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Jan. 27	64	33	42	34
Jan. 28	42	33	39	25
Jan. 29	60	30	43	21
Jan. 30	49	42	46	27
Jan. 31	47	32	39	50
Feb. 1	39	27	37	41
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Chamber Budget Is \$6,700.00

Mrs. Joan Jenkins, recently named executive secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, has just announced a total budget of \$6,700.00 for the Chamber. This figure, Mrs. Jenkins emphasized, covers all expenses including office rent, industrial promotion, advertising, Christmas, etc.

In announcing this year's budget, it was pointed out that no special fund raising events or promotions will be held to raise the budget. Membership fees will cover the entire cost of operation.

Mrs. Jenkins, before being named to her present position, was office secretary of E. Leo Derrick. Mr. Derrick resigned the first of the year as manager of the Chamber of Commerce. The executive secretary held a position with the Forest City Chamber of Commerce for three years. Her husband, Bobby Joe Jenkins, is a student at Appalachian State Teachers College.

The Chamber recently moved its offices from King Street to the Bus Station on Depot Street. John B. Robinson, president of the Chamber, was enthusiastic about the move, besides enabling the Chamber to operate more economically, he felt that the location is convenient to a large number of members and to those who have business with the C. of C. The office is marked by a large wall sign in the bus station lobby, and directional signs will be posted showing how to reach the office.

The office building on King Street is the location to be used by The Northwestern Bank for a new bank building.

Immediately following the regular meeting this month, the chamber will put on an extensive membership campaign. The officers of the group believe it will be to the advantage of individuals and businesses and to the area to have a large membership. Membership fees are moderate, they believe, and will be worth the money invested.

Harold Rice, chairman of the membership committee, has announced the following groups of workers:

Watauga County—Stanley Harris, chairman.

College—Vance Howell, chairman; John Corey, Leo Pritchett.

Group I—R. D. Hodges, Jr., chairman; James Marsh, Herman Wilcox.

Group II—Glenn Andrews, chairman; John Corey, Leo Pritchett.

Group III—Jack Williams, chairman; Baxter Hardy, Nick Stakias.

Group IV—Dr. James Greene, chairman; Bob Agle, Jake Caudill.

Group V—Hal Johnson, Harold Rice and J. C. Goodnight.

They point with pride some of the accomplishments over the past years in which the Chamber of Commerce had a hand:

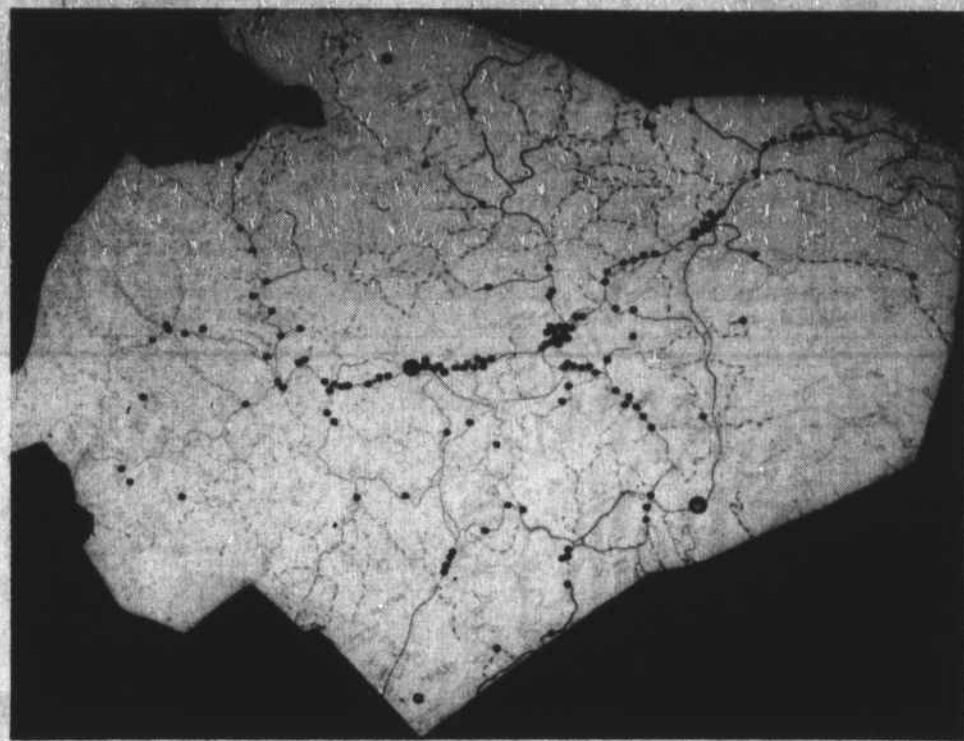
1. Responsible for getting Shadowline and International Resistance Company located here.

2. Attracted several hundred people who have built homes here, either permanent or summer. Attracted hundreds of tourists each year through various promotion ideas.

3. Industrial committee of C. of C. responsible for organization of Watauga Industries, Inc.

4. Promoted development of Northwestern North Carolina De-

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ACCIDENT MAP.—Dots on map kept by the Highway Patrol, show location of the 138 accidents investigated last year by patrolmen in Watauga County. Large dot in center represents the one fatal accident investigated by the department, and the large dot in the lower right corner marks the location of fatal accident on the Parkway. Greatest

number of accidents apparently happened on Highway 421, east-west traffic artery through the county, while the Blowing Rock highway was scene of several wrecks. Greatest concentration of dots is in the Boone area, with a large number of accidents occurring between Boone and Vilas, including the fatal accident.

Local Patrolmen Busier This Year Than Last; Fewer Die

By JOE C. MINOR
Democrat Staff Writer

Highway patrolmen stationed in Watauga county were kept busier investigating vehicle accidents in 1958 than in 1957. A total of 138 accidents received their attention last year, according to records kept by the patrol office, while only 109 wrecks were recorded in 1957.

Only one person lost his life on the highways in 1958, however, compared to the record number of nine who died as result of car accidents in 1957.

(Miss Ann Reid died as a result of an accident on the Parkway. This accident was investigated by Parkway rangers and is not listed as a highway death by the patrol.)

Records available show that the one death on the highways in 1958 compares as follows with years since 1945: two deaths in 1945; one in 1946; three in 1947; six in 1948; two in 1949; one in 1950; none in 1951; four in 1952; one in 1953; one in 1954; three in 1955; five in 1956; and nine in 1957.

Fifty-three persons received injuries in 31 of the 138 accidents, and a property damage of \$57,992 resulted in 106 accidents.

This information comes from records kept by Patrolmen George E. Baker and Charles W. Mason throughout the year.

Other information, taken from the investigations shows:

That Saturday was the most dangerous day to be on the highways. A total of 37 accidents happened on that day. Wednesday was the safest day for traveling. Only nine accidents were recorded for that day.

Broken down by days, Monday 14 accidents with property damage and two with personal injuries happened; Tuesday the figures were 14, 2 (1 fatal)—total 17; Wednesday, 7, 2—9; Thursday, 8, 7—15; Friday, 14, 3—17; Saturday, 28, 8—37; and Sunday, 21, 6—

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22 Schools Take Part In Annual Band Clinic

To Perform Under Baton Of Revelli

More than one hundred of Northwest North Carolina's finest high school musicians will arrive at Appalachian State Teacher's College at 8:30 a. m. Friday, Feb. 6th for a two day band clinic.

These young musicians, carefully selected from more than two hundred who recently tried for the honor before a panel of judges, have been working for two weeks on their individual band parts, and will have the thrill of joining their part with the others when the conductor gives the "Down Beat" Friday morning.

This year, through the courtesy of Kidd Frix Music Co. in Concord, the students attending the clinic will have the opportunity of performing under the baton of one of the world's foremost band conductors, Dr. William D. Revelli of the University of Michigan.

For more than thirty years Dr. Revelli's name has been associated with the highest ideals in band performance, and his accomplishments have caused to have conferred upon him honorary doctor's degrees in music, law, and public service. He has been adjudicator at state music contests in every state in the United States, and is in great demand as a guest conductor. He founded the College Band Director's National Association, and is past president of the American Bandmaster's Association.

Charles L. Isley Jr., clinic chairman, and band director at Appalachian, has announced that 22 schools will be represented at this year's clinic. They are as follows: Appalachian High School, Boone, J. Perry Watson, director; Beaver Creek High School, West Jefferson; Drexel High School, Miss Kathryn Sifers, director; Glen Alpine High School, Miss Martha Thommasson, director; Gray High School, Winston-Salem, E. L. Rowley, director; Granite Quarry High School, Charles Honeycutt, director; Griffith High School, Winston-Salem, Miss Eva Bingham, director; Hanes High School, Winston-Salem, Ralph Walker, director; Hudson High School, Bob Love, director; King High School, Mr. Richard Collins, director; Marion High School, Claude Jarrett, director;

Mineral Springs High School, Winston-Salem, Tom Diener, director; Mooreville High School, Bob Klepfer, director; Morganton High School, Neal Williams, director; Mount Airy High School, Charles Johnson, director; Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem, Robert Mayer, director; Pilot Mountain High School, Tennyson Jones, director; Scotts High School, James Litchos, director; Statesville High School, Gerald Bryant, director; Salisbury High School, George Wilson, director; Valdese High School, K. R. Little, director; Wilkes Central, North Wilkesboro, Gene Ellis, director.

Britain would accept Soviet parity on Germany.

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OPTIMIST CLUB OFFICERS.—Seated, left to right: Tom Grant, treasurer; Walter Canfield, vice-president; Jack E. Williams, president; Nick Stakias, vice-president; standing are the directors, left to right:

Hubert Inman, Joe Todd, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Kent Robinson, the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman and Doughton Greene.—Photo by Palmer's Photo Shop.

Horn In West To Open '59 Season On July 3rd

Rotary Prexy



ALFRED T. ADAMS

Alfred T. Adams was elected president of the Boone Rotary Club last Thursday at the regular weekly meeting of the club. He is scheduled to be installed at the first meeting in July, along with other officers and directors elected.

Jack Lawrence will serve as vice president, and Hal Johnson as secretary. The treasurer will be appointed by Mr. Adams.

Directors named were Mr. Adams, Willis Chester, out-going president, Mr. Johnson, Dr. Lawrence, James Marsh, Estel Wagoner, and Glenn W. Wilcox.

Boone's outdoor drama, Horn in the West, will be presented for the eighth consecutive summer in the Daniel Boone Amphitheatre, beginning on Friday, July 3, and showing nightly except Mondays at 8:15 through Sunday, August 30.

With a later opening and an earlier closing than last year, the 1959 season will be a week shorter than 1958, reduced from 56 performances to 51. Until this year, the play has run from late June through Labor Day.

The action was taken at a meeting of the board of directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association Tuesday following adoption of a reduced budget of \$52,800 for the 1959 operation. At an earlier meeting the board had approved a \$45,600 budget, which was about 40 per cent less than last year's cost of some \$65,400. However, an item of \$20,500 earmarked for production salaries and expenses, was questioned by the production committee, which submitted a \$27,700 figure for this item. Tuesday the directors amended the original budget by granting the production committee's request for the additional \$7,200.

Tuesday's action by the board did not, however, rescind the recommendations of the finance committee accompanying the original budget, which stated in part, "The adopted budget shall be binding on the complete expenditure of the total cost of Horn in (Continued on page five)

Edmisten Is Sworn In



ASSEMBLYMAN—Jack Edmisten of Boone, who left Monday for Raleigh, where he is to be sworn in today as a member of the State House of Representatives from Watauga county. Mr. Edmisten, a Democrat, succeeds S. C. Eggers, Republican in the lower house of the Legislature. Hon. Edwin Duncan of Sparta, president of the Northwestern Bank is representing Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany again this session in the State Senate.



MRS. EMMA W. COUNCIL

Mrs. Council Dies Friday

Mrs. Emma Winkler Council, 87, died Friday at the home of a daughter, Mrs. R. H. Devault in Bristol, Tenn., from a sudden illness.

Funeral services were conducted at the Boone Methodist Church by the pastor, the Rev. E. H. Lowman, and the Rev. William Eaton of the Greenway Baptist Church. Burial was in the city cemetery.

Surviving are three sons and three daughters: Dudley Council, Seattle, Wash.; Frank Council, Washington, D. C.; Tom Council, Boone; Mrs. R. H. Devault, Bristol, Tenn.; Mrs. D. S. Hollifield, Marion, N. C.; Mrs. Charles Robbins, Boone.

Mrs. Council was a daughter of the late Joshua and Mrs. Winkler, and was born and reared in Boone. She attended local schools and Claremont College, Hickory, and as a young woman resided for a period in the State of Washington. She was married in 1900 to James Dudley Council of Boone who died in 1936. She was a member of the Methodist Church.

Vines Named To Wool Pool Committee

Mr. W. R. Vines, Sugar Grove, was elected to the Watauga County Wool and Lamb Pool Committee for a three year term at the annual livestock meeting January 30. Mr. Vines replaces Mr. A. W. Greene, who has served three years. Other members of this committee are M. D. Brown, Rt. 1, Boone, and Raymond Farthing, Sugar Grove.

The following cattle producers were elected to the feeder cattle sale committee: Robert Thomas, Henry Taylor, Otto Thomas, Lynn R. Norris, Tom Lawrence, Ray Clark, Clyde Moretz, R. G. Shipley and Charles Blackburn.

West Germans hail U. S. firmness with Mikoyan.

Optimists Name Slate

The Boone Optimist Club held its organizational meeting Thursday night, January 29, in the banquet room of the Boone Trail Restaurant.

The local club is sponsored by the Lenoir Optimists, and Optimist International Field Representative William Collins of St. Louis, Mo., was on hand to help complete the organization.

The 35 members of the new club elected the following officers to guide them through the first year:

Jack E. Williams, president; Nick Stakias, vice-president; Walter Canfield, vice-president; Armfield Coffey, secretary; Tom Grant, treasurer; Clyde Townsend, sergeant-at-arms; and directors, R. D. Hodges, Jr., Hubert Inman, Doughton Greene, the Rev. Edwin F. Troutman, Joe Todd, and Kent Robinson.

Mr. Jack Spahnour of Lenoir, lieutenant governor of the North Carolina district of Optimist International, also assisted officers of the Lenoir club in helping to organize the Boone club.

Weed Expert To Visit City

Roy R. Bennett, Extension Tobacco Specialist, and F. A. Todd, Tobacco Disease Specialist, will help with a special tobacco meeting at the County Courthouse in Boone on Thursday afternoon, February 12, starting at 1:30.

They will show colored slides, some taken in Watauga County of black shank resistant tobacco, and tobacco plants showing the disease.

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Savings & Loan Group Reports Record Year

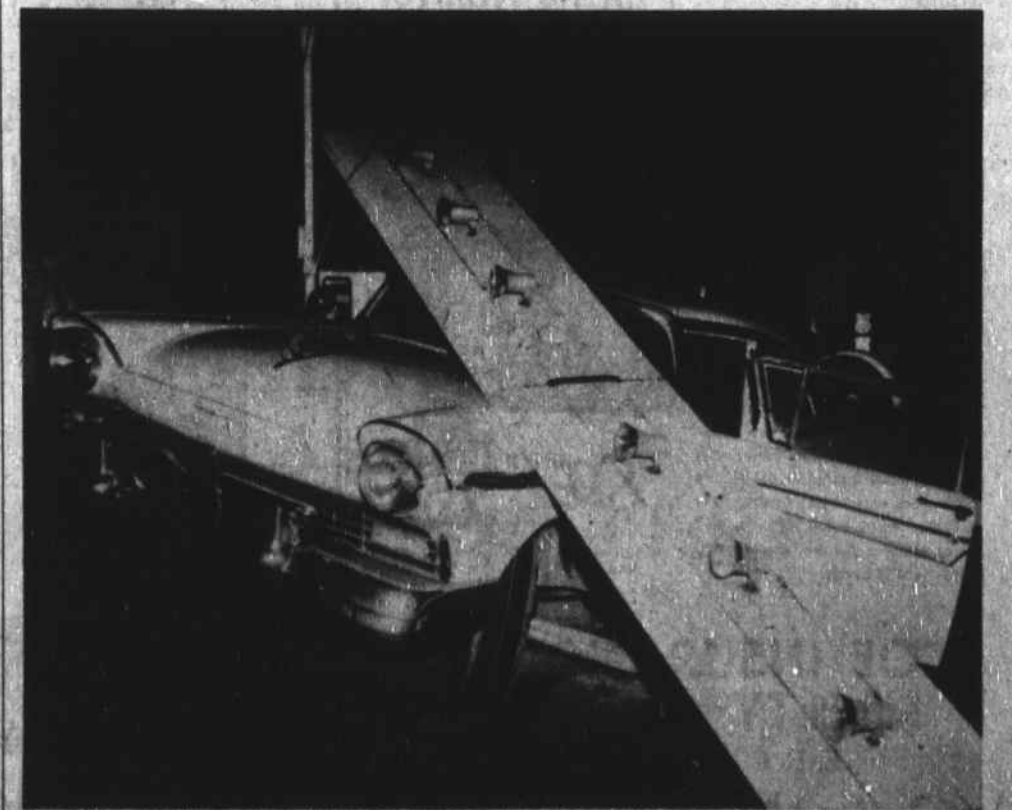
Stockholders of the Watauga Savings and Loan Association gathered in the offices of the Association last Wednesday to elect a board of directors, and hear reports of the best year in the history of the local financial institution.

H. G. Farthing, President and W. H. Gragg secretary, spoke to the stockholders and reports presented showed a growth in the assets of the Association during the year 1958 of \$582,806. The total assets at the end of the year were \$4,618,857.32. The reports also indicated that a record \$132,000 in dividends was paid out during the year and that contingency re-

serve funds now total \$330,771.35. The Association now has 3,900 accounts, including borrowers, savers and investors, and made 456 loans during the year for homes and business construction, purchase, remodeling, etc.

The stockholders re-elected the present board of directors consisting of H. G. Farthing, C. M. Critcher, W. H. Gragg, Walter H. Greene, H. P. Holshouser, Guy Hunt, Howard Mast, Dr. W. M. Matheson and Rob Rivers.

The directors met Friday evening and re-elected H. G. Farthing, President; C. M. Critcher, vice-president and W. H. Gragg, secretary-treasurer.



LIGHTS OUT.—Mrs. James Harrison was driver of the 1937 Ford shown above, which ran into the Gulf station at King and Hardin streets Friday, demolishing a gasoline pump and knocking down the light panel covering the front pumps.—Staff photo Joe Minor.



MRS. JOAN JENKINS, recently named executive secretary of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, goes over some letters with John B. Robinson, president, in the new office of the chamber, located at the Bus station, on Depot Street.