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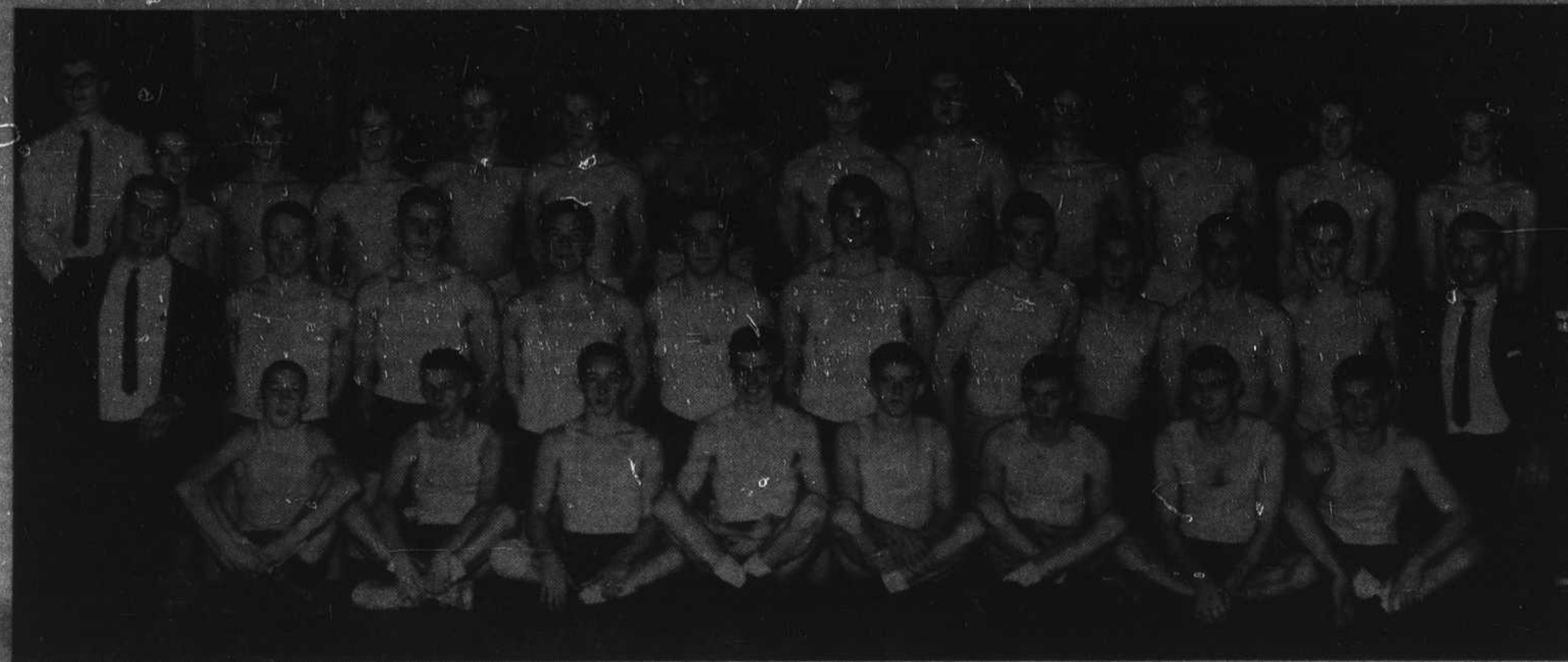
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First row (l-r): Lee Stroupe, Harry Yates, Johnny Cooke, Larry Hayes, Harold Hodges, Weldon Critcher, Wade Coffey, Scott Stanbery. Second row: Mr. Dwight Jackson, assistant coach; Gary W. Hodges, Larry Stanberry, Bill Shitake, Lawrence Gill, Johnny Inker, Ronnie McCreary, Dana Moretz, Lee Jackson,

Ray Watson, Coach Steve Gabriel. Third rows: Jerry Cheek, manager; Keith Miller, Curtis Williams, Stanley Carroll, Jerry Norris, Jimmy Watson, John Moore, Larry Ford, Gary O. Hodges, Mike Storie, Joe Hayes, Larry Norris, Shelton Carroll. (Photo, Verlin Coffey.)

Win At All Levels

AHS Wrestlers Set U.S. Record

Has Been Tops
In Carolina
For Three Years

BY LINDA SMITH

Appalachian High School wrestlers have set a national high school record for consecutive wins in high school competition.

The Blue Devil team hit the big time here on Monday afternoon when it defeated Christ School of Arden (N. C.), 46-10, for its 131st straight duel meet. AHS tied the national record of 130 consecutive wins by defeating the Griffith High School team on Thursday, Jan. 7. Meaphan High School of Merricks, Long Island, New York, had held the record for a number of years.

Since the wrestling program was initiated 12 years ago, the Blue Devils have not lost a dual meet.

Coach Gabriel

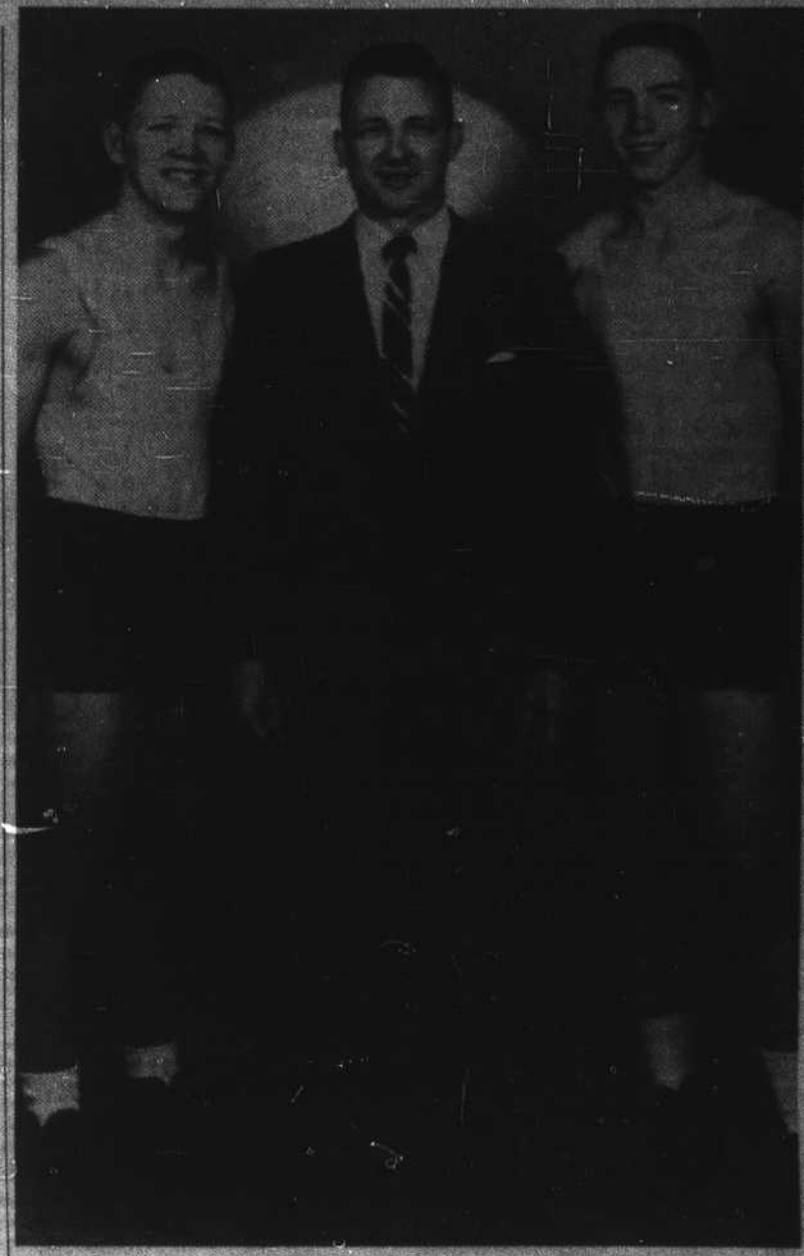
High School Wrestling, begun in 1952, is the brainchild of Coach Steve Gabriel, algebra teacher at AHS. In four short years, he had built a wrestling powerhouse which lost the state championship to Greensboro High School by a single point: 103-102.

From 1956-1960, AHS won four state championships consecutively; and one year, 1957-58, the school had seven state champions out of 12 weight classifications. The Blue Devils lost the state championship, 1960-61, to Thomasville High School, again by a one-point margin.

For the last three years, the team has ruled the wrestling ranks of North Carolina, taking the state championship each year. It has been the North Carolina high school wrestling champion for seven of the past eight years.

This competitive record was gained against all levels of competition since wrestling in North Carolina is in the Open Class, i.e., no rank or class is given according to the size of schools.

Coach Gabriel is the dean of high school wrestling coaches in the state. At the age of 35, he (Continued on page 3, Sec. B)



Coach and co-captains of the AHS wrestling team are (l-r): Gary W. Hodges, Coach Steve Gabriel and Larry Stanbery.

3 Are Arrested On Break-In Charges

Three Watauga County men have been jailed in connection with the New Year's Eve breaking and entering of Thrift Market and the Atlantic Service Station.

Carlyle Ingle, Boone policeman, says that Manley Mast, 19, Bill Trivette, 17 and John Luther Mast, 22, of Boone have been lodged in the Watauga County Jail charged with breaking and entering and larceny in connection with the break-ins pending trial in the January term of Watauga County Superior Court.

According to Mr. Ingle, information had been received by the Town of Boone Police that the three had been seen entering a barn located on Water Street at intervals. Police- man Carl Colvard stationed himself in the barn last Thursday morning and waited until the suspects arrived where they were apprehended and arrest was made. Found in the barn were quantities of cigarettes. (Continued on page two)

Christmas Seal Contributions Are Still Needed

Charles H. Blackburn, Jr., Christmas Seal Campaign Chairman, reminds all citizens that it is not too late to send in contributions for the Christmas Seal Campaign. Latest reports show that \$2,095.20 has been contributed for seals in Watauga County which has a goal of \$2,500.

Chairman Blackburn is greatly pleased with the contributions so far and he believes that the late returns will greatly narrow that gap. He expresses sincere thanks and appreciation to those individuals and business firms for their loyal support in the continuing 1964 campaign.

A Wagon Train Review Interest Mounts In Annual Event; 450 Units May Join Pioneer Trek

BY RACHEL RIVERS

What will happen when the Wagon Train has about 450 units? Will it take a week to move it from Ferguson, N. C., to Boone? Will this happen? It might.

These questions, and others, have led to the incorporation of the annual event.

Interest in the Wagon Train, which came to Boone in July for the second time, has spread from Miami to Oregon and into New England. In short, it's a big deal, and getting bigger.

Literally hundreds of people are grabbing for a chance to be on the wagon train, to dress in pioneer costume and "rough it" after the fashion of Daniel Boone and his crew.

For the uninitiated, the Wagon Train was "delegated" to Clyde Greene, local businessman and civic leader. On June 29, 1963 the State of North Carolina celebrated the three-hundredth anniversary of the Carolina Charter. The first Wagon Train arrived in downtown Boone that day; this was Northwest North Carolina's contribution to a state-wide festival. Demand was great, and in 1964 the colorful Wagon Train made the trip once more.

The train begins its trek over part of the Wilderness Trail, starting in Ferguson. The Southern Appalachian Historical Association originated the idea and remained its "owner" until a couple of weeks ago.

Liability

But say some kid asks his dad if he can ride a pony on the Wagon Train. Dad notes that there are lots of adults around and makes a deal with (Continued on page two)

Boone Chamber Issues 1,155 License Tags

The Boone Chamber of Commerce had issued 1,155 license tags as of January 11, which, according to Mr. Fred McNeal, is ahead of sales for the same period last year.

1965 North Carolina license plates which went on sale January 4 have been issued to 887 car owners, 204 truck owners, 23 trailer owners and 41 to miscellaneous motor vehicles.

Approximately 8,000 vehicles are registered in Watauga County and an indefinite number in the Avery County area which is serviced by the Boone office. The initial order from the Department of Motor Vehicles in Raleigh was for 8,715 tags.

License tags are now being sold at the new Chamber of Commerce offices on East King Street in the building which formerly housed the Horn Cafe at the intersection of Highways 321 and 421.

Blowing Rock Tags On Sale

1965 Blowing Rock City tags are on sale at the town hall at \$1 each. All residents of the city of Blowing Rock are required to purchase tags for their cars.

Any non-resident of the town may also purchase a city tag at the town hall Monday through Saturday.

Burley Sales Resumed Mon.

Tobacco sales resumed Monday at both Mountain Burley Warehouse and Big Burley Warehouse with reports from both warehouses that there was sufficient tobacco on the floors to assure three full days of sales this week.

Many farmers took advantage of the extra week during the Christmas holidays to get their tobacco in better shape for sale, and Mr. Sykes, of Mountain Burley Warehouse, says he believes tobacco that is being brought in now is of a better grade and quality than that before the holidays.

Sales were averaging \$56 at the Big Burley Warehouse Monday, and inventories on hand assured sales through Wednesday.

No closing date has been set by either of the warehouses, but those who have not sold their tobacco are asked to bring it in as early as possible.

344 Graduate Students Are Now Enrolled

Three hundred and forty-four graduate degree students were enrolled for the fall quarter at Appalachian State Teachers College, according to an announcement by Dr. Cratis Williams, director of graduate studies.

The report shows a total of 176 full-time students and 168 part-time students. This does not include those enrolled who have been awarded the Master's degree and students enrolled in extension courses.

Distribution as to majors is: Biology, 25; physical education, 34; business education, 36; education of the deaf, 12; industrial arts, 7; music, 5; primary education, 7; elementary education, 34; secondary education, 2; administrative, 39; guidance, 19; audio-visual education, 7; reading specialization, 9; English, 24; French, 1; library science, 19; mathematics, 16; chemistry, 10; and social sciences, 38.

Parkway Travel Up For December

The Parkway monthly visitor report for December:

James River, Virginia, Mile 0 to 115: Visitors 42,108, same month year before 23,628.

Rocky Knob, Virginia, Mile 115 to 217: Visitors 70,521, same month year before 56,793.

Bluffs, North Carolina, Mile 217 to 305: Visitors 40,887, same month year before 33,033.

Asheville, North Carolina, Mile 305 to 496: Visitors 65,373, same month year before 30,524.

Totals for Dec., 1964: 218,880; totals for 1963: 144,078.

Total calendar year 1964: 7,001,067 visitors.

Totals calendar year 1963: 7,233,872 visitors.

Calendar Year 1964 compared with 1963: decrease 3.22%.

Dec. 1964 compared with same month in 1963: increase 51.92%.

Total number of visitors is figured on basis of 3.3 persons per vehicle.

Watauga's Representative Will Lead GOP Minority In House

Republicans who will serve in the 1965 legislature named Rep. James E. Houshouser Jr. of Watauga County as their leader last Friday night.

Houshouser, a 30-year-old attorney who will be serving his second term in the General Assembly, was named House minority leader at a caucus of Republican legislators.

After his selection, Houshouser urged his colleagues to help "create the best record, the best image we can" for the state party this year.

He said the Republican legislative delegation, which will number 14 members of the 170-member assembly, will be the voice of the party for the coming year. "What we do," Houshouser said, "could have great effect on the 1966 elections."

Houshouser was nominated for the post by Sen. F. D. B. Harding of Yadkin County, the



JAMES E. HOUSHOUSER JR.

party's lone member of the 1965 Senate. Houshouser was elected unanimously.

Harding took note of Republican losses in the fall elections when he said, "Most of us ex-

pected to have 30 to 40 members down here this time and maybe elect a governor; it looks like everything happened to us we didn't expect." Republicans held 23 seats in the last legislature.

Harding sounded the theme of state party leaders when he said the legislative delegation should put a premium on youth for its leadership. Houshouser was the youngest member of the 1963 legislature.

Houshouser noted that Harding automatically will be Senate minority leader. Harding said he counts on Houshouser to head the full 14-man delegation.

The Republicans decided not to name a joint caucus leader for the coming session and postponed the appointment of a House speaker.

Rep. Gene Snyder of Davidson County presided at the caucus.



MR. CARLYLE INGLE returned to Boone to work as a policeman two months ago. He has worked off and on, with the police and highway patrol since 1931. Prior to his return, he was involved in other businesses, including operation of the Linville (N. C.) Motel in summertime. He married the former Miss Annie Ruth Tomlinson of North Wilkesboro. They have two sons and a daughter. (Rivers photo.)

Plea Continues For Clothing For Needy

The plea continues throughout Watauga County for clothing for pre-school and elementary school children.

Coats and sweaters are desperately needed as winter deepens; there are a number of outlets for donations of clothing. The Watauga County Welfare Department in the Courthouse Annex is the largest collecting center in the area.

Persons wishing to distribute clothing through welfare should contact Mrs. Amelia Greer.

Mrs. Thomas Tedford, chairman of the Clothing Closet for the Junior Woman's Club, also is working in the cause. Prior to Christmas, she gathered more than 500 articles of clothing for needy children.

The Watauga Democrat suggests that persons wishing to make private contributions—by perhaps "adopting" a schoolchild—contact the elementary and high school principals nearest them.

It has been reported, again

and again, that teachers are finding the need for adequate clothing so great that they are supporting a number of youngsters out of their own pockets.



Officers for 1965 in Snow Masonic Lodge No. 363 are: (front row, l-r) B. W. Stallings, treasurer; Richard Winkler, senior warden; Fred Castle, worshipful master; Dr. I. W. Carpenter Jr., secretary; (middle row) Lewis Lentz, senior deacon; Melvin Norris, junior

deacon; Carter Lentz, Tyler; (back row) Grant Ayers, junior steward; Everett Widener, chaplain; and Cannon Ward, senior steward. Eddie Paul Norris Jr., warden, was not present. (Rivers photo.)