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BOONE WEATHER						
1964	Hi	Lo	prec.	'63	Hi	Lo
July 21	78	63			74	60
July 22	75	64	tr.		76	56
July 23	80	60	2.9		78	58
July 24	72	60	3.1		71	56
July 25	76	64	tr.		73	60
July 26	79	64			77	57
July 27	81	61			82	55

Commission Accredits Hospital

As a result of a recent survey of Watauga County Hospital by The Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals, the hospital has been notified that it has been fully accredited for a period of three years. The Commission also stated "that the proposed construction of an entirely new 83-bed hospital is highly commendable."

The accrediting agency is made up of The American College of Physicians, American College of Surgeons, American Hospital Association, American Medical Association and Canadian Medical Association.

Dr. Russell H. Blood visited the hospital on May 21 to examine departments such as medical staff organization, medical record department, dietary and nursing department.

Dr. Blood stated that he was favorably impressed by the excellent medical program carried on at the hospital. Watauga Hospital was first approved in 1955 and has been fully approved since that time. Watauga County Hospital is also the only fully approved hospital in Watauga County.

It is pointed out that the survey by the Joint Commission is purely voluntary, and made only by hospitals that request it.

Mrs. Virginia A. Groce, Administrator of the hospital, expresses her appreciation to the medical and surgical staff, to the Board of Trustees, and all the other departments and employees for their cooperation in helping to maintain high hospital standards.



4-H LEADERS.—Bob Shipley (foreground) of Vilas, (Watauga County) was elected president Thursday of North Carolina's vast 4-H Club organization. Elected to serve with him were (from left) Mary Beth Hurdle of Hertford, Route 3, vice president; C. J. Reynolds of Biscoe, Route 3, historian; and Mary Alice Thomas of Magnolia, secretary-treasurer. The election came as one of the concluding features of the 39th annual State 4-H Club Week at N. C. State. (Photo by Ralph Mills.)



TOP HONORS IN THE STATE 4-H dress revue were announced during state 4-H Club Week in Raleigh. Winners are (left to right) Ramona Bowditch, Yancy County, 3rd place; Janie Shipley, Watauga County, 1st place; Harriet McRae, Anson County, 2nd place.

Miss Robinson Dies At Age 14

Miss Nancy Lee Robinson, 14-year-old daughter of Kent and Jane Greenlee Robinson of Boone, died Friday morning at Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem after an illness of four months.

She was born in Boone.

She was a rising sophomore at Appalachian High School and a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

Surviving besides her parents and her grandparents, Mrs. Sam Greenlee of Spruce Pine



NANCY LEE ROBINSON

and Mrs. George Robinson of Reese; and a sister, Miss Helen Robinson of the home.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church by the Rev. J. K. Parker and the Rev. E. F. Troutman. Burial was in the Greenlee Memorial Cemetery at Spruce Pine.

Watauga Youth Is Named President State 4-H Council

Watauga County received several honors during State 4-H Club Week, July 20-24.

Bobby Shipley of Vilas and the Cove Creek 4-H Club was elected President of the State 4-H Council by 155 electoral votes. Bobby received votes from 83 counties in our State. He will preside at the spring council meeting and the 1965 State 4-H Club Week.

Bobby's sister, Janie Shipley, won the State 4-H Dress Revue Wednesday night. She competed with 36 girls who had won the dress revue in each respective district. Janie will go to Chicago and model in the National Dress Revue during 4-H Club Congress.

Janie and Bobby are the children of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shipley.

Billy Henson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russel Henson, Sherwood, and Cove Creek 4-H Club member was state winner in sheep shearing. He attended the recognition banquet for state winners Thursday night at the Faculty Club.

Earline Michael represented our county as the County Health Queen Tuesday night. She was a lovely delegate. Ear-

line is from the Matney Community 4-H Club.

Sherry Cornett, Elizabeth Cornett, Elizabeth Wilson, and Zola Cornett sang "Lose My Mind, Before I'm Over You" in the State-wide Talent Show held Thursday night of Club Week. They are from the Mount-dale Community 4-H Club.

Other club members in attendance were Joyce Tester of Bethel and Jae Shore of Valle Crucis.

The event was held at North Carolina State College. Approximately 1400 persons attended. The group was accompanied by Mrs. Doris P. Storie, assistant home agent, and Mr. W. C. Richardson, agricultural agent.

Free X-Ray Unit Closes Thursday

Wataugans are reminded that the X-Ray service unit on King Street in front of the Crest store closes at 5 p. m. on Thursday, July 30. Because of insufficient operating funds, the unit will not be available anywhere else in the county this year.



HOMER BROWN

Homer Brown, Co. Librarian, Dies Saturday

Homer Furnifold Brown, 62, of Boone, district director of Appalachian Regional Library in Watauga, Wilkes, and Ashe counties, died at 9 p. m. Saturday at Blowing Rock Hospital where he had been a patient since suffering a heart attack several weeks ago.

He was born in Alleghany County to Freeland and Mary Stamper Brown.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II, serving as chief signalman. He also worked at an ordnance depot under civil service. He received B.S. and M.A. degrees from Appalachian State Teachers College.

He became Watauga County librarian in 1953, and later Wilkes and Ashe counties were added to his district.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. (Continued from page three)

Total \$1,472,424

School Contract Given To Johnson City Firm

Work On New Plant Will Be Started Soon

Bids were opened for the construction of the Watauga High School by the Watauga County Board of Education, Tuesday, July 21, at 3 p. m., in the office of the superintendent of schools. The board took the low bids under consideration and met again in special session on Friday, July 24, and awarded the construction contracts to the following:

General contract — J. E. Greene Construction Co., Johnson City: \$1,096,017.00.

Plumbing — Moser Plumbing & Heating, Asheville: \$84,700.00.

Heating—Moser Plumbing & Heating, Asheville: \$181,240.00.

Electrical contract—Electric Wiring Co., Hickory: \$87,610.00.

Kitchen contract — Food Equipment Contractors, Durham: \$22,857.00.

Total amount—\$1,472,424.00.

Furniture and equipment contracts for the library and home economics departments were not awarded due to the receipt of only two bids. This part of the project will be re-advertised and bids will be received at a later date.

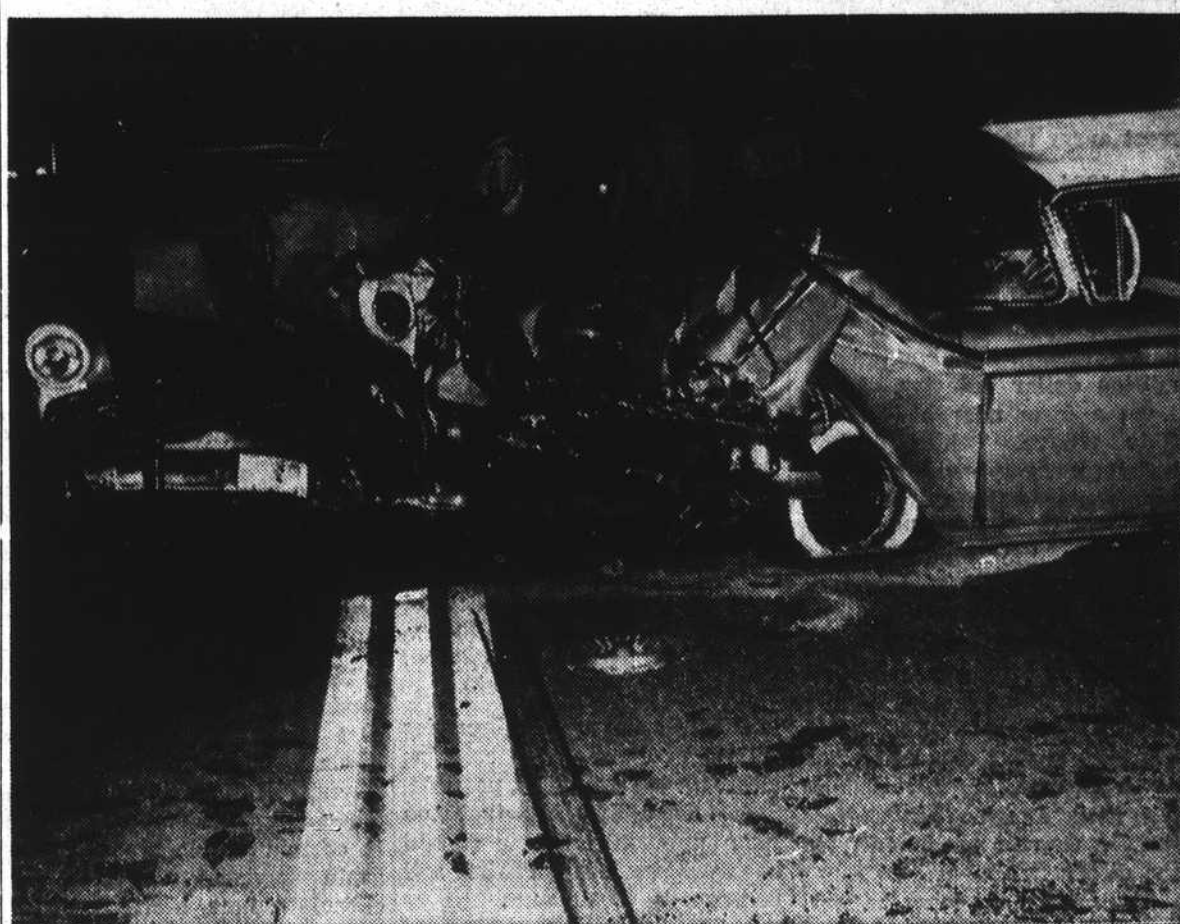
The total school project contains 127,297 square feet and construction is scheduled to begin immediately in order to have the building ready for occupancy by the opening of the 1965-66 school term.

Watauga Young G. O. P. Club To Hear Rep. Osteen

Representative William Osteen of Greensboro will be the principal speaker at the July meeting of the Watauga County Young Republican Club. The meeting will be held at the Elementary School Auditorium in Boone at 8 p. m. Thursday, July 30.

Osteen has emerged as one of the brightest of the young men in the Republican party in North Carolina, and has twice served as House Minority Leader in the State Legislature. He led the Republican sweep in Guilford County in 1962, and is already being mentioned as a potential candidate for governor in 1968.

Local Young Republican leaders are expecting the largest crowd since the organization of the club in 1962.



SCENE OF CRASH IN WHICH ONE WAS KILLED. Photo Flowers' Photo Shop

Pennell Is Indicted In Fatal Accident On 105

Johnnie Pennell, 22, of the Silverstone community, has been charged with homicide and five traffic violations in the July 22 traffic death of Raymond Spencer Isaacs, Jr., 22, of Zionville, according to Sheriff Dallas Cheek. Warrants issued by the sheriff for traffic offenses included failing to stop for a stop sign, failing to stop for a siren, driving on the wrong side of the road, driving in excess of 90 miles an hour, operating a vehicle without a driver's license. Bond was set at \$2500 on the homicide charge and two lesser bonds for the traffic violations. Bonds were filled and Pennell was released pending his appearance before the Grand Jury at the fall term of court.

Pennell was driving Isaacs' car when it collided head-on with another car driven by William McGuire of Sugar Grove on Highway 105 about five miles south of Boone, Wednesday night at 8:15. Pennell was being pursued by Sheriff Cheek and Deputy Ed Harmon at the time of the collision, the chase having started earlier on Highway 421 two miles west of Boone.

In addition to Isaacs, who was killed in the wreck, Pennell and Shirley Hicks, 27, of Boone

were injured, along with Mrs. McGuire and her son, Gary, who were passengers in the car driven by William McGuire. All were taken to Watauga Hospital for treatment.

Funeral services for Raymond Spencer Isaacs, Jr., were conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday at the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church by Rev. Walter Hill. Burial was in the church cemetery.

Surviving are his father, Raymond Spencer Isaacs, five brothers, Lawrence of Vilas, Dean, Estel, Fred and J. C. of Zionville, and a sister, Mrs. Irene Pennell of Zionville.

Funeral Held For Mrs. W. C. Carroll

Mrs. Walter C. Carroll, age 81, of Boone, Route 1 died July 27 at the home of a son, Archie Carroll after an illness of two months.

She was a native of Watauga county and had spent her entire life here.

She was the daughter of the late Calvin and Sophia Elrod Hodges.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. July 29 at (Continued on page three)

County Demos Will Attend Unity Dinner

Representatives from Watauga County are expected to attend the Democrat Unity Dinner in Charlotte on July 31, according to James A. Dugger, county chairman.

State Democratic Party chairman Lunsford Crew stated that more than 1,000 Democrats from all over the state are expected to attend the affair at the Park Center at 7 p. m. when Secretary of Commerce Luther H. Hodges will make the principal address. All state and district candidates have indicated they plan to attend. In addition, Crew stated that he had received word from the majority of the unsuccessful primary candidates that they will attend.

Crew noted that tickets for the fund-raising affair at \$10 each can be obtained from the county chairmen or from State Headquarters in Raleigh.

FOR 1965-67 BIENNIUM

Appalachian Makes Request For \$10 Million Budget

Appalachian State Teachers College capital improvements requests totaling \$10,087,000 were presented to the North Carolina Advisory Budget Commission at the July 15 meeting on the Boone campus by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president.

These requests are for the 1965-67 biennium.

Prior to the meeting the commission was given a tour of the campus that they might see first hand the old and new buildings on the campus.

Addressing the commission, Dr. Plemmons reviewed briefly the history of Appalachian. He said that the enrollment has

increased rapidly in the past decade. The enrollment has soared from 1400 in 1955 to 3193 in 1963-64, which represents an annual increase of approximately 200 students.

Dr. Plemmons declared that while the enrollment has more than doubled since 1955, the capacity of the residence halls has been increased by approximately 450.

Dormitory facilities on the campus were designed to provide accommodations for 1700 students. However, during the past year, approximately 1917 students were housed in these facilities. The college assigned three students to 217 rooms

originally designed to accommodate only two.

For 1964-65, it is planned to assign three students to an additional 200 to 250 rooms. Such conditions are very undesirable, but either these conditions are continued or five or six hundred students would be told that Appalachian cannot accommodate them.

The college president said that studies made of enrollment trends indicate that by 1965 (provided facilities are ready to occupy by that time) the equated full-time enrollment will approach 3600. By 1970-71 the enrollment is expected to reach 4782.

Budget requests were presented to the commission under three classifications, priority classification I, priority classification II and priority classification III.

Priority Classification I In this classification are urgently needed major repairs or construction required for protection and safety of persons or for the preservation of property.

A new 80,000 square foot Classroom Building to replace the Administration Building is recommended. The present administration building was constructed in 1922. (Continued on page 8, Sec. C.)

Ervin Announces Federal Loan To Build New Dorms At ASTC

Senator Sam J. Ervin, Jr. (D-NC) announced Tuesday that four new residence halls and a new college union building for students at Appalachian State Teachers College, Boone, N. C. will be constructed with \$3,190,000 in four college housing loans from the Community Facilities Administration. The Federal loan will be supplemented by \$695,000 of the college's own funds.

Details of the loans are as follows:

A \$1,025,000 loan for construction of a three-story reinforced concrete and brick college union, which will provide a snack bar, kitchen facilities, student office and meeting rooms, lounge areas, a craft shop and book store for the entire student body.

\$780,000 for a three-story brick residence hall to house 288 men students and provide lounge and dormitory office space;

\$605,000 loan to be used with \$695,000 of the college's funds for two residence halls to house a total of 500 women students; and

\$780,000 for an eight-story residence hall for 300 women students.

Senator Ervin pointed out that construction is scheduled to start in two months with completion slated in one year with the exception of the union building which will take about 20 months.