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**DORMITORY CONTINUES CLIMB.**—The new seven-story girls dorm being constructed on the east edge of the ASTC campus spirals upward as work crews make progress in cold February winds. College officials are hoping the dorm will

be ready for occupancy by September. One of four new dorms to be erected on the same hill between East Hall and the Winn-Dixie store, the building will cost in excess of \$750,000 and will house 300 girls.—Photo by Gaddy.

## Industry To Be Topic Of C. Of C.; Brewer Trial Is Upheld

Discussion of Boone's present industries, and possible future industrial plants, will comprise the program at the monthly meeting of the Chamber of Commerce at Daniel Boone Inn next Tuesday noon, it is announced by L. E. Tucker, program chairman.

Mr. M. E. Thalheimer, president of the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, will give the Chamber

### Spencer Miller Dies Saturday

Spencer McCoy Miller, 70-year-old Boone businessman and retired postal employe, died Saturday at Watauga Hospital after a long illness.

He was the owner and operator of Boone Transfer Co., Woodcraft Novelty Co., and a Boone lumber company. He was a veteran of World War I.

Miller was born in Watauga County to John and Josie King Miller.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Ola C. Miller; three sons, Larna and J. D. Miller, both of Boone, and Lester Miller of St. Louis, Mo.; one daughter, Mrs. Betty Joe Shore of Blowing Rock; five brothers, Will and Charles Miller of Zionville, Thomas Miller of Yadkinville, Frank Miller of Boone and Otto Miller of Southwick, Idaho; three sisters, Mrs. Ed Greer, Mrs. Hubert Greer and Mrs. James Reece of Zionville; and 11 grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Monday at Boone Methodist Church by the Rev. Preston Hughes and the Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in Mt. Lawn Memorial Park.

a brief report of the progress of the winter resort, which is now in its first full year of operation.

A more definite announcement about the new industry is expected to be made at this meeting.

President Herman W. Wilcox expresses his appreciation to all who made the labor survey such a success. Many contributed time so that it might be carried on efficiently.

Mr. Stanley A. Harris has been re-named secretary of the Chamber's Industry Committee.

#### Some Suggestions

Following are the suggestions turned in at the last membership committee. They will be assigned to the various committees for consideration:

—Would like to see each store be responsible for side walk area in front for cleanliness.

—Let's get behind enlarging the corporate limits of Boone—1963 is the time.

—Have week set aside as college week to recognize stu-

### Blowing Rock Asks For Bids

The Town of Blowing Rock is seeking bidders for the construction of a sewage treatment plant and the installation of approximately 14,000 feet of sewer lines.

In addition to the treatment plant and sewer lines, the project will include 65 manholes, almost 1,000 feet of lines around the plant and access roads.

Bids must be at the Blowing Rock Town Hall by 11 a. m. March 4.

dents and faculty.

—Try to get ordinance passed to get rid of all over sidewalk hanging signs.

—Get employees of stores, etc., to park off street and leave parking for customers.

—Get the Town to wash the streets more often.

—Put a sign on Main Street, pointing to office of Chamber of Commerce.

—Office of the Chamber of Commerce to stay open until 9 p. m. while the Horn in the West plays.

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### Broyhill Gets Party Position

Congressman James T. Broyhill (R-NC) was named Thursday as a member of the Republican Policy Committee of the House of Representatives to serve as one of the committee's nine regional members. Broyhill was elected unanimously to the important post by the eight Republican Congressmen representing eight Southeastern states. His election marks the first time that a freshman member of Congress has been selected for one of the regional positions on the committee.

Commenting upon his election to the committee, Broyhill declared, "I am very grateful for the confidence my fellow Republicans from the Southeastern states have shown in bestowing this honor upon me. It will be a great privilege to serve the Southeastern states as their regional representative in this high Republican council. I am deeply mindful, too, of my responsibility for reflecting in the committee the dynamic and vigorous spirit of Southern Republicanism that is so apparent in these states today."

### Stay Granted

Raleigh, Feb. 4.—The State Supreme Court, quoting from the Bible, said yesterday, "No man can serve two masters" as it upheld the conviction of Kidd Brewer and two other Raleigh men on charges of influence peddling.

Brewer, 54, a onetime candidate for lieutenant governor, was convicted last July 17 along

### Rites Held For Alonzo Payne

Alonzo C. Payne, 72, native Watauga, died in an Asheville hospital last Thursday after a lingering illness.

Funeral was held at 1 p. m. Sunday, Feb. 3 at the Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home in Boone. The Rev. Marshall Hargrave officiating.

Burial was in the city cemetery in Boone.

A son of the late Rev. J. M. Payne and Mrs. Payne, deceased was born in Watauga county, and resided in Boone for many years where he attended Appalachian. He left Boone over 40 years ago, and was a laundry owner in Marion, Va. before his retirement a few years ago, when he established residence in Asheville.

with former state highway engineer Robert A. Burch and Burch's son, Bobby. The charges stemmed from state highway-sign purchases.

Defense attorneys said an appeal would be taken to the federal courts.

Brewer, ill at home with influenza, had no comment on the court decision. He and the two Burches have been free on bond since their conviction which followed a lengthy trial.

Former State Atty. Gen. Malcolm Seawell, who represented Brewer, said he plans to ask the state Supreme Court for a stay of execution pending preparation of an appeal to the U. S. Supreme Court.

In sentencing Brewer and the

## SHOE MANUFACTURER PLEASSED

# 1400 Seek Jobs During Local Survey Of Labor

### Many Workers Want To Return To Watauga Co.

More than 1400 persons registered for employment last Wednesday at the Watauga County Courthouse. Northwestern Bank recorded an additional 150 applications Thursday and H. W. Wilcox, president of the Chamber of Commerce, reported that applications "are still coming in by mail and otherwise."

Applicants were interviewed Wednesday by officials of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company and the North Wilkesboro Employment Security Commission office representatives, Glenn Andrews, president of Watauga Industries, and committee members.

Blue Ridge Shoe Company employs men and women in the manufacturing plant which makes loafers and other types of shoes.

The industrial representatives reportedly were more than pleased with the turn-out. Wilcox quoted them as saying, "You (Watauga County) have proved your point. You have sufficient labor for two industries; plenty of fine male and female labor."

Sixty percent of the applicants were men, Wilcox said.

Stated Alfred Adams, chairman of the Industry Committee and assistant vice-president of Northwestern Bank, "We expect some positive action from this prospect within a few days."

Andrews added that Watauga Industries is ready to build a plant whenever the decision is made to come to Boone, and plans have been approved.

A sheet of ice covered the county streets and roads Wednesday morning, closing schools in Watauga and surrounding counties, and giving rise to some doubt by the representatives from North Wilkesboro that a sufficient number of applicants would be available.

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**MANY WANT LOCAL JOBS.**—Scenes taken in the Watauga County courtroom as men and women came to register and thereby indicate their willingness to work in a proposed new Boone factory. At the peak of the registration procedure, the courtroom was filled, and many stood in the hallways. —Staff photos.

## Blue Ridge Electric Shows Big Growth During Past Year

C. E. Viverette, General Manager of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, with headquarters in Lenoir, reported today that the growth of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in 1962 in electric power sales was 8.33% over 1961 while the national average for the industry was 6.1%.

Viverette stated the largest percentage growth was with the seasonal consumer-members with 18.6%. The farm and rural residences had an 11.9% growth. He stated that the large number of all-electric homes connected in 1962 counted for much of this growth and the all-electric home is expected to have a tremendous impact on the growth of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation in the future.

Blue Ridge Electric Member-

ship Corporation sold 134,228,000 kwh in 1962 and had total revenues of \$2,365,799. The margins for 1962 were \$222,558, a 23.1% increase over 1961. This amount will be credited to the members, capital credits accounts and on the eight-year rotation policy will be returned to the members in 1971. Members will receive this year their capital credits accrued in 1954.

At the close of December, Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation had 19,611 consumer-members, an increase of 3.3% over 1961. It had 3,700 miles of line in its eight-county

service area.

Viverette said all trends were favorable and if these trends continued, it would mean the cost of power to the members would be reduced again. The last rate reduction was in 1960.

Neil Farries, Manager of the Watauga District operations of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, stated that the number of consumer-members served in the Watauga District increased from 4,768 in 1961 to 4,994 in 1962 and the sale of power increased from 35,179,000 kwh to 40,535,000 kwh.

## March Of Dimes Report Is Given By Mrs. Greer

I wish to thank each person who participated in Watauga County's 1963 March of Dimes campaign for their cooperation and enthusiasm that enabled this campaign to be successful.

MOD figures for Watauga County with the Activities, chairman and amount listed in that order are given below:

Bowling—Jake Jacobs, \$58.00.  
Faculty Basketball Game—Carl Fidler, Jack Groce, \$108.00.  
Square Dance, Blowing Rock—Mrs. Richard Gragg, Mrs. Wm. Bolick, \$102.00.  
Telerama—Mrs. Randolph Phillips, \$125.00.

Teen-age Dance, Blowing

Rock—Mrs. W. C. Courtney, \$20.00.

Collection Basketball Game, Blowing Rock—Susie Greene, \$13.63.

Coin Containers, Boone and Blowing Rock, \$78.20.

Mother's March, Blowing Rock, Mrs. Harvey Ayers, Mrs. Phil Smith, Junior Woman's Club (other helpers) \$171.00.

Mailers—Mrs. Earl Petrey, unknown at this time.  
Total amount collected—\$755.25.

Thank you for your helpness throughout this year's MOD campaign.—Mrs. Joyce K. Greer.

## South's First Ski Queen To Be Selected In B. Rock Contest

The South's first beauty queen of skiing (the snow kind, that is) will be selected in a contest at Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Saturday, February 16.

The contest to select "Miss Southern Ski Queen" will be a departure from the typical southern beauty pageant as symbolized by bathing suits and evening gowns. The contestants will wear ski attire.

And, for a portion of the judging, the southern belles will be put on skis. For many it will be their first try.

The contestants, dressed in form-fitting ski pants and snug sweaters, will be assisted by a professional instructor as they put on the skis, take a few simple steps and take the skis off, all under the critical eyes of the judges. This portion of the contest will be designed to stimulate the contestants' "first" ski lesson.

It will come after they have appeared before the judges indoors in typical "after ski" attire, including the stretch pants and tight sweaters or jerseys.

Judging will be based entirely on the girls' appearance, poise and grace—skiing ability or experience won't be a factor.

Girls between 19 and 25 from the Carolinas, Georgia and Tennessee, including a number of beauty-titleholders, are being invited to participate.

In addition, southern newspapers and television stations are invited to nominate one contestant each.

The contest will begin at 1 p. m. with the indoor portion



**ASSEMBLYMEN**—Ira T. Johnston, left, West Jefferson Democrat, who is representing Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany in the State Senate. James E. Holshouser, Jr., right, Boone Republican, is Watauga's Representative in the House of Representatives. Both men will take the oath of office in the new State House today (Wednesday). Mr. Johnston had previously represented Ashe county in the Legislature, while Mr. Holshouser is entering upon a first term.