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"The snow had begun in the gloaming And busily through the night Had been heaping the highways and hedges With a silence deep and white. Every pine and fir and hemlock Wore Ermine too dear for an Earl And the poorest twig on the Elm tree Was ridged inch-deep in pearl."

Representative Holshouser In Raleigh To Lead GOP Minority

From February to June Rep. J. E. Holshouser, Jr., will be involved with the State Legislature; this time, however, he will be acting in the capacity of minority leader of the House. Holshouser pointed to a common failing in politics: "We can all see the problem," he said, "but finding the solution is pretty tough. I think that too often, here or in any other state, the minority is accused of saying 'no.' "I'd say that if this Legislature does the job it has before, in as far as the court im-



J. E. HOLSHOUSER, JR.

provement project is concerned, it will have been quite successful. I think there is also interest in highway safety regulations—to cut down slaughter on the highways. From the Governor's inaugural address, I take it he will likely support mechanical inspection of automobiles on North Carolina's highways." As to the Speaker Ban Law of 1963, Holshouser said he felt people in education would be primarily concerned with it. "And I feel sure an attempt will be made to repeal the Speaker Ban Law. I think there will be

people on both sides going both ways. "The last Legislature started the process of implementing the court improvement Constitutional Amendment passed in 1962. Being a lawyer, this is something I've been particularly interested in. "The Legislature might be shorter this time," he said. "Pat Taylor and Bob Scott have done a little extra in getting committees lined up in advance. Being minority leader is something new, and it's going to take a little bit longer to see how the administration's policies come along and what kind of position we're going to have to take on the programs."

Holshouser left Boone Monday and will be working in Raleigh Monday through Friday for the duration of the Legislature.

Mrs. Greene Is Taken By Death
Mrs. Ardith Ragan Greene, 36, of Villas, Rt. 1, wife of Grady Lee Greene, died Thursday morning in a Morganton hospital after a long illness. She was born in Watauga County to Jasper and Lillie Bwngarner Ragan. Surviving are her husband; her parents of Zionville; a daughter, Mrs. Minnie Dishmen of Villas; a son, McDonald Greene of Boone; three brothers, Edward Ragan of Boise, Idaho, Dallas Ragan of Abingdon, Va., and Carlton Ragan of Cleveland, Ohio; and a grandchild. The funeral was conducted at 2:30 p. m. Sunday at Brushy Fork Baptist Church by the Rev. Ed Crump. Burial was in Mountlawn Memorial Park.

500 Days To Be Allowed Builder Bids Are Asked For Erection Of New Watauga Co. Hospital

Mother Of Baby Indicted

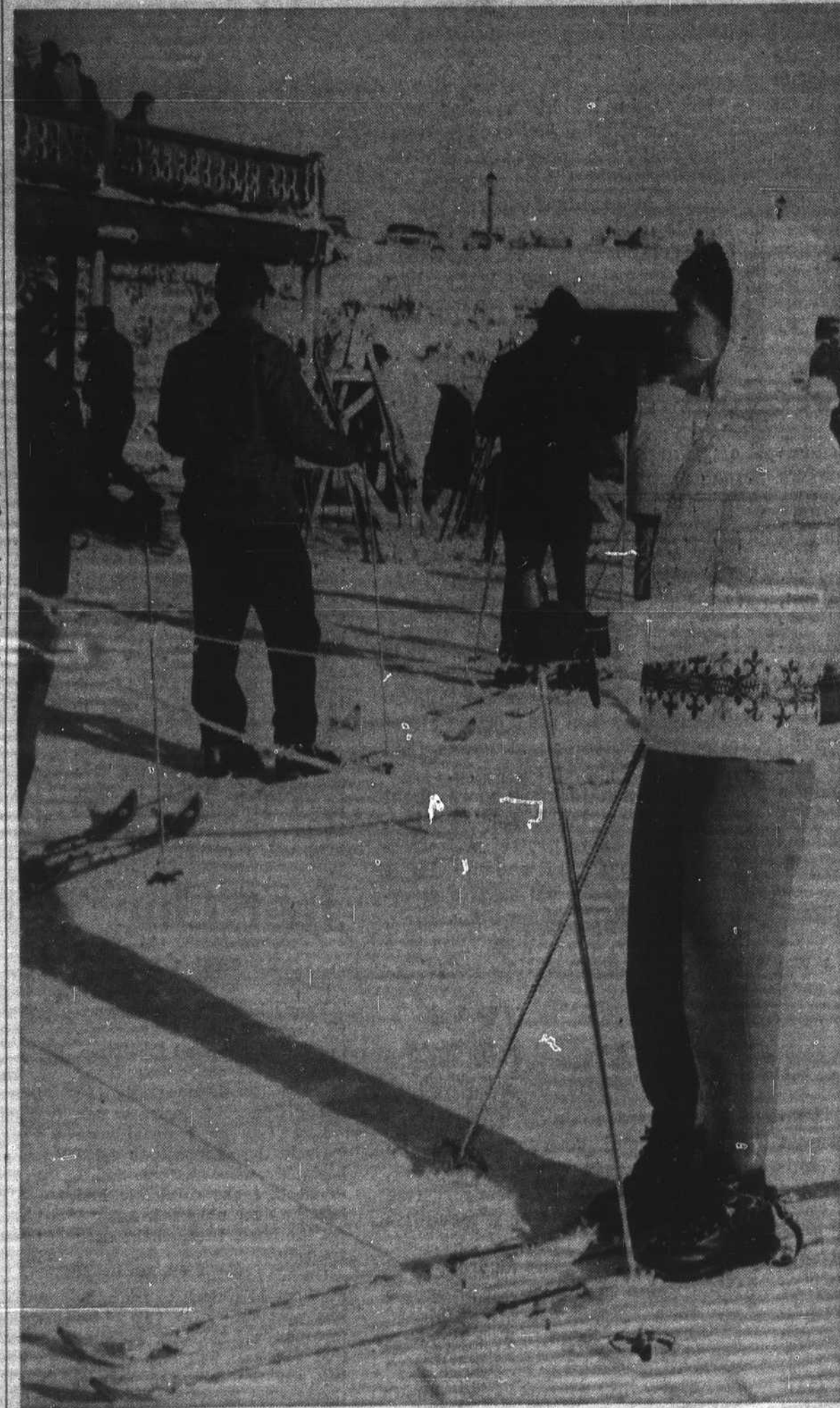
The mother of an infant found at the Boone town dump on Tuesday, Jan. 19, has been identified as Miss Gale Pearson of Haw River, 18-year-old co-ed at Appalachian State Teachers College, according to Sheriff Dallas Cheek, who says she has been charged with concealing the birth of a child. The male infant was discovered by Hill Harrison, who passed the dump on his way to work. Sheriff Cheek stated that he was called about 3 p. m. and went to investigate. He found the infant in a partially burned box which had been covered with plastic, he said. The examining physician said the infant weighed approximately seven pounds, was newly-born and had lived. Death was attributed to suffocation. The sheriff said he received a lead on the young mother on Tuesday, Jan. 26, one week after the child was discovered. He said he contacted Miss Pearson through college authorities, accompanied her to a physician and spoke with her parents over the telephone. When he returned Miss Pearson to her dormitory, he served a warrant for her arrest, but allowed her to remain in her room. When her parents arrived, they took her home under \$750 bond. A college spokesman said Miss Pearson left the campus and has not indicated whether she will return. Miss Pearson was bound over to the April 19 term of Superior Court on Friday.

Children's Dental Health Week Is Being Observed In Watauga

February 7-13 has been designated 1965 National Children's Dental Health Week and Watauga County is observing the program which is designed to impress the importance of good dental health on the nation's youth. Most emphasis is being placed on the programs to be utilized within the schools of the county. Dr. James B. Graham has been appointed chairman of the program in Watauga County and an all-out participation is planned by schools, medical doctors, dentists and all who are interested in promoting better dental health and improving the dental habits of the young people. According to Dr. Graham, literature pertaining to better dental health has been distributed to every school child from grades one through eight and instructional material has been given to every teacher to be used in correlation with health classes. Special emphasis is being put on third grade children in Watauga County and

Ground To Be Broken Soon After Letting

BY RACHEL RIVERS
What's being done about building the hospital? Bob Bumbaugh, chairman of the building committee, said bids have been advertised in builders' trade magazines since Jan. 1. "We are now publishing bids in newspapers to make sure that the general public is informed as to what we're doing. "This is the big thing," Bumbaugh said. "These bids will be opened on March 18. This is a fixed government schedule. We hope to break ground very, very soon after bids are opened. "From the time construction is begun, the contractor with the winning (lowest) bid has 500 days to complete the building." Official spokesman Wade E. Brown met with the Medical Care Commission on Friday, Jan. 22, in Raleigh, "and it was then that March 18 was decided on for opening bids. This is the thing we've been working for since the bond issue passed in September of 1963. We've reached the point now where this is the most dramatic moment in the whole project. "This is the milestone, so to speak. We have been cutting through government red tape, working on the plans, working toward getting the detailed plans approved by both the Federal Government and the state authority. "In the meantime, Mrs. Jack Groce, her administrative staff and the doctors will be working on the equipment that's going to go into this hospital. The government is going to give us 55 per cent of the equipment cost. "All these decisions must be made within government specifications—what kind of chairs, desks, the type and style of operating tables, stretchers, beds, x-ray equipment, lab equipment. (Continued on page six)



HUNDREDS OF SKIERS TROOPED INTO THE MOUNTAINS for a weekend of skiing. Good snow bases were reported from both Hound Ears and Blowing Rock ski lodges. An unusually open winter knocked the lodges out of the regular Christmas and New Year's crowds. However, losses incurred are beginning to dwindle as winter takes hold. Here, a young woman lines up for the tow-rope at the Blowing Rock Ski Lodge. (Rivers photo.)

Optimists To Have Annual Speech Contest

The annual Optimist Oratorical Contest for boys 16 and under will be held at 7 p. m. on Thursday, Feb. 4 at the Cove Creek High School. Each boy will make a five-minute oration. The winner will go on to zone competition at North Wilkesboro. Further competition carries on to district and international levels. First place winners at all levels will win trophies. First place in local competition will receive a \$25 U. S. Savings Bond; second place will be \$10; third, \$5. Subject for the recitations is "Optimism, Spirit of Youth." First place in district competition will be a \$125 gold watch and expenses to international competition in New Orleans. First place in international competition will be a \$500 scholarship, and second and third place winners will receive lesser scholarships.

Bob Barnes Is Winner In N. C. A. P. Contest

Mr. Bob Barnes, former announcer for WATA in Boone, now with WSOC in Charlotte, won second place in a State-wide contest sponsored by the Associated Press. Bob won on a story he wrote when "Fireball" Roberts was in the fiery crash, which later proved fatal to the great race driver.

Blowing Rock March Of Dimes Campaign Produces Over \$400

The Blowing Rock division of the Watauga County drive for the March of Dimes and National Foundation has been turned in, according to George Thomas, county chairman. Only figures from the Mothers' March have been compiled from Boone, Thomas said. The breakdown in Blowing Rock: Mothers' March, \$297.08; basketball games, \$21.63; Blowing Rock school envelopes, \$89.24; and containers, \$32.05, for a total of \$440. From the Mothers' March in Boone, \$540.94 has been reported. Townswomen who went on the march in Boone, under the direction of Mrs. Margaret Ayers, were: Mrs. John Brodyhill, Mrs. Roy Launing, Mrs. Bennie Robinson, Mrs. Bob Denton, Mrs. Paul Smith, Mrs. Ben Bosworth, Mrs. Rick Johnson, Mrs. Jimmy Cline. Mrs. Ron Brooks, Mrs. Abe Littleton, Mrs. Roy Kepler, Mrs. James Johnson, Mrs. Von Hagaman, Mrs. Phil Smith, C. C. Owen, Mrs. Charles Scruggs, Mrs. Carl Smith Jr., Mrs. Ar-

1965 Burley Vote Is Set For Feb. 25th

The 1965 burley referendum has been set for Feb. 25 as announced by the Secretary of Agriculture. In the referendum growers will decide if marketing quotas will be in effect for the next three years. The present situation on tobacco makes this referendum the most critical in many years. The referendum is on marketing quotas only, not on any changes in the program. If the referendum carries, quotas and price support will be in effect for three years; if it fails, there will be no price support on tobacco and no credit will be given in computing future allotments for excess acreage grown. Complete details will be announced later giving referendum polling places and committees, according to Roy W. Isley, County Office Manager.

Tissue Sale Set For 16th

The Boone Jaycees annual sale of facial tissues will be held Tuesday, February 16. Two boxes will be sold for one dollar and the proceeds will go to the Jaycee charity fund. Jaycees will canvass the town of Boone. Leave your porch light on. For bulk orders or if you are not called on, telephone Jim Reid, 264-3868. (Continued on page six)