

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.

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

An Independent Weekly Newspaper . . . Seventy-Fourth Year of Continuous Publication

BOONE WEATHER			
1961	High	Low	6 pm. pres.
Dec. 26	49	13	31
Dec. 27	48	35	37
Dec. 28	37	14	16
Dec. 29	18	6	10
Dec. 30	27	10	19
Dec. 31	34	11	31
Jan. 1	35	28	29
Precipitation .92 in. Snow approx. 10 in.			



NEW YEAR'S DAY ON KING STREET

## MAKES ICY WONDERLAND

# Winter's Biggest Snowfall Comes With The New Year

### Six Inches Measured In Vicinity

The New Year just barely beat the area's biggest snow in when four to six inches of snow fell on the county. The new snow came on top of that which was on the ground prior to New Year's.

The snow began falling sometime after midnight Sunday and continued until after dark Monday. The wind began to blow about the time the snow stopped and by Tuesday morning, drifts were beginning to give motorists trouble.

Traffic moved through town slowly Monday, but road maintenance crews kept the streets and highways passable for those who had to get out. Being a holiday for many, the traffic was kept at a minimum.

School children in the county gained extra time at home when classes were called off for Tuesday. Sledding was a popular pas-



SNOW.—Trees and wires were coated with snow Monday, making the area a "Winter Wonderland."

## Ski Resort Is Booming

Waynesville—North Carolina's first ski development here on the slopes of mile-high Fire Top Mountain is creating a wintertime economic boom in the Maggie Valley-Waynesville area.

Motels and motor courts which closed after the summer season are opening up to provide accommodations for the hundreds of skiers flocking to the Cataloochee Ranch ski runs.

Open barely a week, the new ski resort is practically bursting at the seams.

"The influx of skiers," said Tom Alexander, president of the development, "has been fantastic. It's been far beyond expectations. We've been preparing food to handle 150 persons a day and three times since we opened we have run out of food."

"We don't have overnight accommodations here. Skiers have been finding lodging in Maggie Valley and Waynesville. And some of the motels and motor courts in the valley have been filled to capacity all week."

"Reservations are increasing all the time. Our advance reservations indicates that we'll be swamped this weekend. We could use another slope or two right now."

Thus far skiing conditions have been ideal. A couple of good natural snows plus machine-made snow have turned the mountain into an alpine setting. Runs for both the beginner and the intermediate skier have been in heavy use daily.

## Valle Crucis Man Suffers Fatal Burns

Thomas Earl Matheson, Sr., 46, of Valle Crucis, died Saturday of burns which Coroner Richard E. Kelley said were sustained from accidental causes, and no inquest was held. The nature of the burns or how they were inflicted wasn't ascertained.

Mr. Matheson was employed by a Lenoir furniture manufacturer. He was a veteran of World War II, and was wounded in action in the European theatre.

Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 2 o'clock at Henson's Chapel Methodist Church by Rev. Alvin Wilson and Rev. Tommy Ward and burial was in the church cemetery.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Cora Tester Matheson; five sons, Thomas B., Jr., James H., Winfred, James J., of the home and Frank R., Rt. 8, Lenoir; two daughters, Mrs. Jack Hamby, Rt. 8, Lenoir, Rachel of the home; three brothers, George, Sugar Grove, Deane, Boone, Joe D. Matheson, Hampton, Tenn.; four sisters, Mrs. May Brinkley, Beckley, W. Va., Mrs. Myrtle Roland, Marion, Va., Mrs. Mary Jane O'Brien, Elizabethton, Tenn., and Mrs. Louise Furora, Detroit, Mich.

## News Of The Street, County In 1961 Recorded By Democrat

### SKETCHY REVIEW OF HAPPENINGS

The files of the Democrat reveal some of the happenings along the Street and in the area, which made page 1 during 1961:

January 5: Religious Emphasis Week begins at College; Glenn Fox, 14, of Vilas, is hurt when struck by car; Firemen go to 21 fires in 1960; Mrs. Linney attends National Music Meeting in Dallas.

January 12: Watauga farm income reaches \$3,841,099; March of Dimes coin collectors being used; Newland business district ravaged by flames; 150 to be tried at January court term; William Hill Smith dies at 83; Body of Riley J. Norris, 64, Watauga native, taken from Umpqua River, Jacksonville, Oregon.

January 19: Unemployment relief not expected until April; Miss Elizabeth Lord succumbs after long illness; Rites held for Clarence Watson, State calf and yearling sales seen for Boone; Bluff District Parkway travel off; Senator Morton sees upping of burley quotas.

January 26: Bank, Savings & Loan report excellent growth; King Triplett named to high school American squad; heart disease leading cause of death in Watauga county; James Marsh gets Jaycee service award; Mercury drops to zero with six inches of snow on the Street; Blowing Rock Chamber of Commerce elects officers.

February 2: 160 students to take part in annual band clinic; Heart Council is formed; Hubert Holman Winebarger, 46, dies unexpectedly; College gets Federal grant of \$375,000 for dormitory; speeding major violation in Superior Court; Miss Florence Reid dies; Gilbert Bare, well-known merchant, dies.

February 9: Ralph Beshears is named acting postmaster in Boone; Rev. W. C. Payne, Baptist minister, dies; Fred Church, Boone merchant, breaks elbow in fall; Mrs. Walter Beach dies; Mrs. Miriam Rabb, Travel Editor of Department of Conservation and Development, to speak to Chamber of Commerce;

February 16: Burgess Furniture Stores fire does \$30,000 damage; Major Carlos DeLima dies; Carter J. Farthing funeral held; Mrs. Carl Winkler dies in Durham; Howard J. Cottrell named mayor; World Day of Prayer to be observed in union service.

February 23: Board raises water rate; IRC has new sales volume; Robert B. Thomas dies in Maryland; Representative Coffey gets committee posts; Phil Vance heads Rotary Club; No home grid games this year; Dr. Whitener contributes to Encyclopedia.

March 2: Windstorm destroys trees, buildings; Spring band concert arranged; Heartline tells area of hopes, needs at ASTC; Alfred S. Adams dies; Smart Bunny promotion planned.

March 9: Science Foundation to sponsor ASTC Institute; Blowing Rock Heart effort sets record; T. Hill Farthing dies in Lenoir; Mrs. Texie Edmisten Cottrell dies; Woman of year to be chosen.

March 16: Appalachian High School Camp buys Broadstone; Rep. Coffey proposes election of county tax officials; Mack Williams dies in Ohio; Chamber asks planting of burley.

Larkin P. Hodges dies at Blowing Rock.

February 16: Burgess Furniture Stores fire does \$30,000 damage; Major Carlos DeLima dies; Carter J. Farthing funeral held; Mrs. Carl Winkler dies in Durham; Howard J. Cottrell named mayor; World Day of Prayer to be observed in union service.

February 23: Board raises water rate; IRC has new sales volume; Robert B. Thomas dies in Maryland; Representative Coffey gets committee posts; Phil Vance heads Rotary Club; No home grid games this year; Dr. Whitener contributes to Encyclopedia.

March 2: Windstorm destroys trees, buildings; Spring band concert arranged; Heartline tells area of hopes, needs at ASTC; Alfred S. Adams dies; Smart Bunny promotion planned.

March 9: Science Foundation to sponsor ASTC Institute; Blowing Rock Heart effort sets record; T. Hill Farthing dies in Lenoir; Mrs. Texie Edmisten Cottrell dies; Woman of year to be chosen.

March 16: Appalachian High School Camp buys Broadstone; Rep. Coffey proposes election of county tax officials; Mack Williams dies in Ohio; Chamber asks planting of burley.

March 23: Two and a half million building program under way at college; "Oklahoma" to feature May Day; Charlie Watson, Vilas, stabbed by youth; Mrs. Mollie Stanberry, 81, dies; Good Friday, Easter services mapped by Ministerial Association.

March 30: 100 prospective scientists gather here; Parkway leads in 1960 visits; Miss Watauga entries sought; George Thomas elected

president of Young Democrat Club; Horn tryouts slated; Candidates nominated at Blowing Rock; 2,000 school children guests at N. C. Symphony; Venable gets UNC fellowship; Story of Easter's beginnings retold.

April 6: Golf play starts on Boone course; mild weather recalls huge snowfalls of last winter; Kidd Brewer to speak to Chamber; Representative Peter Thurman McNeil dies in West Jefferson.

April 13: \$500 prizes to be given in Miss Watauga contest; Earl Petrey named president of North-western District NCEA; Lowe's opens Boone store; James Storie dean of students at Mitchell College; Teenage Roadie slated; Country store to occupy log cabin at Horn in West; Mrs. Shade Sherwood dies in Detroit; Miss Linda Cline, King Triplett hurt in motor accident; Burgess store to reopen.

April 20: Rural telephone fee (Continued on page two)

## Milton Greene Rites Saturday

Milton Greene, farmer of the Rutherfordwood community, died at his home December 28. He was 73 years old.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 o'clock December 30 in Laurel Springs Baptist church by the Rev. E. O. Gore.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Julia Watson Greene; one daughter, Mrs. John Parlier, Route 1, Boone; one sister, Mrs. W. B. Day, also of Route 1, Boone. There are two grandchildren.

## Watauga Enters New Year With 3,900 Phones To Mark Growth

Watauga county entered the new year with 3,900 telephones, according to Southern Bell, whose officials said this week that 1961 was "a year of progress" in telephone service here.

H. M. Inabinet, manager for the company here, said there was a total of 3,800 telephones here at the end of 1960. "We ended 1961 with 3,900 telephones connected to Boone and Blowing Rock exchanges," he said.

"This increase in telephones during the past twelve months is a sign of all-around progress in this area," the manager pointed out, "because telephone gain usually is a good measure of local growth and progress. We at Southern Bell are proud to be a part of this growth," he said.

Watauga county subscribers also used their telephones in 1961.

There was an average of 24,000 local calls made here daily in 1961, and an average of 506 long distance calls daily, he pointed out. The long distance calls go all over the world. Most frequently called cities from Watauga county are Charlotte, Asheville, Greensboro, Elkin, High Point, New York, and Chicago.

Inabinet predicted 1962 would see further expansion of telephone service in Watauga county to meet the growth of the area. How many telephones here at the end of 1962? Inabinet estimated about 4,250 will be in service.

To keep pace with the State's continued growth and progress, over \$100,000 was spent every working day of the year on new telephone construction in North Carolina, the manager said.

On a statewide basis, the com-

W. Guy Angell, county superintendent of schools, said Tuesday that schools would remain closed at least through Wednesday. Beyond that he would make no predictions, saying his office was working on a "day-by-day basis," and would call for reopening "as soon as the roads appear safe."

time Monday, but slackened some Tuesday because of the wind and colder weather. The temperature never went lower than 28 degrees for the 24-hour period ending at 6 p. m. Monday.

Appalachian State Teachers College students returning to school Tuesday after more than two weeks at home, had some anxious moments in getting back to Boone, especially those coming from the east. Snows were reported to be deeper in Winston-Salem, Charlotte, Lenoir, and North Wilkesboro than in Boone, although the weather was some warmer. Classes were to begin Wednesday on schedule.

The New Year's snow was described by some as "the prettiest snow I've seen in a long time." The flakes cling to trees and bushes and made the area a real winter wonderland. Some bushes touched the ground when as much as three inches stuck to the boughs and weighted them down.

According to records kept at the U. S. Weather Bureau station in Boone, the weather since Christmas was something like this: A high of 49 degrees on December 28 and a low of 6 on December 29. Snow fell on the December 27, 28, and 29; then after midnight of the 31st. Total snow was measured for the week period at about 10 inches. Total precipitation from the melted snow was .92 of an inch.

## Savings & Loan Official Says '61 Is Best In 37-Year Operation

The Watauga Savings and Loan Association has just completed the most successful year in its 37-year span of service to the people of Watauga county, says James Marsh, secretary.

During the year 1961 the Association made 557 loans for the construction, remodeling and purchasing of homes. The aggregate amount of these loans is \$2,771,957.94, which gave a tax return to Watauga county of \$30,543.90. One hundred and twenty-three of these loans were for construction, 137 for the purchase of homes, and 297 for remodeling.

Mr. Marsh also pointed out that since its inception in 1924, the local Savings and Loan has made 11,427 home loans, and that more than 65% of all homes constructed in the county have been financed through the Association.

Each year a liberal cash dividend has been paid to the people of the county, amounting to \$235,609.31 during the year 1961.

Mr. Marsh continued: "Funds invested in the Watauga Savings & Loan Association are used to build a better economy in Watauga county and to pay a liberal return to the investor. Loans made for the construction and purchase of homes are a sound investment, while aiding the people through cooperative effort. No safer in-

vestment can be found than good substantial homes for our people, who in turn make Watauga county the best place to live in the country."

During 1961 the Watauga Savings & Loan Association completely remodeled the office on King Street, making it one of the most modern and attractive properties in the town. A conference room was added, which is available to civic and other worthy groups. The most modern bookkeeping equipment was installed which reduces the amount of time a customer spends in transacting his business, also enables a permanent record of the transaction to be supplied the customer on the spot.

"It has been and will be," says Mr. Marsh, "the continuing policy of our Savings and Loan to serve the people of this area with a sound investment program, and to aid in the continued growth of Watauga county."

Each year a liberal cash dividend has been paid to the people of the county, amounting to \$235,609.31 during the year 1961.

Mr. Marsh continued: "Funds invested in the Watauga Savings & Loan Association are used to build a better economy in Watauga county and to pay a liberal return to the investor. Loans made for the construction and purchase of homes are a sound investment, while aiding the people through cooperative effort. No safer in-

## Burley Sales Resume Mon.

The re-opening of the burley tobacco sales has been postponed to January 8th, Mrs. Harriet L. Sikes of the local market, said Monday.

Heavy sales on the pre-Christmas market, coupled with the high moisture content of the current crop, have overloaded re-drying facilities. The postponement will give the processing plants an opportunity to catch up on the heavy backlog of tobacco bought before the holidays.

Warehouses will continue to receive tobacco. Mrs. Sikes said, for the opening of the post-war auctions January 8.

Pre-Christmas sales on the Boone market exceeded the poundage for the entire period last year, Mrs. Sykes said.

## County Tax Listers Start Work Tuesday

Mr. J. D. Winebarger, tax supervisor of Watauga county, reminds the taxpayers that listing of property for taxes started Tuesday, and that the listers have made appointments for listing at various points convenient to the citizens.

An advertisement in the Democrat today gives the schedule of listing appointments for the different townships.

It is explained by Mr. Winebarger that all property owners in the county are required to list all their property which they own as of January 1, 1962. Those males between the ages of 21 and 50 are required to list for the payment of poll taxes.

Farm operators are asked to give production and other pertinent information for the annual farm census. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes.

Mr. Winebarger urges all taxpayers to list during the appointed times and save penalties. The books for all the townships will be at the courthouse after January 15, he said.

Following are the names of the list takers:  
Bald Mountain township: John T. Trivett.  
Beaver Dam: Woodrow Eggers.  
Blowing Rock: Daniel A. Klutz, Jr.

Blue Ridge: M. O. Coffey.  
Boone: Gurney Luther.  
Brushy Fork: Clifford Norris.  
Cove Creek: Jack Henson.  
Elk: Mrs. Glenn Triplett.  
Laurel Creek: Rot Norris.  
Meat Camp: W. D. Norris.  
New River: Wilson Brown.  
North Fork: W. C. South.  
Shewneehaw: Lee Ward.  
Stony Fork: Edgar B. Hardin.  
Watauga: Arlie B. Hodges.

## James Pressley Funeral Held

James Hurvy Pressley, 73 year old resident of Route 1, Boone, died at his home Saturday. He had been in a period of declining health for some time.

He is survived by the widow, Mrs. Zora Winebarger Pressley; two sons, Howard Stanford of the home and Willie Robert Pressley, Rockingham, N. C.; two daughters, Mrs. June Spivey, Roberdell, N. C., Mr. Bun Mills, Rockingham, and by one brother, Clayton Pressley, Rockingham, N. C. There are nine grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted Monday in Pilot Mountain Baptist church at 2 o'clock by Rev. Bennie Greene, assisted by Rev. Pete Vanney. Burial was in the church cemetery.

## George Kirsten Given Honor

The American School Band Directors Association voted unanimously at their national convention in Cleveland, Ohio, to accept into active membership Mr. George W. Kirsten, Jr., band director at Appalachian High School.

The American School Band Directors Association is America's outstanding professional association for elementary, junior high school, and senior high school band directors, and Mr. Kirsten qualifies very highly for membership as a result of his outstanding achievements as director of the Appalachian Band.

## Bulletin

Russell D. Hodges, 64, Boone hardware merchant and civic leader, died at his home on East King Tuesday evening from a sudden illness. He was taken to the hospital following the attack but was pronounced dead upon arrival. The Democrat holds up the press for this brief announcement. Funeral plans or other details are not presently available.

(Continued on page two)