

David Hatten New Policeman At Blowing Rock

David G. Hatten, a former resident of Blowing Rock, has recently joined the Blowing Rock Police Force.

David and his wife, the former Lula Hicks, are mountaineers by birth. He is from Blowing Rock and she from Boone.

Since September, 1964, he has been with the Hickory Police Force as a patrolman on the third shift. He has attended all the schools the department has had since then, and has become a member of the National Police Officers Association. He has also been presented a certificate from Walter F. Anderson, Director of the State Bureau of Investigation.

Mr. Hatten was in Oxford, Miss., when rioting broke out there, and he remembers another incident when a mentally retarded person had a gun and was shooting wildly.

With the Second Army Division at Fort Benning, Ga., he became a member of the military police, and at another time was a radio announcer in Statesville, N. C.

According to Police Chief Hugh Young, Mr. Hatten was selected above all other applicants because of his outstanding record and dedication to duty.

He has a brother and sister in Catawba County, and his father, Charles Hatten, still lives in Blowing Rock.



FLOWING TIME AGAIN—It's been said over and over, that tractors are doing away with the horse-drawn plow. However, many teams are still worked throughout Watauga County, and a lot of folks say that even though it takes more time, they

get a lot of fun out of working the soil with old Dobbin. Here a young man turns the black soil on cropland in Bamboo Community. (Staff photo)

391 Farmers Sign For Feed Grain Program

Final results as of April 8 end of the signup show 391 farmers signed under the 1966 feed grain diversion program.

Over 1,145 acres of cropland will be diverted from the production of corn and left in a soil conserving crop for the remainder of the crop year.

Total diversion payments to Watauga County farmers if all of these farmers comply with the program will exceed \$55,700. In addition to this diversion payment, farmers who did not divert their entire base are permitted under their agreement to grow corn and will be paid a price support payment on all corn they grow within their permitted acreage. The payment will be based on the measured planted acreage of corn and the farm yield times the price support payment per bushel.

Farmers who participate in the 1966 feed grain have agreed to set the acreage aside and not harvest any crop from the land and not graze it until after Oct. 1, 1966. The farmer is assured an income from his land and he can put the land to conserva-

tion uses which will certainly protect and help maintain and restore fertility on the soil and make it available for future crop production.

Field personnel will begin measuring the diverted acreage set aside by the farmer sometime this week according to Roy W. Isley, office manager.

Wilkes Arts Festival Planned For April 15

The Fine Arts Department and the Practical Arts Department of Wilkes Central High School are planning a Fine Arts Festival for general public viewing on April 15 at 7:30 p.m. Performances will be given by the dramatics class, the chorus and the band. Exhibits will be presented by the Homemaking Department, the Fine Arts Department and the Arts Department. Through these, parents and school patrons will have an opportunity to view the progress of classwork.

Festival to be given at Wilkes Central High School, and the sponsors sincerely hope that the public will boost this project and give it the support it needs to complete its success.

On Clean Water

Secretary of the Interior Udall has asked big industry to "become the main instrument for cleaning our rivers and streams of pollution." He said industry should lead the way by assisting in the construction of municipal plants which receives its wastes.



POLICEMAN DAVID HATTEN

Miss Dorothy Crowell Wins In Jingle Contest

Miss Dorothy Crowell, Box 452, Blowing Rock, has won sixth prize in a national contest sponsored by the Westinghouse lamp division.

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Blowing Rock Hospital Unit To Be A 'First' In This Area

Blowing Rock Hospital was informed this week by Congressman James T. Broyhill that a Federal grant of \$501,000 has been approved for the construction of a \$1,400,000 intensive care unit which has been planned by hospital officials since 1963.

The grant was awarded under the Hill-Burton Act and brings the total funds on hand for the building to \$1 million.

The new unit will be located behind the present hospital building. The lot has been surveyed and cleared in preparation for construction stages.

C. Stradley Kipp, administrator of the hospital, said today plans for the new unit will be presented to the State Health, Education and Welfare Department for final approval before building bids can be advertised and actual construction can be started.

The plans call for a three-story building to serve as a Long-Term Care Multi-County Demonstration Unit, which will be the first of its kind within a radius of 100 miles.

The unit will contain 80 patient beds, a chapel, recreation and entertainment rooms, physical therapy and occupational facilities, classrooms, and the lower floor will serve as a work floor, with all kitchen facilities to be located in the building.

The primary purpose the unit will serve is to relieve over-crowded conditions in hospitals in the area, in that

only ambulatory patients will be cared for.

In explaining the need for such an area, Mr. Kipp said, "There are many persons, particularly those over 65, who need the care and attention of a physician, though not enough to be hospitalized with people who are really sick. When they come here, they will have a room of their own, they will be able to get about without the assistance of a doctor or nurse, they will go to the dining room for their meals, and they will be able to go anywhere they please."

Mr. Kipp expects the final plans to be approved in about 30 days and expects to offer bids for contracts by May 1.

If all goes well, the building should be started by July 1, with a possible completion date of one to one and one-half years.

When it is completed, the staff of the hospital will be more than doubled with additional registered nurses, aides, orderlies and other hospital personnel.

The patients in the modern hospital for mature citizens will have an opportunity to pursue their hobbies with plans calling for instructors in a variety of hobbies.

When the hospital unit is completed, it will serve a long-felt need for the community, as well as for surrounding communities.

More Visitors On Park Route Than Last Year

Parkway Monthly Visitor Report for March:

| | Visitors 1966 | Visitors 1965 |
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| James River (Va.) | | |
| Mi. 0 to 115 | 67,650 | 48,246 |
| Rocky Knob (Va.) | | |
| Mi. 115-217 | 113,817 | 73,260 |
| Bluffs (N. C.) | | |
| Mi. 217-305 | 57,321 | 42,075 |
| Asheville (N. C.) | | |
| Mi. 305-469 | 79,299 | 52,701 |
| TOTALS | 318,087 | 216,282 |

visitors to date. Calendar Year 1965—484,116 visitors to date.

Calendar Year 1966 compared with Calendar Year 1965, increase—2.84%.

This month compared with same month last year, increase—47.07%.

Total number of visitors is figured on basis of 3.3 persons per vehicle.

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