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Killed In Crash On 105

Funeral services for Marion Charles McGinnis, 26, of Route 3, Boone, were conducted at 2 p. m. Friday. The Watauga man died in a wreck Wednesday of last week.

According to State Highway Patrolman G. L. Morgan, Mr. McGinnis was driving his 1965 Ford pickup truck, traveling south on rural paved road 1107 which runs from U. S. 421 to N. C. 105. Morgan said the truck ran through a grass traffic island, knocked down several posts and a sign and stopped against a clay bank on N. C. 105.

Mr. McGinnis was dead on arrival at Watauga Hospital. The wreck occurred just after 6 p. m.

Surviving are the widow, Mrs. Beulah Harrison McGinnis; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McGinnis of Vilas; a daughter, Patricia Ann McGinnis of the home; a son, Ralph B. McGinnis of the home; three brothers, Robert, Winford and Council McGinnis of Route 3, Boone; and a sister, Mrs. Daisy Hollars of Blowing Rock.



THIS WAS THE SCENE AT MOOSE LODGE NUMBER 1805 on Christmas Eve before gifts of toys and candy were delivered to children across Watauga County. Five cars were used to deliver packages to homes scattered from the County Line at Zionville to Deep Gap. Some toys were new, while others were donated by IRC for Empty Stocking Fund work and many others who would have otherwise had a bleak Christmas. Seventy-six children each received

five or six presents. Pictured (l-r), are: Bob Brown, governor of the Lodge; Fred Gragg, past governor; Sheriff Dallas Cheek, who helped distribute the gifts; Johnny Greene, Santa's helper; Bill Scott, chairman of the toy campaign; and Bill Rush, who also helped distribute the gifts. Each year, the Lodge sponsors an Easter egg hunt for Watauga County's children and also sponsors little league baseball. (Weston photo)

Chamber Has Holiday Party

On Christmas Eve, from 2 to 4 p. m., the membership of the Boone Chamber of Commerce attended an open house at Chamber offices, corner of East King and Hardin streets.

Manager Fred McNeal said Miss Sally Miller and Mrs. Nancy Johnson, secretaries, served refreshments to the 20 persons who were present.

C. Of C. Gets Skiing Inquiries

The Boone Chamber of Commerce reports it is receiving calls from Raleigh, Winston-Salem and many other cities on skiing and tobogganing in the area.

At 8:30 a. m. on Jan. 3, vehicle license plates will go on sale and be sold until deadline, Feb. 15, at the Chamber offices.

Grandfather Mountain To Be 'Renamed' Jan. 1

Grandfather Mountain, near Linville, will be re-named Great Grandfather Mountain Saturday, January 1, when grandfathers and great-grandfathers from all over the State are being invited by the North Carolina Heart Association to come out and enjoy the ceremonies.

A National Guard artillery unit from Lenoir will fire a salvo at 10 a. m. to kick off the ceremony and the 1966 Hope for Hearts crusade. This will actually be "a shot heard round the State," since Guard Units at High Point and Leaksville will return the salute at 10 a. m. The battleship North Carolina at Wilmington will fire a 25-round salute at 10 a. m. from its batteries of 40mm guns

in honor of the Heart Association's continuing crusade in behalf of the public health.

The youngest and the oldest great-grandfathers who show up on Hugh Morton's big mountain will get cases of grandfather honey as prizes.

Rob Rivers, Watauga Democrat Publisher and State Promotion Chairman for the Great-Grandfather event, says it will be well worth the effort even if it snows on the first. One can bring along the skins, enjoy a brunch of black-eyed peas and hog jowl, and enjoy the speeches, fellowship and other activities. If it gets slick up on the big hill, the festivities will be held at the entrance on 221.

Everyone is invited. It will be fun rechristening the lofty mountain, and helping to further the educational program of the Heart Association, which is doing so much against the country's number one killer. The "Hope for Hearts" educational crusade is not a fund-raising effort, but a year-round educational activity. It is pointed out, and the New Year's event is not intended as a kickoff of the 1966 Heart Fund campaign.

A good many grandfathers are showing an interest in the event. The latest to come to the Democrat office and talk about it, was William Paul Gragg of Blowing Rock who is 71, and who has 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren.

Merchants Offer Comments

Christmas Trade In Boone Is Best Ever

Night Opening Draws Throngs To King Street

BY RACHEL RIVERS
The consensus seems to be that 1965 is tallying out as the largest Christmas season ever known in the business community.

Unusually large crowds downtown in the evenings before Christmas were a special feature of this season. People milled along the streets week nights by the dozens—sort of a big-trade Saturday each night for a couple of weeks.

Several business people offered the following comments about holiday trade:

Assistant Manager Jack Graham was enthusiastic about trade at Lowe's Hardware. He called the store's trade steady, day and night, in the store's first year in Boone.

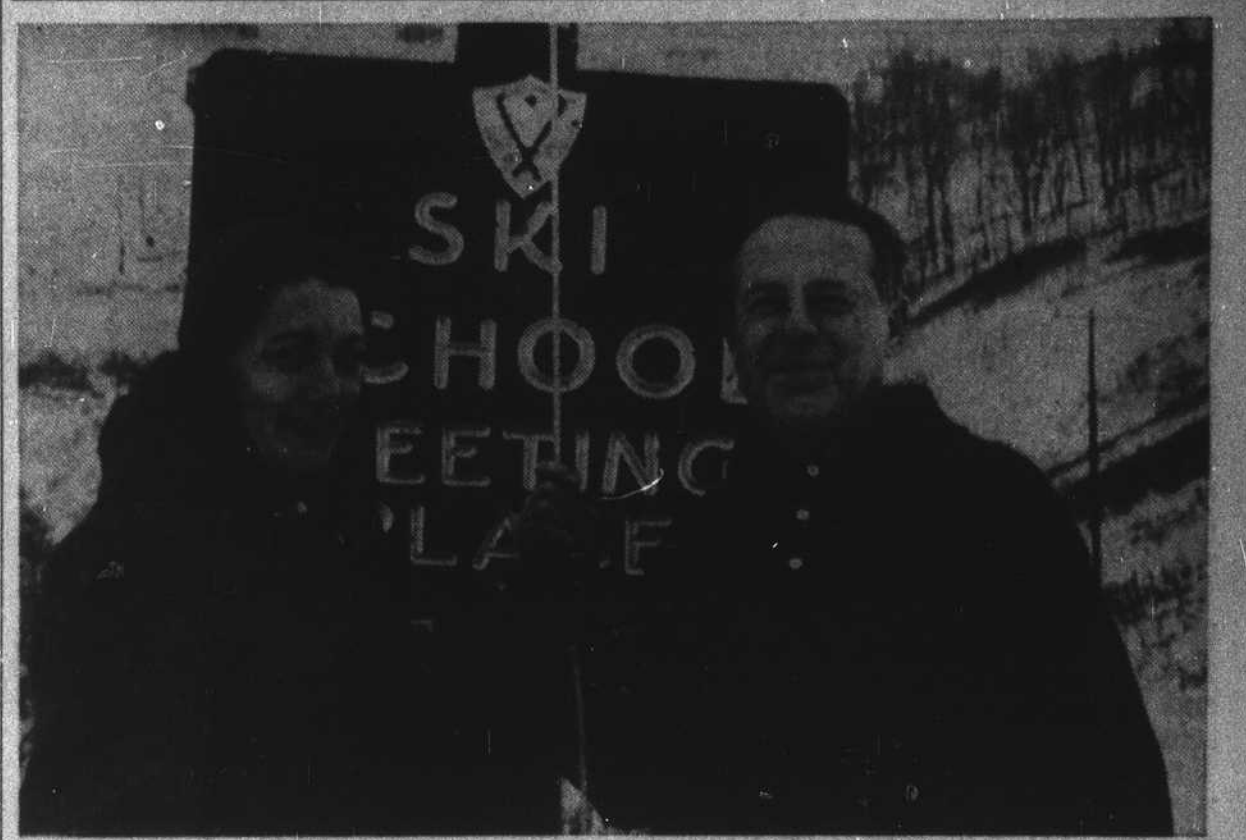
A & P and Winn-Dixie reported good trade, and Harvey Trivette, manager of Winn-Dixie, stated 1965 is "the best year we have had." He also said business was above last year's.

Harris-Teeter Super Market was said to be doing steady business in its first year in Boone.

At Belk's, said W. W. Chester, night trade was good and: "This was one of our busiest seasons."

Cecil Greene at Farmer's Hardware noted "a good increase in business this year over last year," with the store full nights, and everyone busy.

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JOAN AND BILL THALHEIMER TUG THE ROPE that rings the silver bell and signals that ski instruction is about to begin at Blowing Rock Ski Lodge, Inc. The beginner and intermediate slopes were opened on Tuesday, Dec. 21, with good base and a couple of inches of natural snowfall. Snow machines were at work on the professional slope, but sufficient base was not established.

Ski crowds that turned out on Dec. 24 were disappointed on Christmas day, when rain and fog cleared the slopes. By late afternoon, temperatures dropped and the snow machines again went to work. Sunday, skiers were back on the slopes at Blowing Rock, and a very fine and steady season seems to be well underway. (Staff photo)

Tax Listing Starts 3rd; List Takers Are Named

Taxpayers of Watauga county are advised by Ralph G. Greene, Tax Supervisor, that they are required to list their property and polls for taxation, starting January 3, as of ownership of January 1.

Mr. Greene has published in the Democrat this week a list of those who have been named list-takers in the various communities, and the schedule of listing dates. Everyone is asked to list in his own township if possible. The books will be returned to the courthouse January 14. Residents of Boone may list there until February 4.

Mr. Greene states that a 10% penalty has been provided for those not listing in the prescribed period and a \$50 fine or 30 days imprisonment can be exacted for failure to list.

Automobile truck and trailer listings are to be checked against State registrations, and owners when listing these vehicles should bring make, model and serial numbers. All house trailers must be listed.

Farm Census
Each farm owner shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop grown, including tenth of acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by all

tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands. He shall be prepared to report the number of bearing fruit trees, the numbers of livestock of breeding age, number of hogs sold or slaughtered during past 12 months, and number of chickens. This information is kept confidential and has no relation to taxes. Its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safer guidance of county agents and farmers generally.

Moretz YDC Prexy; State Leader Heard

The Watauga County YDC met Monday night at the County Court House for its annual election of officers. More than 60 persons attended the affair which featured talks by Robert Huffman, president-elect of the state YDC, and by Ed Croom, president of the state Teen Dems organization.

Huffman discussed his plans for an administration of unity for the Democrats and stressed the importance of a strong young Democrats club.

Teenager Croom from Myers Park High School in Charlotte discussed the possibility of a Teen Dems club in Watauga County. His remarks were followed by comments from Bill

Bingham, representing the college YDC and by Dr. Robert Randall, faculty advisor and a member of the City Council. Also discussed were the redistricting of the state, plans for the 1966 club year and the YDC's part in the coming year's elections.

Elected to serve as officers for the club during 1966 were D. Grady Moretz, Jr., president; Robert Bingham, first vice-president in charge of programs and director of special events; Eddie Norris, second vice-president; Ronnie Wilson, third vice-president; Robert Danner, secretary; and Johnny Austin, treasurer.

The next meeting will be Monday night, Jan. 31.

\$38,875 Grant From Carolina Fund Reaches WAMY For Area

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, President of WAMY Community Action, Inc., has announced the receipt of a grant of \$38,875 from the North Carolina Fund for a special Incentive Grants Program to be carried out in Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey Counties. Approximately \$1,000 will be given to each of twenty-four developing community organizations in the four counties to help them to carry out community development and improvement projects which they design themselves.

The purpose of the Incentive Grants Program is to encourage people living in rural communities to define and solve

their own common problems through group action.

A screening committee in each county will decide which communities will receive grants. These committees will consist of seven members: The Executive Director of WAMY, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee, the Director of the Farmers Home Administration, one representative of a public agency and three representatives of rural communities.

The decisions of these committees will be based on the following criteria:

1. The extent to which the entire community is involved in identifying the communities' needs and in planning action.

2. The extent of the needs that have been found.

3. The adequacy of the communities' plans for satisfying these needs.

4. The extent to which the community will be strengthened by success in this effort to solve its own problems.

Dr. Plemmons also announced the receipt of an \$8,430 grant to employ an Educational Specialist on the WAMY staff. The specialist will assist the four county school units in developing projects under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965.

WAMY Community Action, Inc. is one of the eleven communities in the state. (Continued on page six)

First Auto Inspection Station Is Established In Watauga Co.

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Effective Feb. 16, all cars in North Carolina must be inspected sometime in the following year. "It's not a cure-all," B. E. Cloer says, "but it definitely has a place in highway safety."

Watauga County is beginning to take its place in an important state-wide vehicle safety program which legislators passed unanimously in 1965. Last week Cloer, who is a license and safety inspector in this area, set about his task of licensing safety check stations.

The first station he licensed was Watson's Garage in Deep Gap. Cloer says about 12 others will be licensed this month, and this information made known to the public. Ultimately, Watauga may have as many as 20 checking stations.

The Legislature has pledged itself to cut back the toll of deaths on North Carolina highways. The checking stations are part of this effort.

12-15 Minutes

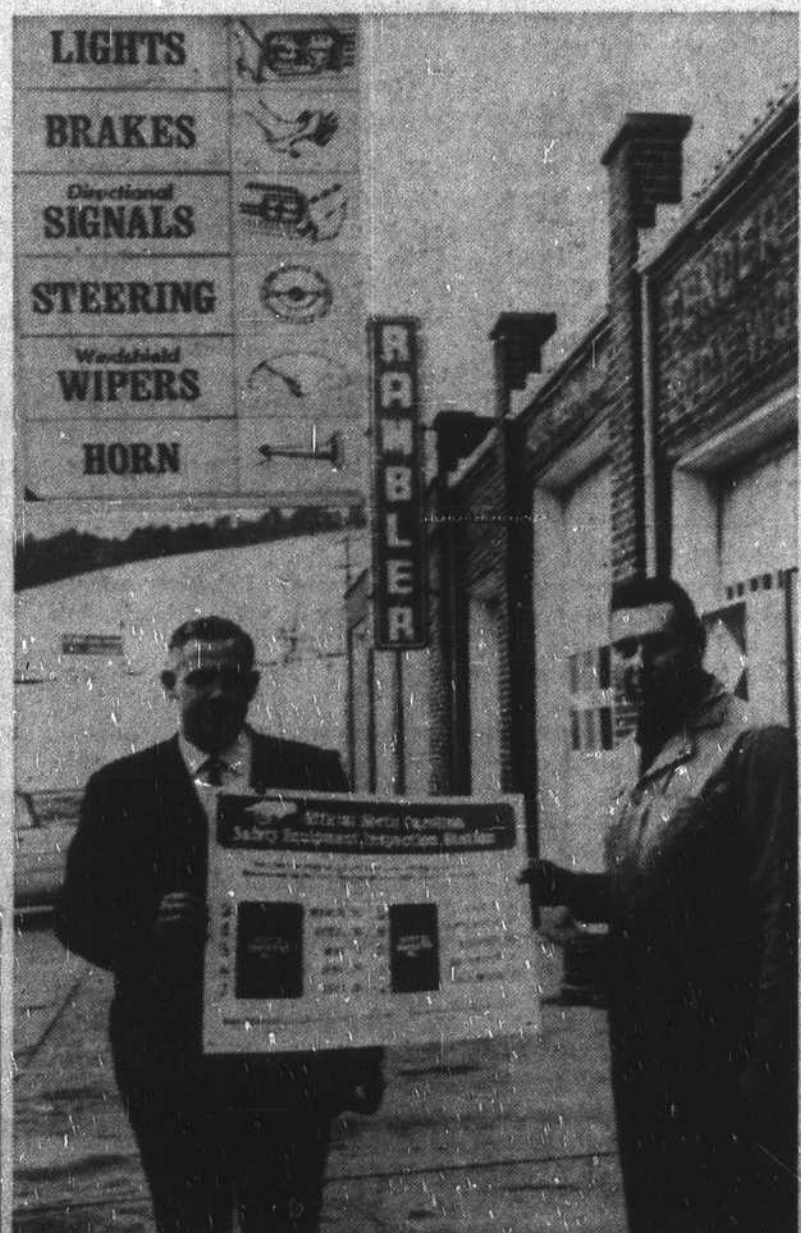
"Dry runs show—when everything is working—that a vehicle can be inspected in 12-15 minutes," Cloer says. Brakes, turn signals (on vehicles manufactured since July 1, 1953), lights, steering, horn and windshield wipers are the six points to be checked.

Cloer: "The last digit on the license plate will designate the deadline month for inspection of the vehicle. The car, truck or trailer must be inspected by the last day of that month."

The digit 2 stands for February, 1966, the digit 3 for March. Numerals and months progress accordingly until October, which is designated by the zero (0). November, 1966, will carry the digit 1; December, 1966, will be digit 2.

A new or used vehicle purchased through retail sale from a licensed dealer after Feb. 15, 1966, must be inspected by the dealer and have affixed thereto

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B. E. Cloer (left), license and safety inspector with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles, is seen with James Watson, whose establishment, Watson's Garage at Deep Gap, is the first in Watauga County to be designated an official inspection station. Cloer says about a dozen more stations will be set up this month. The inset shows the six features of automobiles and trucks which will be checked. (Staff photo)

March Dimes Gifts Effort Successful

George C. Thomas, campaign director of the March of Dimes for Watauga County, said today that the December mailing of the health statements to the business firms has been very successful.

He said also that those who have not made their contributions may do so before the last day of December to be entitled to the income tax deduction

for 1965. Many may want to make theirs after the first of the so that they may claim deductions for the year of 1966.

He wishes to thank those who have already made substantial contributions to the March of Dimes and encourages those who have not yet done so to help in the fight against birth defects.

Some Stores Will Close New Year's

Most public offices and a number of retail establishments will be closed New Year's Day. It was learned Tuesday.

The following, and perhaps others, will be closed:

Greene Furniture, Burgess Furniture, Stallings, First National Bank, County Offices, Town of Boone offices, A & F Store, Winn-Dixie, Harris-Teeter, Post Office, DeLees, Sears, Flowers Photo Shop, Puritan Furniture.