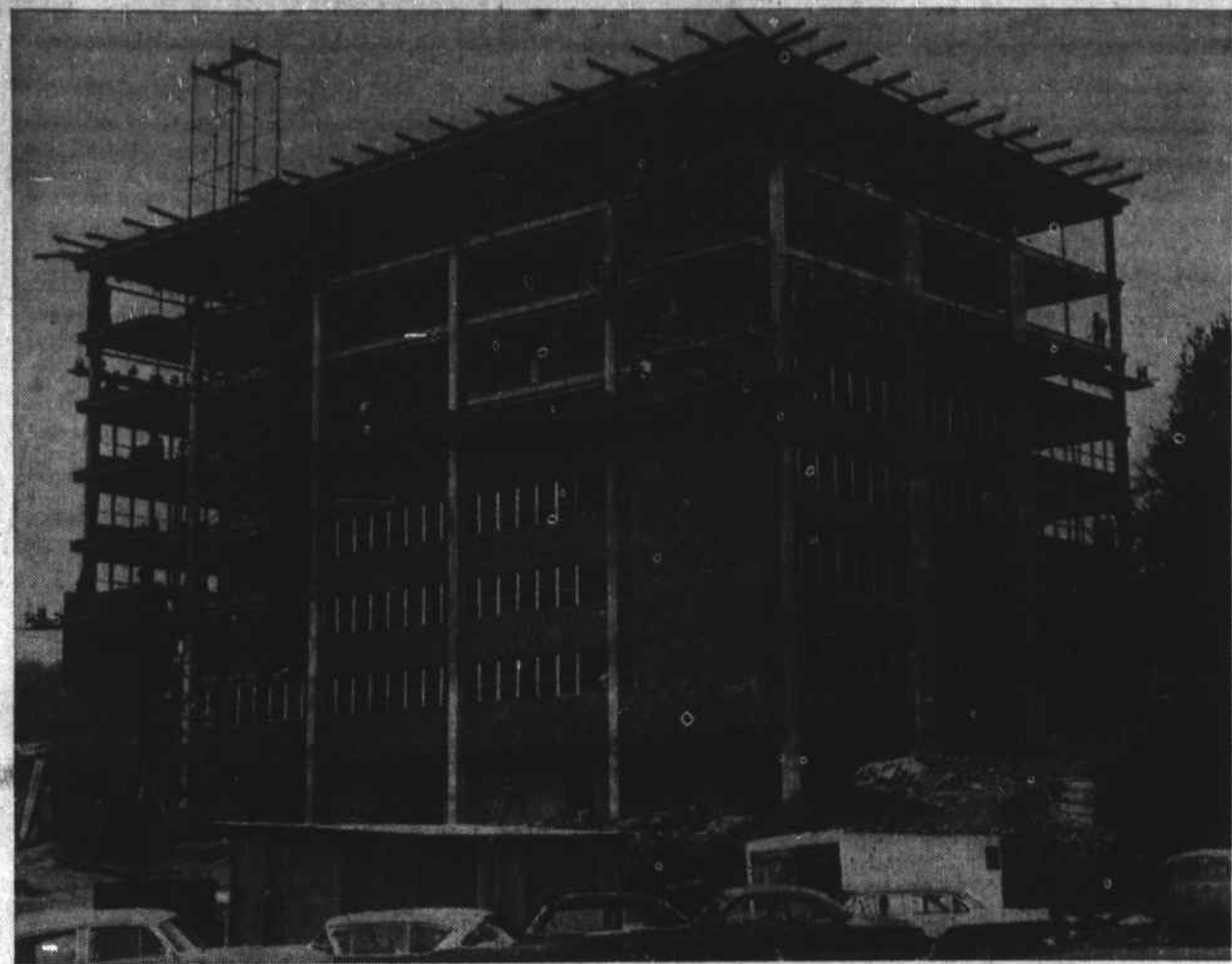


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WOMEN'S DORM AT EAST EDGE OF COLLEGE CAMPUS CLIMBS HIGHER

Local Building Boom Seen; Many Structures Going Up

With the coming of warm weather, construction crews have been busy at work in virtually all parts of the county, according to a survey conducted by the Watauga Democrat last week.

Though incomplete at the time of this publication, the Democrat survey indicates that dozens of houses are being built in the county, four housing developments are in various stages of development, two new motels

are being built and two other motels are expanding their facilities, at least one apartment house is under construction, a large chicken house is going up, and work has begun on a new drive-in restaurant, a bank, a shoe factory, college facilities, and various commercial ventures.

In addition, word was received last week that International Resistance Company is planning a 29,000 square foot addition to their facilities, which will double the size of the plant as it was known five years ago.

The new dormitory for women is expected to be completed by September 1, according to ASTC vice-president Bernard Dougherty. The dorm, being built on the east edge of the campus near the Winn-Dixie Store, will house 300 students and will be seven stories high.

Also nearing completion is the new science building at the college. Construction was begun on that phase of the college expansion in the winter of 1961-62. Vice-president Dougherty states that parts of the building will be in use by first session of summer school this year and that possibly the entire building will be ready for use by September 1.

Crewmen are laying a heating line down Locust Street to the new dorm, temporarily hampering traffic to Faculty Apartments and North Hall. Completion of this project is expected in the near future.

Elsewhere, homes are being built by Horace Dowling, James Waddell of Greensboro, Rhonda Underwood, C. D. Williams, Dr. J. B. Hagaman, Jr., G. C. Cole, Clyde Townsend, and Francis Hoover.

Dr. Graydon P. Eggers of the college English department has just completed his new home in Boone and he and his family have moved in.

Workmen recently completed the foundation of a new apartment house which is being erected on the lot adjacent to the county courthouse in Boone. Being sponsored by Mrs. Stanley Harris and Miss Nancy Sturdivant.

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Boone Chamber To Hold Membership Meet Tuesday

The Boone Chamber of Commerce will hold its membership meeting Tuesday, May 14, at the Daniel Boone Inn at noon, according to a communication released by president Herman Wilcox.

Summer residents (of Boone and Watauga County), whether members of the Chamber of

Commerce or not, are urged to visit with us and enter into the discussions," the letter states.

Business will include a report on the clean-up, paint-up campaign (see "Beautification" story elsewhere in this edition of the Democrat). In charge of the program is Mrs. Lee Reynolds.

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MISS NORMA DISHMAN

Bethel Girl Wins County Spelling Bee

Miss Norma Dishman, an eighth grade student at Bethel School, captured the first-place laurels in the Watauga County Spelling Bee last week.

Competing against seven other students from the county, Miss Dishman outlasted entries from Boone, Green Valley, Mabel, Parkway, Valle Crucis, Cove Creek, and Blowing Rock.

Come May 18, she will be competing against 41 contestants in the Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel Spelling Bee.

Miss Dishman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dishman of Reese.

Mrs. Williams Rites Tuesday

Funeral services were conducted for Mrs. Myra Jones Williams, 75, of Rt. 1, Zionville, N. C., on Tuesday, April 30, 1963, at Mabel Baptist Church by Rev. W. H. Key and Rev. Ernest Blankenship.

Mrs. Williams, wife of Ed Smith Williams, died in Cannon Memorial Hospital, Banner Elk, N. C., after a long illness.

She was a life long resident of Watauga county and the daughter of the late Leander and Sally Moody Jones. She was educated in Watauga county schools and Appalachian Normal School and was a public school teacher for several years.

Mrs. Williams was a charter member of Mabel Baptist Church and a member of the W. M. U.

She and her husband celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary Dec. 25, 1950.

Survivors include her husband; three sons, Ralph, and Hite Williams, both of Zionville.

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Dr. Archie To Speak At ASTC Finals

Dr. William C. Archie, Director of the State Board of Higher Education, will be the principal speaker for commencement exercises at Appalachian State Teachers College on Saturday, May 25 at 3 p. m. in the auditorium of the new health and physical education building, it was announced last week by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president.

Approximately 430 candidates will receive the undergraduate B. S. degree and 36 candidates will receive the Master of Arts degree in the 34th annual commencement.

The program will include the traditional processional and recessional with dignitaries, faculty and students marching from the Men's Old Gymnasium to the new gymnasium.

The college orchestra, under the direction of Dr. Nicholas Erneston, and the college choir, under the direction of Mrs. Virginia Wary Linnay, will present special music. Organist for the occasion is Earny Hotard.

Dr. D. J. Whitener, dean of ASTC, will present the candidates for the Bachelor's Degree, and Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies, will present the candidates for the Master's Degree.

Dr. W. H. Plemmons will confer degrees and award diplomas. Registrar H. R. Eggers will present the diplomas.

The invocation will be given by the Rev. E. F. Troutman, and the benediction by the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks.

Compromise Park Route Is Approved

Raleigh, May 1—The State Highway Commission today approved a "compromise route" along the side of Grandfather Mountain to complete the missing link of the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina.

A five-member committee headed by Commissioner Clifton L. Benson of Raleigh recommended the compromise proposal.

Benson said Hugh Morton, owner of Grandfather Mountain, had indicated he would go along with the route. The U. S. Park Service, which favored a

higher route along the mountain, has not been approached on it.

Highway Chairman Merrill Evans said the park service will be contacted as a result of today's action.

Benson said the compromise route is located between a low route, which Morton favored, and the high route. It lies above U. S. 221 and has elevations ranging from 4,200 to 4,400 feet. Benson said the route swings around Pilot Knob rather than through a tunnel.

H. R. Dugger Drowns While River Fishing

Harley Reid Dugger, 28, of Bristol, Pa., drowned about 8:45 a. m. Thursday when he fell into the Watauga River near Boone.

Watauga County Coroner Richard Kelley said Dugger, a non-swimmer, was fishing with his brother, Edward Dugger of Elk Park, when he apparently slipped on the bank and fell into the river.

The Watauga Emergency and Rescue Squad recovered the body about 1 p. m.

Kelley said the drowning was accidental and no inquest would be held.

Dugger was born in Avery County to Gurney Edward Dugger and Dora Davis Dugger. He had been in Bristol for several years where he was employed as a sheet-rock worker. He had been visiting relatives in this area the past two days.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Georgeann Dugger; a daughter, Brenda Joyce Dugger; his mother, of Beech Creek; four sisters, Mrs. Thelma Reece of Beech Creek, Mrs. Melba Lee Hester and Mrs. Willa Holman, both of Johnson City, Tenn., and Mrs. Bertie Persinger of Cleveland, Ohio; four brothers, Edward Dugger of Elk Park, Ray Dugger of Johnson City, and Billy Gene and John J. Dugger, both of Bristol.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at Mount Gilead Baptist Church with the Rev. Arnt Greer and Rev. John Greene officiating. Interment was in Banner cemetery at Elk Park.



SARA CATHERINE SAWEY

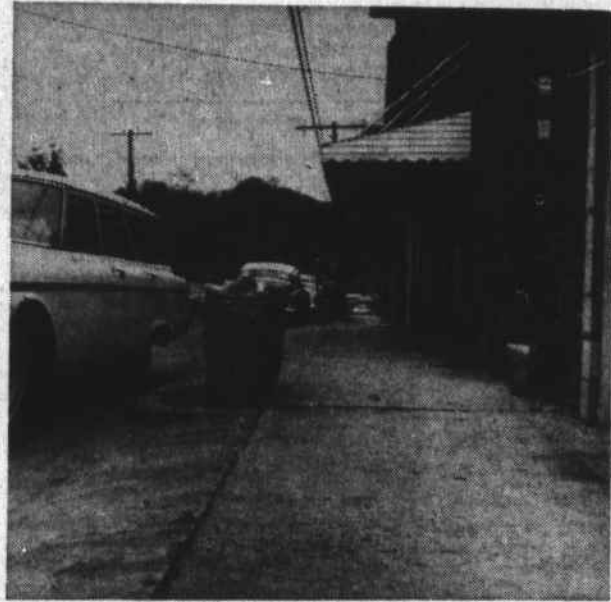
Boone Girl In ASTC Top Five

Twenty Appalachian State Teachers College students will be honored at "Spring Scholarship Day" Wednesday, May 15, in the health and physical education building, according to Dr. Frank Randall, professor of biology and chairman of Scholarship Day.

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"BOONE'S GOING TO WIN"

Boone, Blowing Rock In Clean, Green Contest



GARBAGE CANS should not be left on city streets between garbage collections. Citizens are urged to cooperate in removing garbage cans until the day for collection.—Flowers photo.



LITTER on vacant lots does much to take away from the attractiveness of any community. Property owners should take the initiative in removing these unattractive features.—Flowers Photo.

29 Towns And Villages Are Competing

Twenty-nine out of 31 villages and towns were enrolled in the Northwest's "Cleaner-Greener Contest" last week as the May 1 deadline passed.

Said Neil Bolton, as he pronounced the register closed, "That's a pretty fair measure of civic response in any man's section of the country. We're all delighted with this excellent start."

The cleanup drive, in which a \$1,000 prize awaits the top scoring town, will run to November 1.

Boone and Blowing Rock are representing Watauga County in the contest. Mrs. Lee Reynolds is heading the Boone committee with Mrs. B. W. Stallings and Ted Pease as committee members.

Mrs. Stallings explained to the Watauga Democrat last week that the committee feels it is most important for the town and community to advance the clean-up campaign "... now, before our tourists arrive."

She pointed out that each week more and more travelers are passing through Boone and Watauga County; that commencement at the college is in the near future; and that summer trade will soon be at its peak.

"We need to clean-up now," she said. "Boone's going to win that \$1000."

Projects suggested for the drive include virtually everything that municipal units, civic groups, and individual property owners can do to make their respective communities more attractive — landscaping, clearing rubbish, removing unsightly structures no longer useful, repairing and painting, roadside beautification, and setting up programs aimed at perpetuating such improvements.

At the close of the contest, participating towns will submit reports on their activities. A team of judges will review all reports and make on-the-scene inspection.

The full list of enrolled places is as follows: Alexander — Taylorsville; Alleghany — Sparta; Ashe—West Jefferson, Jefferson, and Lansing; Caldwell—Granite Falls, Rhodiss, and Hudson; Davie—Mocksville and Cooleemee; Forsyth—Clemmons, Kernersville, and Rural Hall; Stokes—King and Walnut

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Patrol Car Involved In Accident On 421

A two-car collision involving a state highway patrol car left two persons injured 12 miles east of Boone on N. C. 421 near the Wilkes County line, Saturday, according to patrolman George Baker, driver of the patrol car.

Injured were Alvin Hyatt of Charlotte who suffered a broken arm and Jim Woody of Newport News, Virginia, whose nose was broken. They were passengers of Allison T. Hyatt, brother of the injured Hyatt. The 1959 Ford is owned by Hyatt Insurance Agency of Charlotte.

The accident occurred shortly after patrolman Baker and his passenger, Watauga County sheriff Dallas Cheek, pulled on to 421 in pursuit of a speeding car, identified later by Baker as "a red Chevrolet."

The Chevrolet rounded a curve "at a high rate of speed,"

Baker said. The patrolman stated that he pulled his cruiser into a side road, turned around, then pulled out on the main highway to begin chasing the speeding Chevrolet.

At that moment the Ford from Charlotte rounded the same curve at a high rate of speed and rammed the patrol car in the rear end, causing \$800 damage to the patrol car and \$250 damage to the Ford.

The patrol car was knocked off the highway into a rock bank; the Ford left the other side of the road and plunged down an embankment.

The injured were taken to Watauga County Hospital first, then later were transferred to the Banner Elk hospital.

Investigation was pending as of Monday, Baker said.

Baker and Cheek received no injuries "except for a few bruises," Baker stated.

Daughter Of Senator Johnson Tells Students Of Peace Corps

Miss Elizabeth Johnston, attractive daughter of Senator Olin Johnston of South Carolina and staff member in the Washington Peace Corps office, told ASTC students that the Peace Corps recruits itself.

A visitor of the ASTC campus, she said that members of the Washington Peace Corps administrative, recruiting and training staffs have the unfortunate habit of recruiting

themselves as volunteers. Staff members, in daily contact with people, letters, cables and reports from volunteers and their projects, have become so enthused with the Peace Corps work that they have resigned their Washington posts and enlisted for overseas service as volunteers.

"From what I know of Peace Corps personnel, this does not surprise me," said Dr. Edward

Gibson, Peace Corps liaison officer for ASTC and Boone. "Miss Johnston is a young, well-educated person of firm convictions and strong enthusiasms. She not only holds down her job in the Washington office, which includes frequent official trips to the colleges of the region, but she is completing a graduate degree at a Washington university in political science.

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