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New Hospital Plant

Scale models of enlarged Blowing Rock Hospital, showing the proposed model hospital plant from two different angles. Plans are almost completed for the new resort town facility and Administrator Stradley Kipp and chief of staff, Dr. Charles Davant expect it to be in operation in a couple of years.—Photo by Flowers' Photo Shop.



Facility Is Well Staffed

Blowing Rock Hospital Outlay To Be \$560,000

Expansion Plan To Be Pushed Without Delay

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Plans are nearly complete for the construction of a new addition to Blowing Rock Hospital, which will bring about the expenditure or \$560,000, the Democrat learned Friday.

Mr. C. Stradley Kipp, hospital administrator and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and Dr. Charles Davant, chief of staff, do not anticipate great difficulty in raising the needed funds. After plans are completed, bids will be accepted, officials said, and there is every reason to believe that the new facility will be in operation during 1966.

In the new wing, television and oxygen will be "piped" to the different rooms, and a nurses' intercommunication system will connect the desk to each patient's room. All rooms will have private baths, shower and lavatory and will have private balconies with a view across other peaks to Grandfather Mountain's craggy summit.

In the new portion of the building, which will be completely fireproof, there will be 41 beds. An area will be provided for physicians' office space, a dentist and for doctors whose practice is limited to the eye, ear, nose and throat.

The expanded hospital facility has been in the planning stage for two years and has been designed to meet the demanding needs of today's medical profession.

Blowing Rock Hospital is situated on an eleven-acre tract of land, and there is ample room for expansion. Engineers state that two extra floors can be added without great additional expense, bringing the capacity to 110 beds and say this added room will be needed within ten years.

The hospital has 30 employees who are commended by the officials for their competence and loyalty to the institution. Some friends of the hospital have provided an ambulance, which makes Blowing Rock Hospital one of the few such plants in the state with its own ambulance service.

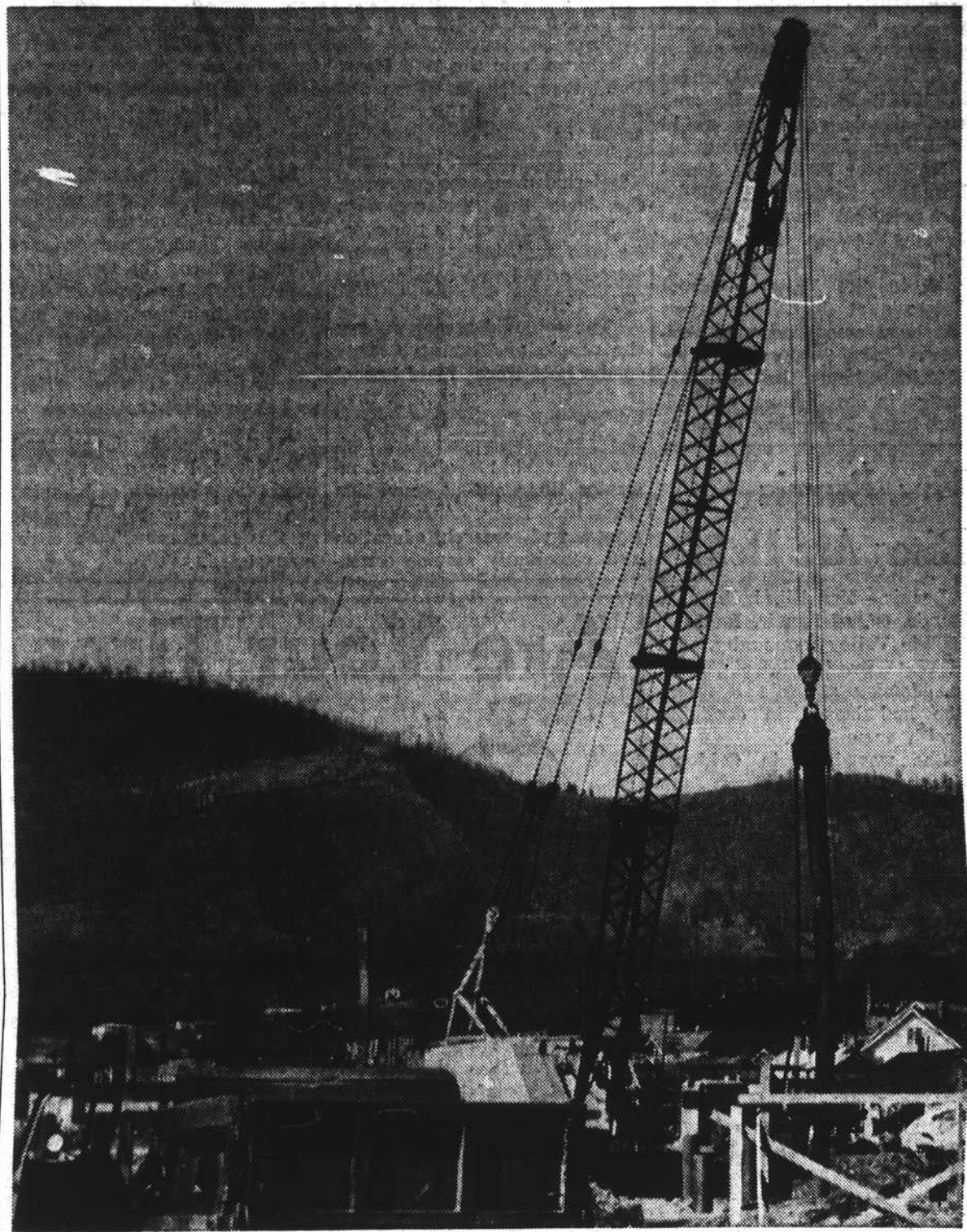
The Board of Directors includes J. A. Panuch, New York, N. Y.; Mrs. Thomas Sniveley, Mrs. Julius Cone, Howard Holsouser, C. V. Henkel, R. B. Hardin, Grover Robbins, Jr., Miss Margaret Vance, Mrs. O. A. Mather, Adrian Shuford, B. C. Black, Larry Walker, Stradley Kipp, Mrs. McEachern and Julius White.

Dr. Charles Davant and Dr. Lynn George are members of the medical staff there. Dr. Grimes Byerly of Hickory is on call and the physicians' cars, equipped with two-way radios, are in constant contact with the hospital.

Chamber Commerce To Meet Tuesday

An important meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday noon, April 7, at the Daniel Boone Hotel, it was announced Monday.

All officers and directors are urged to attend by President Herman W. Wilcox, who says there are some very important matters to be discussed.



New Building At College

Mammoth construction machinery has been brought into play at Appalachian State Teachers College where men are busily engaged in preparing the footings for the new classroom building, which is to occupy the old High School football practice field and a portion of the old college stadium site.—Staff photo by Rachel Rivers.

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140 To Be Tried At April Court; List Of Jurors Given

One hundred and forty cases have been docketed for trial at the April term of Watauga Superior Court, which will convene April 20, according to Court Clerk Orville Foster, who says that Judge George Patton of Franklin will preside.

The term, which is called for the trial of criminal cases only, will consider one case of forgery, one of non-support, while all the others are for traffic violations, says Mr.

Horn Executive Board To Gather

The Executive Board and chairman of all committees set up to handle the Wagon Train events, will meet at the Daniel Boone Hotel at twelve noon, Monday, April 6.

A full attendance is requested for the discussion of very important matters.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For April 8th

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at the East Hall, Appalachian State Teachers College, Wednesday, April 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., it is announced by Mrs. J. C. Fletcher, Executive Secretary of the Red Cross for Watauga county.

Mrs. Fletcher stresses the fact that the local chapter is short 188 pints of blood, and that the Red Cross blood program supplied nearly 40 per cent of all the blood used by local doctors last year. Mrs. Fletcher insists that the people of the county cooperate to the end that the deficit may be erased and that adequate blood is supplied for future local needs.

It is pointed out that the current local quota during the current fiscal year is 333 pints. We have already used 487 pints.



Congressman Is Honored

Congressman James T. Broyhill (right) of North Carolina's Ninth District receives the "Congressman of the Week" award issued by the 88th Club, a group of Republican members of Congress, in ceremonies at the Capitol in Washington. The award, presented by Rep. Donald G. Brotzman of Colorado, was for "outstanding leadership in working for the passage of legislation to protect the free enterprise system in the radio and television industry from further Federal encroachment."

School Is Planned Saturday

Last week the office of W. Guy Angell, superintendent of county schools, released a schedule of make-up days for school already missed because of bad weather during the winter. Easter holidays were cancelled, and classes on one Saturday, April 11, was included so that classes could end for the summer on June 3.

Despite careful planning and efforts to end school as soon as possible, the students gained one holiday in the Easter season because of the weather.

Now, Mr. Angell said, classes are being scheduled this Saturday, April 4, so the closing date can remain the same.

Classes must be held 180 days, according to state school regulations. Twenty days had been missed in Watauga county because of weather. Three days had already been made up, two on Saturdays and one on Good Friday, which would have been a holiday had not the weather caused school officials to schedule it as a make-up day. Easter Monday was also scheduled as a make-up day, but the three and a half-inch snow on the ground Monday forced closing of schools. Mr. Angell said Tuesday classes will be held this Saturday so school can still be closed June 3.

A revision of the schedule shows: Three days already made up. Extension of classes from the scheduled closing date of May 13 to June 3 for 15 days. Two Saturday class days, April 4 and April 11, for two days. Mr. Angell pointed out that, even though students will be through with their academic year on June 3, teachers will be on duty through June 5, completing their work of the school term.

Demand Heavy For JFK Coins At Boone Banks

Three hundred and fifty dollars, in the form of fifty dollars, were put in circulation at the two Boone banks the middle of last week, and by the end of the week the newly minted coins honoring the late President John K. Kennedy were in the hands of the banks' customers, probably never to be spent—or at least not for a long time.

Six hundred of the shiny new coins were put into distribution at the Northwestern Bank on Wednesday, March 25, Lynn Holaday, assistant cashier, said and lasted on the basis of one to a customer until Friday.

At the First National Bank of Boone, Sam W. Dixon, executive vice president, said distribution of its quota was begun on March 26 and was gone by the next day. They were allotted at the rate of two per depositor and many were unable to be served because of the limited supply of the first issue of the coin. Mr. Dixon said, "It was a good swapping day," with money being exchanged on an even basis, fifty cents for fifty cents.

Mr. Holaday said some hard feelings were caused because (Continued on page six)

Winter Begins Again As Snow Stops Schools

Winter started all over Easter Sunday evening following a week of spring-like weather. A three and a half-inch snow Monday morning caused the closing of schools in Watauga and adjoining counties, and the temperature dipped to cold eight degrees Sunday night.

Seasonable weather had prevailed since spring came in a little over a week ago, with the temperatures going as high as 60 degrees one day and staying above freezing several nights. Even though the Easter Sunrise Service was moved from the college stadium to the First Baptist Church because of the cold weather, Sunday was pretty and the temperature moderate—that is, until winter returned during the night.

While other areas of the world were suffering earthquakes, tidal waves and other disasters, this area was basking in good comfortable weather. (continued on page six)

Mrs. Preyer To Visit City

Mrs. L. Richardson Preyer and Mrs. Gordon C. Maddrey, State Chairman of the Woman's Division of the Preyer for Governor campaign, will be guests in Watauga County April 11, between the hours of 9:30 and 1:30.

All women in the county and surrounding counties are invited to attend and hear Mrs. Preyer speak.

This announcement is made by Mrs. R. W. Watkins, director of the woman's division of the Preyer campaign in Watauga County.

Alton Johnson Is Notified Of Selection To West Point

Alton Johnson, a senior at Appalachian High School, has just been notified that he has been designated as a prime alternate to the United States Military Academy at West Point. This means that he will enter the academy in July.



ALTON JOHNSON

Alton began his efforts toward being accepted last August, when he wrote Congressman James T. Broyhill, who nominates boys from this congressional district. After correspondence with him, Alton took a preliminary physical examination in November, tests in December, filled out numerous forms; and reported to Fort Bragg on March 4 for final physical and medical examinations.

Alton also received a letter from LeRoy A. Alitz, coach of wrestling at West Point, in which he congratulated him on being selected as a new cadet.

He stated: "I am looking forward to working with you and am sure you will find our wrestling program a challenge to you."

At Appalachian High, Alton has been active in all phases of school life. He is a member of the chorus, an inactive member of the Beta Club, a member of the Student Council for four years, vice-president of the Men's "A" Club, a member of the annual staff (4 years), and editor of this year's annual. He has also been a valuable member of the football and wrestling teams throughout his (Continued on page six)

Report Is Made On Local United Fund

Last Fall when the United Fund drive was supposed to be completed in Watauga County, the President was out of town and the organization was only partly set up. Hence, the campaign to raise the \$14,170.55 was not completed.

Two or three divisions did wonderfully well. The public school teachers under the leadership of Mr. Guy Angell and his school principals made an excellent showing and practically all the employees of the school board did their share.

IRC, Shadowline and Blue Ridge Shoe Company conducted their campaign among their employees. At IRC they took as their part of the obligation

to the welfare and charity of Watauga County, one hour salary each month, and 99½% of their employees contributed. The employees of IRC, mostly young ladies, gave an average of almost \$10.00 each. Most of the employees in stores and business offices have not as yet been asked to share.

The United Fund was reorganized March 12. A new board of officers were elected and plans made to complete the campaign in April. There are 29 local and State agencies depending on our raising \$14,170.55 for their work in 1964. Every one of us who have salary or income should consider it a privilege to give our share.

Watauga Motel Has Been Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Kemp Vann of Wilson have bought the Watauga Tourist Court on the Blowing Rock road from Mr. and Mrs. Claud Moretz. The motel will be open for business May 1.

The Vann's have a daughter, Joyce 15, and a son, Neal, 12 and are members of the Baptist church.