

# Wataugans At Work



Mrs. Mary Jon Wells, wife of Robert M. Wells, has worked as secretary at the First National Bank of Boone since May, two months before the bank's official opening. The Wellses, who live in Perkinsville, have three children — Greta, 6; Lori, 4; and Marty, 3.

# Open House Is Held At New Wesley Foundation Building

Open house was held last Sunday evening at the new building of the Boone Methodist Wesley Foundation, announced Maurice Ritchie, Foundation leader.

The open house was largely a student affair, with Miss Gaye Cook being chairman of the student committee in charge of the affair. But many local citizens also helped in such matters as decoration, serving, and greeting visitors. Mrs. J. B. Winkler and Mrs. Lee Reynolds were in charge of decorations and serving the hot punch to the guests. In charge of greeting were Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Council, Mr. and Mrs. Willis Chester, Dr. and Mrs. Max Dixon, Dr. Lee Reynolds, and Dr. and Mrs. Joe Bryson.

Student hosts, hostesses, and guides explained the functions of the various rooms and furnishings to the guests.

Between 400 and 500 people attended between the hours of 4:30 p. m. and 8:30 p. m., Ritchie reported.

"The program of the Wesley Foundation is a discipline of

study, thought, prayer and service," Maurice Ritchie, Foundation leader, said.

"Members of the Wesley Foundation serve the Boone Methodist Church in several capacities," he continued: "assisting with the Sunday School, the Scout, the Choir and other church activities.

"Complementing these functions are a student journal entitled 'Collegium' and a drama group which produces occasional chancel drama.

"The building . . . has been designed to assist in the ministry of the Wesley Foundation to the students at ASTC. The new Methodist Student Center will enable the Foundation to expand its program on weekdays and thus reach students who regularly go home on weekends. The Student Center has been created to serve the

needs of the whole student, not his religious needs alone. Thus it includes opportunities for recreation and entertainment as well as worship and study.

"The completed structure cost approximately \$107,000. Ten thousand dollars have furnished it, bringing the total building investment to \$117,000. Today the funds are available for the retirement of all debts, thanks to the "Campaign for Higher Education" conducted among North Carolina Methodists during the past several years.

"It would be impossible to mention all those who have had a part in the realization of a Methodist Student Center at Boone. But all of us wish to thank Mrs. J. B. Winkler for an untiring labor of love, and with her Mrs. Lee Reynolds. Both have sacrificed in their

# Extension Courses Offered

Approximately 20 extension courses and 20 Saturday classes will be offered by Appalachian State Teachers College during the spring quarter, it was announced today by Dr. James Stone, director of extension and summer sessions.

Extension classes meet for 10 sessions in addition to the registration meeting. Length of each class session is 2 hours, 40 minutes. Tuition and fees for three quarter hours of work are \$30, and this fee does not include the price of textbooks.

Teachers may obtain renewal credit through all courses, if the course selected is related closely enough to the individual's area of teaching.

Extension courses are being offered during the winter quarter in 10 counties. These consist of eight credit courses and three non-credit courses.

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# Methodists Are Providing Shoes For Needy Children

North Wilkesboro — Warm North Carolina Methodist hearts are taking the chill out of the cold feet of needy children in the western Tar Heel mountains.

The initial phase of a long-range program of the Blue Ridge Methodist Service Program to put shoes on many needy children, began Tuesday, Dec. 17, when 130 pairs of shoes were distributed to children in Wilkes and Ashe counties.

Methodists across North Carolina have contributed \$1,239 thus far to an urgent appeal for funds to purchase shoes for needy children. The 130 pairs of shoes distributed represents about \$650 of the initial contributions.

This is not a Christmas project of a religious denomination. The Blue Ridge Service Program is a year-around ven-

ture of the North Wilkesboro Methodist District, of the Western North Carolina Conference, serving people of all races and creeds.

The Blue Ridge Service Program, begun in January of 1962, receives used clothing from Methodists across North Carolina, then gives and sells it to needy persons and families (depending on their ability to pay).

Funds from those clothes purchased are used for purchase of food, medical supplies and shoes.

Dr. Herman Duncan, superintendent of the North Wilkesboro District, said he was grateful for the response of Methodists across the state to the shoe appeal. "These funds will enable us to use our regular funds for purchase of more food and medicine," he said.



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