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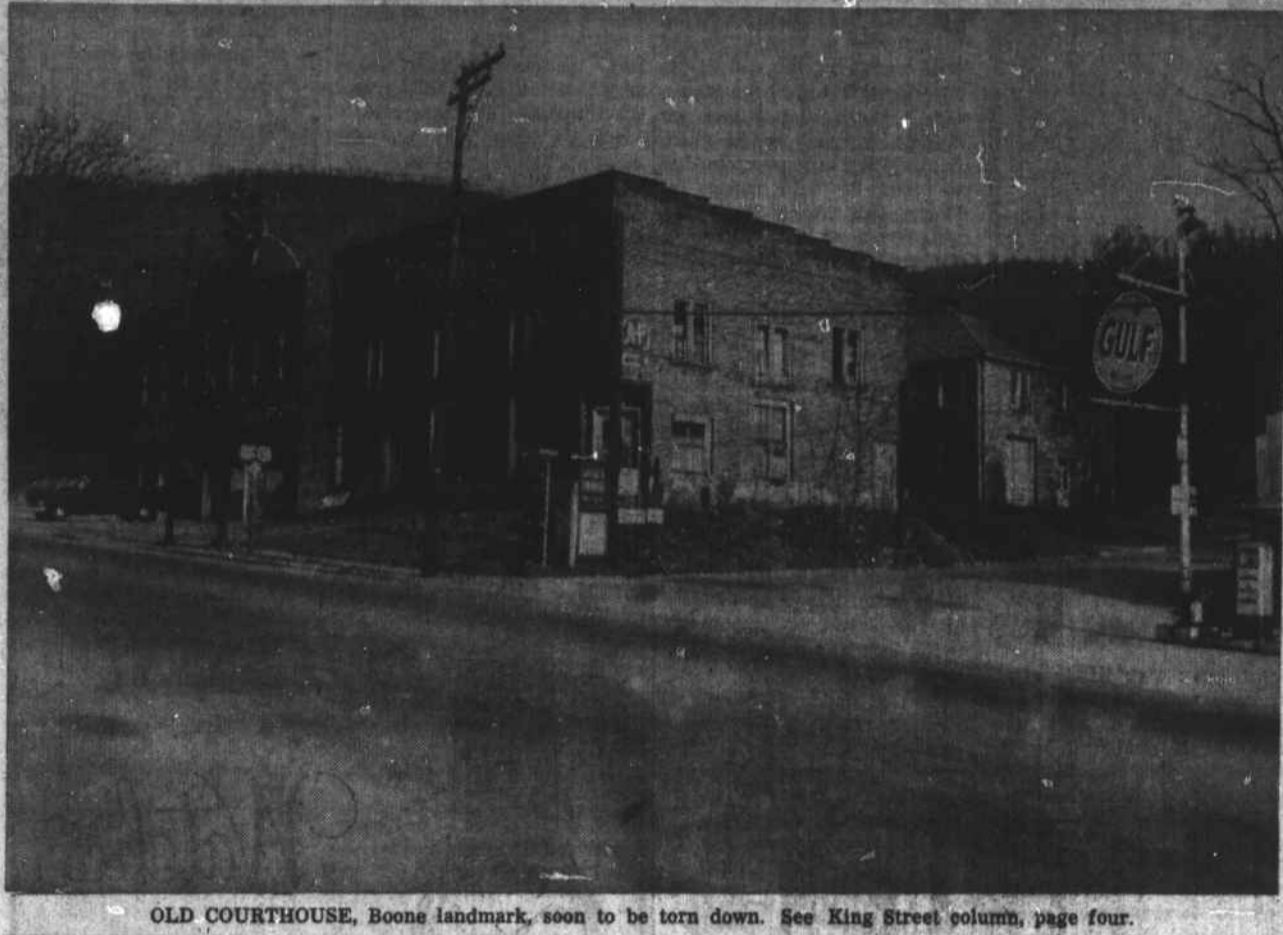
BOONE WEATHER			
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Feb. 9	42	14	.07
Feb. 7	34	6	
Feb. 8	38	19	
Feb. 9	47	29	.10
Feb. 10	38	22	.18
Feb. 11	44	12	
Feb. 12	51	28	.05
Total precipitation—			.38 inch.

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OLD COURTHOUSE, Boone landmark, soon to be torn down. See King Street column, page four.

## ARRESTED AT WHITE HOUSE

# Rev. Andrews Is Given Furlough From Duties

### WF Director Has Hearing By Methodists

The Rev. David Andrews, director of Wesley Foundation in Boone, was given a four-month leave of absence Saturday from his duties, when the local board of directors accepted recommendations of the N. C. Methodist Inter-Conference Commission. The leave was to extend to the time of Western North Carolina's Annual Conference when the question of Mr. Andrews' future would be resolved.

Mr. Andrews was the principal figure in recent civil disobedience acts when he made a "direct action appeal for Executive clemency" on behalf of Morton Sobell, now serving 30 years in prison for conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States.



METHODIST student leaders (top photo) as they gave statement concerning status of the Rev. David Andrews, director of Wesley Foundation. Left to right are Dr. W. A. Kale, chairman of the Inter-Conference Commission; District Superintendent Herman Duncan; and Dr. Lee Reynolds, chairman of the local Wesley Foundation board. Mr. Andrews is shown in photo at right as he worked and awaited the decision of the board.—Photos Flowers' Photo Shop.



## Preliminary Plans Are Being Made For Spring Festival

Preliminary plans have been made for the annual Spring Festival which will be held at Appalachian State Teachers College during the first week in May, according to Walton Cole, chairman of the Festival committee.

Other members of the committee include Mrs. Daisy Eggers, Nicholas Erneston, David French, Mrs. Virginia Linney, Rogers Whitener, Ann Moore, John Corey, all of the faculty, and students Brenda Lackey of Fallston and Jerry Starnes of Chandler.

Cole indicated that a musical program has tentatively been agreed upon and that several works are under consideration.

The name of the musical will be announced in the near future.

The committee unanimously approved changing the name of the May Day Dance to the "Coronation Ball." The committee felt that this title would be more appropriate for the event. During the "Coronation Ball," the May Queen will be crowned and the May Court will be presented with their escorts.

Cole said that the committee is considering making the "Coronation Ball" one of the highlights of the Spring Festival. It has been decided that the afternoon May Day Fete be discontinued. The crowning fe-

stivities during the intermission will be the highlight of the "Coronation Ball."

The committee chairman appointed a sub-committee composed of Ann Moore, Rogers Whitener, Jerry Starnes and Brenda Lackey to study the possibility of obtaining an imported art exhibit for the festival; this committee was also asked to consider the combining of efforts from the Industrial Arts Department, the Art Department, and the Home Economics Department of the college for some sort of student display.

The committee, after making a study of festivals among colleges and universities in the United States, is planning to present a festival of wide scope and interest to the students, faculty, and friends of the college.

## Funeral Held For Sisters

A double funeral service was held Tuesday at 2:30 for Mrs. W. C. Wright, 76, of Mountain City, Tenn., and Mrs. Carolyn Rhea Hodge, 70, of Shouns, Tenn., sisters.

The rites were held at the Wright home on the Laurel. Rev. Edsel Farthing, Rev. Edward Johnson, Rev. Dan Graham and Rev. Raymond Geisler officiated. Mrs. Wright was buried in the Wright Chapel cemetery in Damascus, Va.; Mrs. Hodge in the Shouns Methodist Church cemetery.

Mrs. Wright died in Phoenix, Arizona, last Wednesday afternoon. She was a widow of W. C. Wright and a graduate of Salem College, Winston-Salem.

She is survived by a son, McQuown Wright, and two grandsons, William Clayton and George Turner Wright, of Mountain City, Tenn.

## Skyline Lanes Will Open Doors On 24th

The modern and beautiful Skyline Lanes Bowling center will open Saturday, February 24.

The 12-lane establishment, located just outside of Boone on the Blowing Rock Road, will offer the bowler the most modern and latest equipment by AMF. Jake Jacobs, co-owner and manager, says that the finishing and surfacing of the lanes is now being completed and the automatic pin setters are due to arrive on Monday. Installation of the machines is scheduled to be completed Friday

and the lanes will be ready for use on Saturday.

Soon after the opening of the lanes, leagues will be formed and anyone interested may inquire at the lanes or call.

The lanes will open daily Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m., and will open on Sundays at 1:30 p. m.

Frank Auton of Boone will be assistant manager and mechanic. He has just returned from a three-weeks course at the AMF Automatic Pin Spotter School in Clifton, N. J.

## School Board Members File

All three incumbent members of the Board of Education have filed their candidacies in the Democratic primary of May 25.

These are Dr. Charles Davant, chairman, Blowing Rock; H. W. Mast, Jr., Valle Crucis; and Grady Moretz, Jr., of Boone.

Under the law as applies to Watauga county, the primary winners are certified to the Legislature for appointment to new terms and are not voted upon in the general election.



THE APPALACHIAN STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE BAND

## Kelly G. West Dies Thursday

Kelly Gray West, 3 year old son of Jimmy and Ruby Hartley West, died February 7.

Funeral services were conducted in the Perkinsville Baptist Church February 8 at 2 o'clock by the Rev. C. O. Vance, Rev. Homer Greene and Rev. Larry Penley.

In addition to the parents he is survived by one sister, Kandy Lee West; the paternal grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. Rex West, Concord; the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Gray Hartley, Boone.

## Appalachian College Band To Appear In Concert Tuesday

Appalachian State Teachers College Band, under the direction of Charles L. Isley, Jr., will present a concert Tuesday night, February 20, at 8:00 o'clock, in the Fine Arts Auditorium. The concert is open to the public, free of charge.

The program, light in nature, features solos, trios, a Dixieland ensemble, as well as light overtures and Broadway show hits. Soloists include Eunice Se-

crest, Drexel, playing the Von Weber Clarinet Concerts No. 1; Randall Elbel, Fairless Hills, Pa., playing Marimba Capers; and Ronald Pojedinec, Whippany, N. J., playing The Magic Trumpet.

Trios include the popular Buglers Holiday played by Harry Booth, Charlotte, Mike Cagle, Landis, and Jan Russell, Albemarle. Slide Kicks, a march and blues for three trombones,

will be played by Tom Deese, Morgantown, James Graeber, Concord, and Keith Elvin, Riverdale, N. J.

The Original Dixieland Concerto will be performed by John Lett, trumpet, Boone; Robert Lefever, clarinet, High Point; Randall Elbel, drums; Larry Lynch, trombone, Castletown, Va.; Bill Stewart, tenor sax, Belmont; and Franklin Durham, (continued on page eight)

## Burley Tobacco Growers To Decide On Quota System

All burley tobacco producers in Watauga county are being urged to vote in a grower referendum being held on February 20 to decide whether the present government tobacco allotment program will be continued or dropped. If at least two-thirds of the growers participating vote "yes," the present program including 90 percent price supports and acreage allotments will be in effect for the next three years.

If the growers do not ap-

prove the referendum, there will be no allotments and no loan program for the 1962 burley crop.

The burley program has been in effect continuously since 1940.

Agricultural leaders are urging all western North Carolina farmers who are eligible to vote in this election to do so. They point out that burley tobacco is the number one cash crop in the area, having returned approximately \$14 million in gross sales to farmers in 1961.

There are a total of 18,118 farms in western North Carolina with burley tobacco allotments. These farms harvested a total of 10,189 acres of burley last year.

In Watauga county, there are (continued on page eight)

## Election Board Recommended

Members of the Watauga County Democratic Committee met at the courthouse Monday and recommended three men for membership on the Watauga County Board of Elections. Two will be chosen by the State Board, it is said, and the third will be named on recommendation of the Republican Executive Committee.

Those recommended are: Incumbent Chairman R. T. Greer, William Cole and Gurney Luther.

## Jesse D. Rogers Bail Is \$7,500

Jesse Dale Rogers, 21, of Le-noir is being held in the Watauga County jail on charges growing out of the fatal shooting of Marion Tony Cornett of Boone, on Blowing Rock Road Friday night a week ago.

Coroner Richard E. Kelley determined that no inquest was necessary and on the advice of Solicitor Fall bond was set at \$7,500, which hasn't been filled by the accused.

## IRC Reports Highest Profits In 38 Years

Aided by the highest fourth quarter profits in its 38-year history, International Resistance Co. established all-time sales and earnings records in 1961 for the third consecutive year.

This was disclosed Monday by IRC President Walter W. Slocum who reported that net sales in 1961 totaled \$23,005,304, up from the previous record of \$20,824,173 set a year ago.

Earnings after taxes were \$2,021,432, or \$1.45 per common share vs. \$1,943,450, or \$1.40 per share, based on 1,391,496 shares outstanding Dec. 31, 1961.

Mr. Slocum noted that IRC earnings totaled 29 cents per share in the final 10 weeks of 1961, compared with 17 cents per share in the same period a year earlier.

## Heart Benefit At Blowing Rock

A heart fund benefit program will be held at the American Legion home in Blowing Rock Saturday at 7:30 o'clock.

There will be square dancing, bingo, a yo-yo contest for the children and a cake walk.

There will be no admission charge at the door, but charges will be made on the inside for the various activities.

## Robbery Is Attempted

The action of the burglar alarm gave sufficient warning to call officers and an attempted robbery of the Bus Terminal Building was foiled last Friday night.

Mr. Herman Wilcox, owner of the building, says the marauders made their way into the Chamber of Commerce office, perhaps thinking a large amount of money would be on hand, due to the heavy sales of automobile license plates. However no money is kept on hand, as receipts each day are placed in the night bank depository.

While the burglars, who entered through a rest room window, were not apprehended, Mr. Wilcox believes that sufficient proof may be uncovered to bring about their arrest.

Nothing has been missed in either office of the Bus Terminal building, Mr. Wilcox added.