

BOONE WEATHER					
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Apr. 23	73	54		65	51
Apr. 24	55	32		70	35
Apr. 25	57	36		74	38
Apr. 26	63	38		73	44
Apr. 27	67	29		74	40
Apr. 28	61	44	.32	71	51
Apr. 29	51	47	.91	69	56

## 280 ARE NOW EMPLOYED

# 29,000 Foot Expansion At IRC To Be Occupied During Year

### Official Tells Businessmen Future Plans

The International Resistance Company in Boone will begin a 29,000 square-foot expansion of plant facilities in the immediate future with completion of the project expected by mid-October or early November of this year, according to a report released by plant officials Monday.

The new construction will provide space for a new family of products for the Boone Division which are to be introduced into the market later this year. When fully operational, the new products will provide an additional 125 jobs by 1968.

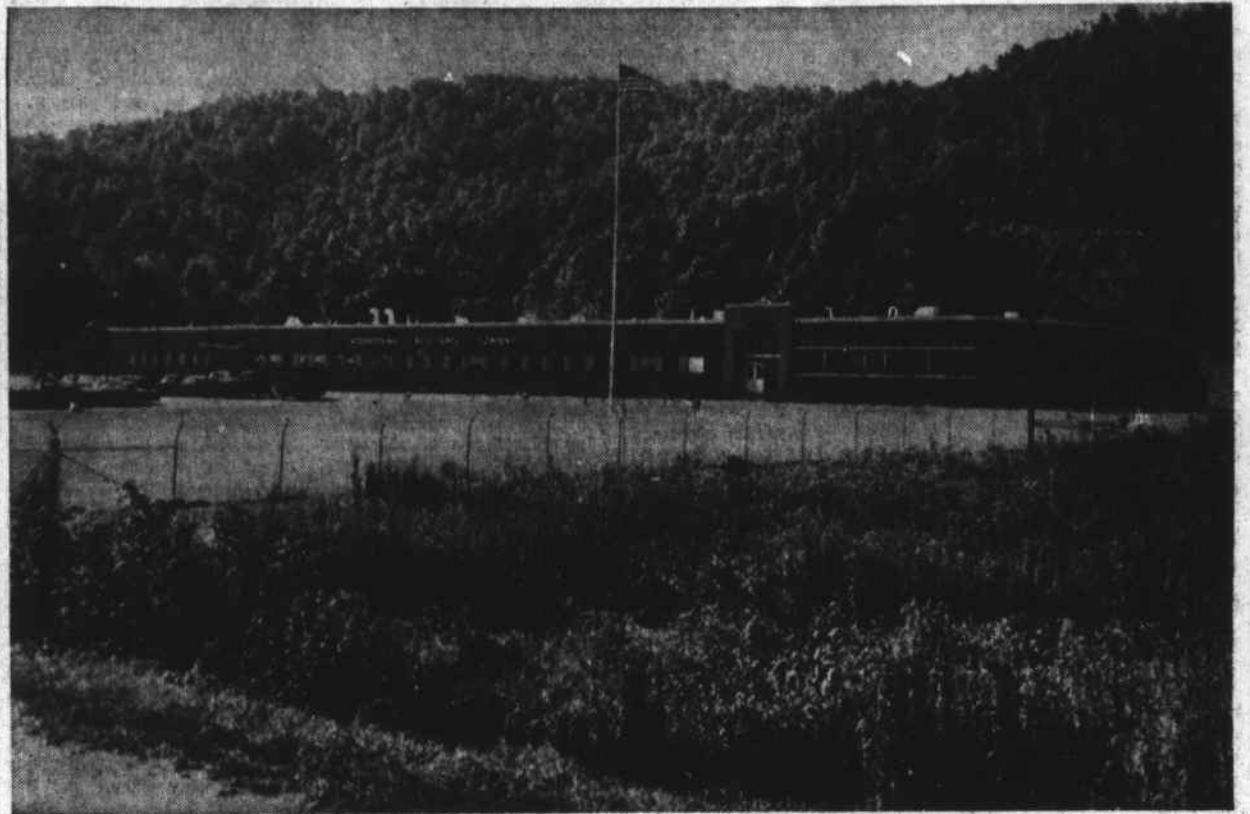
Word of the venture was first made by Edward L. Nung at a business luncheon staged at the Daniel Boone Hotel last Friday. Nung, newly appointed director of operations for the Boone; Burlington, Iowa; and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania divisions and documented reliability divisions of IRC, spoke to a group of 40 local officials and businessmen.

Nung also presented some facts about IRC's corporate programs for 1963. He recalled that W. W. Slocum, president of IRC, forecast in September of 1960 that IRC would be \$50 million annual going rate by 1965 and Nung went on to say that IRC is on schedule toward that goal.

IRC now employs some 2200 persons, 280 of whom are on the Boone Division payroll. Total company sales for 1963 are expected to exceed 1962, a record year. Profits per share will probably be somewhat lower, however, due to projected 1963 capital expenditures in excess of \$5 million for research and development facilities, physical plant expansions, facilitation for and release of new products and the attendant costs of start-up, engineering and marketing programs to support their introduction.

Despite these heavy costs, according to the local plant, 1963 should be the second-best year in IRC history from a profit standpoint.

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PRESENT IRC PLANT



MEETS MAYOR—Edward L. Nung, IRC official (center), chatted Friday with Boone Mayor Wade E. Brown (left) at a luncheon in town. Standing with Nung and the mayor is Carl L. Smith of the Watauga division of IRC. Approximately 35 persons attended the meeting held at the Daniel Boone Hotel.—Staff photo.

## Hospital Bond Issue Is Endorsed By Watauga Young Republicans

Members of the Watauga Young Republican Club unanimously endorsed the proposed bond issue for a county hospital at their meeting held Friday night.

Representative J. E. Holshouser, Jr., presided and the meeting was well attended.

Jack Cobb, member of the board of trustees of Watauga Hospital, addressed the gathering and spoke of the progress being made on preliminary plans for the proposed hospital facility.

Mr. Cobb said an architect had been employed and that preliminary plans have been ap-

proved. Five different sites have been approved, others are being investigated and the final choice will be made from at least seven suitable locations.

A steering committee is being organized in the county, Mr. Cobb said, which will consist of 160 people from all walks of life who will assist in the campaign which will culminate in the election sometime in September.

Robert Bumbaugh, Secretary of the Hospital board, spoke of the urgent need for expanded hospital facilities and exhibited tentative plans which met with the approval of the gathering.

Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., appeared on behalf of the medical staff and spoke of the crowded conditions at the present hospital. He said another surgeon would be added to the staff this fall, and that a pediatrician would begin practice in a few months. Dr. Hagaman also discussed the operation of the proposed new hospital.

Before the half million dollar bond issue proposal received the endorsement of the enthusiastic gathering, a number of those present asked questions and discussed the matter informally.

## Mrs. Rainey, Blowing Rock Motelist, Dies

Blowing Rock. — Mrs. Pem Robbins Rainey, 53, of North Main Street, wife of F. W. (Jack) Rainey, died Friday morning at Blowing Rock Community Hospital.

She was born in Watauga county to William Lee and Carrie Austin Robbins. She and her husband owned and operated Azalea Garden Motel at Blowing Rock.

Surviving are her husband; a daughter, Miss Linda Gay Rainey of the home; a son, John R. Rainey of Blowing Rock; two brothers, Charles Robbins of Boone and Ed Robbins of Blowing Rock; three sisters, Mrs. Randall Foster and Mrs. Juanita Klutz, both of Blowing Rock. (Continued on page two)

## School Committees Named For Watauga

Newly appointed members of the Watauga County schools committees will be serving one, two, or three-year terms of office, according to announcement made by the County Board of Education this week.

The list by schools and by the number of years each committee member will serve is as follows:

Boone—R. E. Agle, 1; Alfred Adams, 2; Richard Kelley, 2; Walter Edmisten, 3; Mrs. J. C. Goodnight, 3.

Green Valley—George Moretz, 1; Woodrow Starnes, 2; Willard Norris, 2; Walter Lookabill, 3; Dayton Winebarger, 3.

Valle Crucis—L. F. Townsend, 1; W. H. Cook, 2; Robert Fox, 2; Frank Taylor, 3; Arlie Hodges, 3.

Bethel—Lloyd Dishman, 1; Hugh Davis, 2; David Farthing, 2; Clyde Love, 3; James Adams, 3.

Elkland—Glenn Howell, 3. Parkway—Wade Moretz, 1; Clyde Moretz, 2; Clark Miller, 2; Fred Norris, 3; Ernest Sims, 3.

Blowing Rock—Thomas Wright, 1; Daniel Klutz, 2; Mrs. Carrie Johnson, 2; Justin Coffey, 3; Bruce Greene, 3.

Cove Creek—Gordon Sherwood, 1; John Herman, 2; Willie Cole, 2; Dave Mast, 3; Tom Lawrence, 3.

Mabel—Dana Greene, 1; Herbert Greer, 2; J. E. Cole, 2; Tom Perry, 3.

Watauga Consolidated—Lewis Ray, 2; Robert White, 2; Rockford Hatton, 3; Ude Moore, 3.

## Mrs. Payne Dies Wed.

Mrs. Martha Knight Payne, 87, of Route 1, Blowing Rock, died Wednesday at 10:30 p. m. in Watauga County Hospital.

She was born July 4, 1875, in Watauga county, a daughter of the late William F. Knight and Patty Pennell Knight. Her husband was the late Rev. William Cleoro Payne.

Funeral services were conducted April 26, at 2:30 at the Cool Springs Baptist Church, with the Rev. Clyde Cornett and the Rev. J. H. Crisp officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Mill Pennell of Lenoir, Mrs. Connie Storie of Pompano Beach, Fla., Mrs. Alma Moretz of Fayetteville, Mrs. Eddie Sherrill of Iron Station; a son, Milton Payne of Boone; a sister, Mrs. Evelyn Henderson of Boone; sixteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. (Continued on page two)

## Clean-Up Week In Boone Will Continue Through May 10th

Citizens of the Boone community are urged to unite in their efforts to make Boone the prettiest and cleanest community in the state during the annual "Clean up, Paint up, and Fix up Campaign" which gets underway May 1 and continues through May 10.

Wataugans have long claimed that Boone is one of the nicest spots in the nation as far as climate and health is concerned. At present such claims can't be made concerning the appearance of the community. Most citizens are agreed that it is the obligation of everyone to correct some of the "sore spots" in the community that leave a bad taste in the minds of visitors and tourists.

Larry Penley, local chairman of the Clean up campaign, said, "It is amazing what a little paint, a fresh-mowed lawn and well-kept shrubbery can mean to the general appearance of the whole community."

This year many projects have been started in the Boone community by citizens and property owners. These are to be commended for their efforts in giving a "new look" to main street and the downtown area. Several stores have remodeled buildings and added attractive store fronts.

The old bank building on the

corner of West King and Water streets is being removed by Ralph Winkler. Debris from the building will be removed from this lot in the near future and will add much to the attractiveness of the main street.

The old Critcher warehouse located at the rear of the bus station, has been removed. Clean up work will soon be completed on this project, according to Herman Wilcox.

The Northwestern Bank has been instrumental in providing additional parking adjacent to the bank building for the convenience of local shoppers. This

## One Is Hurt In Accident

A truck-car accident on rain-slick N. C. 321 near Shadowline left one man injured Monday afternoon, according to investigating officer Hubert Thomas. The cause of the accident was attributed to the wet condition of the pavement.

Chief Thomas of the Boone Police Department listed David Hicks of Asheville as the driver of the 1962 Ford two-ton truck, owned by Pierce, Young and Angell, an Asheville firm. Charles Wellborn of Boone was the driver of the 1956 Ford auto, Thomas said, and J. W. Bentley was Wellborn's passenger.

Bentley was the only person injured in the crash, Thomas reported. Bentley received multiple cuts and bruises; his condition Monday night was reported as "satisfactory."

The Wellborn car was a total loss, Thomas stated. The accident occurred when a pick-up truck (which left the scene of the accident before officers arrived) attempted to make a turn into the Shadowline driveway. The Wellborn car, traveling toward Boone in the heavy downpour, attempted to slow down, but, Thomas said, when the brakes were applied the car turned sideways and slid out of control down the two-lane highway.

Wellborn's car slid side-first into the two-ton truck from Asheville, traveling toward Blowing Rock.

The truck was damaged only slightly, Thomas said.

lot, owned by Belk's has been graded and gravelled. Special attention is being given to the improvement of a vacant lot on the corner of Appalachian and East King by the Northwestern Bank.

The purpose of the annual "Clean up, Paint up, Fix up Campaign" is to encourage the citizens of the community to eliminate a lot of unattractive features. Some of the unattractive features might be classified as grown-up vacant lots, old dilapidated buildings, junk cars, garbage, unpainted homes and outbuildings, trash and litter in the yards, unmowed lawns and outdated store fronts.

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W. R. WINKLER

## Winkler Gets Merit Award

Winkler Motor Co. of Boone has been selected as one of the nation's outstanding Ford dealerships and will receive Ford Motor Company's Distinguished Achievement Award.

The Distinguished Achievement Award is presented "in recognition of progressive management . . . modern sales and service facilities . . . sound merchandising practices . . . high quality standards . . . and continuing interest in rendering superior service to Ford owners."

W. R. Winkler has been a Ford dealer in Boone since 1943. The dealership is located at the corner of Depot and Howard streets.

## Sheriff's Salary, School Board Election Sought By Holshouser

A bill authorizing the Board of Commissioners of Watauga County to fix the salaries of the Sheriff's office, and one to increase the membership of the County Board of Education to five members, and to provide for their election, were introduced in the Legislature last week by Representative J. E. Holshouser, Jr.

The first bill would authorize the commissioners to increase the salary of the Sheriff to \$6,000 from the \$4,500 now being paid, to be paid in monthly installments. The salary would be in addition to the fees and commissions allowed by law. The commissioners would also be authorized to appropriate \$2600 from the general county fund for the employment of a chief deputy sheriff and a like sum for employment of an additional deputy to be selected and commissioned by the Sheriff. The bill is with the Committee on Salaries and Fees.

The school board bill, introduced by request, would increase the membership in the Watauga County Board of Education from three to five, would appoint two new members of the Board and provide for the

election of all subsequent boards of education in Watauga.

Fred Gragg and F. D. Bumgardner would be added to the Board for two year terms and all five members would be elected at the general election in 1964 and biennially thereafter, each candidate to file in the time provided for other candidates for county office, without reference to political party affiliation.

If only ten candidates file, no primary election will be necessary and the board of elections will certify them as nominees. If more than ten file, a separate ballot will be provided by the board of elections for the primary. The election would be non-partisan, the ten receiving the highest number of votes would be voted on in the general election on a special ballot to be provided, with no party affiliation to be shown on the ballot. They would serve to December 1, 1966. There after members would take office December 1, vacancies to be filled by appointment of qualified citizens by remaining members. The bill was referred to the Education committee.

## Guns Taken In Robbery Boone Firm

Thieves took five rifles and two boxes of ammunition valued at \$350 from Parkway Company on King Street in Boone the night of Wednesday, April 24, according to Armfield Coffey, store manager.

Entrance was gained by boring a hole in the back door of the hardware store with a brace and bit. The rifles taken were as follows:

- A model 94 Winchester 30-30.
- A 308 Remington bolt action.
- A .22 Browning automatic.
- A .22 Remington pump.
- A .22 Winchester single shot.

The theft was discovered Thursday morning when the store was opened for business. Coffey stated to the Democrat this week that it appeared that (continued on page two)



FLAGS PRESENTED.—Judge George E. Holt (left) of the Blowing Rock Rotary Club presented one of many flags acquired on his visit to clubs around the world to President Council Cook.

## Judge, Mrs. Holt Back From World Voyage

Judge and Mrs. George E. Holt of Miami, Fla., who reside in Blowing Rock in the summer, have just returned from a trip abroad that took them to Europe, Asia, and the Far East.

As a member of the Rotary Club of Blowing Rock, Judge Holt collected flags from the many Rotary Clubs that he visited while on the trip, and upon his return presented them to the club.

In his report to Blowing Rock Rotarians, Judge Holt told of highlights of their trip that began with a visit to Palma, Majorca, which is in the southern part of Spain. From there the Holts spent some time on the Riviera of France, toured spots of interest in Greece, and then visited the historic city of Alexandria in Egypt. India was their next stop, and the high-

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