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GRANDFATHER LAKE IS FULL

Prizes Won As Grandfather Lake Is Filled

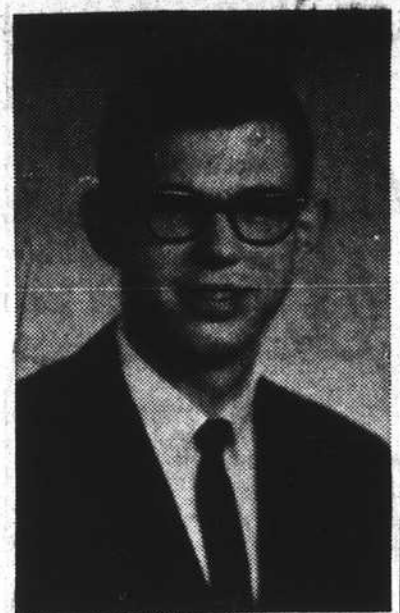
By HUGH MORTON
Erma Pottle, who winters at Southern Pines-Pinehurst and summers in Linville, won the prize case of 12 jars of Grandfather Mountain honey for being nearest to correct in her

guess when water would first overflow the spillway at the new 40 acre lake at the base of Grandfather Mountain. Erma guessed March 10. The second place winner was Arlin Stout of Newland, who guessed 9:15

a. m. on March 4. Third place went to Erma's husband, John Pottle, who guessed March 11. Tied for fourth were Mrs. Charles V. Tompkins, Jr., of Charlotte and E. Y. Chapin, III, of Chattanooga, each guess-

ing March 13. On Wednesday, March 4, the water level of the lake stood at 31 feet 4 inches. That night a hard rain fell, melting an accumulation of some 15 inches (Continued on page three)

United Fund Officials Lay Initial Plans For Campaign



ROBERT G. HOWELL

Elected To Phi Kappa Phi

Mr. Robert G. Howell, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Howell of Boone was recently elected to membership in Phi Kappa Phi, National Honor Society at North Carolina State College, recognizing outstanding scholarship.

This is the highest academic award that can be received at North Carolina State. Phi Kappa Phi in technical college and universities is comparable to Phi Beta Kappa in liberal arts schools. Students elected to this society must rank in the top five per cent of the Junior class or the top eight per cent of the senior class.

Officials of the Watauga United Fund met with a large number of other interested citizens last Thursday to discuss the activities of the fund and to lay plans for an early campaign to raise additional money. James Marsh, campaign chairman approved April 7 as the opening date for the new campaign and Stanley A. Harris, who presided as President of the fund, suggested that a committee of five be named to serve with Chairman Marsh in the prosecution of the campaign. Clyde R. Greene made the motion that the chairman and treasurer serve on the committee.

A committee on publicity was named as follows: Jane Smith, Larry Penley, Frank Andrews, Clark Cox and W. R. Tugman. Acting on a motion by Mrs. Nancy Wheeler, it was voted that a board be formed to decide whether or not the local fund should remain as an affiliate of the Carolinas United.

Bake Sale At Blowing Rock

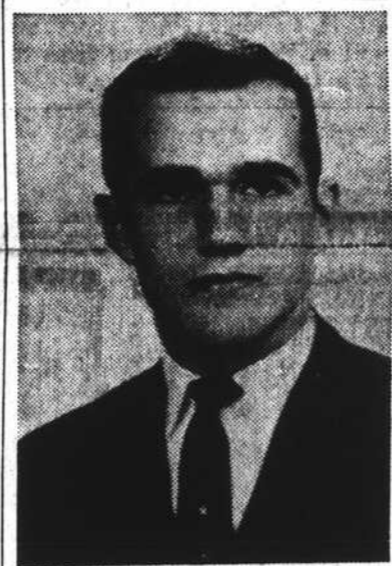
A bake sale will be held in Blowing Rock on Friday, March 20, from 12:30 to 5 p.m. and on Saturday, March 21, from 9 to 5 p.m. The sale will feature delicious pies, cakes and candy and will be located in the empty building next to the post office. Mrs. Virginia Baker and Mrs. Lois Young will be in charge, and all proceeds will go to the Easter Seal campaign.

Sam Dixon submitted his treasurer's report, and Clyde R. Greene moved that a \$500 donation be made for the Boy Scouts if or when they become affiliated with the Old Hickory Council. Jess Godwin suggested that Scouting, as (Continued on page two)

Local Jaycees Elect Officers

Bill Stallard was elected president of the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce for 1964-65 at the meeting of the organization Monday. Mr. Stallard is employed by International Resistance Company in the sales department. He is from Scott County, in Southwest Virginia. He was educated at Emory and Henry College and East Tennessee State University. He and his family moved to Boone four years ago. He has two children and resides on Sunset Drive in Boone. The Stallards are active members of the Boone Methodist Church.

Stallard has been active in the Boone Jaycees for several years. He has served on numerous committees and worked on many projects. During the past year he served as treasurer of the organization. He attended the national convention of the U. S. Jaycees last summer. Elected to serve with Mr. Stallard for the coming year are: Ranny Phillips, internal vice-president; Jim Stout, external vice-president; Gene Scroggs, secretary; Buck Robbins, treasurer; Paul Smith, director of publicity; and Wade Wilmoth, director at large. The installation of the officers will be held on May 4th.



ROBERT T. ALLEN III

Allen Is Given Fellowship

Robert T. Allen III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Allen of Boone, has been awarded a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship for study at the graduate school of his choice. The fellowship will pay all expenses for one year.

The purpose of the fellowship is to encourage talented college graduates to complete graduate work. The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation is dedicated to developing "college teachers for tomorrow."

Allen is one of some 1507 college seniors in the U. S. (Continued on page two)

11,077 Given Polio Vaccine

During the past week following the polio clinics of March 8th, 684 doses of the vaccine were given by the local Health Department. The vaccine will no longer be available at the Health Center. Final total doses given in the county were 11,077. The second dose will be given at clinics held Sunday May 10.

Citizens Offer Land For County Airport

W. R. Winkler, chairman of the Watauga Airport Authority which is trying to place an airport in Watauga County, said Tuesday that an offer had been received from residents of a community in the county to donate land toward the securing of an airport site in that community.

This brings to four the number of available sites. One, in the Bamboo section, has been approved by the Federal Aviation Agency, but difficulties have been met by the Authority in attempting to secure an op-

tion on the land. Two others, in the Valle Crucis section, are readily available to the Authority, but FAA approval still has not been received concerning these sites.

The location of the fourth site was not disclosed. William E. Cox, engineer for John Talbert and Associates of Raleigh, was in Watauga County Friday to look at the four sites. He is presently working up preliminary plans for the use of all four sites. These will be presented to the FAA for (Continued on page three)



The above men were elected Monday night as officers for 1964 for the Boone Junior Chamber of Commerce. They are, left to right: Bill Stallard, president; Ranny Phillips, internal vice-president; Jim Stout, external vice-president; Gene Scroggs, secretary; Buck Robbins, treasurer; Paul Smith, director of publicity; and Wade Wilmoth, director at large. —Flowers photos.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Local Building May Go To \$16 Million In 1964

Progress Noted At Meeting Of Boone Chamber

A great number of local citizens attending the regular membership meeting of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and Merchants Association last Tuesday were entertained by an informative panel discussion, led by Alfred T. Adams, Clyde R. Greene and James Marsh, on the subject of Watauga County's economic potential.

The following facts were discussed:

—In 1952, we had 2 motels in the Boone area; now there are 17, with two more on the drawing boards.

—1963 saw 402 new homes constructed. A much greater number is predicted for 1964.

—Sixteen million dollars will be spent in various construction projects this year in Watauga County.

—Hound Ears Golf and Ski Club will build 40 new houses. Two new apartment buildings are being planned for construction this year.

—Watauga County has three golf courses. To compare with this in terms of population, Asheville would have to have at least 48. (There are six in and around Asheville).

—The Beech Mountain Ski Base will be in Watauga County. Plans call for the construction of this project in 1964. This will be the highest ski slope east of the Rockies.

The other side to our economic condition, according to the panel, comes under the heading of "what has, what is, and what should happen." The following suggestions were made:

Roads—We must take steps to see that Federal Highway 421 is rebuilt from the foot of the mountain to Deep Gap. Tourists are being routed around us due to existing bottlenecks, and there is no way to correct this situation until we do something ourselves.

Tax structure — Something should be done to equalize our tax rates, and see that they are more equally shared by our (Continued on page two)

Mrs. Hall Smith Dies In Durham

Mrs. Alice Woods Smith, 85, of Boone, widow of Hall Smith Sr., died Sunday in a Durham hospital after a short illness.

She was born in South Carolina and had lived in Boone 26 years.

Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. George Elmore of Durham; three sons, Frank Smith of Loxley, Ala., Burke Smith of Charlottesville, Va., and Hall Smith Jr. of Brevard; seven grandchildren; and four great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at First Baptist Church by Mr. Marshall Hargrave and the Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Gardens.



Oratorical Contest Winners

Winners in the annual Optimist Club Oratorical Contest are, left to right, Keith Greer, winner; and Jimmy Deal, second place winner.—Flowers photo.

Grover Robbins Named To C&D Board By Governor

Grover C. Robbins, Jr., of Blowing Rock, widely known as the founder of the Tweetsie Railroad tourist attraction and developer of other resort properties was named Tuesday by Governor Sanford to membership on the State Board of Conservation and Development to succeed Bob Scott, who resigned in order to prosecute his campaign for the Lieutenant-Governorship.

Mr. Robbins' term will expire June 30, 1965.

Mr. Robbins was born in Blowing Rock October 19, 1919, a son of the late Grover C. Robbins and Mrs. Lena Miller Robbins. He attended the Blowing Rock Schools, Riverside Military Academy, Gainesville, Ga. and Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, Va. He served two years overseas duty with the Marine Corps in the last world war, and has been engaged in the lumber business in Lenoir and in Watauga county for a number of years. He is married to the former

Miss Delores Miller of Kannapolis.

As the principal owner and founder of the Tweetsie Railroad attraction, Mr. Robbins has brought national attention to the Blowing Rock area. His

family developed the Blowing Rock, and he only this winter opened the Hound Ear ski resort near Shulls Mills. The development includes an eighteen hole golf course, club house, and Swiss chalets.

New Easter Seals Now Being Sold In Watauga

New Easter Seals, identical in design but printed in alternate colors, that will be used to raise funds during the 1964 Easter Seal Campaign to help support services for crippled children and adults, were unveiled here last week by the local Easter Seal committee.

Sheets of the traditional Seals were distributed to more than 5,000 homes in Watauga County as a means of arousing public understanding of the importance in bringing medical care and rehabilitation services to crippled children and adults.

The designs feature the stylized Easter Lily, official emblem of the Easter Seal Society, in alternating green and orange against a white background. The year 1964 is printed on the ribbon winding near the base of the stem, and the legend reads "Easter Seals" across the top and "Help Crippled Children" in two lines at the bottom.

Each of the Seals on the (Continued on page three)

Winkler Motor Co. Gets Ford Motor Award

Word has just been received by W. R. Winkler, of Winkler Motor Company, Inc., of Boone, that the Boone auto sales establishment has again been honored by receiving the Distinguished Achievement Award from Ford Motor Company.

This is the third year that Winkler Motor Company has won this honor.

A letter from W. H. Kennedy, district Ford sales manager, said in part:

"Dear Mr. Winkler: "You will be happy to know that our General Sales Office has approved Winkler Motor Company, Inc., Boone, North (Continued on page two)

"Balloon Day" Sale Benefits Heart Fund

The response to the "Balloon Day" Sale for the benefit of the Watauga County Heart Fund was considered a great success in spite of the constant rainfall on Saturday, says Mrs. W. T. Ferneyhough, Special Events Chairman.

Boys from Scout Troop No. 132, headed by their leader, Mr. Paul Price, distributed the red balloons and received contributions Saturday, March 14, in Boone. Assisting were David Cottrell, Bobby Higgins, Marcus McGuire, Timmy Ingle, Gary Ashley, Richard Randall, Gales

Scroggs, Edward Stamey, Eddie Scroggs, Gary Ledford and Harry Lyons.

A "Blowing-Up Party" was held in the basement of the Episcopal Rectory off Cherry Drive Friday afternoon, where 400 red balloons were inflated. Assisting with the blowing up were the above boys and the following Girl Scouts: Sandra Kirk, Melinda Winkler, Lucille Wellborn, Mary Gibson, Betsy Randall, Shirley Wray, Dean Wilson and Helen Robertson. Cakes and cookies were served, (Continued on page two)