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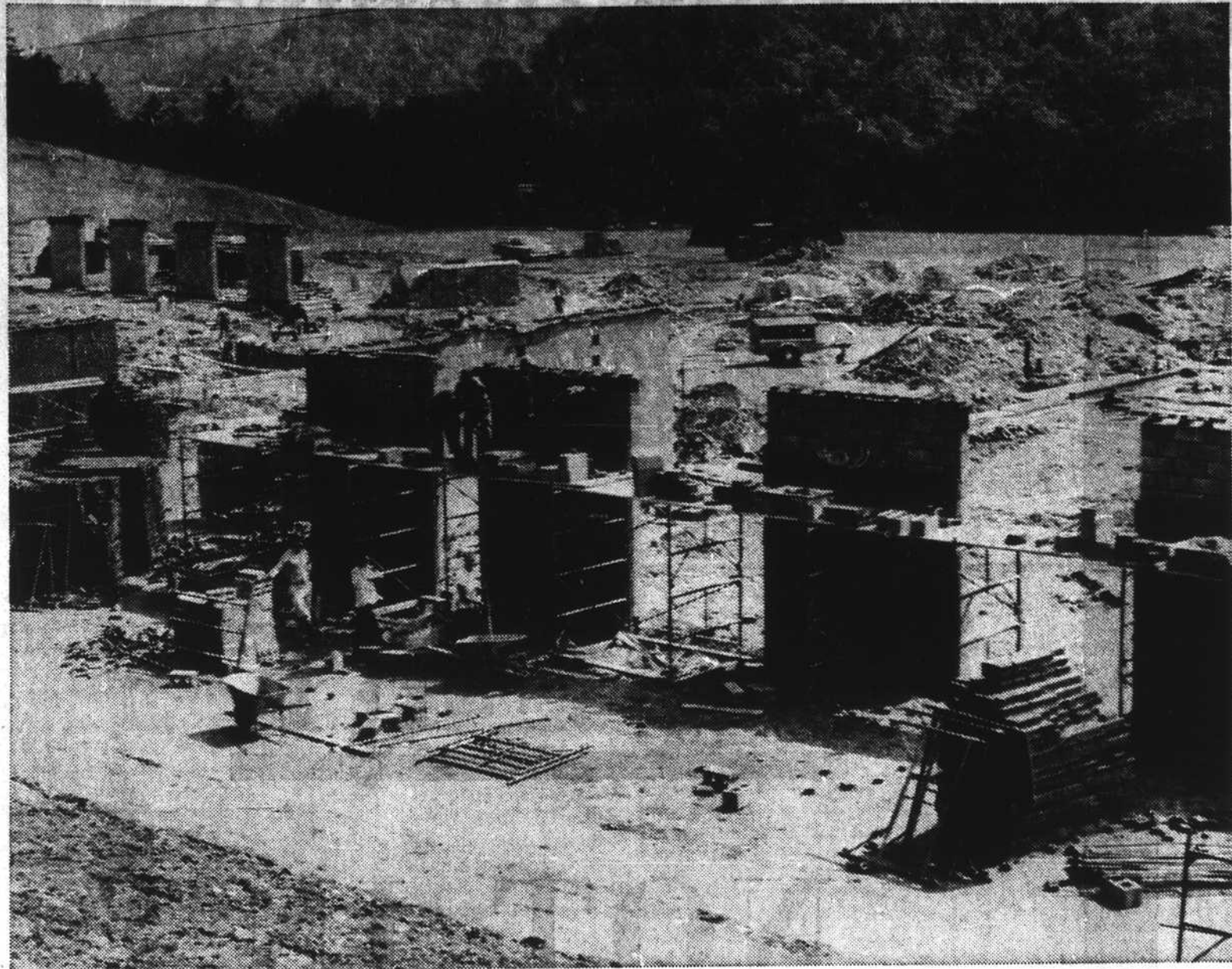
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THE WATAUGA CONSOLIDATED High School takes shape at its building site on Highway 105. Plans are to merge all county high schools by fall of 1965. The bond issue last fall

passed by a landslide majority. Elementary education still will be carried on in county townships. (Rivers photo.)

## 183 Cases Are Tried True Bill Is Found In Slaying Of Roger Hicks

### Ernie Triplett Faces Trial In Superior Court

BY RUTH H. MARICH

A true bill for murder was found by the Grand Jury Monday in the Watauga County Superior Court in the case of Ernest Triplett charged with the April fatal shooting of Roger Hicks. This case will come before the court in this week's session. Sheriff Dallas Cheek has summoned a special venire from which a jury will be chosen to try the case.

Also, a true bill of indictment for manslaughter was brought against Johnnie Pennell in the July 22 traffic death of Raymond Spencer Isaacs, Jr. of Zionville. Pennell's case will also be heard during the present session of court.

The court convened Monday, September 28 with three hundred thirty-five cases docketed for disposal. The Honorable J. W. Pless, Jr. is presiding with the Honorable B. T. Falls, Jr. acting solicitor.

Monday's session was an active one with 183 cases being called and action taken. Speeding violators were called en masse and the following actions were taken:

Melanie Earline Higgins, cost; Jack Bernard Sluder, cost; Athel Ealy, judgment; Samuel W. Cooper, \$50; John Dana Henson, \$25. Thomas Albert Crawley, \$25; Gary Dean Glover, \$50; Edward McVey, \$25; Nancy Mather Hedlund, cost; Steve Richard Smith, \$50; Jack E. McAlister, \$50; Judy Storie Edmisten, cost; Larry Thomas Aldridge, \$25; A. B. Perkins, \$50; Robert Carroll Townsend, \$50; Joseph Milton Prevet, cost; Bryant David Cook, \$50; Harry H. Beaver, Jr. \$50; Paul Lewis Shipley, \$50; Ben Johnson III, cost; Ervin Carson Holsclaw, \$100 and cost; Ted Eugene Jones, \$50;

Pridene Newson, \$50; James Preston Hillin, cost; Gordon Alexander Chambers, cost; Detalma Dwight Crater, cost; Obe Smith Brown, \$50; Verlee Hayes Smith, cost; James Thomas Oliver, \$25; Mary Miller Hodges, \$25; John Wesley Bell, \$25; Robert Reginald Teague, \$50; Mack Carter Jay III, \$50; Guy William Hunt, Jr., cost; Johnny Dale Shew, \$25; John Lewis Montith, \$50; Ralph Donald Taylor, cost; Ray E. Isehour, \$50; George Marl Panharst, Jr., \$50; Homer Tyre Weaver, \$50; Thomas Willis Walsh, Jr., \$50; Claude Wagner Moretz, \$50; Hugh Samuel Sheets, \$50; Benjamin Griffin Ware, \$50; William D. Geiger, \$50; Coy Lee Grindstaff, \$50; (Continued on page eight)

### Truck Crashes On Faculty St.

A man was rushed to the Watauga Hospital about 5:40 a. m. Monday after a 1957 Ford pickup he was driving wrecked in the 900 block of Faculty Street.

Jackie Coffey, 22, who gave his address as Howard Street, told police that another man was with him in the truck at the time of the wreck. Chief Hubert Thomas said that Coffey has been released from the hospital and is being held in jail, although the police have not leveled charges, pending proof that someone accompanied him.

The truck plowed up shrubbery in one yard and hit a rock wall in another yard before slamming into a light pole in front of residence 915 on Faculty Street.

### Mrs. M. F. Greene Dies In Wilkes; Rites Tuesday

Mrs. Effie Mae Wagoner Greene, 70, of Ferguson, Rt. 1, wife of Mansfield F. Greene, died at 5:50 a. m. Monday at Wilkes General Hospital after an illness of a week.

She was born in Watauga County to Richard and Sarah Blackburn Wagoner and was a member of Mount Pleasant Baptist Church.

Surviving besides her husband are two daughters, Mrs. Boice Triplett of Charlotte and Mrs. Ray Huffman of Richmond, Va.; five sons, Burl D. Greene of Jonesboro, Tenn., Olin M. Greene of Millers Creek, the Rev. Macon T. Greene of Oakboro, Richard Greene of Purlair and Dennis O. Greene of Boone; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Mrs. B. F. Welborn of Deep Gap; and a brother, George D. Wagoner of Harmony.

The funeral was conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Mount Pleasant Baptist Church by the Rev. J. C. Shaw and the Rev. J. C. McQueen. Burial was in Stony Fork Baptist Church cemetery.

### Brother Of B. W. Ellis Dies

Roy T. Ellis, age 64, of Silver Springs, Maryland died Monday, September 14 in a Washington, D. C. Hospital after an illness of a few days.

Funeral services were conducted September 18 in Silver Springs and burial was in Silver Springs cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Marie Ellen Ellis of Silver Springs; one son, Roy T. Ellis Jr., of Alexandria, Virginia; one daughter, Mrs. James O'Rourke of Alexandria, Virginia; two brothers, Bert W. Ellis of Boone and Claude Ellis of Princeton, Virginia; four sisters, Mrs. Walton Altizer of Dallas, Texas, Miss Pearl Ellis and Mrs. Mm. Payne of West Hamlin, Virginia, Mrs. Carl Huffman of Wheelersburg, Ohio; and six grandchildren.

### Burglar Enters Jewelry Store

The Howard Madison Jewelry Company, 129 East King St., was robbed early Tuesday morning.

Police discovered a glass pane broken about 3:15 a. m. through which thieves had gained entrance.

Chief Hubert Thomas said that a jewelry cleaning machine had been taken, but that no jewelry was missing.

## 2,000 Alumni Expected At Annual ASTC Homecoming

Approximately 2,000 alumni from Murphy to Manteo and from outside the borders of Tar Heelia are expected to flock back to the Appalachian State Teachers College campus to renew old acquaintances and celebrate Homecoming on October 17-18.

In addition to alumni from within the state, old grads from

Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, South Carolina, Florida and other states are expected. Each year some alumni make the annual trek from as far away as California.

A golden autumn foliage is beginning to decorate the slopes and valleys of the Appalachians. The foliage patterns are expected to reach the

greatest brilliance by October 17. The leaf coloring has started with a few maple and gum trees and this coloring will soon start moving from the high altitude down the mountain slopes. Alumni should keep in mind that October 17 is the time in which they can expect the forests in Watauga to be full of autumn beauty.

Within an hour or two are 223 mountains 5,000 feet tall or higher in Western North Carolina. Among the higher crests accessible by automobile are Mount Mitchell, Grandfather Mountain, Roan Mountain and Bald Mountain. Within a few miles of Boone is the Blue Ridge Parkway and dozen of other scenic routes through the mountains which offer close-ups and panoramas of autumn foliage. There are over 100 scenic overlooks on the Blue Ridge Parkway for the enjoyment of alumni.

This is a golden opportunity (Continued on page eight)

## 1,273 Cattle Sold Here On Thursday

The North Carolina Special Yearling Steer Sale here on Sept. 24 was the scene of the sale of 1,273 cattle.

The sale was sponsored by the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, the North Carolina Extension Service and the North Carolina Cattleman's Association.

Here are the results:

Choice steers—89.			
Weight	No. Head	Price Range	Mostly Priced
500-600	6	21.00-21.25	
600-700	21	19.10-20.60	19.90-20.60
700-800	32	19.50-20.05	20.00-20.05
800-900	19	19.50-20.05	20.05
900-1000	11	19.25-19.70	19.70
Good steers—648.			
Weight	No. Head	Price Range	Mostly Priced
500-600	91	20.20-21.00	20.60
600-700	248	19.30-19.90	19.90
800-900	86	18.50-19.10	18.90-19.10
900-1000	43	18.10-18.55	18.10
Medium steers.			
Weight	No. Head	Price Range	Mostly Priced
Under 500	25	19.00-19.90	
500-600	157	18.50-18.90	18.90
600-700	175	16.85-19.00	18.55-19.00
700-800	104	17.00-18.60	18.30
800-900	47	16.00-18.70	18.70
900-1000	17	15.60-16.50	16.50



MR. BROWN AND MR. BROWN — Floyd Brown (left), former Winston-Salem baker, presents a cake to Mayor Wade Brown at the opening of Skyline Bakery last week. A bonus surprise for the Mayor was a corn-cob pipe on top of the cake. (Rivers photo.)



DAN K. MOORE (left) was heartily received when he came to Boone last week. The Democratic gubernatorial candidate made an eight-county tour through Western North Carolina. Accompanying him were his wife and daughter. (Rivers photo.)

## Dan K. Moore Receives Warm Welcome In Boone

### Three Students With Same Name Causing Confusion

Appalachian State Teacher's College has three students with the name Brenda Thomas and only the fact each has different middle names is helping the confusion.

Brenda Gail Thomas of Gastonia first learned of Brenda Arlene Thomas when she received a letter intended for Brenda Arlene of Jackson Springs.

Both Brenda Thomases were joined by Brenda Jane Thomas, a transfer from Mars Hill, this year.

## Watauga Steers Sell \$19-\$21.25 Per Cwt.

Watauga farmers sold almost 1300 steers in the Boone Steer Sale September 24. Approximately half of these steers graded in the top two grades and sold from \$21.25cwt., down to about \$19.00.

The remainder of the steers were graded medium and sold at prices ranging from \$19.00 down to around \$16.00 cwt., with most of them bringing about \$18.50 cwt.

The next sale at the Boone Livestock market will be the feeder calf sale. The calves will be weighed Thursday, October 1, and the sale will be October 8, starting at 1 p. m. No calves will be weighed on sale date.

### Returns From Sightseeing Trip

Mrs. Ala McGuire will return Thursday after spending several days sightseeing in New York City.

### Mrs. Stacy Dies In York Hospital

Mrs. Martha Ormand Stacy of York, South Carolina, age 86, died September 23 at York General Hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Gaston county, North Carolina, a daughter of the late John J. and Selena Fronchberger Ormand.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday at 4 p. m. at Beersheba Presbyterian Church with Rev. James Eller in charge, assisted by Rev. Paul Felker, pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church of Charlotte and by her nephew, Rev. B. F. Ormand, pastor of First (Continued on page eight)

BY RACHEL RIVERS  
About 150 Wataugas turned out to greet Dan K. Moore on Wednesday, September 23.

Accompanying the Democratic gubernatorial candidate were his wife, Jeannette, and daughter, Mrs. Edith Hamilton. Moore's campaign bus stopped in front of Democratic headquarters in the Professional Building about a half hour late. He immediately beginning a handshaking round through the gathering crowd.

Moore led most of the crowd to the courthouse where he stated "I am proud to say I am a native of Western North Carolina, that I am a mountaineer."

Of progress in the State he said: "Every bit of it has been made under Democratic administrations. What has the Republican Party ever done for Appalachian State Teachers College?"

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, ASTC president, had introduced Moore with the comment that Robert Gavin, Moore's opponent, had proposed university status for two colleges, and jibed, "That's all well and good, but I want somebody who knows where Appalachian is."

Moore said he has visited relatives here for 40 years. His sister is Mrs. James Council.

Moore called attention to our "splendid highway system, industrial development," and said that much remains to be done. "Think about it," he said. "Why vote the Republican ticket? Outside of their candidate for governor, can you name one person on their ticket? I can't."

"I can't see any reason in the world for this county to vote Republican," Moore said. With him on the eight-county (Continued on page eight)

## 4-H Achievement Program To Be Held At Cove Creek

The annual 4-H Achievement Program will be held at 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 2, in the Cove Creek High School Gymnasium.

It is at this program that the 4-H club members will be recognized for outstanding achievements through the year. Project record books will have been turned in and checked.

In addition to the official speaker, club members will tell of their experiences at Camp, Club Week, and Leadership

Conference. One will tell also about National 4-H Club Week.

Club members will have exhibits at the program.

The public is urged to attend.

Six Long-Time Records  
Six outstanding 4-H Club members have entered long-time records for competition.

From the Timbered Ridge Club, Geardene Dishman is competing with the Food Preparation record. From the Matney club, Earline Michael is competing in the Home Management record group, and from the Bethel Club, Janice and Joyce Tester are competing. Janice with a Gardening and a Food Preservation Record; Joyce with a Better Grooming Record.

And from Cove Creek Club, Bobby Shipley has submitted his record in Achievement.

To enter a long-time record one must have been in club work at least three years.