



WHILE IT LASTED.—Snow fell fast and hard last Tuesday as five inches of the white matter accumulated on city streets. Schools were dismissed early Tuesday and did not resume until Thursday. As many as 20 minor traffic accidents were reported on the Blowing Rock-Lenoir mountain alone. The above scene was made near the entrance of the Little Theatre, looking south.—Flowers photo.

PARSONS HANDED 30 YEARS Greer Gets Life Term In Slaying Of Chief Greene

Breitenstein Is Named To Hospital Post

Robert Breitenstein, dean of men at Appalachian State Teachers College, was recently named to the board of trustees of Watauga Hospital Inc. as a representative of Appalachian College.

The by-laws of the hospital were revised to extend the board of trustees from nine members to twelve. The three new ex officio members of the board were to be appointed from the college, the county commissioners and the city government of Boone. Breitenstein was appointed to serve on the board by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian, according to Mrs. Jack Groce, administrator of Watauga Hospital Inc.

The college dean of men is serving on the steering committee for the proposed new hospital for the county.

Preliminary drawings of the proposed new hospital have been received by the hospital board of trustees, but have not yet been approved. The three-story building will have a capacity of 80 beds in the initial construction and if enough money is provided the construction will include an unfinished fourth floor that will extend the bed capacity to 122.

The present hospital was constructed and designed for 35 beds in 1931 by Appalachian (continued on page four)



Millard Greer is shown with Caldwell County officers just after his arrest for the slaying of Blowing Rock's Police Chief.

Two Women Sentenced To 10-15 Years

Lenoir, March 1—The four persons charged in connection with the slaying of Blowing Rock Police Chief William D. Greene were sentenced this morning in Caldwell County Superior Court.

Millard Greer, 45-year-old ex-convict, was given a mandatory life sentence after pleading guilty to first degree murder.

Ralph Ray Parsons, 22, was sentenced to 30 years. He had entered a guilty plea to second degree murder.

Parsons' wife, Carolyn, 23, and Millicent H. Hinson, 17, both of whom pleaded guilty to manslaughter, were each given 10 to 15 years.

The two women were led from the courtroom in tears after Judge Hugh Campbell of Charlotte pronounced the sentences arising from the shooting on Jan. 18 of Chief Greene in a gun-battle just south of Blowing Rock.

"A great tragedy" is how Judge Campbell described the killing of Greene. He described it as "a situation of a well-liked, popular law enforcement officer who met his death while trying to do his duty as he saw it."

The judge said he believed that both Greer and Parsons knew where they were going that night, the night Greene was killed. Campbell said he thought that this was not the first time they had been there and that they had been in homes in Blowing Rock before.

Campbell said he was "inclined to believe that Parsons was the one who shot the fatal shot." He said he did not know whether Parsons did it or not. "Whether he did or didn't, he was a ready party to it," Campbell stated, and "was going to back up his uncle Millard Greer." "Nobody made Parsons get out of that car," the judge said.

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Heart, Blood Diseases Are Big Killers

Diseases of the heart and blood vessels cause more deaths in Watauga county than any other disease, according to Mrs. Jack Groce, president of the Watauga Heart Council.

Quoting latest statistics from the North Carolina State Board of Health, she listed the five leading killers in this county as:

- (1)—Heart and blood vessel disease, 87; (2)—Cancer, 10; (3)—Accidents, 13; (4)—Influenza and pneumonia, 7; (5)—Diabetes, 4.

These figures are grouped from the total of 150 deaths in the county—all other causes of death total 29.

For the state as a whole, heart and blood vessel disease account for 19,810 or 52.5% of all deaths, with cancer second (12.3%); accidents, third (7.0%); influenza and pneumonia, fourth (3.7%); and diabetes, fifth (1.5%).

Nationally, heart disease (Continued on page six)

Land Optioned By Board For Consolidated School Plant

The Watauga County Board of Education has secured an option on approximately 30 acres of land as the proposed site for a consolidated county high school, according to W. Guy Angell, superintendent of schools.

The property is located to the left of N. C. Highway 105, west, approximately one half mile from the intersection of 105 and U. S. 321, and is owned by the heirs of G. C. Winkler. Terms of the option, Mr. Angell said, give the board of education the privilege of purchasing the property within the next year at a cost of \$1,000 per acre.

This location was decided upon following a survey and inspection of 12 different sites by members of the board of education, representatives of the State Board of Education, the local Educational Planning and Advisory Committee, and others, Mr. Angell said.

Announcement of the option was made by Mr. Angell in a

"Progress Report" on the proposed Watauga County High School Consolidation. The county board of commissioners in January approved a proposal to present to the voters a proposed one and three-quarter million bond issue which would be used to finance the consolidation. The vote will be held on or before September 30.

The final decision as to the purchase of the property, Mr. Angell said, will be contingent upon the outcome of the forthcoming bond referendum.

In his progress report, Mr. Angell gave other information concerning the proposed consolidated high school.

He said that during the past month work has been underway studying a proposed curriculum (Continued on page two)

ASTC May Be Last "Teachers College"

Raleigh — Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone would be the only "teacher" college left in North Carolina under a Board of Higher Education move Friday.

The board approved requests from Elizabeth City State Teachers College, Fayetteville State Teachers College and Winston-Salem State Teachers College that they be allowed to drop the "Teachers" from their names.

The move will still require approval of the state legislature.

Told this will leave his institution as the only teacher col-

lege in the state, Dr. William H. Plemmons, president, said he isn't worried about it.

"We will compare our liberal arts program with the undergraduate programs of you," he told the college presidents present.

"Fact is," said Plemmons with a glance at Consolidated University of North Carolina President William Friday, "we may have Appalachian State Teachers University."

"At Boone," came a rejoinder. "Of the state," said Plemmons.

He added serious thought is being given to the popularity of expanding into the liberal-arts degree at Appalachian, but he said he is very happy to be in the teacher-college category.

The board authorized State College to award four new degrees. None of the four has to do with the recommendation that State expand into the liberal-arts field.

Under the move, State could begin awarding master's degrees in electrical engineering, applied mathematics and textile technology and the bachelor of science in engineering operations.

Dr. William C. Archie, director of the board, said the college's request for the new degrees was studied by outside experts and approved.

4-H Club Week Is Observed

National 4-H Club Week is being observed this week in Watauga county and across the country, according to W. C. Richardson, associate agricultural extension agent in Boone.

Richardson noted that last year nearly two and a half million 4-H youths from towns and farms all over America completed about four million projects in their "Learn, Live, Serve" program.

For more than fifty years young people through 4-H Club work have been learning by doing, striving to daily live the 4-H motto, "To Make the Best Better."

About one of every five rural boys and girls eligible for membership in 4-H is engaged in the varied activities of this program.

In addition to teaching better farm and home practices in agriculture and homemaking, 4-H offers boys and girls an opportunity to participate in 4-H judging contests, team demonstrations (continued on page five)

County Schools Closed 13 Days This Winter Due To Snow, Ice

Watauga county schools were closed for a total of 13 days through February because of hazardous weather and road conditions, according to W. Guy Angell, county superintendent.

These days must be made up so that the prescribed 180-day term will be carried out. Already four of the days missed have been made up, according

ROBERT BREITENSTEIN

Rev. Mr. Brooks To Attend Meet In Louisville, Ky.

Louisville, Ky.—Rev. Boyce Brooks, Boone, one of the 54 trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, will attend the annual trustee board meeting on the seminary campus March 11-13.

The Boone First Baptist Church pastor, a member of the board's church music school committee, has been a trustee since 1961.

The 103-year-old seminary, established as the first to serve Southern Baptists, has trustees in 18 states. Rev. Mr. Brooks is one of three in the state of North Carolina.

CC Names Directors For Watauga Citizens

A non-profit organization created for the purpose of securing new industries for Watauga county was announced at the Boone Chamber of Commerce meeting held at the Daniel Boone Hotel Tuesday.

The organization has been named Watauga Citizens Incorporated.

According to Herman Wilcox, CC president, the officers are as follows:

- Clyde Greene, chairman.
- Ralph Winkler, vice chairman.
- Howard Holshouser, vice chairman.
- Stanley Harris, secretary-treasurer.

The board of directors is composed of L. B. Wilson, O. K. Richardson, Jerry Coe, Glenn Andrews, James P. Marsh, Alfred Adams, D. L. Wilcox, and Bob Hardin, Mayor of Blowing Rock.

The action was taken as negotiations for a new shoe plant to be brought to Watauga county moved into the fifth week.

Reportedly, no shares will be offered by Watauga Citizens Inc., since it is designated as a non-profit company.

Last Week To Fuss About County Taxes

This is the last week tax payers in Watauga County may register taxes and/or complaints at the Courthouse, according to Bynum Greene, Commissioner.

Final statements were mailed Monday. The office will be open during regular hours this week for business transactions.

Music Workshop Is Sponsored

The Watauga County Home Demonstration Clubs are sponsoring a music workshop Thursday, March 28 in the Boone Methodist Church, beginning at 10 a. m. The workshop is for the purpose of assisting leaders who are in charge of music in their organization or groups. The training will include music reading and group singing leadership.

All interested persons are invited to attend. Non-club members are invited, as well as club members.

A person from the North Carolina State Music Department will conduct the training school.

Anyone interested in attending the workshop is asked to notify Mrs. Lillian H. Danner, Home Economics Extension Agent so that count can be made.

McClung New Rotary Prexy



JOE MCCLUNG

Boone businessman Joe McClung was elected president of the Boone Rotary Club at a meeting held February 28, according to a club statement released this week.

Other officers elected at the Thursday evening meeting are Latta Johnson, vice-president; Eric DeGroat, secretary; Glenn W. Wilcox, treasurer; and Floyd Ayers, Sergeant at Arms.

Board members named at the meeting are Boyce Brooks, Henry Galtner, Dennis Greene, Latta Johnson, Joe McClung, Wayne Richardson, and Eric DeGroat.

Installation of the new officers will take place in June, the statement concludes.



JOHN S. HOLLOWAY



RALPH B. REEVES, JR.

Architects Named To Plan Hospital

Messrs John S. Holloway and Ralph B. Reeves, Jr., members of the architectural firm of Holloway-Reeves and Associates of Raleigh, have been in Boone, meeting with officials of Watauga Hospital, and have been commissioned to draw plans for the proposed new hospital building in Boone, a tentative draft of which is expected in about 45 days.

Messrs Holloway and Reeves have recently been acclaimed for their work in planning the New Legislative building in Raleigh, and they have designed many hospitals and educational buildings in North Carolina

and other states. The local committee feels fortunate in having been able to secure their services.

Some objection has been noted to the construction of the hospital on Horn in the West property, and officials point out that the Horn property is only one of the places being considered. As a matter of fact five locations within two miles of Boone have been approved by the North Carolina Medical Care Commission and the U. S. Public Health Service as being suitable for the proposed new structure it is pointed out.