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STANDING ROOM WAS ALL that was left Saturday when the Blue Ridge Shoe Co. opened its doors to citizens of Watauga County. An estimated crowd of 2,000 took part in

the company's official dedication ceremonies, which included talks by company officials, prizes and a tour of the enormous manufacturing facility. (Rivers photo.)

## Parkway To Stay "Free"

Washington — Free access to the Blue Ridge Parkway and the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina and Tennessee will remain.

That was the word Thursday of Sen. Henry M. Jackson, D-Wash., floor manager for an outdoor recreation fund bill approved Wednesday by the Senate. Jackson said this policy was included in the legislation now awaiting Senate-House compromise.

The bill authorizes collections of admissions and of used fees for facilities developed under the federal program, but a specific ban on them was included for the Smoky Mountains National Park.

Jackson accepted an amendment sponsored by North Carolina Sens. Sam J. Ervin, Jr., and B. Everette Jordan and Sen. Herbert S. Walters, D-Tenn.

The bill as amended bans an entrance fee "without the consent of the states of North Carolina and Tennessee." The senators said that an agreement against charging entrance fees had been made with donors of land for the park and parkway. Jackson said this would be honored.

Ervin told the Senate that the amendment would not affect any fees that might be charged for the use of facilities, such as campsites or firewood, which might be furnished without the consent of the two states.

## Beshears Proposed As Deep Gap Postmaster

Washington.—President Johnson submitted to the Senate Monday the nomination of W. Frank Beshears to be postmaster at Deep Gap, N. C.



STUART GRADY TUGMAN

## S. G. Tugman, Local Leader, Dies Saturday

Stuart Grady Tugman, 70, former Boone hardware merchant, died Saturday at Watauga Hospital. He had been in declining health for a number of years.

Mr. Tugman was born in Watauga County to Thomas and Ann Davis Tugman, and was reared in Meat Camp township where he engaged in farming activities.

He was the manager of Watauga's first co-op store, was with the State Health Department for some time, and later he and a son, Earl, owned and operated Watauga Hardware, Inc. in Boone. He was a member of the Boone Methodist Church and had served on the city council. He had been retired since 1960.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Margaret Davis Tugman; four sons, Ralph and Earl Tugman, Boone; Dana Tugman, Laurel Springs; S. G. Tugman, Jr., Charlotte; five grandchildren and a sister, Mrs. T. P. Adams of Pine Hall.

Funeral services were conducted Monday at 2 o'clock at (Continued on page 3, Sec. C)

## 124th Annual Session Planned By Baptists

The Three Forks Baptist Association will hold its 124th annual session on Tuesday and Wednesday August 25-26.

The first day will meet with the Greenway Baptist Church, and the second day with the Zionville Baptist Church. The Three Forks Baptist Association has a membership of 8,637 members with 46 churches.

Dinner will be served each day by the host church.

Dr. Perry Crouch, General Secretary and Treasurer of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, will speak to the reports on missions at 1:40 p. m. on Tuesday. Dr. D. P. McFarland, Executive Director of The Christian Action League of North Carolina will speak to the report on public morals and temperance work at 10:25 a. m., Wednesday. Dr.

Eugene Poston, President of Gardner Webb College, will speak to the report on Christian Education at 1:35 on Wednesday.

The Rev. Ed Crump, pastor of the Brushy Fork Baptist Church will bring the Evangelistic message at 11:25 on Tuesday. Rev. Walter Hill, pastor of Pleasant Grove Baptist church will bring the message at 11:25 on Wednesday.

The Rev. C. O. Vance, pastor of Greenway Baptist Church is Moderator and W. E. Pope is associational missionary.

The public is invited.

## Agle Injured In Smash Up In New Mexico

Two cars smashed head-on into each other east of Tucumcari, New Mexico, on August 11, injuring James H. Agle, 20, of Boone, and killing a 21-year-old Michigan woman.

Also injured were two students from Appalachian State Teachers College, Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Durham, both 22, and also of Boone. Agle, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Agle of Boone, and the Durhams were taken to Dan Trigg Memorial Hospital in Tucumcari.

Mrs. Durham had a broken rib and collarbone. The two men had minor cuts and bruises.

Dead was Fatima L. Gushing, 21, of Coldwater, Mich. State Police Officer A. L. Mitchell said she was the driver of a car which swerved for some unknown reason into the path

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ROBERT GAVIN

## Robert Gavin, GOP Candidate, To Visit Boone

Robert Gavin, Republican gubernatorial candidate, will be in Boone and Watauga County on Tuesday, August 25, to meet with county Republican leaders.

On Wednesday, August 26, he will campaign throughout the area, getting acquainted with business men and the general public.

For information, contact Clyde R. Greene, county chairman, at 264-3096.

## Contributors Listed

# 10-Acre Site Procured For Saw, Tool Industry

## Citizens On The Move

BY RACHEL RIVERS

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It's up to the community and county as to whether or not American Saw & Tool Company will establish a branch plant in Boone.

Alfred Adams, chairman of the Industry Committee, told the Democrat this week that a site has been secured on the State Farm Road, southeast of the VFW. The 10-acre site, formerly the property of Ralph Beshears and Dr. Hugh Watson, now has been purchased by the Committee.

About 20 members of the Industry Committee met for a breakfast meeting on Tuesday, August 18, at the Gateway Cafe. Finance Chairman Stanley Harris formed a canvassing committee from the group, who were assigned areas to cover for contributions.

Already a number of businessmen have contributed toward the \$25,000 fund needed to bring American Saw & Tool here. This cost is the difference between what land is selling for and what the industry is willing to pay for it.

Although they requested more land than was anticipated, Adams said they have agreed to handle the costs of grading the land and paving entrance roads and parking areas. This should mean between \$8-\$10,000 in savings for the town in acquiring a new wage-labor medium.

"The company is all set, but we can't accept the proposition until all the money is pledged," Harris said. He urged that Wataugans make their subscriptions this week, to enable the quickest possible acquisition of the new industry facility.

Glenn Andrews said "They have already offered to build and operate the factory, if we can do our share."

So far, contributors include: Boone Drug Co., Hunt's Dept. Store, Maymead Block Co., V. L. Moretz & Son, D. L. Wilcox, Sr., Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, Alfred Adams, Dr. E. T. Glenn;

First National Bank, Sam Dixon, Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., Buford Stamey, Gwyn Hayes, Cardinal Motel, Tweetsie Railroad, Coffey Building Supply, Dexter Hampton;

Watauga Democrat, Stanley Harris, Greer & Coe Construction, E. F. Coe, Clyde R. Greene, Northwestern Bank, W. R. Winkler;

Motor Parts & Supply Co., Brown Bros. Construction. (Continued on page 3, Sec. C)



NATIONAL PRESS PHOTOGRAPHERS QUEEN.—Mary Frances Kelly was chosen queen by the press photographers of the two Carolinas last August at Grandfather Mountain, and this past June went to Las Vegas to win the national title "Miss American

Face." The Union Mills, S. C., beauty will return to Grandfather Mountain August 22-23 to crown her successor in a pageant sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association. Amateur and professional cameramen from many states will participate.

## Results Of Opinion Poll Are Released By Broyhill

Congressman James T. Broyhill has announced the results of his public opinion poll of the 99th District on national issues. The survey was distributed throughout the District in June with Broyhill's tabulation of 6,201 responses based on those returned to him by July 20.

A very large proportion of those responding, Broyhill pointed out, took time to explain their opinions on problems facing the country. He stated that many of these comments raised points of view that he had not previously considered which provided new insights in his efforts to speak for the people of the District in Washington.

According to the 9th District Congressman, "the most persistent expression in the poll was a deep concern over the expansion of Federal power and the increase in Federal spending and deficit financing."

On 16 of the 26 questions in the survey, decisive support or opposition was expressed. Among those issues where more than two-thirds of those participating opposed particular proposals were Red China's admission to the U. N., expanded U. S. trade with Communist countries, new Federal programs to cause further unbalanced budgets, the Federal pay raise, increasing the legal limit on the national debt, the Civil Rights bill, the President's poverty program, the President's proposal requiring double-time pay for overtime work, a Federal requirement for daylight saving time, higher farm supports and strict production controls, Federal aid to local public transit systems, and

the reactivation of the CCC program for young people.

Among the issues where more than two-thirds of the opinions expressed favored particular questions, Broyhill indicated, were support for a stronger policy on Cuba, support for a Constitutional amendment to authorize States and local communities to permit voluntary prayers and Bible reading in the public schools, and support for

an income tax credit for parents with children in college.

Although four key sections of the Civil Rights legislation were opposed, 65 percent favored guarantees of voting rights in Federal elections.

The most evenly divided opinions occurred on the question of new pension legislation for World War I veterans. Less than one percentage point di-

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## County Office Announces ASC Election Regulations

## Southern Bell Adds Facilities As Town Grows

Approximately \$110,500 has recently been spent in the Boone area to provide for 400 additional telephones and a maximum capacity of 4,000 total telephones, W. R. Cooke Jr., local manager, says. This addition is necessary because of the rate of growth here.

According to Cooke the present dial building located at 709 E. King Street was enlarged by 1,360 square feet to provide space for the installation of the central office equipment. The cost for the inside plant was \$75,000 and the outside plant (cable, etc.) came to \$35,000.

The complete installation of all facilities should be made in the middle of this month.

Farmers of Watauga county are being urged to take part in the election of their local ASC Community Committeemen who will administer ASCS programs in 1965. These committeemen will take office October 1.

The importance of these elections cannot be overemphasized. The election will be held again this year by mail. Ballots will be mailed to all eligible voters on record on or before September 1.

Voters will be informed to vote for 5 persons from the list of nominees who were selected by farmer petitions and present Community Committees and placed on the ballots.

Vaughn Tugman, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation County Committee Chairman, points out that this annual election is one in which all eligible farmers have an opportunity to select the best men available for the ASC committee. By doing this they help assure good service to themselves and sound

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## 2,000 Residents Attend

# Blue Ridge Shoe Co. Is Dedicated

Melville Shoe Corporation dedicated its newest shoe factory here Saturday with a formal ceremony and open-house tours attended by more than 2,000 residents of Boone and Watauga County, according to Francis C. Rooney, president and chief executive officer of the New York firm.

250 employees are currently making 2,400 pairs of shoes a day for Melville's 1,200 Thom McAn and Miles shoe stores.

The first Melville factory opened in neighboring Wilkesboro, N. C., in November, 1961. It currently employs more than 350 people and produces 6,000 pairs of juvenile shoes a day.

The Boone plant, Rooney said, gives Melville ten shoe factories and one supply factory and provides the manufacturing capacity the firm needs to supply its expanding retail divisions.

Boone was chosen as the site for the new Blue Ridge factory

after Melville surveyed possible locations in many states and discussed possible sites with Watauga Citizens, Inc., and the Division of Commerce and Industry of the North Carolina Department of Conservation and Development.

Commenting on the choice of the Boone location, Rooney said that Melville was "extremely pleased" with the site and the "fine cooperation" extended by both local and state interests.

Francis H. Gleason, president of Blue Ridge Shoe Company, complimented the employees for the enthusiasm they displayed while the plant was getting into

production. "Even in an age of automated production," Gleason stressed, "making shoes is still a craft which demands trained people, and the future of this company rests on the skill and pride which you and I have in making quality shoes which can be sold to the public at a fair price. More than anything else, we appreciate the fact that our new plant is operated by intelligent men and women who take pride in their jobs."

In a speech prepared for delivery at the dedication ceremonies, Governor Terry Sanford said, "North Carolina is proud of the progress and pro-

ductivity of the Blue Ridge Shoe Company plants at Boone and Wilkesboro.

"During the time that the Blue Ridge Shoe Company has been operating in North Carolina, it has proved to be a good corporate citizen. It already has provided 250 new jobs at Boone and 350 at Wilkesboro.

"Therefore, on behalf of the citizens of this State, I congratulate Blue Ridge Shoe Company."

Ralph Winkler, vice president of Watauga Citizens, Inc., welcomed Melville and Blue Ridge Shoe Company to Watauga County on behalf of the (Continued on page 3, Sec. C)