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**BOONE WEATHER**

1966	Hi	Lo	Snow	Wind	Hi	Lo
March 1	45	31			50	36
March 2	55	30			54	37
March 3	49	39	tr.		44	33
March 4	62	43	1.06		59	19
March 5	52	25	.05		37	22
March 6	25	16	3		27	22
March 7	26	16	2	.04	35	22

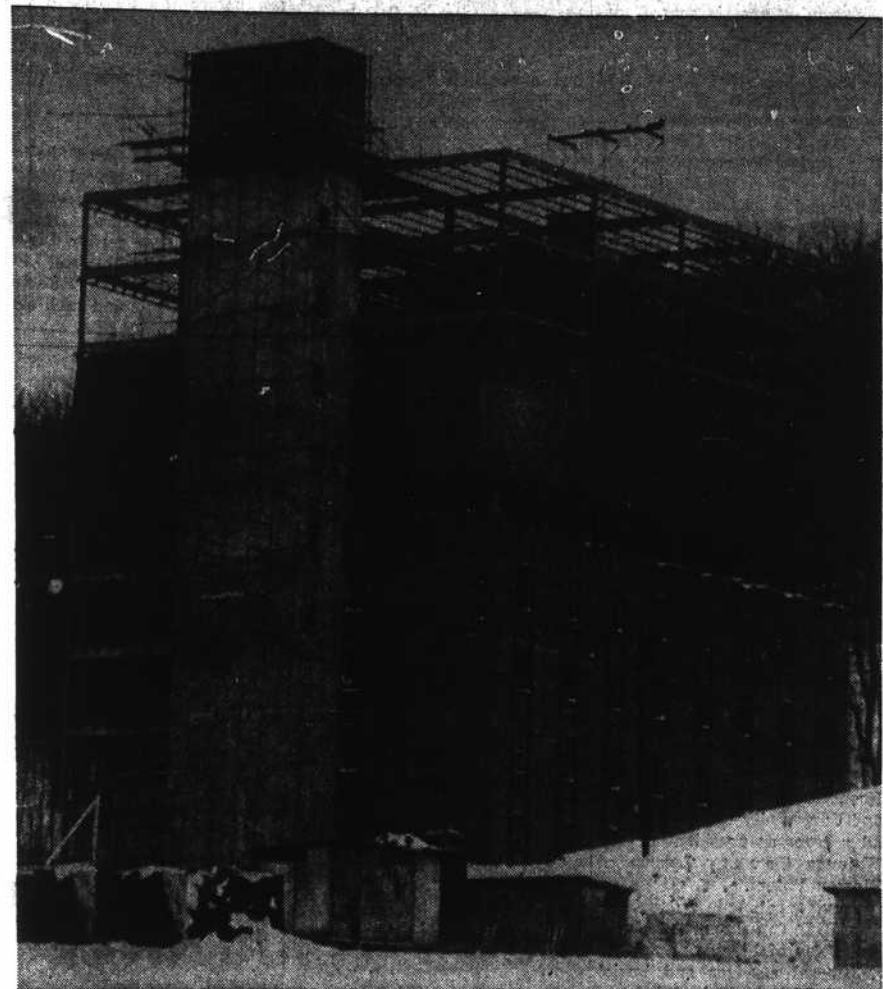
Snow Given To Nearest Half Inch

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**ASTC BUSINESS MANAGER NED TRIVETTE** says construction work on campus is progressing well—still on schedule after heavy snows the first of the year. Pictured is the men's high-rise dormitory, under construction adjacent to Conrad Stadium. Trivette says the schedule calls for occupation of both men's and women's residence halls by Sept. 1. Women's dorms are being constructed on Hardin Street. (Staff photo)

## Girl Scout Week Is Being Observed By 165 Members

The 165 registered Girl Scouts of Watauga County are joining with the more than three million Girl Scouts across the country in the celebration of Girl Scout Week, March 6-12, and the 54th birthday of Girl Scouting which is on March 12. The theme of the celebration is "Girl Scouting—A Promise in Action."

## James Broyhill Given GOP Nod

Yadkinville—Republicans in the 9th District nominated Rep. James T. Broyhill for Congress Saturday and predicted he will win a third term by 50,000 votes.

About 325 delegates from the district's 11 counties applauded gleefully when Broyhill mentioned the "fight" between Vice President Humphrey and Sen. Robert Kennedy. The two men, he said, have been exchanging words about what factions should have how much influence in any government that may be established for South Viet Nam.

"We Republicans are going to have to pick up the pieces," said Broyhill, who had cautioned earlier that Viet Nam is too serious a situation to play politics with.

He said he has no solution to

the problem, but he said the GOP wants "peace with honor" and urged that American policies in Southeast Asia be re-examined.

He said President Kennedy and, after him, President Johnson promised balanced budgets, yet in the last five years \$31.5 billion more has been spent than has been taken in.

Broyhill criticized Johnson for cutting back on the milk program for schoolchildren and, at the same time, raising salaries of "political hacks" in the poverty program.

### Cites Inflation

He said inflation is the biggest battle that must be won, because it is an insidious evil that eats into the pockets of the poor—particularly those with small pensions. "If we don't win that one," said Broyhill "the others won't make much difference."

The Johnson administration, he said, has realized a "wind-fall" of \$2 billion simply by taking the silver out of the quarters that are circulating now.

"For the good of LBJ and for the good of the country," Broyhill concluded, "we must give him a Republican Congress—beginning next year."

Broyhill was nominated by Clyde Greene of Boone, and a (Continued on page six)

### Jaycees To Have Annual Tissue Sale

The Boone Jaycees will hold their annual tissue sale from Saturday, March 19, through Saturday, March 26. Three boxes of tissue will be sold for \$1. The Jaycees urge residents of Boone to leave their porch lights on on Tuesday, March 22, if they wish to buy. Proceeds will go to Jaycees community service projects.

decided on one or more projects which would demonstrate and put into action the Girl Scout Promise to do their duty to God and country, to help other people at all times, and to obey the Girl Scout laws of loyalty, honesty, courtesy, cheerfulness, kindness and thrift.

Some of these projects involve service to other groups in the community and some concern personal attitudes or troop self-improvement. All represent "A Promise in Action" and will be fulfilled during the troop year ending Sept. 1.

A few of the projects being done by troops in Watauga are: aiding their sponsoring group in the collecting and distributing of used clothing; a Brownie troop making tray favors each month for the hospital; weekly visits to a neighborhood nursing home and putting on special programs for their sponsoring group.

The ten troops are led in their activities by 30 registered adult scouts. These give their time and effort to Scouting, and without their contribution and the Watauga United Fund, there could be no Girl Scouts in Watauga County.

Girl Scout Week started with the Girl Scout Sunday, March 6, and will be climaxed by the annual Girl Scout banquet on Friday, March 11, at 6 p. m., in the Appalachian Elementary School cafeteria.

## Watauga School Closing Date Is Seen As June 3

The "target date" for the last day of the 180-day school term in Watauga County will be on or about Friday, June 3. Superintendent of Schools Guy Angell said the regular calendar called for the end of school on Friday, May 20.

The proposed closing date of June 3 calls for the cancellation of the Easter holidays previously scheduled for April 8 and April 11. The schedule also means that teachers will be on duty through Tuesday, June 7. Angell said closing and make-up schedules are tentative and subject to Board of Education approval.

The completion of make-ups on Saturday, Feb. 12 and Saturday, Feb. 19 leave a remainder (Continued on page six)

## Fatal Shot Is Fired From .22 Caliber Pistol

**BY RACHEL RIVERS**  
When Sheriff Dallas Cheek arrived at Cove Creek Store Saturday morning, he found William McKinley Presnell, 41, of Sugar Grove, dead in the front seat of a 1959 Buick. The car was registered to Betty Presnell of Vilas, widow of the deceased.

Floyd Tester of Sugar Grove, about age 52, Presnell's uncle by marriage, was arrested and jailed in connection with the shooting.

The Sheriff said he was called to Cove Creek Store at Sugar Grove at 11 a. m. He said the caller stated that a man had been shot, "and I think he's dead."

The Sheriff said Presnell had been shot in the left side of the neck and was sitting on the right hand side of the front seat with his head thrown back. When he arrived, Tester was sitting on a bench inside the store. Cheek said he called an ambulance and notified the County coroner, Richard Kelley.

About 10:30 a. m. that morning, a woman had called the Sheriff's Department and reported that two men were firing a gun in front of her home on old Highway 421. The jailer's wife dispatched a Highway Patrolman to the scene; however, the Patrolman was unable to leave immediately.

Cheek arrived in Cove Creek at 11:15 a. m., answering the second call. Minutes later, the Patrolman had traced the car, from where it was reported—just below the Watauga County Health Center—to the Store.

According to Cheek, both the deceased and Tester had been drinking. An empty pint bottle and another one-third full were found in the car.

An Avery County man, Dean Harmon at Beech Creek, had been driving the two around. He told Cheek that Tester and Presnell had been "messing" with the gun all morning, and making threats to shoot each other.

The Sheriff said Harmon reported that when he heard the (Continued on page 1, sec. B)

## Whiskey Figures In Case

# Floyd Tester Being Held In Slaying Wm. Presnell



**Students Give \$50 To Charity**

After the recent basketball game between Hickory High School and Watauga High School, students attended a sock-hop at Watauga, and funds from the dance were presented to the Watauga chapter of March of Dimes. Fifty dollars was given on behalf of the student body. Student Council members who organized the money-raising event are (from right): Miss

Janie Shipley, Student Council secretary; Miss Beth Lawrence, Council member and chairman of Watauga's Teen-Age Program for March of Dimes; Scott Stanbery, vice-president; Mike Wilson, president; and Steve Hampton, treasurer. Miss Lawrence said a dance also will be held in the 1967 school year to benefit the charity. (Staff photo)

## Parking Lot To Be Provided

The Town Board of Aldermen is now working on a project to provide more parking in Boone.

Mayor Wade E. Brown says that the parking situation here has been bad all along, and that he and his Board have been working toward a solution. "R. C. Coleman and Joe Coleman have made arrangements with the Town to allow the Town to use the site of warehouse no. (continued on page six)

## Land Bank Official Promotes Boone Area

"Farmers will use more long-term credit in the years ahead," according to S. C. Eggers, president of the Federal Land Bank Association of Boone, who has just returned from the North Carolina Conference of Federal Land Bank Association Directors and Managers held in Durham.

"In expanding farm operations to produce needed food and fiber in the years ahead and employing more new tech-

nology for efficiency, farmers will use more long-term credit," Mr. Eggers explained.

Mr. Eggers put in a strong plug for Boone during his address. He invited the group to attend the stockholders meeting in Boone July 2. This meeting is nationally recognized. He told the conference about the weather, motel facilities, recreational advantages and made a good ambassador for this section. Mr. Eggers told of the Wagon Train, Horn in the West, the College, skiing, fishing and golfing. Many of those attending expressed keen interest in what he had to say about Boone and Watauga County.

Mr. Eggers indicated that adequate loanable funds would be available for farmers through the Land Bank system and the policy of the Land Bank is to absorb rising money costs to the maximum extent possible.

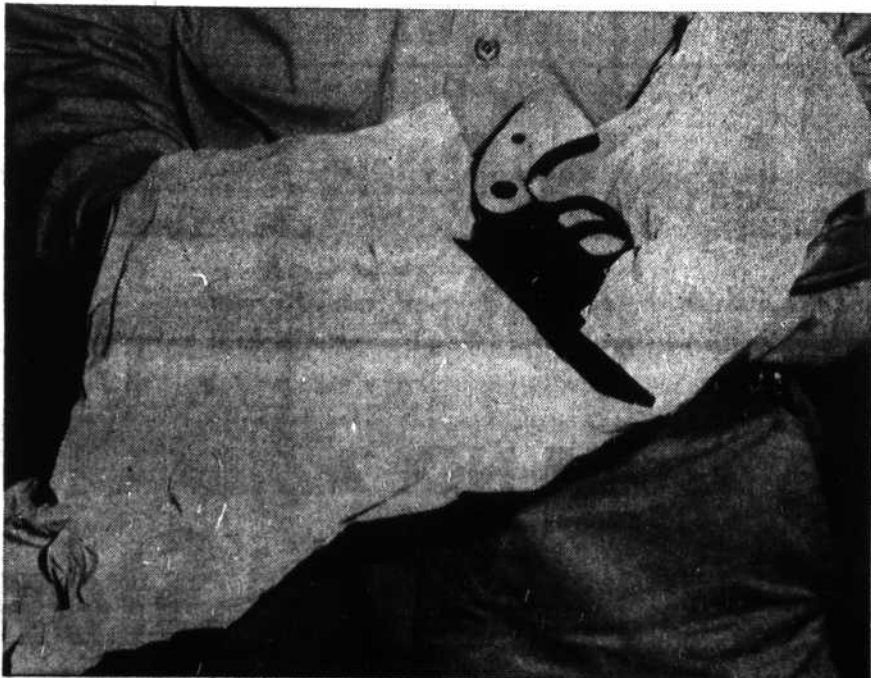
The Boone Association is one of 15 land bank associations which make and service long-term farm loans for the Federal Land Bank of Columbia in North Carolina. The bank now has over 36,000 loans outstanding in the amount of more than \$335 million to farmers in the two Carolinas, Georgia, and Florida—the four states served by the bank. Over 13,600 loans in the amount of over \$100 million are with North Carolina (Continued on page six)

## Winter Slows Traveling On Scenic Route

The monthly visitor report for February of the Blue Ridge Parkway:

	Feb. 1966	Feb. 1965
James River (Va.) (Mi. 0 to 115)	15,081	29,205
Rocky Knob (Va.) (Mi. 115 to 217)	11,253	37,065
Bluffs (N. C.) (Mi. 217 to 305)	3,993	28,116
Asheville (N. C.) (Mi. 305 to 469)	18,975	35,112

TOTALS 49,302 129,498  
Calendar Year 1966—178,596 visitors to date.  
Calendar Year 1965—287,834 visitors to date.  
Calendar Year 1966 compared (Continued on page six)



This .22-caliber pistol, being held by a Sheriff's officer, is said to be the weapon that killed William McKinley Presnell of Sugar Grove Saturday.

## Holshouser May Be Chairman

Talk going around the 9th District Republican Convention Saturday in Yadkinville was that the man favored by North Carolina Republican leaders to be the new state party chairman is James E. Holshouser Jr. of Watauga County.

The Boone lawyer is a state legislator and Republican minority leader in the State House of Representatives at Raleigh. The chairman is elected by delegates from all counties, although the stamp of approval from party leaders is expected to go a long way. The new state chairman will

be elected at the state convention on Friday and Saturday in Charlotte.

Holshouser confirmed at the Yadkinville meeting that state party leaders had talked with him about the chairmanship. He said he would accept the post if Republicans thought he could best serve them as chairman, but added he was reluctant to enter a "knock down, drag out" race.

Present state chairman James Gardner of Rocky Mount has announced he will not seek reelection.