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## Contracts Signed By Horn Cast

The Southern Appalachian Historical Association announces a number of contracts signed for positions with the "Horn in the West" outdoor drama this summer.

Mrs. Mary Lawrence Jellicorse, daughter of Dr. Ray Lawrence, will portray the Indian princess, Nancy Ward. She has formerly played Quaker Mary Martha Stuart and Nancy Ward. She is a graduate of Mars Hill College and the University of North Carolina.

She is married to John Lee Jellicorse, who has played Geoffrey Stuart, and they live in Evanston, Ill. Mrs. Jellicorse's father is a member of the executive board of SAHA, comptroller of the drama.

Daniel Boone is a leading character in the drama, which begins its 14th season on June 25 and will play nightly except Monday through Aug. 28. A special performance will be given on Monday, July 5.

Daniel Boone will again be played by Glenn Causey of Arlington, Va. The veteran actor (Continued on page two)

## Richardson To Take Part In Boys' State

Larry Richardson has been selected by the Committee for Boys' State, to be a participant in this year's Boys' State Program on the Campus of Wake Forest College in Winston-Salem, June 20-27.

Candidates for Boys' State are carefully screened, the high school principal recommending only those with outstanding qualities of leadership, character, scholarship and service.

Larry, who is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Richardson, is a rising senior at Appalachian



LARRY RICHARDSON

High School. During his junior year he has been a member of the Student Council, Quartermaster and head of the percussion section of the band, where he was voted by fellow band members to receive the award for the most valuable member of the marching band.

He was elected "Class Favorite" of the Junior class, and also elected to serve as band president for next year. Larry will also be a member of the annual staff during his senior year.

He is being sponsored by the Watauga American Legion Post 130.

## Production Of Yule Trees Is Important

The production of Christmas trees in Watauga County has become of increasing importance due to its potential as a source of income. The mountain counties of Northwestern North Carolina have a distinct advantage in growing Christmas trees due to climate, soil and rainfall.

Fraser fir, white pine, Norway spruce, Colorado blue spruce, and Scotch pine can be grown here when other areas are restricted to less desirable species.

Even with these advantages, there are certain practices that must be carried out if produc-



The New Winn-Dixie Store which opened this week is 5,000 square feet larger than the original store, destroyed some seven weeks ago by fire.

## New Winn-Dixie Store Opens Today In Handsome Quarters

With record breaking speed Winn-Dixie has cleared the burnt remains of their former store and today at 8:30 A. M. opened a new larger, and more modern supermarket. The former Winn-Dixie was destroyed by fire approximately seven weeks ago.

This completely new and modern food center is located on the original site at Hardin Street and Blowing Rock Road. The interior of this beautiful new Winn-Dixie Store is modern throughout. Completely air conditioned, attractive tile floors, acoustic ceiling, wall painted with soft colors for a warm and pleasing atmosphere. Attractive 3-dimensional wall murals and soft background music are extras that add to the customer's shopping pleasure.

## Newton's To Have Formal Store Opening

Newton's Fashion Shoppe on Thursday, June 17, will celebrate its formal opening at the location formerly occupied by Caudill's, Inc.

Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Newton have two stores in Boone, the other being the long-established Newton's Department Store on West King Street. They went into the department store business 25 years ago in Galax, Va.

Their enterprises have now spread to West Jefferson, Lenoir, Sparta, and Hillsville and Stuart, Va., in addition to Boone.

## W. S. Tatum Dies In Calif.

William S. Tatum, 72, retired school principal, former resident of Watauga County and brother of L. T. Tatum, died Thursday in San Diego, Calif.

He is survived by his widow, Helen Tatum; brother, L. T. Tatum; two sisters, Mrs. Ora Norris of Todd and Mrs. Annie Watson of Bluff City, Tenn.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in San Diego with burial there.

Everything was planned from the shopper's viewpoint for comfort-atmosphere-and shopping ease. Emphasis was placed on the needs of today's modern family. The design, layout, and equipment are the results of years of research and successful operations.

The 15,972 square feet of floor space affords this new Winn-Dixie wide, spacious aisles and sufficient display area for the more than 6,000 items offered throughout the store. Space is allocated to various departments according to their needs and customer acceptance.

Having served the people of Boone and the Carolina's for years, Winn-Dixie is thoroughly familiar with the eating habits and desires of its people. Even the family with the most discriminating tastes, will find this store a more complete food center. Winn-Dixie believes there is an adventure in supplying the varied needs of Mr. and Mrs. Customer, and that there is romance in gathering bargains from around the world to match the customers appetite. It is with this feeling that Winn-Dixie stores are stocked with such a wide variety from everyday staples to the fanciest gourmet food.

Blended with the adventure of supplying the usual and the (Continued on page two)

## Bloodmobile Coming 15th

Citizens of Watauga County are reminded that the Bloodmobile will visit the county on June 15 from 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. by Mrs. Goldie Fletcher, executive secretary of the Watauga Chapter of the American Red Cross.

The Bloodmobile will be located at East Hall on the Appalachian State Teachers College campus. The goal set for the visit is 125 pints of blood, but it is hoped that this goal will be exceeded.



THE BLOWING ROCK ROAD, from the junction of King Street to the intersection of Highway 106 was last week resurfaced. The

## Near Blowing Rock Virginia Man Is Killed In Friday Crash On 321

### Second Man Is Critically Hurt In Accident

Roy Aston Widner of Route 3, Abingdon, Virginia was killed instantly Friday night at 9:45 when the 1949 Chevrolet he was driving sideswiped a truck and wrecked on U. S. 321 about one mile north of Blowing Rock.

Patrolman W. D. Teem, who investigated, said that the 1949 Chevrolet in attempting to pass a car on a curve met the truck owned by Royal Crown Bottling Company of Hickory sideswiping it, traveled about 200 feet out of control and landed on its side near the edge of a steep embankment. The driver, Widner, and two occupants, Kenneth Adams, 29 of Damascus, Virginia and Dewey Lee Morrison of Holston, Virginia were thrown from the car. Widner was killed instantly and Adams and Morrison were taken to Blowing Rock Hospital. Morrison's condition was listed as critical and Adams was released with head injuries, cuts and abrasions.

The driver of the truck, Boyd Leroy Lynn, 38, of Hickory was not injured, but considerable damage was done to the truck, approximately \$350, according to Patrolman Teem. The Chevrolet was completely demolished.

It was reported that the three men were enroute from Hickory to Virginia for the weekend when the accident occurred. No charges were filed, according to Patrolman Teem.



Remains of the 1949 Chevrolet which took the life of Roy Aston Widner and injured two other Friday night on US 321 between Boone and Blowing Rock.

## Matthews One Of Sixteen In Governor School

Roger Hardin Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. Roger Matthews of Greensboro, a rising senior from Grimsely High School, is one of sixteen students from Greensboro and Guilford County who has been invited to participate in the 1965 Governor's School for gifted students.

Mr. Matthews' mother is the former Jackie Hardin from Boone, daughter of Mrs. Ronda H. Hardin and the late Dr. Ronda H. Hardin from Boone and Banner Elk.

Matthews' activities include band saxophone, first chair, head librarian, trip to World's (Continued on page two)

## Only 7 Participants In UF Attend Budget Gathering

Only seven of the fourteen organizations who regularly participate in the Watauga Chapter of the United Fund applied Thursday.

According to Sam Dixon, treasurer, all agencies were notified two weeks ago that the Wednesday meeting at the Watauga Savings & Loan Association would be held on Thursday instead. The budget committee adjourned from the Board Room sharply at 6 p. m.

These organizations, representing \$5,950 of last year's budget, were not present: Emergency relief, Appalachian High School Band, contingency fund, blind work, empty stocking fund, mental health and crippled children's fund.

Being an operational resource of the Watauga United Fund, the contingency fund will be set at a later meeting.

Organizations represented at the deadline meeting were Red Cross, United Fund State Package, Boy and Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Watauga Rescue Unit, 4-H and the Agriculture Worker's Council or the County Council of Community Clubs.

The Budget Committee received these requests, some of them by mail, and is preparing a report to the officers and board of directors of the United Fund.

The Watauga County Rescue Unit was represented by George Flowers and Earl Keller, who requested \$400 more than last year's \$600 — "hoping for \$1,000." Flowers explained, "most of which would be allocated to equipment."

The squad reports having donated 4,000 man-hours last year to rescue and emergency man- (Continued on page two)

## Annual Blue Ridge Electric Meeting In Sparta Saturday



RONALD SMITH

### Smith Assumes Diplomatic Role On Europe Trip

Franklin Ronald Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Smith of 110 Blawood Drive, Boone, will assume the role of a personal diplomat this summer when he travels to Europe under the auspices of the People-to-People University Student abroad program.

A sophomore at Ohio State University, he will be among 350 students from colleges and universities throughout the country who are going abroad primarily to meet other students and families so they can become fully acquainted with the countries they visit.

Mr. Smith, a People-to-People member, was chosen to make the 10-week trip by the People- (Continued on page two)

Member-owners of Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, North Carolina's largest electric cooperative, will gather in Sparta Saturday, June 12, for their annual membership meeting. This is a highlight of the locally-owned organization's activities for the year because the member-owners gather to hear reports on the operations of their business, plans for the future, and to elect directors to guide the operations of their business for the coming year. The theme of this year's meeting is "Pacemakers in Progress." The program will have no feature speaker; instead, reports from the officers and management will be illustrated by slides taken within the cooperative's area. This pictorial presentation is designed to better inform members about areas of their business operations with which they do not have day-to-day contact. It will also show how the members, the employees, and the cooperative as a corporate citizen have all worked together for the total

development of Northwestern North Carolina and in doing so have become "Pacemakers in Progress."

Over \$78,000 will be returned to 11,286 members. This many people will share this amount of margins which accrued in 1956. "By owning their own business the members share in any money left after all expenses are taken care of. This is the benefit of cooperative ownership of an electric utility. The same people who work to do a job for themselves are the ones who should share in the services provided and any savings realized," a spokesman stated.

An attendance contest is being conducted in which cash prizes will be awarded to organized communities. Three major door prizes, a 17 cubic foot freezer, a refrigerator-freezer combination, and clothes dryer, will be given to members holding lucky registration tickets. Every tenth member will receive an electric clock. (Continued on page two)

## Gifts For New Hospital Continue To Come In

One hundred thousand, five hundred dollars has recently been awarded toward constructing and equipping the new Watauga County Hospital.

Wade E. Brown, chairman of the Hospital Board, received a \$500 check from the Dickson Foundation with this note by A. W. Bell, vice-president: "We sincerely hope that your drive for funds is a success, as we think a fine hospital in this area is most urgently needed."

From the Z. Smith Reynolds

Foundation, Inc. "We are pleased to enclose herewith the Foundation's check for \$50,000 in payment of the grant made by the trustees at the meeting held on May 14. We wish you every success in your new endeavor. L. S. Staples, secretary-treasurer."

Brown said "We had previously announced a personal gift of \$50,000 from Mrs. Vernie, chairman of the Foundation, making a total from that Foundation and the family of \$100,000."

## Tentative Plans Are Being Made For C. C. Horse Show

Only two classes in the second annual Cove Creek Horse Show will be limited to Watauga owners this year.

The big show will begin sharply at 12:30 p. m. on Saturday, June 19, at the Cove Creek High School. Of the 18 classes planned, the 3-gaited limited and the 5-gaited limited will be restricted to Wataugas. Other classes planned are:

Open 3-gaited; open 5-gaited, Tennessee Walking class, pony class, boys' 3-gaited, girls' 3-gaited, pleasure class, western pleasure class, western working class, pony race, mule race, pe-

rade class, barrel race and jumping class.

Entry forms may be obtained from R. G. Shipley of Vilas, who is show manager in the event's second year. Entries should be in a week before the show, in order that the Horse Show Committee may prepare a program.

There will be an entry fee of \$1 for each horse and pony. The animal may be shown in as many classes as desired and the (one) rider will be admitted free. Shipley states that ponies are 48 inches or under and that admission into pony classes will

be determined by this measurement.

The show will be sponsored by the Future Farmers of America and the Mountaineer Ruritan Club. Ribbons will be awarded in each class. The show is being sponsored primarily for county horsemen and horse lovers, although, due to increasing demand, classes have had to be extended to horsemen in adjoining areas.

There were more than 125 entries in last year's show. The June show is expected to judge even more entries.