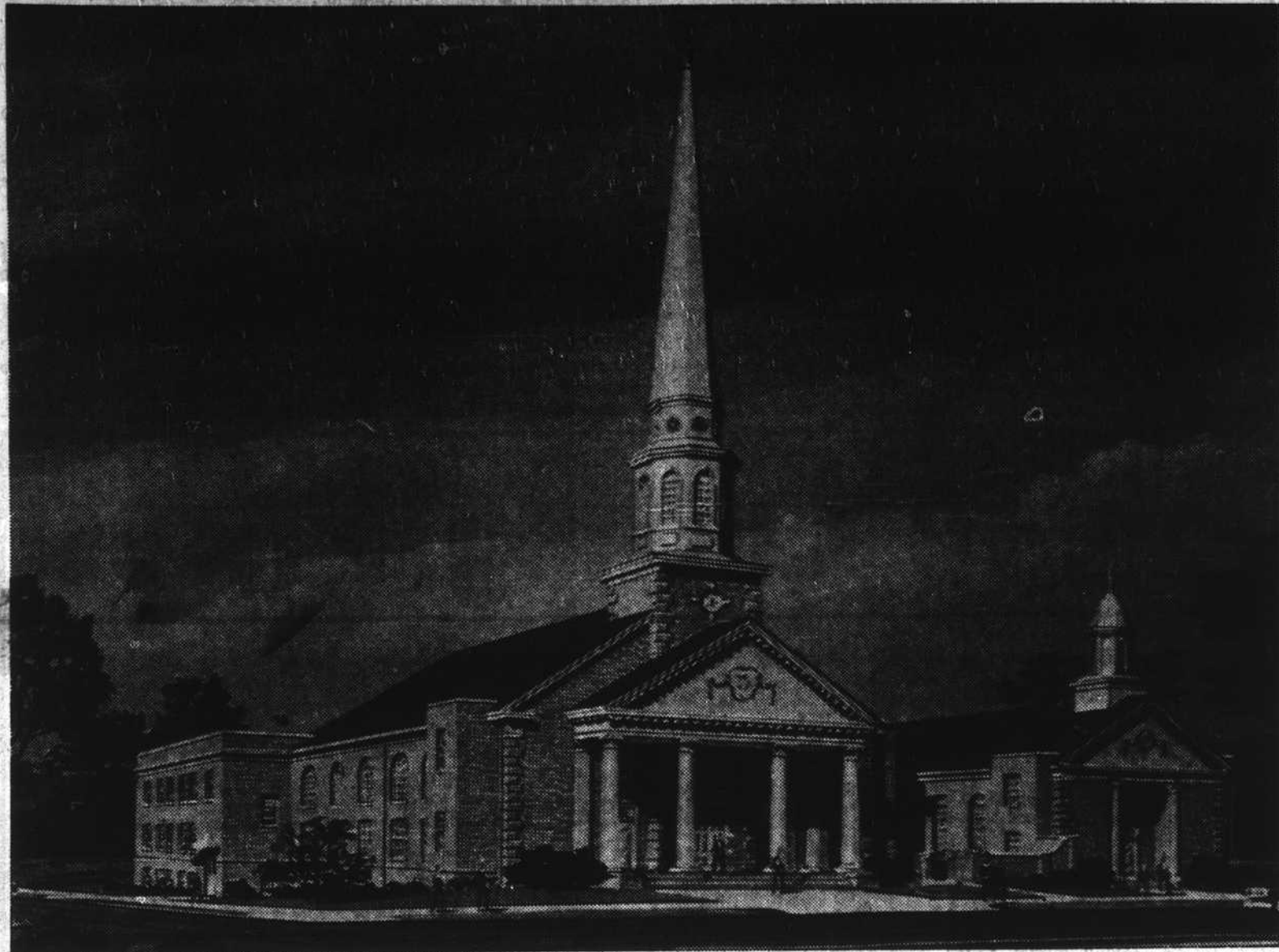


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April 12	57	35			59	35



PROPOSED NEW CHURCH PLANT

Baptist Church To Start Big Expansion Project

The First Baptist Church of Boone will launch a vast program of expansion and renovation with ground breaking ceremonies Wednesday, April 15, at 6 p.m.

The first phases of the program includes a new educational unit, a chapel and a complete renovation of present facilities. The contract for this part of the work has been awarded to Pennell and Haigler Construction Company of Lenoir. The amount of the contract was \$430,649.00.

Future expansion of the sanctuary and the erection of a

spire will complete the building program.

The new educational building, located even with the rear of the present building will contain thirteen Sunday school departments. There will be six nurseries, two beginner, three primary, an adult and a young married people's department. It will also house the church parlor, kitchen and fellowship hall which will seat 250 people.

The Chapel will face East King Street and will be joined to the Educational Building in order to provide an inside walkway to all parts of the building. The area directly below the Chapel will be unexcavated for development as needed in the future. The new construction will provide 25,000 square feet of floor space.

The renovation of the present church plant will be extensive. A new oil fired heating system will be installed with zone controls for heating any section of the building. The (Continued on page two)

Dan Moore Is Well Received Here Monday

An air of friendly informality pervaded the Reception Lounge of the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday as Dan K. Moore brought his campaign for nomination as Democratic gubernatorial candidate to the mountain town of Boone.

Dan K. Moore is himself a mountain man, and is completely at ease among mountaineers. More important to his political aspirations, he has a capacity for making them feel at ease. Mr. Moore had a splendid opportunity to demonstrate this quality as some three hundred townspeople came through the April showers to greet him during a two-hour stop-over.

For Dan K. Moore and Mrs. (Continued on page two)

Bob Davis Day Set For April 27

April 27th has been designated as Bob Davis Day in Watauga County. Mr. Davis is the Democrat choice to oppose Jim Broyhill in the congressional race.

Mr. Davis and his wife will visit with people in Watauga County on Monday, April 27, and will speak to the Young Democrats at the Courthouse at 8 p. m.

Mrs. Preyer Is Watauga Visitor Saturday

Mrs. Richardson Preyer, wife of gubernatorial candidate L. Richardson Preyer, accompanied by Mrs. Gordon C. Maddrey, formerly president of the North Carolina Federation of Women's Club, and state women's manager for Preyer, were guests in Watauga County Saturday morning speaking at the Blowing Rock School and at the Boone Elementary School.

Mrs. Charles Davant of Blowing Rock was hostess at a coffee at her home prior to the speaking hour.

Mrs. Preyer was "beating the drums" for her husband who is a candidate for governor. He is an accomplished musician mastering two musical instruments and the piano with renditions ranging from "Bach to Boogie Woogie." Mrs. Preyer said that often when entertaining her children and their friends in an evening at home that she could not play an instrument to join the band so she took up drums, and she is carrying this practice of "drum beating" throughout the state to acquaint the people with her husband's campaign.

She spoke informally, relating experiences occurring throughout her visits. One in particular was the occasion when a vivacious young girl and Preyer sup-

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JOHN H. HOLLAR

John Hollar Files For Co. Board Education

John H. Hollar of Boone announced this week that he will be a candidate for the Watauga County Board of Education, subject to the May Republican Primary.

Hollar is manager and appraiser of the Federal Land Bank office in Boone. He is a graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College and a former professional football star.

Hollar is currently serving as a member of the Board of Education, having been appointed in 1963. He stated that he is vitally interested in seeing that the young people of Watauga County receive the best possible education that will permit them to enter college to further their education, or the ones that can not go on to college to receive training that will enable them to secure the best jobs available.

Friday Is Last Day To File For May Vote

Friday of this week at 12 noon is the last time to file for county office in the May primary, according to word from R. T. Greer, Chairman of the Watauga County Board of Elections.

Mr. Greer states that someone will be in the Elections Board office in the courthouse every day for the benefit of those wishing to file their candidacies and that he will be available at his home where he can also take care of filing.

Mr. Greer says the following have filed for county office:

Helen Underdown, incumbent, Democrat, for Register of Deeds.

J. E. Holshouser, Jr., incumbent, Republican, for House of Representatives.

Bynum Greene, John Greene, Carlton Lyons, incumbents, Republican, for Board of Commissioners. (Continued on page two)

Held For Grand Jury Teacher Is Accused In Fatal Shooting

Ernie Triplett Is Released On Bond Of \$5,000

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Roger Hicks, 25 of Banner Elk, Route 1 was shot to death, allegedly by Ernest Triplett, 55, at the Triplett home at Matney early Sunday morning following a quarrel over a record player.

Triplett is an eighth-grade teacher at Valle Crucis School. According to local officers, Hicks died instantly from the discharge of a 16-gauge shotgun in the left temple.

At an inquest held Sunday by Coroner Richard E. Kelley of Boone, the jury ordered Triplett held for the grand jury. Sheriff Dallas Cheek secured a warrant charging Triplett with murder and Triplett was released under \$5000 bond.

Sheriff Cheek's office reports that Arthur Hicks of Rt. 1, Banner Elk, who is a relative of the slain man, testified the two Hicks men went to the Triplett home late Saturday afternoon. Arthur said Roger wished to have Triplett tutor him as he wished to enter school again. He had quit school in the third grade. Arthur also testified that he and Triplett were working on a record player and that Triplett struck Roger when he refused to quit playing records. Hicks, in attempting to return the blows was warned by Arthur not to strike Triplett until Triplett removed his glasses. Roger grabbed the glasses and both he and Arthur were ordered to leave the house by Triplett. According to Deputy Sheriff Brown, Arthur left but Roger remained at the Triplett house. Arthur came back into the house a second time trying to get Roger to leave with him, Brown said, and as Arthur was leaving he heard the shotgun blast and returned to see Roger on the floor and the blood-stained glasses near his hand.

Sheriff Cheek said that Triplett went to a neighbor's home and called for an ambulance. Cheek and C. C. Cooke upon (Continued on page two)

George Thomas Will Attend D. B. Ceremony

Herman W. Wilcox, Executive Vice-President of "Horn in the West," announces that George Thomas of Boone will attend the commissioning of "U. S. S. Daniel Boone" at Mare Island Marine Base in California.

Thomas will represent our drama, Wilcox stated.

He will be dressed in a Daniel Boone costume and will have pictures made with the submarine. He will also attend the commissioning reception April 23.

The Navy Department is cooperating with us in allowing us these special privileges so as to promote our drama, and to honor Daniel Boone.



Happy Days Are Here Again

The golf season officially opened in Boone last week end, and Joe Maples, Boone Golf Club professional, is shown taking down the sign that had been hanging since last fall when the course was closed for the winter. According to Maples, the course is in the best condition it has been since it was opened five years ago. It will be open on a seven day a week basis until next November. Lower pic-

ture shows Mayor Wade E. Brown teeing off as Guy Hunt, O. K. Richardson and Major J. H. Thomas await their turns on the first tee. All those making up the first foursome are directors of the local golf club. Many visitors from Lenoir, Hickory and Newton played golf on the course Sunday.—Photos by Flowers' Photo Shop.

Board Of Elections Names Officials For May Primary

The Board of Elections met Saturday and named election officials who will hold the May primary.

The first named in each instance is the Registrar, a Democrat; the second, the Democrat Judge and the third the Republican Judge:

Bald Mountain: John Ragan, John Trivett, Leslie E. Norris.

Beaver Dam: C. Johnson, H. M. Smitherman, Ray Stout.

Blue Ridge: R. C. Greene, Lida Coffey, George Keller.

Blowing Rock: Dan Klutz, Charles Hatton, Marion Ford.

Boone: Allen Gragg, Custer Wallace, Ralph G. Greene.

Brushy Fork: Clyde Tester, Fred Edmisten, Ralph Wilson.

Cove Creek: Hite Williams, Clay Perry, Frank Thomas.

Elk: Mrs. Glenn Triplett, Mrs. Russell Trivette, V. C. Cox.

Laurel Creek: Ron Norris, Aud Ward, Sidney Harmon.

Meat Camp No. 1: Worth Winebarger, Willard Norris, W. C. Byers.

Meat Camp No. 2: Luther Moretz, Carson McNeil, Wade (Continued on page two)

Members Auto Clubs Coming

Representatives of automobile clubs throughout the southwest will visit Boone Tuesday, April 21, it was announced by Herman W. Wilcox, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

The group, numbering 43, is expected to arrive from Bristol at 10:30 a. m.

They will be entertained for a coffee break at the Daniel Boone Inn. From there they will go to the Daniel Boone Theatre.

A list of names and clubs and addresses will be secured, Mr. Wilcox said, and promotional material will be sent to them.

The Carolina Motor Club of Charlotte is sponsoring the tour through this area.



JUDGE DAN MOORE is shown as he visited with friends at the Daniel Boone Hotel Monday, and shook hands with George Smitherman of Boone. In the background is Mr.

Smitherman's uncle, Mr. W. H. Smitherman of Beaver Dam township.—Photo Flowers Photo Shop.

Pepsi-Cola Shopping Spree Promotion Costs \$1,850,000

An opportunity to share in a \$1,850,000 prize kitty was brought to Mitchell, Avery, Yancy and Watauga county residents today when Jack Young, manager of the Pepsi-Cola Bottling Company of Spruce Pine announced sponsorship of the 1964 Pepsi-Cola Shopping Spree promotion.

Highlight of the six-week contest will be the awarding of the grand national first prize—an entire family will be set loose in the food store of their choice to shop to their hearts' content—absolutely free—for one-half hour. Additionally, the

grand national winner will receive a 1964 Mercury station wagon.

In addition to the grand first prize, 120 other national awards could be won by local entrants. They include: ten 1964 Mercury station wagons loaded with a (Continued on page two)