie, "Thunder Road", is principal of Marion High School and Causey is on the faculty at Arlington

Virginia Senior High. (Continued on page six)

Polio Clinic **Arranged Here**

Pointing out that many have n ing carried on, and there is a yet been immunized against polio, prospect that some lots may be Watauga Chapter, Infantile Para-

sold this summer. Mr. Brown told the stockhold-Paul Weston of Todd, organist, lysis Association, announces that ers that \$100,000 in stock has been Service at the Boone Bantist lio vaccination clinic will be sold-the amount permitted un-

ourse in 1959.

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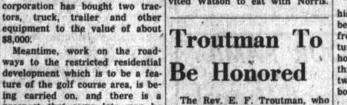
Norris Acquitted In Fatal Shooting

Work on the construction of the golf course in Boone is running homicide in the death of Harold ahead of schedule, according to Watson, 31-year-old Boone used reports made to the stockholders car dealer who was shot by Bynum of Boone Developments, Inc., by Norris, 63, at the Norris home President Wade E. Brown, and about 12:45 p. m. Friday.

Heavy equipment is shown being used to get Boone's golf course into shape.

Mr. J. E. Maples, golf architect, Tuesday evening. Most of the heavy grading has been done, trees and bushes have been cleared away, the initial uga County Courthouse, revealed that Norris and Watson went to greens and tees, and Mr. Maples Norris' home on Boone, Route 2, into the room and managed to get near Meat Camp, to look at a mare it away from him. Then Watson they planned to breed with Wat-

son's pony. The two were riding in Watson's The grading is being done by pickup truck, and had "a few drinks of whiskey" on the way, Brown Brothers, O. M. Hampton Construction Co. and Mr. Mont-gohesry has been assisting in the Norris said. When they got to the Norris home, Mrs. Norris and the daughter had eaten lunch, and in-The report indicated that the vited Watson to eat with Norris.



law", Mrs. Norris said. "I'm going back in there and kill him," Mrs. Norris testified Watson said. Meanwhile Norris said he g his .32 caliber revolver from his bedroom and started toward the front door. As Watson started to turn as if to come back into the house, Norris said he shot him three times in quick succession, two of the bullets entering his

body as he was falling. Deputy Sheriff George Smitherhas served Grace Luthrean Church man arrived on the scene and took here for twenty years, will be hon- Norris into custody a short time

and Norris told his daughter to help him up so he could finish his dinner. The witnesses said Watson then hit Norris in the eye with his fist. Norris fled into a room and Watson followed him knocked him down on the bed and

Mrs. Norris said Watson had picked up a loaded shotgun belonging to Norris, but she went went out on the front porch and she continued into the yard, she said. Miss Norris had gone to a neighbor's house to "call the

Photo by Paul We

mote the development of this property for a civic center and swimming pool.

Other groups that have endors ed the program, Mr. Hagaman's nent said, are the Woman's Club, the Junior Woman's Club, the Rotary Club, the Junior ity Hospital. Chamber of Commerce, the Southern Appalachian Historical As

sociation, and the Business Professional Women's Club.

Sets Record **For Flight**

est City and was connected with T-Sgt. Carl H. Cornett, son of two other radio stations in Marion Mr. and Mrs. Claud Cornett of Reese was crew chief of a F-100C, Anderson was a native of Ros

which he flew to what is believed to have been a record for "straight days flying time," when the plane a graduate of the University of flew 17 straight days for 52 hours North Carolina.

days flying time, when the plane a graduate of the University of flew 17 straight days for 52 hours North Carolina. and 35 minutes flying time. Ac-companying Sgt. Cornett was A-North Carolina Press Assn. in 2c Howard W. Arant. The flight 1942 and was a past director of was made at Victoria, Téxas. the North Carolina Association of

was made at Victoria, Texas. The two-man crew was com-mended by Lt. Col. Ralph E. Keyes, 720th Fighter Day Squadron Commander, for its exceptional mark

ARMED TO THE TEETH

Tucson, Ariz-Policeman Don-ald Guenther said a 47-year-old man he arrested on a drunk charge torial Assn. in Washington.

man he arrested on a drunk charge was armed to the teeth. Guenther said Hilàrio Migues had a thin metal strip across a partial plate on his upper front teeth that was "razor sharp," and the man snapped at the officer several times. He was a member of Sigma Delta Chi, professional journalism fraternity, and of the Methodist church. He was one of the found-ters of the West Jefferson Rotary (Club and was a member of the (Continued on page three)

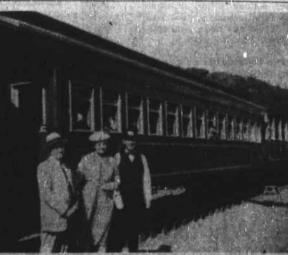
the proposal.

Brevard, June 24-Ed. M. An-From Boone those attending the derson, 52, Western North Caromeeting were Representative S. lina newspaper and radio execu-tive, died unexpectedly this morn-C. Eggers; H. W. Wilcox, former Chamber of Commerce president; ing at the Transylvania Communand S. M. Ayers, electrical engineer for the New River Light

Anderson was publisher of the and Power Co.

Transylvania Times here, the Forest City Courier, the Spindale The meeting discussed and ex-plored the possibility of securing the construction of the Dam by ARMY COMMAND CHANGE Sun, the Alleghany News at Spar-ta and the Skyland Post at West the TVA, or other governmental the TVA, or other governmental agency, to provide power for the ed the assignment of Maj. Gen Jefferson. All are weeklies except the Forest City paper which is published twice weekly. people of Watauga county, at low Gordon B. Rogers as comma

cost and to furnish immediate of the Seventh Army Corps in Eu Anderson also was president of employment to our people who are hard-pressed for work at this time, and for the general welfare WPMF in Brevard, WBBO in For-(Continued on page six) who is retiring.



MR. AND MRS. W. SMITH HARMON of Beech Creek, take their first ride together on Tweetsie, after a honeymoon trip on the old train 47 years ago.

played music as each contestant appeared on the stage.

held Wednesday, July 2, 1 to 5 der the charter, and that present p. m., in the vacant building ad-jacent to the Dixle Store. plans do not call for a provision to issue more stock. Money may Miss Carolyn Wall, of Winstor Salem, presented the talent. George C. Flowers was master of Dr. Reese asks that all Watauga be borrowed, he said, and repaid ceremonies. Intermission acts incounty residents, regardless of age, from the sale of the lots on the attend this clinic and receive the 100 acre residential tract.

cluded a dance, "The Charleston," by Miss Joan Aldridge of Chapel Hill and a toe dance by Miss Beverly Marshall of Kingstree, S. C.

Salk shots. The cost for the vaccine will be one dollar. Highway program's value to ec-

Pointing out that the danger peronomy debated. iod for polio is near, Dr. Reese suggests that entire families should Navy balloon lands after rising take advantage of this clinic. 40,000 feet.

Awards Are Given At Flower Show

Mrs. R. H. Harmon, Mrs., Ed R. Richardson, all and Ed Ray won the outsand- Mrs. Lee Reynolds, Mrs. Paul Mrs. R. H. Harmon, and Hall and Ed Ray won the outsand-ing awards at the annual Boone Coffey, Mrs. B. W. Stallings and Mrs. E. T. Glenn were awarded Mrs. E. T. Glenn were awarded Mrs. Hall won the tricolor rib- the blue ribbons in the Plemmons bon for her wedding reception home.

table arrangement in the home of Dr. and Mrs. William H. Piom-mons. Mrs. Harmon's tricolor arrange

nent was a dining niche piece in two, Mrs. Chloe Gross two. Mr. the home of Dr. and Mrs. Law-rence H. Owsley. The award of merit in the horti-Richardson one.

Church next Sunday at 7:30 p. m. Carlyle Watson were conducted Those who will speak briefly in Supday at 2:30 at the Boone Bapservices for Hard recognition of Rev. Mr. Troutman's, tist Church by the pastor, Rev. L. ministry here and his worth to H. Hollingsworth, and intermen nunity, are: the Rev. J. K. was in the city cemetery. the con the community, are: the Rev. J. K.-Parker, Jr., Presbyterian minister, Surviving are the widow, a for the churches; Dr. Herbert Wey, for the college; and H. Grady Sandra of the home. There are two for the college; and H. Grady Farthing for the business comsisters and one brother, Mrs.

munity. will be made and presented to Rev. and Brainard Watson, Boone. Mr. Troutman.

Ethel Grayson, Winston-Salem; A tape recording of the service Mrs. Eloise Martin, Butler, Pa., Also surviving are the parents,

Everyone is invited to attend Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Watson this meeting. Boone.



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