

## Watauga Voters Reject Little Fed Plan, 662-249

Watauga County voters braved near-zero temperatures and wind-driven snow to register an emphatic disapproval of the so-called Little Federal Plan of redistricting the State Legislature.

With fifteen of the sixteen precincts reporting the vote stood 662 against and 249 for. On the question of altering the property rights of women in the State the vote was, for 654, against 224.

Thus Watauga County joined with the majority in the State on the redistricting proposal, even though it was designed for the further political advantage of small counties.

Since only average interest had developed in the amendments election, new registrations being almost nil, and with the blizzard conditions existing, the vote was considered good.

### THE STATE COUNT

Latest reports from the State indicated that the redistricting plan was buried under an avalanche of negative ballots.

Unofficial returns from all but 96 precincts showed an opposition margin of better than three to two. With 2,064 of the 2,154 precincts reported, the Associated Press count was 223,581 to 125,509 against the amendment.

The top-heavy urban vote overwhelmed support the amendment received in rural areas where it was hailed as a means of assuring a legislative voice for geographical interests.

The so-called "little federal" plan would have based representation in the House strictly on geographical unit, giving one seat to each of the 100 counties regardless of population.

It would have increased the Senate from 50 to 70 members with seats distributed according to population but permitting a 25-per-cent deviation in the size of the districts.

A noncontroversial amendment modernizing the constitutional provisions dealing with women's property rights was approved by a huge margin.

In 1,946 precincts reporting on this proposed amendment, the count was 263,670 for, and 62,279 against.

### Unofficial Tabulation for Watauga County

|               | LITTLE FED. |            | PROPERTY   |            |
|---------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|
|               | For         | Against    | For        | Against    |
| Bald Mountain | 4           | 7          | 10         | 1          |
| Beaver Dam    | 0           | 16         | 1          | 14         |
| Blowing Rock  | 31          | 77         | 78         | 29         |
| Blue Ridge    | 6           | 18         | 15         | 9          |
| Boone         | 58          | 203        | 234        | 27         |
| Brushy Fork   | 26          | 27         | 38         | 13         |
| Cove Creek    | 28          | 27         | 33         | 22         |
| Elk           | 5           | 25         | 7          | 1          |
| Laurel Creek  | 14          | 14         | 12         | 14         |
| Meat Camp I   | 17          | 12         | 16         | 12         |
| Meat Camp II  | 8           | 2          | 7          | 2          |
| New River     | 30          | 127        | 127        | 27         |
| North Fork    | .....       | .....      | .....      | .....      |
| Shawneehaw    | 4           | 27         | 17         | 14         |
| Stony Fork    | 15          | 48         | 29         | 34         |
| Watauga       | 3           | 32         | 30         | 5          |
| <b>TOTALS</b> | <b>249</b>  | <b>662</b> | <b>654</b> | <b>224</b> |

## AREA MEETING IN WILKES

# Initial Wagon Train Plans Being Made

## Wataugans Go To Wilkes Co. Meeting

By CLARK COX

A number of Watauga County people met with representatives from Wilkes County last Thursday at the Williams Cafe in North Wilkesboro to draw up initial plans for the 1964 presentation of "The Daniel Boone Wagon Train Crosses the Blue Ridge," a three-day jaunt between the two counties by a large number of authentic covered wagons sponsored by the Southern Appalachian Historical Association as a promotional effort for the area and for the Association's Boone outdoor drama, "Horn in the West."

Attending the meet from Watauga County were Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce, executive vice-president of the historical association and general manager for the wagon train; Dewitt Barnett, who will be this year's wagonmaster; Stanley A. Harris, Watauga's representative on the committee which will prepare the official train brochure; and Glenn R. Andrews, member of the finance and budget committee.

Also at the meeting were Mrs. Doris B. Potter and Mrs. Betty Baker of North Wilkesboro, representing radio stations WKBC in North Wilkesboro and WATA in Boone; and Clark Cox, Watauga Democrat reporter.

Other Wilkes representatives included Earl Bullard, president of the North Wilkesboro Chamber of Commerce; Ronnie Knause, manager of the Chamber; Bob Kite, advertising manager. (Continued on page four)



Representatives from Wilkes and Watauga at the Daniel Boone Wagon Train organizational meeting included (left to right): Bob Kite, Glenn R. Andrews, Stanley A. Harris, Ivey Moore, Herman W. Wilcox, Earl Bullard, and Dewitt Barnett.

## Six Or Seven Inches Of Snow Falls In County First Of Week

The snow and sleet which slowed most of North Carolina to a crawl Sunday and Monday made its effects known vehemently in Watauga County.

Between six and seven inches fell here Sunday and Monday, accompanied by temperatures

well below freezing and biting winds.

The snow, however, was of the light and fluffy variety, in contrast to last week's heavier deposit which wreaked havoc on barn roofs, small sheds, and private residences. Roads were

cleared fairly rapidly and were in good driving condition save for isolated slick patches. Drivers were advised to use chains, however, and chains were an absolute necessity on rural roads.

Only one highway accident resulting from the slick conditions was reported to the Democrat as of Tuesday morning. That occurred when a 1951 Willys Jeep driven by Ray Burns of Sugar Grove and carrying two passengers slid on a patch of ice and rammed into the side of a 1964 Buick driven by Mrs. Ruth Marich of Vilas.

Damage to the car was estimated at about \$600, damage to the Jeep was negligible. No charges were made. All county schools were closed Monday and Tuesday, as rural roads remained too slick for school buses to negotiate safely.

## Man Dies In Fall From Load Of Hay

A Watauga County man was killed about 10 p. m. Saturday when he fell from the back of a truck carrying a heavy load of hay.

Andrew Jackson Woodring, 66, of Boone, Rt. 4, was dead on arrival at Watauga Hospital. He died of a broken neck, Richard E. Kelley, Watauga County coroner, said.

Woodring's brother, Frank Woodring of Boone, suffered a

broken pelvis when he also tumbled from the hay. He is now in Watauga Hospital, where his condition is rescribed as satisfactory.

Kelley said his investigation showed that the truck was overloaded, and that the two men fell when bales of hay toppled under them. The brothers were attempting to gather hay from a field and store it in a barn at Andrew's home before the snow (Continued on page five)

## Tax Listers Appointed For Watauga

I. B. Wilson, tax supervisor for Watauga County, has announced that all county property owners and taxpayers are required to return to their township list takers, during the month of January, a list of all real estate, personal property, etc., which they owned on the first day of January, for the purpose of taxation for 1964.

All male persons between the ages of 21 and 50 years are to list their polls during the same time. Return of property and giving in of polls are required, under the penalties imposed by law.

Books will be open from January 14 through February 4, Wilson said; but after February 1, a penalty will be charged to those who have not already listed.

For a complete list of times and places for listing taxes in your township, see the tax listing ad elsewhere in the Democrat. Names of tax listers for each township follow:

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## Mrs. Jas. Wallace Funeral Held

Mrs. Minnie Baird Wallace, 78, of Banner Elk, Rt. 2, widow of James Wallace, died at 7:30 a. m. Thursday at her home. She had been in declining health for a long time.

She was born in Watauga County to Oliver and Mattie Lowrance Baird.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at Liberty Methodist Church by the Rev. W. H. Key and the Rev. C. O. Vance. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are four sons, Eph Wallace of Kingsport, Tenn., Custer Wallace of Boone, Homer Wallace of Maryland and (Continued on page six)

## Mrs. Hodgson Dies Friday

Mrs. Pearl Proffitt Hodgson, 71, of Prospect Hill, N. C., widow of Albert W. Hodgson, died Friday night at the home of a daughter, Mrs. J. C. Wilkinson of Prospect Hill, where she had lived for the past 14 months.

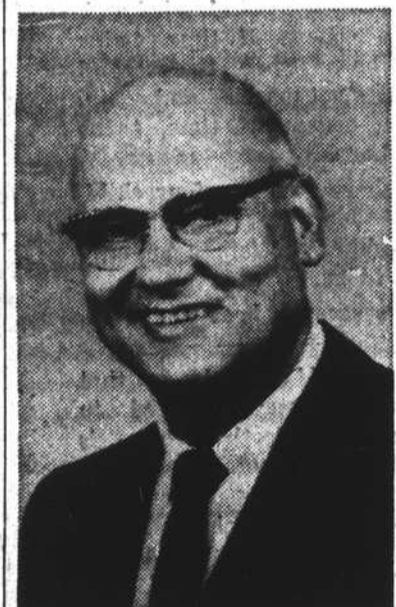
She was born in Watauga County to Mr. and Mrs. William Proffitt.

Her husband, a farmer and businessman, died several years ago.

The funeral was conducted at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Meat Camp Baptist Church by Rev. Will Cook and Rev. Edd Blackburn. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are a son, Bernard (Continued on page six)

## Rev. Rex West Dies In Concord On Saturday



REV. REX WEST

Rev. Rex Wilson West, 49, former resident of Boone, died Saturday morning at his home in Concord after an illness of two hours.

A native of Wilkes county, Rev. Mr. West had been pastor of Cold Water Baptist Church since October 1961, going to Concord from Boone, where he had served as pastor of the Perkinsville Baptist Church for eight years.

Ordained into the ministry in 1951, Rev. Mr. West gradu- (Continued on page six)

## Mrs. Greene Is New Editor Of Blowing Rocket

Mr. Gary Dalton, who was employed by the Democrat as Editor of the Blowing Rocket since last June, has gone into the army and left Blowing Rocket Saturday for his home in Danville, Va., for a visit prior to his induction today.

The Blowing Rocket is presently being edited and managed by Mrs. Nell Greene of Blowing Rock, who has been an assistant of Mr. Dalton for several months.

Rocket offices are maintained in Greene's Grocery building in Blowing Rock and at the Watauga Democrat in Boone.

## Mrs. J. N. Atkins Dies Thursday In Richmond, Va.

Mrs. Katherine Moran Atkins, 79, of West Point, Va., and Shulls Mills in Watauga County, widow of the Rev. John Norton Atkins, died Thursday in a Richmond, Va., hospital.

Her husband was an Episcopal minister. They moved to the Shulls Mills community in 1907, and Rev. Mr. Atkins served this area as Episcopal minister. They lived here intermittently while he was minister of churches in Boone, Blowing Rock, Valle Crucis and Morganton. She maintained a summer home here after his death several years ago.

Surviving are three sons, George Atkins of Salisbury, John Norton Atkins Jr., of (Continued on page six)

## \$360,000 Approved To Buy Land For ASTC Expansion

## Mrs. C. M. Caudill Dies Sunday

The death of Mrs. C. M. Caudill removes the oldest member of one of Wilkes County's most distinguished pioneer families.

Mrs. Caudill, who had more recently made her home at Crewe, Va., with her oldest daughter, Mrs. A. Sebastian, died at Watauga Hospital Sunday afternoon, after suffering a broken hip in a fall October 10, while visiting her son, J. V. Caudill, of Boone.

Mrs. Caudill was born on March 16, 1876, at Dockery to George Elihue Myers and Mary Roxieann Staley Myers, and lived her entire life in Wilkes County, except for a brief time in Winston-Salem and Crewe, Va.

Born into a home of character and strong religious convictions, her father and great grandfather were both Baptist deacons while her grandfather, Allanson Elfonso Myers, was a Missionary Baptist minister. She became a Christian at an early age, and a member of the Baptist church, and continued active in the faith until her death.

During the entire length of her days her interest in the church and in the cause of her community's welfare was constant.

Mrs. Caudill's life was devoted chiefly to the welfare of her family. Her home was a gathering place for relatives and friends, and was ever open to representatives of the church. When a young woman, Mrs. Caudill taught in the public (Continued on page four)

The Council of State and Gov. Terry Sanford Monday approved a total of \$360,000 to purchase land and facilities for Appalachian State Teachers College at Boone.

The \$300,000 portion is designated to purchase the Watauga County Hospital, Inc., including about two acres of land, a three-story, 50-bed hospital building and a two-story nurses residence.

The \$60,000 is earmarked to buy 1.9 acres for erection of an addition to the college's health and physical education building. The approved expenditure is \$10,000 below the appraised value of the land, it is said.

College officials have proposed remodeling the hospital building into a residence hall for women students. The capacity would be between 80 and (Continued on page six)

## W. Wray Wilson Funeral Held



WILLIAM WRAY WILSON

William Wray Wilson, age 74, of Sugar Grove died Thursday morning at Watauga hospital apparently after suffering a heart attack earlier in the day.

He was born in Watauga county to Rev. Leonard C. and Mrs. Julie Wilson.

He was a farmer. Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Wednesday at Bethel Baptist Church by Rev. Clyde Cornett and Rev. Bynum Trivette. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lora Wilson; two sons, Buster Wilson of Elizabethton, Tenn., and Bob Wilson of Bristol, Va.; (Continued on page six)

## Burley Prices Down Again

Prices for burley tobacco in Boone suffered another decline last week, the first week of auctions after the Christmas recess, bringing the average price per hundred pounds at Boone warehouses down from \$52.92 to \$52.15.

Last week, at Big Burley and Mountain Burley warehouses, 1,500,028 pounds of the leaf were sold for \$730,558.69, an average of \$48.70 per hundred pounds. In the four weeks of auctions, a total of 5,628,962 pounds have been sold for \$2,935,128.72, giving the \$52.15 average. (Continued on page four)

## Mrs. Wheeler Employed By Mental Health Group

The Ashe, Alleghany, Avery and Watauga Counties Mental Health Authority announces the appointment of Mrs. Nancy M. Wheeler as Program Coordinator for the Authority.

Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, Chairman and Director of the AAAW Mental Health Authority, said that Mrs. Wheeler has been employed to coordinate the services for the mental health program as outlined in the law enacted by the North Carolina General Assembly, which be-

came effective July 1, 1963.

Mrs. Wheeler, has had extensive training and experience in community organization, public education, fund raising and programming. She is the former program director for the North Carolina Mental Health Association and prior to that was field director for the South Carolina Heart Association.

She is a native of Charlotte, a Presbyterian, and has one son, Harold, a senior at Duke University.

## Congressional Record Carries Two Stories From Democrat

Two stories from the Watauga Democrat were printed in the Congressional Record last Wednesday at the request of Congressman James Rhyhll.

One of the stories, developed locally on the Chamber of Commerce survey by Mr. Herman Wilcox, was on business in Boone during 1963. The other one entitled "Watauga Has Full Share of Prosperity in the Unit-

ed States," came from a special New York statistical correspondent of the Democrat.

In presenting the articles, Mr. Broyhill told the House of Representatives:

Mr. Speaker, on page 24342 of the "Congressional Record" for December 24, I discussed the dissatisfaction which certain areas in the Appalachian Mountains feel about the misrepre-

sentation of economic conditions that have appeared in the Nation's press.

Many of our eastern mountain communities are encountering longstanding economic difficulties about which they have been able to do little. However, other areas are actively seeking to develop their resources and are making great progress. (Continued on page six)