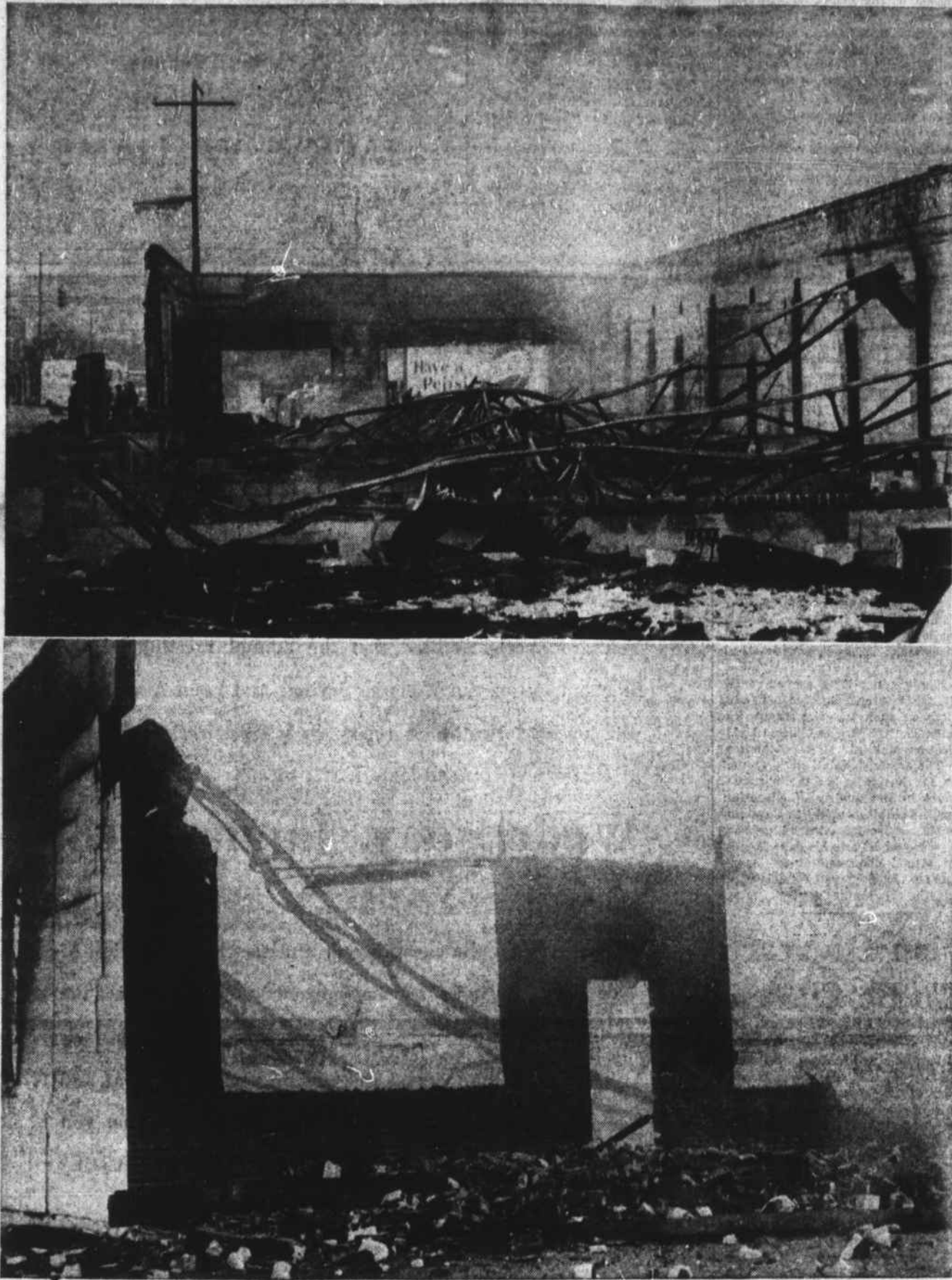


advertisers invariably use the columns of the Democrat. With its full paid circulation, intensely covering the local shopping area, it is the best advertising medium available.

BOONE WEATHER					1960—H-L
1961	High	Low	6pm	prec.	
Jan. 3	34	22	24		41 16
Jan. 4	21	35	33	tr.	18 -3
Jan. 5	48	30	36		18 -3
Jan. 6	46	28	40		32 4
Jan. 7	40	33	42		44 25
Jan. 8	42	25	35		38 12
Jan. 9	28	13	29		33 12

Trace of snow recorded on Jan. 4.

FOURTEEN PAGES—TWO SECTIONS



NEWLAND FIRE.—Top picture shows where post office (foreground) and cafe stood before the half-million dollar fire which destroyed a block and a half of Newland's business district early last Wednesday morning. Bottom shows rear of Smith's Store.

Newland Business District Is Ravaged By Raging Flames

A half-million-dollar fire swept through Newland's business district early Wednesday morning, destroying ten business establishments, the post office and three apartments. Virtually a block and

a half of the town was totally destroyed, and several other buildings were in jeopardy before the fire was brought under control.

The fire alarm was answered by the Boone Volunteer Fire Department, the Blowing Rock Fire Department, the Newland Fire Department, the Jaycees new fire truck stationed at Crossnore, the Spruce Pine Fire Department, and the departments of Elizabethton,

Tenn., Marion, and Morganton. Also on the scene were the Burke County Rescue Squads. The firemen were hampered in their fight by a strong wind which fanned the blaze, causing it to spread, and lack of sufficient water. When the town's reservoir ran low, the departments formed a hose line to nearby Toe River and pumped water from there in fighting the fire. The temperature was in the low twenties, further hampering the fire-fighters.

Almost nothing was saved from the business establishments. Just a handful of personal effects, a few cash registers, and the fire proof post office safe with its contents intact, was all that was reported saved. The buildings were gutted, and an entire rebuilding project will be needed to get them back ready for business. Parts of the loss were covered by insurance, but at least one operator reported not having a cent of insurance, and he doubted if he would ever get back in business.

The buildings burned were: The Post Office. Dot and Esther's Beauty Salon. Newland Hardware and Supply. Army and Navy Specialty Co. Sinclair Pool Room. Newland 5 and 10 Cent Store. The Sandwich Shop. N. B. Smith's Store. Lovett's Radio and TV Shop. Scenic Theatre. Newland Restaurant.

The three apartments were occupied by Leonard Braswell, who with his family had just moved in two days prior to the fire; Free-

Wm. H. Smith Dies At 83

William Hall Smith, 83, a resident of Boone since 1938, died at the home of a daughter, Mrs. George Elmore, in Durham, on Tuesday, January 3.

The funeral was held at the First Baptist Church in Boone Friday at 2 p. m., and interment was at Mount Lawn Cemetery.

He was born in Blackburg, S. C., the son of John Ferrell Smith and Martha Carolina Marrow Smith. In 1904 he was married to Alice Woods of York, S. C., who survives, as do one daughter, Mrs. George Elmore of Durham; three sons, Hall Smith, Jr., of Brevard, Frank Smith of Loxley, Ala., and Dr. Burke Smith of Charlottesville, Va.; four sisters, Mrs. C. J. Sanders of Badin, Mrs. J. C. Sewell of Kershaw, S. C., Mrs. B. F. Shytle of Wilmington, and Mrs. J. C. Nelson of Camden, S. C.; seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, the Rev. J. K. Parker, Jr., and the Rev. Edwin Troutman. Active pallbearers were Wayne Richardson, Dr. Francis Hoover, Dr. Ray Lawrence, George Judy, E. Ford

(continued on page three)

NON-UNION CAKE DISPUTE

Quincy, Mass.—A union official complains that the 550-pound cake for President-elect Kennedy's inaugural party is being prepared by a non-union bakery.

The cake is scheduled to be baked in the shop of Ernest J. Montilio, who is donating the elaborately decorated confection.

The secretary of Local 20 said his organization is "embarrassed" by the situation.

Mrs. C. M. Stiles visited Mr. and Mrs. A. Lee Gibson in Greensboro the past week end.

150 Cases To Be Tried At January Superior Court Term

The one-week criminal term of Watauga Superior Court will convene Monday January 23, with Hon. W. K. McLean of Asheville the Judge presiding.

About 150 cases are on the docket, Clerk of the Court A. E. South says.

Speeding leads the list of indictments, followed by other traffic violations. There are ten cases involving breaking and entering.

A list of those who will perform jury duty during the term follows: Bald Mountain: J. B. Miller, Wade F. Norris.

Beaver Dam: J. M. Sherwood, Marshall Edmisten, Dave Hagaman, Fonzo Tester.

Blowing Rock: Glenn Presnell, Roy Holder, Ronda Hartley, Lawrence Bolick.

Blue Ridge: Billy J. Cook, Joe R. Hayes, Perry Ashley.

Brushy Fork: Claude Baird, Ray Farthing, W. M. Hodges.

Boone: Mrs. Mabel B. Brown, Mrs. Pearl L. Bingham, Joe Howser, G. R. Andrews, J. V. Caudill.

Cove Creek: Bert Mast, Fred L. Greene, Mrs. Mary Harris, Mrs. Nannie Swift.

Elk: Virgil Greer, Glenn Trip-

CROP SALES TOP LIVESTOCK

Watauga Farm Income In '60 Reaches \$3,841,099

Increase Seen In Spite Of Economic Dip

The Watauga county farm income is estimated at \$3,841,099 for 1960, as compared with \$3,700,436 for 1959.

These figures come from the County Agricultural Agent's office, and represents a gain of \$140,663 for 1960 over the preceding year.

Higher prices for tobacco, broilers and some forest products, plus a favorable growing season for vegetables and small fruits, offset the lower price received for livestock and vegetables.

Crop sales, led by a near million dollar tobacco crop, brought \$1,642,575; sale of livestock and livestock products amounted to \$774,874; poultry and poultry products amounted to \$1,123,650; forestry products sales amounted to \$240,000; and sale of other farm products brought \$60,000.

Some of the outstanding activities and accomplishments for 1960 as reported by County Agent L. E. Tuckwiller and his staff, are as follows:

757.3 acres of tobacco was produced by approximately 1,600 Watauga county farmers that will sell for almost a million dollars.

Nine special tobacco demonstrations were conducted to try to improve farmers' income from tobacco.

Strawberry sales amounted to approximately \$17,500 in 1960, and more than 40,000 certified plants were added for the 1961 harvest.

Five farmers produced 3.5 acres of trellised vine-ripened tomatoes in 1960, and the acreage is expected to increase in 1961 and should add several thousand dollars to the farm income.

The Northstate Canning Company paid producers more than \$24,000 for cabbage for kraut in 1960, and increased the size of their plant and expect to increase production in 1961.

Watauga broiler growers produced about 1,800,000 birds in 1960 that sold for a gross return of near \$900,000.

Beef cattle producers sold approximately 275 calves and yearling steers in special sales in 1960.

The Watauga purebred Hereford breeders sold 62 lots for \$10,632.50 in their 18th annual sale. Sixteen commercial cattlemen purchased purebred bulls in this sale and fourteen purchased purebred heifers.

At least three clean pedigreed Hereford herd bulls were purchased by Watauga purebred Hereford breeders in 1960.

One herd of Charolais beef cattle was started in Watauga county.

One dairy production and market survey was conducted and changes in marketing procedure were made. Interest in milk production seems to be increasing at this time.

A Dairy Herd Improvement Association was organized for Watauga County and 126 cows are now on test. In addition, three herds with 37 cows are on Weigh-A-Day-A-Month test.

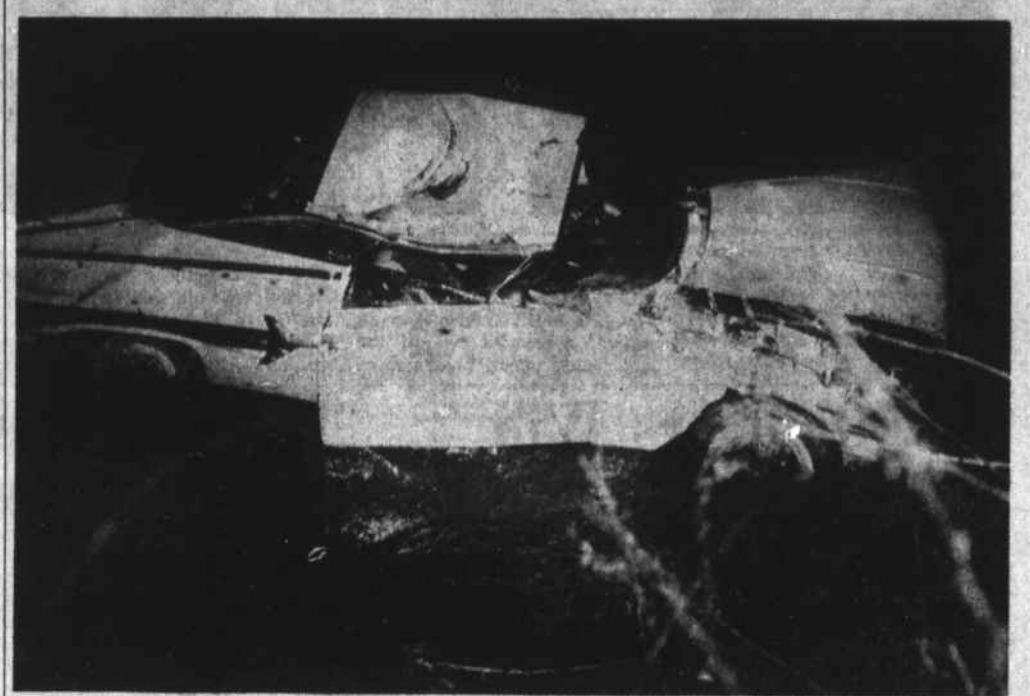
The Watauga Cooperative Breeding Association bred 588 cows artificially to proven bulls in 1960; this is an increase of 53 cows over last year.

Four farmers sold 12 heifers in the proven sire bred heifer sale held at Enka.

Nine dairy and livestock farmers built permanent type silos to improve their feeding program.

Watauga farmers purchased and

(continued on page six)



IN THE CREEK.—Delmar Richard Crowder, 24, of Charlotte was driving this 1960 Chevrolet Sports Coupe when he apparently lost control of it on a curve, 10 miles west of Boone near Sherwood Saturday evening. Investigation showed the car ran off the left shoulder after the driver lost control, turned over on its top in the creek, and then rolled back on its wheels. Crowder and his passenger, George Elliott Bradshaw, also of Charlotte, suffered internal injuries.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Development Group Told That Specialized Training Necessary

Dimes Containers To Round Up Loose Coin

The 1961 New March of Dimes put in a bid to round up all the loose change in Watauga County during the month of January as it

began distribution today of coin collectors throughout the area.

Volunteers will place containers in stores, supermarkets, restaurants, offices and other appropriate locations to collect funds in The National Foundation's fight to prevent crippling diseases, announced Jack Feimster, campaign director.

"One vote can often decide an election," he said. "And, who knows? Perhaps one full coin collector might contain just the few extra dollars needed for a medical researcher to discover part of the answer as to why one out of 16 children born in this country is born with a significant birth defect."

"Every coin you give is a personal contribution to The National Foundation's program to prevent the crippling of birth defects, arthritis and polio. It is only with widespread public support that we can eliminate these crippling threats to medical research, patient aid and professional education," Feimster declared.

"Whenever you see one of our coin collectors, please say YES to the New March of Dimes by dropping in some of your loose change. And, remember bills fit in the slot, too."

Mrs. Dunn Dies In Washington

Mrs. Stella Dunn, 84, of Spokane, Washington died December 22 in a hospital there after a long illness.

Mrs. Dunn was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mast of Valle Crucis and had made her home there before going to Washington several years ago. She was a member of the Valle Crucis Methodist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Lee Stout of Waynesville; three sons, Carl Kohnle of Granite Falls, Charles Dunn of Spokane, Wash.; and First Lieutenant Ernest Dunn, stationed at Fort Benning, Ga. Also surviving are 14 grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted in Greensacres, Washington, December 24.

Oregon River Yields Body Native Wataugan

Jacksonville, Oregon—The body

of Riley J. Norris, 64, Jacksonville, whose pickup plunged into the North Umpqua River 7½ miles west of Steamboat Nov. 18, was found Saturday.

Sheriff's deputies report the body was recovered about a mile below the Lone Rock Bridge near Glide by fisherman Bernard Rogers of Roseburg.

Norris' car was found in the river more than a month ago, and a search was made for the body, but it could not be found. Sheriff Ira Byrd ordered regular patrols of the river to watch for the body.

Norris was born in Boone, N. C., July 27, 1896, and had been a resident of Jacksonville, Ore., since

He was married to Dorris McKee at Jacksonville on Dec. 15, 1919. He was employed by the Harding Construction Co. of Stayton. He was a member of the Crater Eagles Lodge at Medford.

Surviving are his wife, Doris, Jacksonville; two daughters Mrs. William Bostwick, Sunnyside, Wash., and Mrs. Louis Applebaker, Jacksonville; a son, Kenneth, Medford; a brother, Ivan, Springfield; four sisters, Mrs. Custer Laurance, Roseburg, Mrs. Frank W. Long, Opal, Calif., Mrs. Myra McDowell, Eugene; and Mrs. Roy Loffland, Provo, Utah; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Specialized education came in for considerable discussion Friday when the Northwest North Carolina Development Association began working in its seventh year of development work. The meeting held in Wilkes county, was attended by nearly all directors and co-workers from the 11 counties covered by the association.

The directors, in approving in principle the development of specialized education, to win more industry for the section, approved the idea brought before them by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State Teachers College, and Dr. H. S. Decker, head of the college's Industrial Arts Department.

Terming it a "notion" that he wished to "toss into the association's work hopper," Dr. Plemmons said that specialized training for skilled and semi-skilled jobs has become essential in supplying personnel to new and expanding industries. "Where such programs are in progress, he added, they are a 'strong selling point' to prospects."

Dr. Plemmons said such special schools as those operating in Winston-Salem, Burlington and Hickory are serving urgent needs in this field. But all institutions must be assisted, he asserted, "if we are to meet the expected upsurge of education."

Dr. Decker told the association directors that, if a special committee could be set up, it would have the additional advantage of encouraging financial aid from foundations and other groups.

He said the need for specialized training to fill industrial jobs grows greater each year because about 50,000 young men and women must leave North Carolina farms for other means of livelihood.

The importance of the field of education in the association's development work was cited by several directors. John Forlines, of Granite Falls, president of the association, said the matter will be reviewed at the board's February 17 meeting in Elkin.

Other sessions scheduled are: Agriculture division, February 2, Elkin YMCA; industry, January 26, Wilkes Hotel, North Wilkesboro; travel and recreation, January 27, place to be decided; community development and youth, February 10, Wilkes YMCA.

In connection with the general goals of the association for this year, Wayne Corpening said that

(continued on page six)