



FIRST BRICK BUILDING on the Appalachian College Campus was known as the Administration building and is pictured above. Erected perhaps 60 years ago, the structure contained administrative offices, an auditorium and perhaps half a

dozen large classrooms. Now known as the alumni building, the structure is soon to yield its space to a modern, new Administration Building, as the burgeoning growth of the College continues. Staff photo.

## Employment Official Says Jobs Are Going Begging In Locality

The North Wilkesboro Manager of the North Carolina State Employment Security Commission addressed the Board of Directors of the Boone Chamber of Commerce at noon, Tuesday, March 1, at the Daniel Boone Hotel.

Troy R. Perry told the group that since his personnel had begun working with local industry—when IRC came here in the 1950's—thousands of aptitude tests had been given to determine which persons were suited to the industry type of work.

"Now things have changed. We've been running ads begging people to come in for jobs. For a test last week, 35 to 40 were scheduled. Only about 20 reported."

Perry said quite a few job applicants have come from the surrounding areas—the edges of adjacent counties and Tennessee—but that part of the local job shortage could be the people who are working in adjoining counties, such as Le noir in Caldwell County.

Perry explained that many Wataugans have been working out of the County for several years and possibly would not consider leaving their established positions for local employment at starting salaries.

Although Perry said the Employment Security Commission is still managing to meet the demands here, he said "It's a struggle to fill the positions."

The division manager said the Commission does not have a lot of surplus on file, or 400 or 500 applicants to draw from, as it did when industries were getting underway here. In Watauga, he said applicants are screened, and a list furnished to employers. He said the screening tests point up the

strong and weak features of many persons. For example, manual dexterity alone may be required in one job, and another job may demand manual-visual co-ordination.

Many persons are adept in mathematics and employers get in contact with them if positions are available in their firms.

Perry said tests may be arranged for students who are

graduating from Watauga High School who do not plan to go to college. He said he feels this may be a partial solution to the local job problem.

Asked whether the Security Commission might set up offices in Boone or have personnel here for two days a week, rather than one, Perry said that his North Wilkesboro office covers a five-county area, and that funds for salaries and

rent in a divisional office come from Federal taxes allotted back to the state of North Carolina for operation of the Employment Commission.

However, he said he would report to his supervisor the needs and wants of employers here and get in touch with the Chamber in the event additional personnel can be stationed in Watauga County.

## Burley Growers Are Given Another Election Reminder

Watauga farmers who grow burley tobacco got a last-minute reminder today about the vote to be held on the new proposed acreage-poundage quota program Thursday, March 10.

All farmers 18 years of age or older who engaged in the production of the 1965 burley tobacco crop are eligible to vote in the special referendum. The new acreage-poundage program would go into effect if it is approved by more than two-thirds of the growers voting.

Clint Eggers, Chairman of the Watauga ASC County Committee urges growers to consider carefully the facts about the new program and then to vote their convictions.

Mr. Eggers points out that tobacco growers in Watauga County throughout the years have demonstrated their willingness to maintain a sound program. With few exceptions, they have voted overwhelming approval of the use of quotas in marketing their

crop in an orderly manner, even though that often meant keeping their acreage within smaller and smaller farm allotments.

In recent years, however, increased yields per acre—frequently obtained at the expense of quality—have more than offset the reduced acreage, to the end that excessive supplies have accumulated and costs to the Government have increased. During the 5 years, 1956-60 burley yields averaged 1620 pounds per acre. During the most recent 3 years 1963-65, yields averaged about 2150 pounds per acre for the whole burley belt, an increase of about one-third.

Price support under the new acreage-poundage program will be available in 1966 on up to 120 percent of the farm poundage quota (and on 110 percent in subsequent years) if the harvest acreage on the farm is within the farm's new acreage allot-

ment. Any marketings above the farm's poundage quota will be deducted from the farm's quota for the following year. If less than the poundage quota for a farm is marketed in any year, the difference will be added to the farm's quota for the following year.

If growers do not approve the acreage-poundage quota program on March 10, the present acreage quotas (approved by growers in February 1965) will continue in effect for the 1966 and 1967 crops of burley.

### Legion Post Plans Celebration Friday

The American Legion and Auxiliary Watauga Post No. 130 will celebrate the Legion's 47th birthday Friday, March 11, at 6:30 p. m. with a covered dish supper. All members and their friends are invited to attend. An interesting program has been planned.

## Floyd Tester Being Held In Slaying Wm. Presnell

(continued from page 1, sec. A) fatal shot, he thought it had missed, but he turned and saw blood running down Presnell's neck. Harmon was not questioned, pending a preliminary hearing. Check said he did not think Harmon had been drinking.

The Sheriff said it had not been ascertained where Tester was seated in the four-door car at the time of the shooting. He also said it was not ascertained where the shot was fired, whether near the Health Center, or in front of Cova-Creek Store where Presnell's body was found. However, Check said no one inside the Store reported hearing the shot.

The six-shot, 22-calibre pistol—a German make—still had two bullets in the chamber when it was confiscated as evidence. The Sheriff said Saturday he was not sure how many shots were fired, although three shots were reported at 10:30 and the fourth could conceivably be the death shot. He said the pistol may have been reloaded, but that he found only one shell in the

car and it was on the front seat.

Tester did not have the gun when he was arrested. The Sheriff said it had been moved from the back seat and was inside the Store.

Check said Tester stated, after the arrest, that he shot Presnell and that the jailer had later asked Tester "why" he shot Presnell and Tester had replied that he just wanted to get him (Presnell) "out of the way".

Later Saturday, Tester retracted his earlier statement and said that he did not kill Presnell, according to the Sheriff.

The two men lived together in Sugar Grove.

Services were held at 2 p. m. Monday at Antioch Baptist Church for William McKinley Presnell, 41, of Sugar Grove, who died Saturday of a gun shot wound.

He was the son of Valentine and Bertha Love Presnell.

Surviving are his parents; his widow, Betty May Parks Presnell; two sons, Kenneth and Troy of the home; four brothers, James Presnell of High Point, Johnny Presnell of Av-

ondale, Pa., and Linzy and Charlie Presnell of Boone; two sisters, Mrs. Ann Owens of Asheboro and Mrs. Lay Fairbrother of Sexton, Vermont.

Burial was in the church cemetery.

### Traffic Toll

Raleigh—The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 A. M. Monday, March 7:

Killed to date .....237

Killed to date last year .....236

### Miss Dixon Makes Honor Roll At UNCG

Miss Jane Dixon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dixon, made the honor roll during the first semester at UNCG at Greensboro. Her average was 3.1.

Wealthy Pooch  
Worcester, Mass.—When the will of Mrs. Laura Navaroo was read, her pet dog named Bege was her sole heir. The entire estate of \$8,000 will be put in a trust fund for "the comfort, and support of my beloved dog Bege."

## League Women Voters To Hear Holshouser

Most North Carolina citizens can tell you the name of their Governor and how long his term of office is, but there are many questions about our state government not so easy to answer—questions like: who levies my state taxes? does the governor have veto power? what is the highest court in the state? how is a citizen chosen for jury duty? when is the next state wide election? who represents you in the legislature? who fixes the "chuckholes" in the state highways?

The League of Women Voters is focusing attention on state government this month and the A B C's of state government will be the program subject at both unit meetings with experts on hand to answer the questions.

The morning unit will meet Tuesday, March 8 at 10 a. m. with Mrs. Edward H. Gibson III on Blanwood Drive. Dr. Paul Campbell, formerly professor of political science at Limestone College, will lead the discussion.

The evening unit will meet Thursday, March 10 at 8 p. m. with Mrs. Cratis Williams on Reynolds Road. Rep. James E. Holshouser, will lead the discussion and answer questions.

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