

FOR BEST RESULTS
advertisers invariably use the columns of the Democrat. With its full paid circulation, intensively 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			
1962	HI	LO	PRECIP
Jan. 23	51	35	45
Jan. 24	48	30	tr.
Jan. 25	55	48	52
Jan. 26	65	45	16
Jan. 27	55	39	30
Jan. 28	40	26	68
Jan. 29	44	22	48
Total prec. 2.59 in.; snow app. 6 in.			

VOLUME LXXIV—NO. 21

BOONE, WATAUGA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1962

6 CENTS

16 PAGES—2 SECTIONS



SNOW DESERT—Sunday's six-inch snow produced many good scenes for camera fans. This one, east of Boone, near Rutherfordwood, gives the appearance of a desert, lined with fences. The snow fell Sunday morning, with much of it melting by late afternoon in the forty-degree temperature. Rain and sleet preceded the snow. Main highways were cleared quickly.

BUILDING 80% COMPLETED

Blowing Rock Ski Slope Expected To Open Soon

Spacious Lodge Now Under Roof

Ironically snow has delayed the opening of the Blowing Rock Ski Slope, recent storms slowing construction work on the lodge and hampering progress on other installations.

President William Thalheimer says that the lodge is 80 per cent completed, the building is under roof, and the heating and wiring installations are being completed.

The building is 48x20 feet, two stories high, with a twelve-foot observation deck. It will house a sports shop, a fitting room, a repair shop, a first aid station and a snack bar on the first floor.

The second floor is a large room with a huge fire place, and 250 persons may be seated. When completed it will be open to the general public for a few days so they may see just what has been done in the way of providing facilities.

Mr. Thalheimer says that interest continues extremely high in the installation and that inquiries are coming from all over the country. Barring other unforeseen holdups, he expects the slope to open by the middle of the month.



DR. HOWARD S. DECKER ADMIRES FURNITURE

Dr. Decker Heads Industrial Program

The formation of ASTC's new Industrial Arts program presented the problem of securing a man with the competence and energy to head the department.

Such a man was found in the person of Dr. Howard S. Decker. Dr. Decker came to Appalachian from West Virginia Institute of Technology where he served as Director, Division of Arts and Sciences. Prior to his duties at West Virginia Decker was part time instructor in the Department of Fine & Industrial Arts, Teachers Colleges, Columbia, N. Y., and before that a consultant in arts and

crafts, Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island. He also taught at Sherwood Central School, Aurora, N. Y.

Decker received his B. S. and M. S. from State Teachers College, Oswego, N. Y. and his M. A. and Ed. D. from Teachers College, Columbia, New York, N. Y.

The professional competence of an educator is often reflected in the articles he publishes and the publications in which they appear. This is true of Decker in that he has been published in such publications as Reading in Education, School Shop Planning, West Virginia

Tip Sheet, Industrial Arts and Vocational Education, and School Shop.

The father of three children, Decker combines his work at the college with a love of the out-of-doors and in general the enjoyment of living in Boone. He sees a great potential in this area for Industrial Arts and is working toward supplying this area with Industrial Arts teachers as the demand for them grows.

Excellence in the work of the students is stressed by the department as well as by Decker himself.

Minor Named Dates Are Set For State-Sponsored ASTC Frosh President Cattle Sales To Be Held In Fall



JOE MINOR

Joe Minor of Boone, was elected president of the Freshman class at Appalachian State Teachers College in the run-off election held last week during Freshmen assemblies. He defeated Terry Pope, of Winston-Salem, after the two won out over other opponents in earlier voting.

Other officers selected were Carlyle Shepherd, vice-president; Cherry Miller, secretary; and Emanuel Diamond, treasurer. Shepherd won over Wayne Duncan; Miss Miller over Frances Kovachi; and Diamond took the treasurer position in the first voting.

Minor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe C. Minor. He graduated from Appalachian High School where he had served on the Student Council during his freshman year, lettered in football, was homeroom president during his junior and senior years, was voted citizen of the year by the Student Council, was named by the faculty for the citizenship scholarship award during his senior year.

Stadium Seats Check Is Sent From Indonesia

A check was received today from Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Willis of Sumatra, Indonesia, for two seats in the new stadium at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis attended Appalachian College. She was Miss Lella Ayers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McKinley Ayers. Mr. Willis is employed in Sumatra by Standard Vacuum Oil Company and Mrs. Willis teaches in the school which the company operates for the children of its employees.

September 28 for the yearling steer sale and October 12 for the feeder calf sale, were the dates approved for the 1962 special State sponsored cattle sales at Boone for 1962. Cattle will be weighed in on the day before each sale and only beef steers of heifers with no horns and vaccinated for blackleg and shipping fever may be sold.

The consignment fee will be 50c per head for 1962 and this will count as part of the sale expense. Consignments should be made by July 1, 1962 so the number can be reported to the State Feeder Calf Advertising Committee in time to get on their list that goes to prospective buyers.

Harris Gives Scout Awards

Mr. Stanley Harris presented 45 year veteran awards to the four Scout leaders recently at the annual meeting of the Old Hickory Council Boy Scouts of America. The leaders receiving the awards were Horace Sebring, Rev. Sinclair Tebo, W. E. Vaughan, Lloyd, and R. E. Grunert.

The awards were for 45 years of service to the Boy Scouts of America. Mr. Harris is a 50-year veteran himself. The combined years of service of the five men add up to 230 years of service to boys.

Mr. Harris is still rendering service to boys and mankind. He recently successfully headed the campaign of the Watauga United Fund.

Beef cattle producers met at the County Agents Office on Thursday, January 25, and elected the following officers for 1962: A County Feeder Cattle Sales Executive Committee: Avery W. Greene, F. R. Critcher, Alfred Adams, Harry Hamilton, Charles H. Blackburn, treasurer.

The County Feeder Calf Committees is as follows: Todd: Bill Krider, M. H. Stephens, Vaughn Tugman, Wade Miller. Meat Camp: Burl J. Greene, (Continued on page two)

James Dugger Named President Of YDC

James Dugger, construction engineer for the State Highway Commission was elected President of the Watauga Young Democrat Club at a meeting held Monday evening.

Mr. Dugger, who has long been active in YDC circles, succeeds Mr. George Thomas as president. Others elected were: Glenn Hodges, first vice-president, Boone; Mrs. Hite Williams, second vice-president, Zionville; Rudolph Greene, third vice-president, Blowing Rock; Eddie P. Norris, secretary, Vilas; Frank South, Boone, treasurer.

Mr. Thomas presided at the meeting at which 110 young Democrats paid their dues. About 150 attended the meeting.

Mrs. Earleen Pritchett spoke to the group on the influence of women in party politics, and suggested that more women than men participated in the 1960 elections. She spoke in favor of the establishment of a

woman's party organization in the county.

President Dugger said a YDC meeting would be held at the Boone Trail Cafe February 12th at 7:30.

Burley Vote Set For 20th

The burley tobacco referendum has been scheduled for February 20, according to information received from the State ASCS office.

In the referendum farmers will decide whether they want to continue the tobacco program for the next three years or whether they want to do away with it for 1962 and vote again next year.

If the referendum carries the price of burley tobacco will be supported at about 90% of parity.

All farmers who receive a share of money from the sale of a crop of tobacco are eligible and should vote in the referendum on February 20th.

Court Adjourns Thursday; List Judgments Given Out

The Watauga Superior Court adjourned its January term Thursday noon, after disposing of a docket of a large number of cases, mostly traffic offenses. Judge Francis Clarkson of Charlotte presided. Solicitor B. T. Falls, Jr., of Shelby became ill Wednesday with influenza, and the Court appointed Attorney Wade E. Brown of Boone to finish the docket.

Following are the judgments of the court: James Kirkpatrick, driving drunk and assault, \$125 and cost; Council J. McGinnis, no operators license, \$25 and cost; George L. Andrews, permit another to use license, \$25 and cost; Woodrow Stewart, highway robbery, 8 years state prison; Speeding—Thomas L. Black-

burn, Jr., \$15 and cost; Richard J. Austin, \$15 and cost; William R. Baird, \$15 and cost; R. A. Ballard, \$15 and cost; W. C. Barlow, \$10 and cost; J. W. Bentley, \$10 and cost; G. E. Brown, \$10 and cost; Robert L. Bryant, \$15 and cost; James W. Carr, \$15 and cost; Barry N. Claywell, \$10 and cost; John K. Coleman, \$10 and cost; Charles B. Cook, Jr., \$15 and cost; Alvin V. Crawford, \$30 and cost; Aubrey R. Flint, Jr., \$15 and cost; Raymond H. Greene, \$15 and cost; Larry F. Griffin, \$20 and cost; House, \$10 and cost; James B. Johnson, \$15 and cost; Speeding—James R. Jones, \$15 and cost; Andrew M. Levette, Jr., \$15 and cost; Dickie T. Miller, \$15 and cost; Finley R. Norris, \$15 and cost; David

T. Richardson, \$25 and cost; M. A. Rominger, \$20 and cost; Mack A. Smith, \$10 and cost; Richard C. Thomas, \$10 and cost; Marion K. Umbarger, \$10 and cost; John W. Weir, \$10 and cost; Charles K. Wilcox, \$15 and cost; Charles M. Williams, \$15 and cost; B. B. Yates, \$15 and cost; Houston H. Younce, \$25 and cost; T. D. Clawson, \$10 and cost; F. E. Cooper, \$15 and cost; J. G. Fender, \$15 and cost; William V. Rucker, \$15 and cost; Martin L. Russ, \$10 and cost; Dallas B. Stewart, \$10 and cost; John L. Bray Jr., \$15 and cost; Glenn W. Phillips, \$15 and cost; Glenn W. Phillips, \$15 and cost; Wade W. Rogers, \$25 and cost; Johnny W. Hollar, \$15 and cost; J. B. Cole, speed-



ROBERT MATHESON

Named To All-America Grid Squad

Word has been received by Coach Jack Groce and Robert Matheson that Robert has been named to the fourteenth annual National High School All-America Football Squad of 1961.

The squad is sponsored by Wigwam Wisemien of America, Mose Simms, chairman.

Since only seniors are ordinarily selected as members of the squad, and with juniors being placed a rare exception, Coach Groce considers it a signal honor that Matheson, a junior, should be named to the honorary team.

Forty-four of the boys named to this honorary team are selected by a committee to play in the fourteenth annual All-America All-Star Football Game May 19 of this year. Since Matheson is a junior, and since he would lose his remaining eligibility if he should play in such a game, he did not make application to participate, Mr. Groce said.

Name To Appear On Memorial

A memorial plaque commemorating the nomination of Dwight D. Eisenhower has been placed in the Hall of Presidents at Gettysburg, Pa. The name of S. C. Eggers of Boone, Republican National Delegate from this District, will be inscribed in bronze on this memorial.

5,554 Houses Democratic Committee To In Watauga Propose Election Board

The 1960 Census of Housing counted 5,554 housing units in Watauga County.

Of these, 2,945 were in sound condition with all plumbing, 4,536 were occupied, 3,523 were occupied by owners, 89,000 was the median value of owner-occupied places, 1,013 were occupied by renters, \$51.00 was the median gross rent of rented places, 3,517 had hot and cold running water, 3,786 had flush toilet, 3,681 bathtub or shower, 2,467 had basement, 49 were trailer homes, 59 households had air conditioning, 3,266 had TV, 4,145 radio, 2,123 telephone, 3,888 had washing machine, 243 clothes dryer, 1,036 had one or more food freezers, 2,646 had one automobile, 844 had two automobiles, and 20 had three or more automobiles.

A meeting of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee has been called for Monday, February 12, at the courthouse at 10 a.m., it is announced this week by County Chairman C. H. Hendrix.

The meeting has been called for the purpose of recommending appointees as Democratic members of the Watauga County Board of Elections. The county executive committee will select the names of three Democrats to submit to State Chairman Bert Bennett, who in turn will make recommendations to the State Board of Elections for appointment for two-year terms.

In a letter to all Democratic county chairmen this week, Bennett asked that the county com-

mittee submit the names in the order of local preference, since two will be recommended. The third member of the local elections board is a member of the Republican Party selected in a similar manner.

In his letter calling the meeting, Bennett pointed out that all 100 county executive committees in the State will be meeting on the same day, but that the exact time and place of meetings is set at the discretion of the county chairmen. The State Board of Elections will meet in March to make the official appointments for both parties.

The Chairman, in announcing the call for the special meeting, urged all members of the county committee to be present for the important meeting.

Revenue Commissioner Says Coffey Found 'Cooperative'

Raleigh—An official of a small hardware store at Boone appeared before Revenue Commissioner W. A. Johnson Monday to tell how his company served as a relay station for payments Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co. made to Kidd Brewer.

Paul Armfield Coffey, part owner of the Parkway Co. at Boone, appeared before Johnson in answer to a summons. He brought with him a box of records weighing more than 80 pounds. After the hearing, which lasted about an hour and a half, Johnson said Coffey, a nephew of Brewer, had been "cooperative."

Johnson is investigating tax returns filed by Brewer as part of an overall state probe into state highway sign purchases over the past several years. Probe Revealed The probe was revealed on Jan. 7 when Gov. Terry Sanford announced the firing of highway department engineer Robert A. Burch for being "too closely associated" with Brewer, 52-year-old businessman and politician. Sanford said sign companies doing business with the state had paid \$85,000 to a firm owned by Brewer and half of this was paid to Burch's son, a student at Duke University. Later, Sanford revealed Minnesota Mining had paid Brewer

\$148,000 since 1955 for serving as its representative. The money, Sanford said, was sent to Parkway which forwarded it

(Continued on page two)

Lawrence Attends Charlotte Meeting

Dr. C. Ray Lawrence will attend an optometric seminar in Charlotte February 3 and 4.

Governor Sanford recently appointed Dr. Lawrence to serve a second five year term on the North Carolina State Board of Examiners in Optometry. Since his appointment Dr. Lawrence has been elected president of the examining board.