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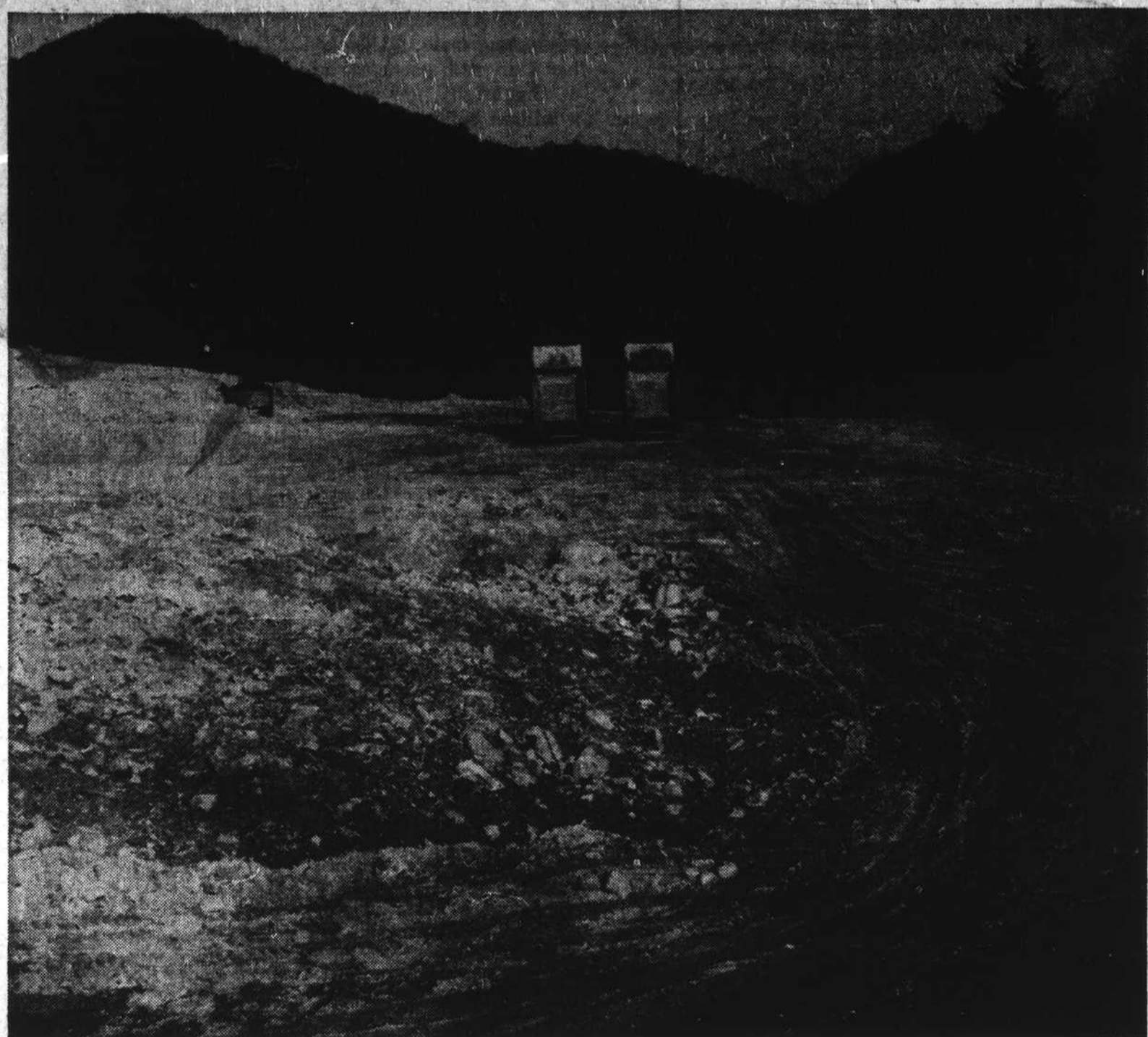
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The dream of a consolidated high school will be realized when the Watauga High School is erected on the site above. Most of the grading and excavation work is done and plans are for completion of the building in the fall of 1965.—Flowers photo.

Current Report Is Given

School Grading Progresses

BY RUTH H. MARICH
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Wataugans were justly proud in September 1963 when they voted on and approved the first major bond issue for capital school improvements in Watauga County which accelerated the planning for a consolidated high school to serve secondary educational needs of the county. Although the plans for this

consolidation were conceived as far back as 1958, it has taken many years of hard work, analysis and planning to finally make it a reality. Many man-hours of work have gone into this project since the idea was initiated; therefore no efforts in this realization should go unappreciated.

Again Wataugans can be proud of the progress that is being made in the planning and construction of Watauga High School.

week in June, at which time bids will be let for the actual construction of the building.

The Watauga County Board of Commissioners has made plans for the sale of one million dollars in bonds to be applied to the new building. These bonds will go on sale June 1 as funds will be necessary after July 1 if building bids are let on schedule. The remainder of the bonds will be scheduled for

sale as additional funds are required for the completion of the project.

Watauga High School is to be constructed on a 39.5 acre site and will be one of the most modern, best equipped schools in the state. Encompassed in the building will be approximately 132,000 square feet of usable space. Thirty classrooms will be in regular use in

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JAMES A. DUGGER

Dugger Elected Head Of Demo Executive Comm.

James A. Dugger of Boone, was elected Chairman of the Watauga County Democratic Executive Committee at the county convention held Saturday.

He succeeds C. H. Hendrix of Boone, who did not seek reelection.

Mr. Dugger is a son of Mr. and Mrs. John Dugger of Vilas, and is in the engineering department of the State Highway Commission. He is former President and Vice-President of the Watauga Young Democrat Club. He is married, has two children, and has his home in Boone.

Mrs. Joe Hartley was named first vice-chairman; Dr. W. F. Troutman, Jr., second vice-chairman; Tom Lawrence, third vice-chairman; Mrs. Rob Rivers, secretary; George C. Thomas, treasurer.

During the convention the delegates and others in attendance paid a standing tribute to

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Mr. Guy Angell, Superintendent of Watauga County Schools, reports that grading at the school site is progressing on schedule, in spite of earlier rains which hampered operations, and should be completed the last week in May. About three-fourths of the work of clearing, grading, and drainage is complete. The contract for this work was awarded to Sherman Simpson, Inc., Mt. Airy for \$82,500. There has been a problem with moving the water lines which cross the site, but this will not deter from the expected schedule. Grading of the access road from Highway 105 to the school is completed and surfacing will be complete within two weeks. The North Carolina Highway Commission financed and completed the work on this road at no expense to the county.

The architects are making rapid progress on the completion of the final plans and specifications, and these should be ready for the builders the first

Registration At AHS June 9

Registration for the summer session at Appalachian High School is scheduled for 8 a.m. June 9.

Classes will begin June 9 and continue through July 24. The school day will be from 8:30 until 1 o'clock and one unit of credit may be earned.

Regular Appalachian High School students whose parents are residing in the community for the summer months are eligible to attend.

Subjects to be offered include English I, English II, English III, general mathematics, algebra I, algebra II, plane geometry, general science, biology, world history, U. S. history, and typing.

Boone Lions Club To Sell Brooms Tuesday

The Boone Lions Club will hold its annual broom sale Tuesday, May 19.

Since the Club has had many requests for light bulbs which were previously sold by the Boone Lions, they will be offering a pack of eight bulbs for only \$2. Each bulb will have the Lion's identification on the pack and will be of the voltage required for the best service in this locality. The brooms will

sell for \$1.50 each. Proceeds for this sale will go toward the purchase of new equipment now in use by the Boone Lions Club Eye Clinic which is held quarterly at the County Health Center.

This eye clinic furnishes glasses, eye treatments and eye surgery for those persons (children or adults) who need such services, but are unable to pay for them. Anyone needing this service may apply at the Watauga County Welfare Department and by asking Mr. Dave Mast. If you can pay for any part of this service, you may do so. You do not have to be a 100% welfare case.

The next Eye Clinic will be held in June. Watch for the date as published in the Watauga Democrat.

The brooms sold by the Lions Club are made by the blind of Greensboro, and your purchase of these helps both the blind and near blind of Watauga County.

Taylor Heads Farm Group For Preyer

Mr. Henry Taylor of Valle Crucis, has been named "Farmer for Preyer" from Watauga County, and will head the farm organization here in support of Judge Richardson Preyer for the Democratic nomination for Governor.

The announcement was made by Mr. Fred Mast, County campaign manager for Judge Preyer.

Mr. Taylor is a leading farmer of the county and is a pioneer breeder of Charolais cattle in North Carolina. He has worked part-time with the Soil Conservation Service and was one of the first supervisors elected to the Watauga Soil Conservation District.

Mr. Taylor is Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Skyline Telephone Company and has served on this board since his election in October of 1954.

He recommends that the farmers support Judge Preyer for Governor in the May primary.

Thieves Again Break Into Watauga Stores

Another series of break-ins of business establishments of Watauga County occurred over the week end.

Sheriff Dallas Cheek reports that Howard Greene's Service Station at Deep Gap was broken into Saturday night and the money rifled from four vending machines.

The Boone Golf Club clubhouse was entered Sunday night by parties unknown through the front door which was demolish-

ed. Approximately \$38.00 was taken.

The Skyline Bowling Lanes was also broken into Sunday night. Entrance was made through a side door and the money from three vending machines taken and approximately \$135.00 from the office.

Sheriff Cheek says that every effort is being made to apprehend the vandals and a member of the State Bureau of Investigation has been called in to aid in the investigation.

Volunteers Are Commended

Over Ten Thousand Are Given Polio Vaccine

Over 65 Per Cent Of Wataugans Are Immunized

BY RUTH H. MARICH

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Wataugans came out again en masse Sunday to receive the second and final doses of the Sabine vaccine in an effort to stamp out the dread killer and crippling, polio. A total of 10,145 went to the four polio immunization centers at schools in the county and took the lumps of sugar containing two drops of the new vaccine which makes them immune against all three strains of polio.

According to Dr. Hadley M. Wilson, chairman of the Oral Polio Immunization Program for Watauga County, over 65% of the county's population has received the required two doses of vaccine. Although participation in the program was some less than was hoped, Dr. Wilson says all in all the program was successful. Even though no charge was made for the vaccine, contributions were received in the approximate amount of \$8,800 for the clinics, and after the vaccine is paid for, the surplus amount will be handled by the Watauga County Medical Society for charitable purposes.

In the first clinic held March 8, 10,299 persons took the Sabine vaccine, which is 154 more than turned out Sunday; however, this deficit is much smaller than was expected. Dr. Wilson said there will be no make-up clinics for those who missed the second dose, but the vaccine will be available for those who wish it through their local doctors.

The teams of local doctors and nurses and the many volunteer workers who handled the clinics so efficiently at no remuneration are to be highly commended for their parts in making this program a success, and a special thanks to all of them goes out from Dr. Wilson.

The immunization figures for the four clinics in the county are Blowing Rock, 1116 doses; Parkway, 1896 doses; Cove Creek, 3423 doses; and Boone, 4710 doses. These figures do not include immunizations received by Appalachian State Teachers College, whose program is under state direction, or doses administered at the Watauga County Health Office.

Welfare Dept. Aids Those Wanting Work

Public Welfare is at all times interested in helping people help themselves, and for that reason is now establishing a roster of names of available workers. These persons are capable of doing work around the home, on the farm and in town. If you need someone to work, call the Welfare Department for referral. An honest effort will be made to assist.



Citizens of Watauga County turn out to receive the second dose of Sabine vaccine at one of the four immunization clinics held Sunday.

Delegates From 4 Counties Meet To Ask Fund Grants

Former Boone Banker Dies In Statesville

Gurney D. Brinkley, 60, former Boone banker and native of Watauga County, died suddenly in Statesville May 7.

Mr. Brinkley was the son of Mrs. Addie D. Brinkley of Elk Park and the late Henry Brinkley. He was a graduate of Cove Creek High School and attended ASTC and taught in the Watauga County schools. From 1925 to 1944 he was employed at the Peoples Bank and Trust Company and Northwestern Bank in Boone and was an examiner for the Northwestern Bank for several years.

Mr. Brinkley had lived for the past sixteen years in Avery County and was employed as an accountant at the Brinkley Motor Co. in Newland at the time of his death.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Addie D. Brinkley, one daughter, Mrs. R. B. Hess, Baltimore, Md.; two brothers, John H. Brinkley of Racine, Wisconsin and James E. Brinkley of Boone; four sisters, Mrs. R. C. Isaacs, Elk Park, N. C., Mrs. Oscar Chappell, Piney Flats, Tennessee, Mrs. A. L. Cornett, Bluff City, Tennessee, and Mrs. John R. Clark, Winston-Salem, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the Willowdale Baptist Church with Rev. Mr. Branch and Rev. Glenn Gentry officiating. Burial was in the Howell Cemetery.

Hiram Harmon Rites Are Held

Hiram Harmon, 74, of Boone, Rt. 3, died Monday, May 4 at his home after a short illness.

He was born in Avery County to James and Hallie Townsend Harmon.

Surviving are six sons, Charles Harmon of Canton, Ohio, Chester Harmon of New York, Robert, Mont and Jack Harmon of Bristol, Tenn., and Boss Harmon of Fulton, Calif.; four daughters, Mrs. Bruce Collins and Mrs. Martin Brown of Greenville, Tenn., Mrs. Jim Webb of Bristol, Tenn., and Mrs. Lyle Martin of Massillon, Ohio; four brothers, Savannas, Sidney and Dolphus Harmon.

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A steering committee, representing the counties of Avery, Mitchell, Watauga, and Yancey, met Tuesday, April 27, on the campus of Appalachian State Teachers College to begin setting up plans for an organization to qualify for a grant from the North Carolina Fund. The four-county area is one of seven chosen by the Fund for a grant, but the details of the grant are not yet worked out.

Meeting with the committee was William H. Koch, Jr., staff member of the office of the Fund in Durham. Mr. Koch has responsibility for the community development phase of the Fund's program.

Mr. Koch complimented the group on the work it had done and on the Fund's approval of the proposals. He expressed pleasure on behalf of the officials of the Fund for the opportunity of working with these four counties to improve life and living in the area. The members of the steering committee expressed their thanks to Mr. Koch for the confidence shown in their proposals and

the recognition of the needs of this area.

At the meeting, the steering committee took the following actions:

Walter L. Thomas, superintendent of schools in Mitchell County, was chosen to serve as interim chairman in getting the four-county program under way for the North Carolina Volunteers, the summer student program. Each county will select one person to serve with Mr. Thomas, who will call the meeting. The committee will work

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Health Dept. Staffers Attend Asheville Meet

Watauga County members of the District Health Department staff attending the Western N. C. Public Health Association meeting in Asheville May 7 and 8 were: Dr. Mary B. H. Michal, health director; Mrs. Opal B. Clawson, public health nurse; Mr. Jack D. Cobb, sanitarian; Mrs. Betty Caudill and Miss Dot Baird, secretaries.

Ragan Is Employed To Work At New School

Mr. George C. Ragan, Jr. was recently employed by the Board of Education to work in the areas of Vocational Education now being planned for the Watauga High School. Mr. Ragan will begin work this fall and will be responsible for orientating students, now attending our present high schools, in the various courses planned for the new high school. He will also assist in the purchase and placement of vocational education equipment in the new high school. Efforts will be made to inventory our local needs for employment as an aid in the establishment of specific courses designed to fit the needs of our local people—those in school and out of school.

Mr. Ragan, a native of Watauga County, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Carter Ragan, Sr. of Route 2, Boone. He is a 1963 graduate of Appalachian State Teachers College, where he was selected to appear in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." He now holds a B.S. degree in Industrial Arts and is presently working toward a master of arts degree at ASTC.



GEORGE C. RAGAN, JR.

Prior to entering college, Mr. Ragan served four years in the U. S. Navy.

For the past two years he has been employed by the Greensboro City Schools as instructor of Industrial Arts at Aycock Junior High School, Greensboro.

Mr. Ragan is married to the former Miss Wilma Moretz, also of Boone. They are the parents of a nine-month-old son, Jeffrey Lynn.