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Jaycees To Conduct Tissue Sale

Members of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce will conduct their annual cleansing tissue sale Tuesday night, March 3. This event is one of the ways the Boone Jaycees raise money to support their many projects during the year.

The price will be the same as in last year's sale, it was announced.

During the past year, with money gleaned from such projects as this sale, the Jaycees have supported the bond issues, the Boone Community Playground, the Little League, and sponsored the Christmas shopping tour and party for underprivileged children and the Miss Watauga County Beauty Pageant.

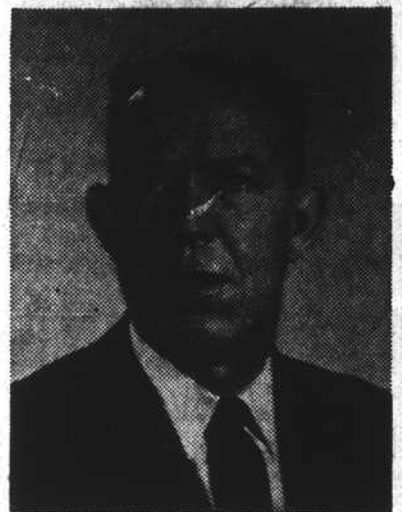
Anyone not contacted by the Jaycees Tuesday may call the chairman of the sales committee, Larry Klutz, or any other member of the Boone Jaycees for delivery of their tissue.

Wagon Train Group Meets Friday, March 6

A special meeting of the "Daniel Boone Wagon Train Crosses the Blue Ridge" committees of Wilkes and Watauga Counties is set for March 6 at 7:30 p. m., in the auditorium of the Appalachian Elementary School in Boone.

This is a most important meeting since there will be discussed some very vital matters of the Wagon Train that is scheduled for this summer, leaving North

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JOHN D. MARSH

Marsh Elected Rotary Prexy

John D. Marsh, principal of Green Valley School, was recently elected president of the Boone Rotary Club.

Mr. Marsh, long-time resident of Watauga County, is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, a member of the Official Board of The Boone Methodist Church and is active in the educational and religious fields. He resides on Hillcrest Circle in Boone with his wife, Mary Nell Houck Marsh, and their three children, Mary Darwin, Ellen and Barclay.

The installation of officers and the new board will be held in June at which time, along with Mr. Marsh as President, Floyd Ayers, Vice-President; Eric DeGroat, Secretary; and L. E. Tuckwiller, Rev. Boyce Brooks, Dennis Greene and Alfred Adams, members of the board, will be installed.

Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Planning 'Mr. Ski' Contest

The Blowing Rock Ski Lodge plans to celebrate Leap Year February 29 (Saturday) with a "Mr. Ski" contest.

M. E. (Bill) Thalheimer, president of Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, said, "This will be different from other contests we have had here, in that employees of the Lodge are eligible to enter. Gene Ohlson, one of our weekend instructors, who is the father of three children, has been telling me for two years that if we had a contest for men he would win. I want



Beauty Contest Winner

Winner of the 1964 "Queen of Clubs" beauty contest held in the Appalachian Elementary School auditorium Monday night and sponsored by the Appalachian State Teachers College Student Council, was Miss Judith Ann Bower, 19-year-old sophomore at ASTC and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. Paul Bower of Jefferson, N. C. Miss Bower, who

was first runner-up at the recent "Miss Southern Ski Queen" contest, won from among nine contestants, doing a dramatic reading as her talent contribution. She is now eligible to compete in the 1965 "Miss Rhododendron" Beauty Pageant. — Flowers photo.

Option Taken On Second Airport Site At Valle Crucis

Belmont Winters, Avery Leader, Dies Wednesday

Belmont Harold Winters, 66, former mayor and postmaster of Elk Park and once a state senator from the old 30th district, died Wednesday afternoon in a Banner Elk Hospital after a long illness.

Mr. Winters, a Democrat, won a term in the State Senate in 1954, posting a narrow victory over Republican J. Ray Braswell. The 30th District, which was composed of Madison, Mitchell, Yancey and Avery counties, was normally Republican.

Winters was born in Elk Park and served as mayor for several years. He was postmaster for 18 years, retiring in 1952. He was a former chairman of the Avery County Democratic Executive Committee.

In addition to his public career, he was active in numerous civic endeavors, including Cranberry Masonic Lodge 598, of which he was past master, and the American Legion. He was a past commander of Avery Post 109 and of the 30th Legion District of North Carolina. He served three years in World War I.

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Officials of the Watauga Airport Authority reported early this week that a second possible site for the proposed new Watauga Airport was being considered, and an option had been taken on the site property.

The new site under consideration is located in Valle Crucis, and a Federal Aviation Agency representative was in the county last week to look at the site and make recommendations.

Engineers will be sent as soon as possible to survey the site for airport suitability, officials said. Plans for the new airport must be submitted by March 2, they added, or the federal funds available for the massive project may be withdrawn.

Inquiries and interest from various state industries and other concerns have indicated that an airport would be instrumental in procuring new industry and tourist trade for the county. The present project is in line with the federal policy of blanketing all areas as fully as possible with airstrips in or

W. J. Alexander Funeral Held

Willis James Alexander, 65, of Boone died en route to Watauga Hospital Friday night. He had been ill about one week. Death was attributed to a heart attack.

He was born in Mecklenburg County to Harrison C. and Minerva Black Alexander. He lived in Watauga County 19 years.

Alexander was an interdenominational lay preacher and missionary worker and a carpenter and cabinet-maker.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Swannie M. Alexander; a son, William H. Alexander of Newland; two brothers, J. D. Alexander of Winston-Salem and L. G. Alexander of Gastonia; two sisters, Mrs. Alice A. Morris of Charlotte and Mrs. Elizabeth A. Mahoney of Daytona Beach, Fla.; and two grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Sunday at Greenway Baptist Church by the Rev. C. O. Vance. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

der to facilitate industrial and tourist development.

Landowners and citizens of Valle Crucis are quite interested in the possibility of procuring an airport for the community, it was said, and have expressed a desire to help in any way possible.

The other site presently under consideration is located between Boone and Blowing Rock. No option has as yet been taken on this property, however.

Polio Vaccine Dates Given

The District Health Department, March of Dimes, Watauga Medical Society and Medical Auxiliary have joined hands in the campaign being waged to end the threat of infantile paralysis through the use of the new oral polio vaccine.

The campaign which is to be conducted in Watauga County will bring local doctors to the following stations Sunday afternoon, March 8, and Sunday afternoon, May 10, from 12 noon to 6 p. m., to give the vaccine which is taken by the simple expedient of placing two drops of the serum on a lump of sugar:

Cove Creek School, Parkway

School, Blowing Rock School, Boone Elementary School, assisted by a team who will quickly serve you so there will be no waiting. The line will move rapidly at about 25 persons per minute. There will be no repeat clinics, so come out on each of these dates, March 8 and May 10, for your polio vaccine.

A donation of 50 cents will be accepted, but it is explicitly stated that everyone who comes will be given the vaccine. This, however, will be the only chance to get this service on these terms.

Each dose contains protection (Continued on page six)

Both lodges were making art

State Funds To Be Used On Horn Facility

Herman W. Wilcox, executive vice-president of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association, sponsors of the outdoor drama "Horn in the West," announced this week that the contract for the rebuilding of the Daniel Boone Theatre, site of the drama, has been awarded to the G. Perry Greene Construction Company.

The successful bid was for \$17,207. This bid covers the rebuilding of the walks, steps, curbing and aprons for the seats, and all electrical work in connection with aisle lights, including a complete aisle lighting system placed in conduit underground.

A new scene dock was previously constructed, not included in this bid, in the amount of \$1,259.98.

Additional work to be done is the repainting of all buildings up front, including the information office, ticket office, concession stand and rest rooms, as well as the rain shelters and equipment buildings and walls around the theatre.

New chairs for the reserved section will be purchased. The rest of the chairs are scheduled to be repainted.

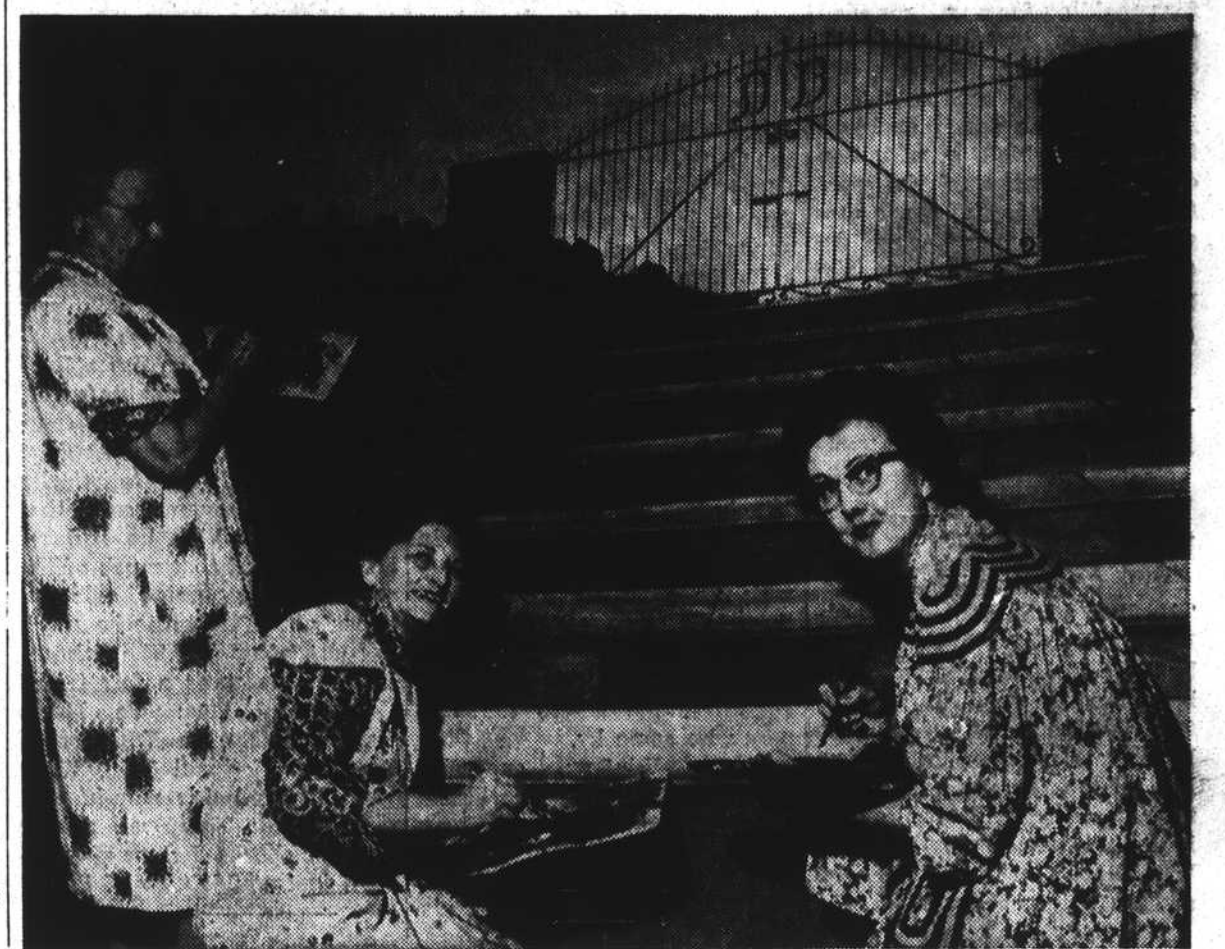
In the plans to rebuild the theatre, in the back of the theatre on the right and left hand corners several seats were eliminated to streamline the theatre. This space will be filled in with flowering shrubbery and perhaps a border of flowers.

W. R. Winkler, the maintenance chairman, says he hopes there will be sufficient funds left from the state's appropriation of \$22,500 to take care of these other items.

Wilcox said that the work is scheduled to be completed by May 15 and that all work, painting, etc., should be completed before opening of the season June 27.

LOW BID \$17,207

Daniel Boone Theatre Will Be Fully Rebuilt



Talented Wataugans combine their efforts in creating an oil painting backdrop for the Daniel Boone Native Garden display in Charlotte. In the picture, left to right, are Mrs.

Pearl Bingham and Mrs. Mabel Bingham Brown, both members of the Mountain Garden Club; and Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, a member of the Rhododendron Garden Club.

Oil Painting Of Daniel Boone Gardens Features Flower Show

More Snow Falls After Brief Letup

Snow, as usual, was coming down as the Democrat went to press Tuesday, after a relatively clear day Monday which raised the hopes of local citizenry that the worst of the winter precipitation might be over.

Monday had been the least snowy day in the period of over a week, dating back to Friday before last. In that period, at least some snow fell every day, adding up to an accumulation of over a foot in Boone.

This winter, about 54 inches of snow (or four and one-half feet) has fallen in Boone and the surrounding area, with only slightly less having fallen in the Blowing Rock vicinity.

Snow plows were forced to work through the night in several instances in the battle to keep roads clear. A huge pile of snow accumulated in the middle of King Street in Boone, but most of this was hauled away Monday by trucks.

Driving conditions remained slightly hazardous, though another tribute to the general good safety habits of Watauga County drivers was recognized in that no serious accidents were reported.

(There have been three traffic fatalities in the county so far in 1964, two of these having been related to weather conditions.)

A huge oil painting of the Daniel Boone Garden gate will serve as a backdrop for the display of Daniel Boone Native Gardens at the Southeastern Flower and Garden Show March 7-15 at the Merchandise Market in Charlotte.

This backdrop was constructed, designed and hand painted at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchanan. Work on the project was started in January. Ralph Buchanan constructed the board, which can be folded for carrying and storage.

T. K. Pease, landscape artist for the Parkway Service, assisted Mrs. Buchanan with the perspective in the actual sketching of the picture. Most of the drawing was done from a small photograph of the gate.

Mrs. Buchanan received able assistance from Mrs. Pearl L. Bingham, a senior citizen of Watauga County. Mrs. Bingham, who has been interested in painting for a number of years, painted the rail fence in the picture.

Mrs. Mabel Bingham Brown, a relative of Mrs. Bingham, did the rock work in the picture. She has also painted for a number of years and tries to paint at least one picture a year to keep in practice.

Mrs. Buchanan did most of the sketching and landscape painting on the picture. The gate was her big project. It is a reproduction of the gate at the Daniel Boone Garden. The garden gate was constructed by Daniel Boone VII of Burnsville.

Farmer Of Year Chosen

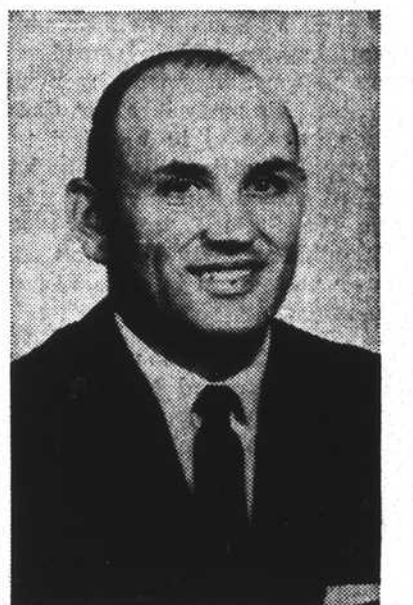
Ray Ward has been selected Outstanding Young Farmer of the year by the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ward was presented a plaque at the last regular meeting of the Boone Jaycees at the Daniel Boone Inn.

The Outstanding Young Farmer is selected with the help of the County Agent's and the ASC offices and honors a young man who has shown exceptional agricultural ability and community interest.

Mr. Ward is married to the former Virginia Cook. They have four children and reside in the Laurel Creek community of Watauga County.

Mrs. Buchanan is librarian at Green Valley and Parkway schools. Art is one of her favorite hobbies.

This is one of the few paintings in Watauga County that was created by three artists working together and each taking a particular aspect of the painting.



JAMES ALLISON DUGGER

James Dugger Is Licensed As Surveyor

Raleigh.—James Allison Dugger of Boone was one of 11 persons who passed the recent land surveyors' examination, it was announced by the N. C. Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors.

Others passing were Jerry Cagle Callicutt of Asheboro; Ibarra G. Del Corro of Fayetteville; Benjamin Limer Ellington of New Bern; Harold Mentor Harris of Chapel Hill; Thomas Roland Kovel of Leonardtown, Md.; Thomas Monroe Moore of Smithfield. Harold Brent Mullen of Spring Hope; Asier Simmons of Lumberton; Robert Lee Spence of Cary; and Leo Johannes Zoutewelle of Charlotte.

Mr. Dugger is a State highway engineer and has his office with E. Ford King Jr. in the Construction Office of the N. C. Highway Department. He is married, has two daughters, and resides in the Perkinsville community.