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Mar. 6	27	14	23
Mar. 7	34	26	28
Mar. 8	39	11	46
Mar. 9	41	20	46
Mar. 10	49	32	42
Mar. 11	38	32	37
Mar. 12	55	35	70

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THE SWINGING BRIDGE ATOP GRANDFATHER MOUNTAIN.

**RIGHT OF WAY AVAILABLE TWENTY-THREE YEARS**

## Attempt To 'Steal Rest Of Grandfather' By Park Service Is Decried By Morton

Raleigh — Hugh Morton of Wilmington, owner of Grandfather Mountain, said Wednesday it is "high time the Park Service put out its foolish attempt to steal the rest of Grandfather Mountain."

Morton declared he intends to remain firm that the Parkway use the balance of an 8-mile-long right of way on the mountain which he sold to the state 23 years ago.

He made the statement in commenting on a report that the Highway Commission and the U. S. Park Service are going ahead with plans to construct one of the last remaining gaps in the Blue Ridge Parkway in Western North Carolina.

The uncompleted link would cross Grandfather Mountain near Linville.

Park Service Director Conrad Wirth held a meeting last week here with top state highway officials. The state agreed to cooperate in getting the section of Parkway road completed.

Under state-federal agreements the state must supply the right of way for the road.

Highway Chairman Merrill Evans said the state "is going ahead with efforts to complete the Parkway. It involves negotiations with the owners, but it doesn't necessarily mean condemnation."

Morton said "I am relying completely upon Gov. Sanford and the Highway Commission to use fairness and good judgment to take a firm stand in requesting the Park Service to go ahead with the right of way that has been available to them for 23 years."

Morton said the high part of the right of way which the Park Service proposes for the road "would come to within 300 feet of the same elevation of the (Continued on page two)

## Four More Have Filed For Office

Four new candidates for political office have appeared on the local scene in the last few days.

J. E. Holshouser, Jr., Boone



J. E. HOLSHOUSER, JR.



J. D. COOK

Mr. J. D. Cook, also of Boone has filed as a candidate for the Republican nomination for the House of Representatives. Mr. Holshouser, since being admitted to the bar has practiced law with his father, J. E. Holshouser, former U. S. District Attorney.

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## Pitts Winner \$25 Award

Hayden Pitts, Blowing Rock is the lucky winner of the Home Improvement Sweepstakes, a \$25 cash prize awarded by drawing to a lucky visitor to stores participating in the recent home improvement promotion carried on through the advertising columns of the Democrat.

The promotion, sponsored by leading home improvement centers, was the result of needs indicated in the report of the Housing Census.

## Burdick Files As Candidate In 9th

W. Leslie Burdick, China Grove publisher, filed Saturday as a candidate for Congress in the Ninth District, assuring a primary for the Republican nomination May 26.

It will be the first Republican primary in the district in years. James Broyhill of Lenoir filed earlier for the Republican nomination prior to the district convention at Taylorsville on Feb. 24.

Burdick, 56, is chairman of the Rowan County Republican Executive Committee. He described himself as a staunch conservative and supporter of Sen. Barry Goldwater, R-Ariz. "I believe the Republicans of

## George Walton Dies In Crash

Middlesex, N. C.—A quarter-of-a-million-dollar coin collection found after the owner was killed in an automobile accident near her was placed in custody Saturday.

The collection of George Walton, 55, of Charlotte includes a 1913 Liberty Head V nickel Walton valued between \$50,000 and \$65,000.

Walton, taking the collection to Wilson where he planned to exhibit it, was killed Friday night in a head-on collision on U. S. 264 east of here.

Walton, a bachelor, told a newspaper interviewer several months ago that he hoped after his death that his collection could be given to some museum, such as the Smithsonian.

Middlesex Police Chief R. E. Gilliam said Walton was alone in his car when it collided with a car driven by Leona Perry, 33, of Rt. 2, Middlesex. She and a passenger, Mary Strickland, of the same address, were hospitalized in Raleigh with injuries not believed serious.

Walton acquired the 1913 nickel in 1945 in a trade with a

Winston-Salem collector. Walton estimated that he paid \$3,750 for the nickel. In 1959 he valued it at \$35,000 and last year estimated its value at between \$50,000 and \$65,000, depending on market conditions.

There are only five such nickels known in the hands of collectors in the United States. Walton, a free-lance estate appraiser, worked in Charlotte, Jacksonville, Fla., and Roanoke, Va. He had shown the collection at many leading coin shows.

(Note: Mr. Walton was well known in Boone, where he lived for a good while several years ago, while with an engineering group of the National Park Service.)

## Rites Held For Mrs. Vannoy

Mrs. Margaret B. Vannoy, 56, died Tuesday, Feb. 27 at her home on Route 1. She had been in declining health for several months.

She was married to Dick Vannoy who passed away March 22, 1948.

Funeral services were held March 1st at 2 o'clock at Mount Vernon Baptist Church by Rev. Carson Eggers and Rev. Wendell Critcher and burial was in the Vannoy cemetery.

Surviving are the mother, Mrs. Will Baird, Valle Crucis; six sons, Charles W. Vannoy of Boone; Thomas A. Vannoy of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; Rex D. Vannoy of Cleveland, Ohio; Richard M. Vannoy, and Harry F. Vannoy of the home; Three daughters, Mrs. Burl Winkler of Boone; Mrs. Thomas Kolesar of Cleveland, Ohio; Barbara J. Vannoy of the home; Two sisters, Mrs. Mary B. McDonald of Richmond Va. and Mrs. Nevo Goodlake of Miami, Fla.; Two brothers, Ben Baird of Boone and Edward Baird of Valle Crucis.

She is also survived by eight grandchildren.

## LABOR SURVEY STARTED

# Shadowline May Add 250 Workers

## Expansion To Rest On Work Supply

Shadowline, Inc., one of Boone's thriving manufacturing plants, has announced its tentative plans to make another factory expansion during the current year, which could provide jobs for 250 more employees, roughly doubling the number now at work there.

However, says Manager Hal Johnson, before a final decision can be made on the proposed expansion, a labor survey must be completed, since it will be necessary to know that a sufficient number of women are interested in employment with Shadowline to operate the enlarged facility. Ninety per cent of the new workers would be women.

Four thousand letters have been mailed by Shadowline to Watauga county householders seeking information as to the possibility of securing more employees. Those who haven't received a form may get the necessary papers at the Shadowline plant, by writing or calling in person. It is hoped that the people will offer full cooperation, so that this survey may be finished quickly, and that expansion plans at Shadowline may be completed.

Shadowline, a lingerie manufacturing enterprise, with executive offices in Morganton, opened the first unit of their modern plant in Boone in 1957. Two expansions of the plant have been made since that time, due to the splendid cooperation of all the people of the town and the county and (Continued on page two)

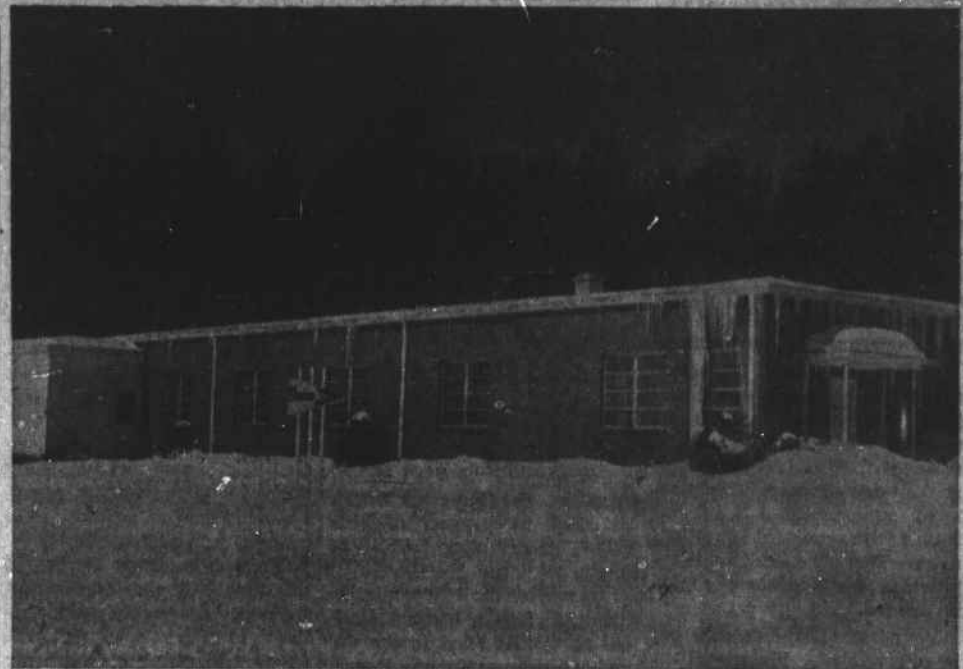


FRED M. COUNCILL

## Fred Council Board Member Of Heritage

At the meeting of the directors of Drexel Enterprises, Inc. immediately following the annual stockholders meeting on March 5, Mr. Fred M. Council was elected a Director of Heritage Furniture Company and Morganton Furniture Company.

Mr. Council is Director of Sales for Heritage and Morganton (Continued on page two)



PORTION OF SHADOWLINE PLANT

## Stepped-Up Highway Program Prime Need Of Mountain Areas

Raleigh—A stepped-up highway program "to break the isolation" was seen Monday as one of the first needs in a development program for the Appalachian Mountain section of North Carolina and several other Eastern states.

Richard Kraft, a special assistant for regional planning of the Department of Commerce Area Redevelopment Commission, said this at an organization meeting of the State Advisory Committee for the Appalachian Governors' Conference.

State Highway Commission Chairman Herrill Evans told the group that if a stepped-up highway program for the mountains is undertaken, new sources of revenue would have to be found.

"A tremendous sum of new money" would be needed, Evans declared.

The group decided to recommend to the Appalachian Governor's Conference the development of a regional highway plan.

The governors' conference was formed last year for a concerted attack on problems of the states in the Appalachian region. The conference will work closely with the newly-created Area Redevelopment Administration of the federal government.

The ARA was formed to tackle problems of the nation's chronically depressed areas. Although a federal employee, Kraft will, in effect, serve as executive secretary of the Appalachian Governors' Conference.

Gov. Terry Sanford told the group that the Appalachian development program is not "the kind of thing that lends itself to a ready demonstration of results" (Continued on page two)

## Alexander Files To Succeed Self

Washington, D. C., March 13.—Congressman Hugh Alexander today filed with the North Carolina State Board of Elections notice of his candidacy for re-nomination to Congress from the ninth district, subject to the action of the Democratic primary in May.

Congressman Alexander is now completing his fifth term

re-elected will continue to serve all the people to the very best of my ability."

Having served for almost ten years in Congress, Representative Alexander feels that the seniority rights he has acquired enable him to better serve all the people of the ninth Congressional district.

## Heart Fund Is Short Of Quota

The Heart Fund quota for Watauga County was not reached during February, according to Mrs. Carlos DeLima, Watauga Heart Fund chairman. Anyone who has not donated is requested to do so at once by contacting Mrs. DeLima or Mrs. Betty Gray Hayes at Northwestern Bank.

The Heart Association has established a year round Memorial Fund, which offers the opportunity of paying tribute to the memory of friends who have died of heart disease. When such contributions are received, the Heart Association will send an acknowledgment to the family. The name of the donor and the purpose of the gift will be stated, but the amount will not be mentioned. All contributions to the Heart Fund are tax deductible.

Bob Harmon has returned home from Watauga Hospital, where he had surgery last Tuesday.



HUGH Q. ALEXANDER

in the Congress. He is a member of the powerful House Committee on Appropriations and has served on a number of the most important sub-committees of that committee. He is now serving on the sub-committees on Foreign Affairs, Treasury and Post Office.

Mr. Alexander said: "I deeply appreciate the fine support and cooperation of the people throughout the district, and if

## Appalachian High Junior Band Rated Excellent In State Contest

The Appalachian Junior High School Band received a rating of II in the State Contest Festival for Junior Bands held last Saturday at Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory. This rating II (excellent) is the second highest rating possible in the system used for rating bands by the North Carolina Band Masters Association and one that we all can be very proud of attaining.

The rating of I (Superior) is still the coveted rating which the next year's band will be striving to attain.

The Band and its director, George W. Kirsten Jr. journey-

ed to Hickory, leaving Boone at 11:30 a. m. on the school's "Blue Devil Bus" driven by Mr. Lionel Watson and returned at 6:00 p. m. The personnel of the Band attending this festival were:

Flutes: Sara Lou Hagaman, Janice Ayers, Jenny Lou Robinson and Jimmy Ross; Clarinets: Diane Hagaman, Janice Ayers, Jenny Lou Robinson and Jimmy Ross; Clarinets, Diane Hagaman, Carol Hagaman, Donnie Fidler, Ricky Russell, Janice Lewis, Lyndon Lackey, Mary Marsh, Doris Winkler, Marsha Hargrave, Susan Isen-

Deal.