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NEW BEAVER DAM ARTERY.—Heavy machinery moves dirt on new highway which leaves 421 near the Windy Gap Church and will extend 1.61 miles into Beaver Dam township. The cost of the project is given at \$400,000, and the Sherman Simpson Co., of Mount Airy, has the contract for

grading and paving. Bridges are under contract to John Brinkley of Thomasville. Grading will continue as long as weather is good, and the road should be open for travel by next summer, it is said.

TO HOUSE 300 WOMEN

Eight-Story Dormitory To Be Built At College

Work Begins On Structure In Two Weeks

H. L. Coble Construction Co. of Greensboro and Orlando, Fla., has been awarded the general contract for construction of an eight-story dormitory for women at Appalachian State Teachers College.

Work is to start within the next two weeks, and completion of the structure is scheduled in time for occupancy next fall. The building, to house 300 students, will cost approximately \$800,000.

The dormitory will be built of structural steel with masonry exterior, faced with brick, exposed concrete and marble. Floors will be concrete slab on bar joists, with resilient tile flooring in rooms and corridors. Entrance lobby floor will be of terrazzo. There will be two elevators.

On the first floor will be the matron's quarters, recreation room, lounge, and dormitory rooms. The basement will house a laundry room, service room and mechanical equipment.

The building will have aluminum windows, wood doors, and a 20-year built-up roof. Dormitory rooms will feature built-in beds and wardrobes. This is the first in a series of five new dormitories planned for Appalachian State Teachers College.



PLANNERS.—This group met last week to make plans for Watauga's celebration of North Carolina's 300th anniversary. They are, seated: Miss Laura Foster, Herman W. Wilcox; standing, left to right, L. E. Tuckwiller, Howard Barnwell, W. Guy Angell, Clyde R. Greene, and Dr. D. J. Whitener.—Staff photo.

5 Registrars Resign Posts In Watauga

A number of registrars for the November elections have resigned in recent days, according to the County Board of Elections.

Hight Williams, Registrar in Cove Creek Township, resigned at a meeting of the Registrars of the county with the Elections Board last Saturday.

R. T. Greer, Elections Board Chairman, said he did not ask Williams to resign, nor did he show him the letter from William Joslin, Chairman of the State Elections Board, in which Joslin is said to have suggested Williams' replacement, due to the allegation that Williams had requested the certification of the May primary results in Cove Creek before the polls were closed.

Mr. Williams is quoted as saying he thought it best to resign and that he didn't have the time to give in view of the new registration.

Others who resigned as registrars were: Wade Moretz, Stony Fork precinct; Glenn Howell, Bald Mountain; Clayton Vines, Beaver Dam and Grady Greer, New River.

Mr. Greer told the Democrat he could not serve due to the fact it would be necessary for him to be away from home at intervals during the registration period, and he would be unable to give the time to the registration.

Little Fireman Event Slated

A "Little Firemen's Night" is planned by the Boone Volunteer Fire Department as a highlight in observance of Fire Prevention Week, according to Chief B. D. Hodges.

The program is scheduled for Monday night, October 8, at 7 o'clock on the A&P parking lot on West King Street. Firemen will be on hand to demonstrate equipment and techniques of firefighting. Chief Hodges said. Rides on the fire truck and other entertaining features are planned for the little firemen.

Children up to 12 years of age are invited to attend the event, and the Fire Department urges that a child be accompanied by a parent.

If You Aim To Vote, You Gotta Register

The books open Saturday for a brand new registration of all the voters, both old and new, in Watauga county, according to word from the County Board of Elections.

Voters may apply at their respective polling places Saturday or on any Saturday during the month of October and be enrolled. Otherwise they cannot vote in the general election November 6, it is pointed out.

Registration closes on October 27th, and the following Saturday, November 3, will be observed as challenge day.

It is pointed out by the Board that voters may also register at the homes or business places of their precinct registrars on other days besides Saturdays "at reasonable hours."

Edmisten Enterprises Sever Link With Lowe's

Cliff Edmisten, executive vice president of Edmisten Enterprises, announced a sweeping change this week in the firm's Boone building materials store. Operated as a Lowe's associate store since its opening in 1961, the firm has severed its association with the Lowe's organization and launched into a vast new merchandising program as a direct factory outlet and volume purchasing agent, Edmisten said.

"For example," he said, "when we buy bathroom fixtures, we send our own van direct to the United States Plumbing Company's New Jersey factory, and they load 65 complete bathroom units in and start back to Boone. That's what we mean by 'volume buying.' We call our new store Wholesale Distributing Company, Inc., and we intend to be exactly that."

In addition to the building materials store, the Edmisten Enterprise firm also operates a modern lumber and planing mill in Boone and has extensive timber holdings and sawmill operations in Burke county.

Its Burke county operations are directed by Jasper Presnell, associated with the Edmisten organization since 1945.

The Boone lumber and planing mill is under the supervision of Ward Carroll, while the building materials store is managed by Larry Moretz. Other officers in the firm

Voter League Gets Word On Election Laws

The Boone Chapter of the League of Women Voters held an open meeting Thursday night at the Methodist Church.

John Council and Stacy Eggers, members of the Election Board were present to explain State Election Laws and answer questions which were asked by members and guests. The meeting was well attended and many commended the forthright decision of the Election Board in calling for re-registration in Watauga County, to be held on each Saturday in October.

Also brought out at the meeting was the need for every citizen to re-register in their township on the days set aside for registration. Persons who have not registered then will not be able to vote in the November election.

The League of Women Voters planned to place signs in key positions in the county reminding people of this basic step for democracy. They also hope that people in the town of Boone and the county will contact their neighbors and friends reminding them to re-register so the privilege of voting will not be denied them in November.

YRC To Meet At Blowing Rock

Watauga County's newly-organized Young Republican Club will hold its October meeting at the Blowing Rock Elementary School Auditorium Thursday, October 4, at 7:30 p. m.

Leaders of the GOP group indicate that an interesting program has been prepared, and they anticipate a large crowd. Membership certificates will be distributed to all those attending the session.

Parkway Route Dispute May Be Compromised

Raleigh—A special committee seeking a compromise solution to a Blue Ridge Parkway right-of-way controversy expects an engineering survey to be completed, shortly.

Highway Commissioner Clifford Benson, chairman of the special group, said last week that Hugh Merton, one of the

Party Rally Hears Gudger

Four hundred and twenty-five Democrats attended the rally held at the Appalachian Elementary School Cafeteria Friday evening, under the sponsorship of the Young Democrats Club and heard Mr. Lamar Gudger of Asheville, Secretary to the State Democratic Executive Committee, claim credit for his party for the growth in this county during the last thirty years, which saw the percentage of home ownership rise from 40% to 97%.

Mr. Gudger said the Democratic party had brought the AAA, FHA, REA, and Social Security, among other programs, and said the Republican party has fought these programs.

He also lauded the Telephone

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Cattle Sale Receipts Go To \$222,000

The biggest cattle sale for Watauga County in recent years was held at Boone Livestock Market on September 28. 1335 steers went through the sale ring for approximately \$222,000.

Eight hundred eighty-one or 66% of these steers graded choice and good, leaving only 34% in the medium grade. Prices were generally good with the average per hundred weight expected to be near \$25.00 or perhaps a little better.

Historical Group To Sponsor Celebration Here During '63

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association will sponsor a celebration commemorating Carolina's 300th Birthday June 29.

The following committee has been set up to handle the preliminary arrangements which could develop into one of the biggest celebrations Watauga County has ever held: Dr. D. J. Whitener, Clyde R. Greene, Guy Angell, L. E. Tuckwiller, Dr. Gene Reese, Herman W. Wilcox, Wade E. Brown, Bob Allen of Boone and Howard Barnwell of Blowing Rock.

At the original meeting of this committee September 25th, it was decided to co-ordinate local efforts with the Carolina Charter Tercentenary Commission who will assist in promoting and publicizing this celebration.

At an executive board meeting of Horn in the West Sept. 28th it was voted to set the dates of Horn in the West opening for June 29, 1963; to coincide with this celebration; the closing date will be Sept. 1st.

Speak In Durham

Mrs. Ila T. Justice, Chairman of the Library Science Department at Appalachian State Teachers College and Miss Eunice Query, Associate Professor of Library Science spoke this week to the school and children's section of the North Carolina Library Association in Durham.

Diamond S Cattle Take Show At Lenoir

B. W. Stallings, Boone jeweler, who takes great pride in the cattle he produces on his Diamond S Ranch in the Poplar Grove neighborhood, is also proud of the record his Herefords made at the Caldwell County Fair last week.

Diamond S entries took three of the four grand prizes at the fair. Mr. Stallings showed the grand champion Hereford bull, the Junior Champion Hereford bull and the Junior Champion Hereford heifer.

A Caldwell county woman's exhibit won the fourth grand prize, Mr. Stallings said.

This brings further proof of the high quality of Watauga County beef cattle, which stands out so clearly in the animals produced at Mr. Stallings' Diamond S Ranch.

Hereford Show, Sale Is Scheduled

The 20th annual Watauga Hereford Breeders' Show and Sale will be held in Boone Saturday, according to an announcement by B. W. Stallings, president of the breeders' association.

The events will be staged in Mountain Burley Warehouse No. 2, with the show beginning at 10 a. m. and the sale at 1 p. m. Both bulls and cows will be shown and sold, with the Northwestern Bank and Stallings Jewelry Store giving trophies for outstanding showings.

Mr. Stallings said, "This is our first 'All-clean' pedigree sale. We have worked hard over these twenty years to produce the kind of cattle that the people want, and we believe we have the best consignment yet, plus all-clean pedigrees for the 1962 sale."

The American Hereford Association has checked the pedigrees of both the horned and polled breeding, Mr. Stallings said. "They are not highly fitted, but in good condition to go to work on your farm," he added.

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RALLY.—Scotty and Lula Bell (left to right), are talking with Congressman Hugh Alexander at the Democratic rally Friday night honoring the Congressman. Looking on is George C. Thomas, Watauga county registration chairman for the Young Democrats Club, sponsors of the event.—Flowers' photo.