

ECHOES OF THE BLUE RIDGE

Says Zoning Of Watauga Land Would Benefit Whole County

BY HERMAN W. WILCOX

The zoning of Watauga county is so important that we hope the local Chamber of Commerce, along with other organizations, will sponsor this project and request our County Commissioners to take immediate action in setting up a county wide organization to work out with the people the most desirable procedure.

Building Permits The zoning system would pay for itself in several ways, fees for buildings, additional taxes since all building would be immediately placed on the tax books, and the increased influx of citizens would know their investments would be protected from undesirable construction near them. Property owners, who live here only during the summer have already expressed their desire for such actions. When this system is set up, we would do well to advertise the fact that there is protection to those who desire to invest in our county.

Plenty Financial Help Watauga County is blessed with excellent financial institutions who are anxious to finance the growth of our county which is sure to come when we all begin to work together. Over \$600,000,000 is back of the various financial houses in the county to finance worthwhile projects. They are anxious to see our county made the most attractive in our state.

Proof Of Watauga's Growth One example of the growth of our county is the growth of the Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation which is serving the entire county so well. In 1939 they had 900 consumers, over 193 miles of line. In 1941 they purchased the Northwest Utilities which was serving part of the county. Their growth has averaged about 6.5 per cent per year. They are now serving 5,900 consumers, over 193 miles of line, 3,928 farms. This represents about 80 percent of the families in the county. They state "We have acquired the property for the erection of a 100,000 volt sub-station to meet the future needs of a rapidly growing Watauga county." We should be proud of their service, which brought power to many a home that otherwise would never have received it.

Future Homemaker May Work Hour Daily

Raleigh—What's to come for homemakers? Chances are the homemaker of tomorrow will polish off household jobs in less than one hour a day.

Many new products will be almost at her fingertips to help do the various jobs, say extension home economics specialists at the North Carolina State University.

The clothing a homemaker wears may be made of a type of paper composition that is so inexpensive she will wear a garment once, then throw it away.

Now being tested is a device which can be installed in the duct work of the house to provide chemical deodorization for all rooms.

Also among the new expected aids for tomorrow's homemaker is a closed circuit television set for the home. Merely by pressing a button, a wo-

man can see a store's merchandise.

The homemaker of tomorrow also will have a car, television-telephone, an electronic oven that doesn't get hot, and a scanning lock that opens the front door when it senses the fingerprints of family members.

Other indications of what's to come for the homemaker include a self-propelled vacuum cleaner housed in the baseboard and windows that close automatically when it begins to rain. In 1982, many dishes will be of the throw-away plastic produced by individual home molding sets, the specialists explain. Ultrasonic closets will automatically rid garments of every particle of soil.

Unfortunately these aids are still in the future. So today's homemaker has to continue doing these household tasks by conventional means.



YOUNG JERRY TAYLOR OF BAIRDS CREEK ROAD spends many quiet sunny days with his pony and another pony with her colt in a roadside pasture. In addition to horseback riding, Jerry enjoys hunting and fishing. (Staff photo)

Moretz Brothers Reunite By Chance In Thailand

(Note: The Moretz brothers referred to are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Moretz, formerly of Boone, who have lived in Sanford, Fla., for several years.)

In June or July. Two other brothers, Boyce Moretz of Vero Beach, and Aubrey Moretz of Crawfordville, have completed service in the Air Force and returned to civilian life. Their father, incidentally, served in World War II—with the U. S. Navy. Their mother has taught in Seminole County schools for the past 10 years.

Letters To The Editor

Says Money Should Have Come To Boone

Editor, Watauga Democrat Dear Sir: I see by the front page of the Blowing Rocket, on April 7, 1966, that the Blowing Rock Hospital has received a federal grant of \$501,000. This is all very fine and I am sure will be put to very good use, but, considering what Blowing Rock is a good part of the year—how deserted it is—it would seem to me that the needs of the people of Watauga County and its environs would have been better served if the hospital money had been given to the Boone Hospital.

Certainly, the people in and around Boone are permanent residents who need the services much more than the tourists do.

Therefore, as a physician who is not really involved in it, since I neither live nor practice in the area but do spend a good bit of the year in the area, I am much interested in the welfare of the people from a medical point of view. It is regrettable, I believe, that this money was not granted to the hospital in Boone, instead.

Respectfully, G. Thomas Samartino, M.D. 7400 SW 62nd Ave. South Miami, Fla.

Democrat Coverage Lauded By Heart Assn.

Dear Mr. Rivers: The Watauga County Heart Association warmly appreciates the excellent coverage by The Watauga Democrat by you and your staff of our 1966 Heart Fund campaign and our year-round Heart Association activities. We trust we will continue to merit your support and backing in the continuing fight against the heart and blood vessel disease.

The Heart Association also wishes to thank all the citizens of Watauga County for their generous contributions to our fundraising effort this year, the many volunteer hours which made it all possible, and the excellent leadership in behalf of our community's concern for all our hearts.

Needless to say, the press and broadcasting industry mean much to the success of our cooperative efforts to increase community-wide awareness of our leading cause of early death and disability, the heart diseases.

Sincerely yours, The Watauga County Heart Association.

Simple checkups cut cancer toll, doctor finds.

At an isolated airfield in northern Thailand an Air Force C-130 soared in for a landing. On the ground radarscope tracking the plane to a safe landing was A-3C Gary A. Moretz of Sanford, Fla.

A call from the plane revealed the fact that Gary's brother, S-Sgt. Marion E. Moretz, was aboard the C-130.

An understanding commanding officer had Gary relieved from his duty and a reunion of the brothers was arranged. It was their first meeting in almost four years.

Marion enlisted in the Air Force in November, 1957, and has been serving in the Far East and Southeast Asia since July, 1962. Gary enlisted in the Air Force last August and has been in Southeast Asia since February.

The brothers, sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Moretz, of Sanford, like their duty in the area. Marion, currently in his ninth year with the Air Force, is due for a leave and a visit home.

A Good Idea Berlin—West Berlin police can make a quick check of suspected drinking drivers. They carry a glass tube filled with yellow crystals. The suspect blows into the tube and if the crystals turn green—the driver has been drinking.

Paul & Ralph Say:



Don't Forget the Civitan Club's PANCAKE JAMBOREE Sat., April 23 6 a. m. to 7 p. m. App. Elementary School Cafeteria

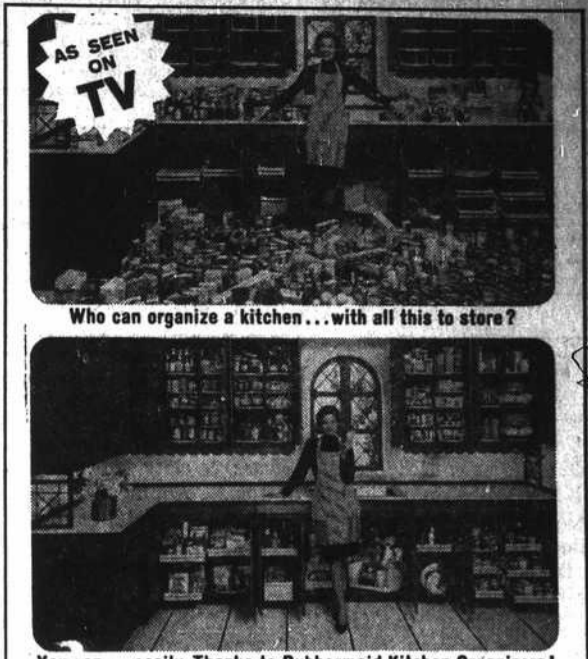
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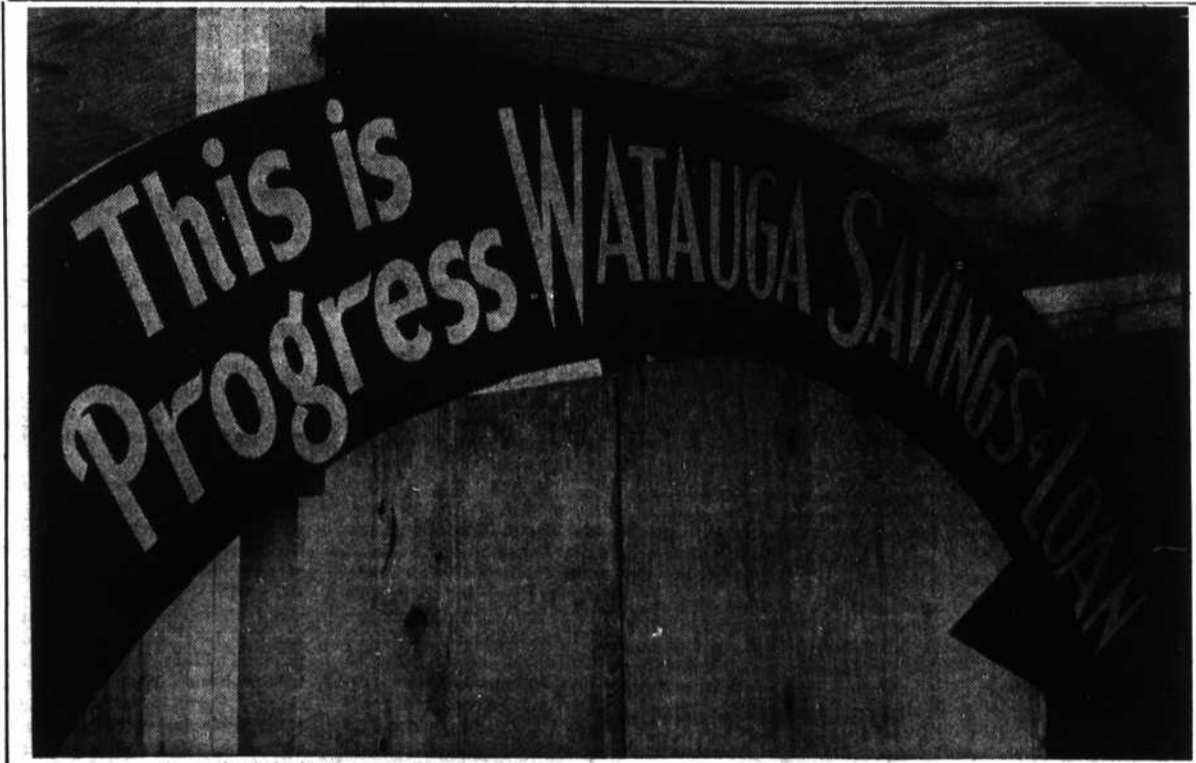
Traffic Toll The Motor Vehicles Department's summary of traffic deaths through 10 a.m. Monday, April 4: Killed to date374 Killed to date last year.....339



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Advertisement for Watauga Savings and Loan Association. It features the headline 'It's What Takes Place BEHIND THE SCENES That Counts Most!' and a sub-headline 'We admit there's nothing impressive in the plywood screen that blocks off the major rebuilding project of our new home. We do think you'll be favorably impressed with the modern and efficient facilities that are rising behind the scenes to help us serve you better.' Below this is a paragraph about savings: 'savings earn at their peak capacity for you. Come in—let us explain what goes on behind being a better place to save!'

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