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HEAVY EQUIPMENT IS SEEN MOVING DIRT at the site of Watauga County Hospital on Deerfield Road.

Mayor Brown Predicts Passage Of City Bonds

The \$1,800,000 sewer-water system will depend on the wishes of about 1,100 Boone residents Saturday.

"We've been particularly pleased with the response folks have had in showing an interest in the welfare of the town and its progress," Mayor Wade Brown said. "We hope to have a big turnout in order to judge the wishes of the people to the fullest extent possible."

"I have no doubt about the bond issues passing . . . from what people have told me."

The polls will be open from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. on Saturday, May 22, at the City Hall.

According to a report by Moore, Gardner & Associates, consulting engineers of Asheville, a tax raise of 14 to 16 cents on the \$100 property evaluation should absorb the cost of the new systems.

This estimate, according to Mayor Brown, is based on the expected growth of the town, and the increased taxes from the added population, i. e., annexation of three outlying areas (Perkinsville, Blowing Rock

and Poplar Hill), which would be effective July 15 with passage of the bonds.

The present tax rate is \$1.16. The tax hike would elevate this figure to between \$1.24 and \$1.26 on the \$100 evaluation.

Wilcox To Manage Horn In The West

Herman W. Wilcox, a 23-year-veteran of tourist promotion, will again manage this summer the 14th season production of the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama at Boone.

The appointment was made by the directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association.

The non-profit organization sponsors the drama as a medium for preserving the heritage of the Appalachian mountain area.

Wilcox was instrumental in the organization of the drama in 1952. He played a leading role (Continued on page 8, Sec. C)

Rites Held For Dr. Graybeal In Marion, Va.

Dr. A. B. Graybeal of Marion, Va., died in a Roanoke, Va., hospital May 11. He was 68 years old.

Funeral services were held at 2:30 p. m., May 13, at the First Methodist Church in Marion.

Survivors are the widow, the former Miss Mary Payne of Boone; two sons, A. B., Jr., of Wytheville, Va., and Kent of Marion; and 6 grandchildren.

Dr. Graybeal, who practiced medicine in Marion 40 years, had been in ill health several years.

Among those attending the funeral from this area were Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Wilcox, Mr. and (Continued on page 8, Sec. C)



HERMAN W. WILCOX, LEFT, visits with Fred Koch of the University of Miami drama department in Miami during a trip to Miami this winter.

Mrs. Celebrezze Presents Mrs. Strother With Corsage

The wife of Cabinet Member Anthony J. Celebrezze last week pinned her corsage of pink lady slippers on Mrs. Virginia Dare Strother of Sugar Grove.

The act was a token of appreciation for Mrs. Strother's demonstration of weaving on an old-fashioned loom at Peaks of Otter Lodge on the Blue Ridge Parkway. Mrs. Celebrezze was a member of Mrs. Lyndon B. Johnson's tour, which passed through Peaks of Otter, Va., on May 11, en route to Abingdon and other points south.

As a member of the Southern Highland Guild, Mrs. Strother and several other craftsmen were asked by the Blue Ridge Parkway Association to exhibit basic mountain crafts in honor of Mrs. Johnson and her party. Mrs. Strother exhibited weaving in the reception room of the

lodge. Other demonstrations, which were outside, included



MRS. STROTHER

braiding rugs, making chairs and cornshuck dolls. A dulcimer maker from the Guild presented one of his products to the First Lady. The craftsman recalled that a blacksmith had Mrs. Johnson hard at work and that he stole the show with a mallet and hammer tune on the anvil.

Newspapers and network television were heavily represented at the Virginia exhibition. Craftsmen were later ushered to the lawn and served luncheon as guests of Mrs. Johnson.

Mrs. Strother was at Berea College in Kentucky, May 13-15, where she spoke at an evening session of the Southern Highland Guild. Of the events at Peaks of Otter, Mrs. Strother said, "I was thrilled beyond belief!"

Plans Are Made For Horse Show At Cove Creek

The second annual Cove Creek Horse Show will be held Saturday, June 19, beginning at 12:30 p. m. at the Cove Creek High School, according to Robert G. Shipley, manager. This year's show will be co-sponsored by the Boone Ruritan Club.

Registration entries are now being received, and it is hoped that all persons wishing to enter a horse will get their entries in a week prior to the show.

At a meeting held Friday, May 7, it was decided that entries will be in the same classes as last year's show with the addition of the Tennessee Walking Class. The arrangement of the schedule for this year's program was governed by the recommendations of those who attended the meeting and is limited to Watauga County participation.

IRC To Raise Spending In '65

International Resistance Company will increase capital spending about 50 per cent during 1965, its stockholders were told at the company's annual meeting Monday, May 3.

Wilson H. Oelkers, IRC president, noted that the year's estimated depreciation and amortization of \$1,350,000 will equal 70 per cent of the capital expenditures budgeted at \$1,900,000.

Mr. Oelkers also reported that the company had last year "examined in varying depths about 75 companies with a view to possible acquisition."

The company's first interim report for 1965 showed a 94 per cent increase in net profits over the comparable 1964 period on a sales growth of 27 per cent.

F. A. Icenhour Funeral Held

Frank Albert Icenhour, 66, a retired mail carrier of Blowing Rock and Vero Beach, Florida, died Saturday in Vero Beach. Mr. Icenhour was born in Watauga County to Tilden and Carrie Moody Icenhour.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Mae Winkler Icenhour; a daughter, Mrs. Paul Wright of Roanoke, Va.; his mother of Blowing Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Fred Pennell of Lenoir and Mrs. Howard Klutz of Washington, D. C.; and a brother, Charles Icenhour of Blowing Rock.

The funeral was conducted Wednesday at the First Baptist Church by the Rev. George Hyler. Burial was in City Cemetery.

Robert Randall Was Nominated

In our last week's Democrat we incorrectly listed Frank Randall as having been nominated for the Board of Alderman at the Democratic Convention. This nomination went to his brother, Robert L. Randall, who was nominated along with Dr. H. M. Wilson and Howard Cottrell to constitute the slate of Alderman. Our apologies to both the Randalls.

End Of Era Noted

255 High School Seniors To Graduate Next Week

Last Classes To Graduate From 4 Schools

Two hundred fifty five seniors from the four high schools in Watauga County will receive their diplomas in graduation exercises which began in the various schools this week.

This number of graduates represents an all-time high with Appalachian High awarding 150 diplomas, Cove Creek, 63, Blowing Rock, 30 and Bethel 12.

This also marks the end of an era as these will be the last to graduate from the respective schools as all high schools in the County have been consolidated into the new Watauga High School.

Appalachian High School

Commencement exercises for the 150 members of the 1965 graduating class of Appalachian High School will begin at 8 p. m. on Sunday, May 23, with the Baccalaureate service at the First Baptist Church. The sermon will be preached by the Rev. Richard Crowder, pastor of the Boone Methodist Church. Assisting in the service will be Rev. E. S. Morgan of Oak Grove Baptist Church, who will give the invocation and benediction.

Dr. Roy Blanton, Jr., principal, will present diplomas to the seniors during the graduation exercises on May 25 at 8 p. m. in the ASTC Health and Physical Education Building.

(Picture of Appalachian High School graduating class was not available for printing in this issue. It will be in the next issue of the Democrat.)

Cove Creek High School

Sixty-three graduating seniors will receive their diplomas in the 41st annual commencement exercises at Cove Creek High School which begins with the baccalaureate services at the High School gymnasium Sunday, May 23 at 8 p. m. The Rev. Maurice Cooper will be the principal speaker with Rev. W. H. Key giving the invocation. Commencement exercises will be held at the gymnasium Monday, May 24 at 8 p. m. with speeches by members of the graduating class and the awarding of diplomas by the principal, Carl Fidler.

Bethel High School

Graduation exercises will begin for Bethel High School with the baccalaureate services Sunday, May 23 at 3 p. m. at the Bethel Baptist Church with the Rev. Carl Wilson as principal speaker. Graduation exercises will be held Monday, May 24 at 8 p. m. at the school with speeches by members of the graduation class and awarding of diplomas to the twelve graduates by the principal, Clyde Greene.

Blowing Rock High School

Graduation week for the thirty graduates of Blowing Rock school began, Sunday May 16 with the baccalaureate services being held at the High School auditorium with the Rev. George Hyler being the principal speaker for the evening services.

Commencement exercises will be held Monday, May 24 at 8 p. m. at the High School auditorium with the principal speaker, Mr. Eric DeGroot of the Athletic Department of ASTC. Principal Everette M. Widenor will award diplomas to the thirty members of the graduating class.



A 3-300-POUND JEWELRY SAFE owned and hoisted off a truck on West King Street. by Boone Art & Auction Galleries, Inc. is (Rivers photo)

Boone Art Galleries Will Be Opened During June

Daniel P. Lee and Irwin J. Sherwin arrived in Boone Thursday to stock and open the Boone Art & Auction Galleries, Inc., at 214 West King St.

Lee, president of the enterprises, which winter in Deerfield Beach, Fla., said the auction is slated to open on June 24 and that they will be stocking the house next week. He said a diversified sale is planned, which will comprise silver, rugs, linens, porcelains, modern and antique jewelry, furniture and canvases by recognized artists.

Part of the estate of Eleanor Roosevelt is slated to be sold in Boone this season, Lee said, and part of the Helen Hayes collection, which was amassed by her deceased husband and daughter.

The seating capacity of the house is expected to be 120. Two sales are planned, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., daily except Sundays. Sherwin, secretary and treasurer of the galleries, said the doors will be open from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. on sale days for inspection by the public.

Asked why they chose to come to Boone, Lee commented that he and his partner had passed through town last year, talked with the people and liked them. They began to plan

an auction here.

Sherwin worked in Waynesville 15 years. He is a former school teacher and received his (Continued on page 8, Sec. C)

Police Report Three Break-Ins

Police Chief Hubert Thomas reports three break-ins were turned in on Sunday.

Thieves gained entrance to the Thrift Food Center Sunday night by breaking a lock on the back door. According to Thomas, the break-in was discovered after midnight. Groceries and cigarettes were stolen. A. E. McCreary, owner of the food store, has not yet determined the amount of his loss.

Access to the office of the First Baptist Church of Boone was gained through a broken door class between 12:30 and 5 p. m. on Sunday. Church officials told police nothing has been discovered missing.

The residents of 921 Faculty Street returned to their home in the afternoon and found that vandals had entered the home through a back door. As of Tuesday morning, they reported nothing missing.

No arrests have been made, Thomas said. Investigation is being continued.

Watauga One Of Four To Share In \$194,362

Congressman James T. Broyhill's office in Washington advised The Democrat President Johnson announced at noon Tuesday, as part of his project Head Start that funds amounting to \$194,362 have been approved by the Office of Economic Opportunity for use in the four-county, Watauga-Avery-Mitchell-Yancey area.

These funds have specifically been designated for use in the Child Development Centers for training 932 pre-school

age children from poverty stricken families in the four-county area in twenty-eight centers and will prepare these children for entrance into schools in September. This is an eight week's program and the WAMY heads in each county will be in charge of finalizing plans along these lines.

Of the \$194,362, the Office of Economic Opportunity has granted \$173,183, the balance of \$21,179 coming from various local and private donations.

Outstanding Flower Season Is Dominating The Parkway

It appears that another outstanding spring flower season is going to dominate the Blue Ridge Parkway landscape for the next few weeks. Already past their peak bloom are the Service-berry, cherry, and dogwood. The pink azalea and honey locust will be at their peak this week (5/17-5/23).

The rose-bay rhododendron and flame azalea are also beginning to bloom and will probably be at their best during the following week (5/24-5/30). In full

bloom now are the apple, hawthorn, lady slippers, magnolias, bluits, and a dozen other annual flowers.

Best wild flower displays on the section between Virginia and Grandfather Mountain are as follows:

Flame and Pink Azalea—Between N. C. State line and U. S. 21 Meadow Forks, Laurel Springs.

Rhododendron — Alligator Back, Doughton Park, Meadow

Forks, Laurel Springs between mileposts 266 and 267.

All are invited to take part in the relaxing atmosphere of the Blue Ridge Parkway and particularly during the spectacular annual spring flowering period. Rangers ask the cooperation of each and everyone in preserving the flowers in their natural state so that others who follow can gain the same inspiration and enjoyment from these wonders of nature.