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Major Charles F. Mabelitini, Army National Guard Advisor, presents a citation to Mrs. Baxter C. Carroll Aug. 10 at her home in Triplett. In front of the Major is Mrs. Carroll's older son, Jimmy, and Steven is standing in front of her. The Bronze Star Medal, which was posthumously awarded Mrs. Carroll's husband, is pinned to Steven's jacket. (Staff photo)

Mrs. Carroll Given Hero's Medal For Husband's Valor

Members of the family of Sergeant Baxter C. Carroll, who died in combat Jan. 13 in the Republic of Vietnam, were at the home of his widow Wednesday of last week when the Army gave her the Bronze Star Medal for her husband's heroism in behalf of America's Military Mission.

Major Charles F. Mabelitini of the Army's Hickory office awarded the Medal and a citation from the United States in a brief afternoon ceremony. The Bronze Star was awarded under the authority of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

The citation said, in part: "Platoon Sergeant Carroll distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions on 13 January, 1966, while serving as platoon sergeant with the mission of clearing suspected Viet Cong mines in the Republic of Vietnam.

"Upon arriving in the operational area, Platoon Sergeant Carroll and his unit began the operation of sweeping the road. After finding that no mines existed in the area . . . Carroll proceeded to return with his troops to the company area. At this time, his unit received an intense volume of fire from an unknown number of Viet Cong from both sides of the road . . . Carroll immediately directed his men to take defensive positions and return the fire.

"During the ensuing engagement, Platoon Sergeant Carroll directed the fire of his men, lending courage by his aggressive example. After a two-hour

battle, during which several men were wounded, supporting elements arrived and Platoon Sergeant Carroll's unit withdrew from the engagement. Although the road was still under heavy fire, he calmly directed his men to load their vehicles and depart the hostile area.

"When the truck had proceeded for a short distance, a mine detonated under it, mortally wounding him. Through his courageous efforts, his unit was able to complete its mission and successfully withdraw from the insecure area with a minimum of casualties.

"Platoon Sergeant Carroll's heroic actions were in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army."

Miss Flowers Heads Local Arthritis Assn.

Miss Patricia Flowers of Boone has been named president of the Watauga County branch of the Arthritis Foundation. Miss Flowers' selection is announced by Dr. Donald D. Weir of Chapel Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Arthritis Foundation in North Carolina.

September will be Victory Over Arthritis Month in Watauga County. A campaign will be conducted seeking funds for the research and other programs of the Arthritis Foundation.

North Carolina's First Lady, Mrs. Dan K. Moore, is honorary chairman of the Arthritis Foundation and S. H. Mitchell of Winston-Salem, president of Hennis Freight Lines, is state fund-raising chairman. Special Forces Sgt. Barry Sadler is honorary fund-raising chairman.

Arthritis, the nation's great-

estcrippler, afflicts over 13 million Americans and more than 200,000 folks in North Carolina.



MISS PATRICIA FLOWERS

Vandals Damage Planes

Sheriff Dallas Cheek's investigation of damage done to aircraft at Boone Airfield, Deerfield Road, was continuing at press time this week.

The Sheriff said he was called Wednesday morning, Aug. 10, when damage to four light airplanes was discovered. Cheek said a plane owned by Fred Farthing, Old Blowing Rock Road, Boone, had been taxied along the runway and was found lodged against a wire fence at one end of the landing field.

The propeller of the plane had been torn up, he said.

Another single-engine plane had been broken into, the door sprung and wings scratched, Cheek said. Vandals had tampered with two more planes. By the time officials arrived on the scene, batteries in the airplanes were dead. Cheek said switches in the cockpits had been turned on.

The Sheriff said he has not made an estimate of the damage, but that footprints and fingerprints, as well as other clues, are being studied. When the crime was discovered, the State Bureau of Investigation was contacted, but was unable to send a representative to the scene immediately.

Proposed Dam Will Benefit People Of Area

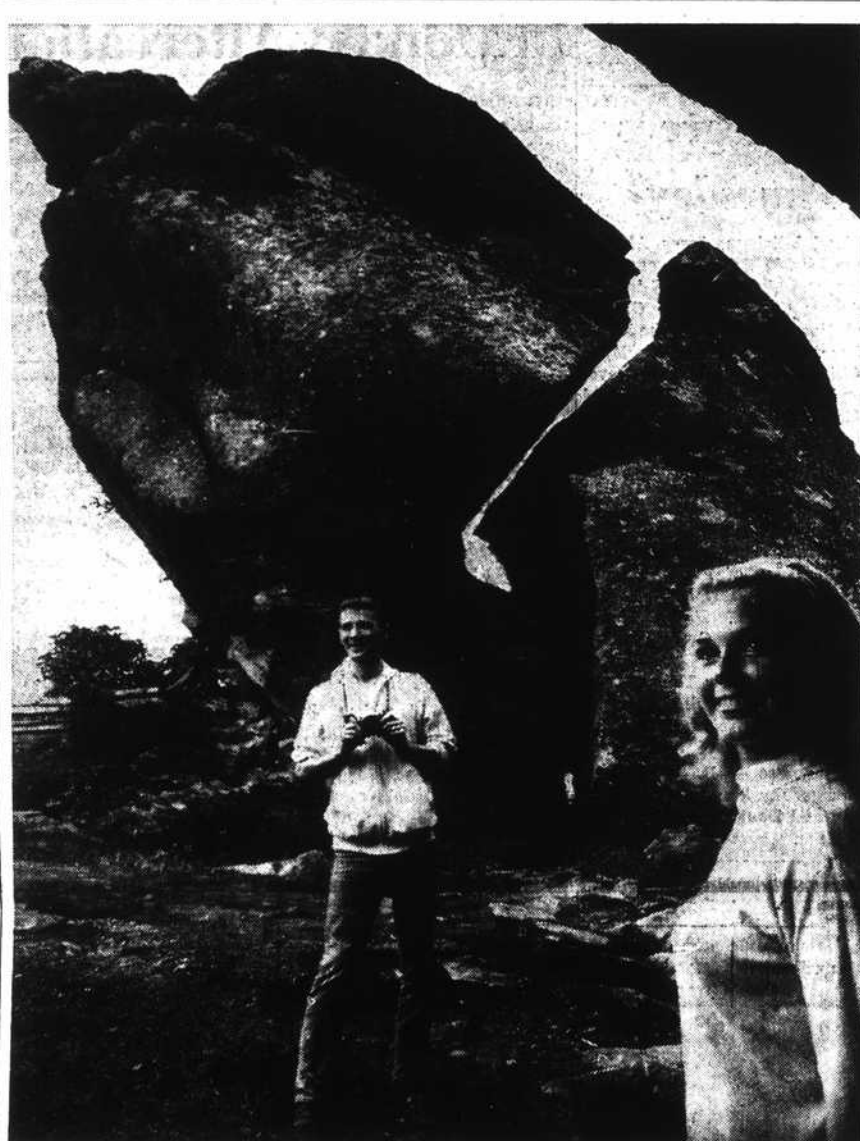
Roanoke, Va. — Appalachian Power Company's proposed Blue Ridge hydro-electric and pumped storage project will benefit the general economy in two states, says Joe P. Gills, Appalachian vice president and general manager.

The power company is awaiting a decision from the Federal Power Commission on a license application to construct the Blue Ridge project on New River. Gills' statements, presented in writing to the FCC in early June, were released last week.

Receiving the greatest economic benefits, said Gills, will be Grayson County, Va., site of the proposed project, and Ashe and Alleghany counties in North Carolina, where part of the lake to be created will be.

"The project will also contribute to the economic health of the entire Appalachian Region by strengthening the demand for coal, the single most important industry in that region."

Coal-fired steam plants will generate the electric power needed to operate Blue Ridge's units as pumps, and the electric power will be used to pump water back to the reservoir. (Continued on page two)



CAMERA CLINIC—"Chip" Faircloth, of the staff of WSJS-TV, Winston-Salem, is shown with Judy Lassiter of Raleigh, a contestant in the Carolinas Photo Queen Pageant, a part of the program for amateur and professional cameramen.

Carolina Lensmen Sponsor Grandfather Camera Clinic

Beauty and business will keynote the annual Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic for amateur and professional photographers Aug. 20-21.

The two-day program, sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association, will choose the 1967 "Miss Carolinas Press Photographer" and offer lectures by Mike Mauney, staff photographer of the Charlotte Observer, and George Tames, chief photographer of the New York Times' Washington Bureau.

Harold Moore of the Herald-Sun newspapers in Durham, and president of the association, said the clinic will begin Aug. 20 (Saturday) at 4 p.m., when contestants for the queen's title gather at the crest of the mountain near the Mile-High Swinging Bridge to be photographed by amateur and professional cameramen.

The queen's pageant will be held at 8:30 p.m., with Ralph Smith of WBTV in Charlotte as master of ceremonies. Fred Burgess of Clinton, N. C., is chairman of the pageant. The beauty pageant will draw more than a dozen entries from the two Carolinas, representing the pick of the crop among girls photographed during the year by the association's members.

The current queen is Pat Clyburn of Bishopville, S. C. She will be on hand to crown the new queen. The winner also will receive the Nina Hemmer Award, given annually by John G. Hemmer of Pinehurst, in memory of his wife. Hemmer is one of North Carolina's long-time press photographers.

Linda Jean Blair, 1967 Rhododendron Queen, will take part in the program, and the championship Cranberry Square Dance team, directed by Kay Wilkins, will perform.

The clinic's Sunday program calls for an hour-long session of picture-taking of the new queen, starting at 9 a.m.

Mauney, winner of the Southern News Photographer of the Year award, will be the first speaker of the day. He will address the clinic on "Not Just a Matter of Sharpness."

Tames will speak on "Candid Coverage of National Personalities," and this will be followed by a noon business session for members and guests.

Crutchfield Resigns Post At News Bureau

Moses Crutchfield, director of the Appalachian News Bureau, has resigned that position to accept the position of assistant managing editor of the Greensboro Daily News. Crutchfield will be in charge of state and local news.

He came to Appalachian last year to fill a vacancy left when former director John Corey accepted a post on the state board of education. He had formerly been associate sports editor and as such had won high praise for his coverage of area athletics.

Crutchfield, his wife Faye, and daughters, Nancy and Caroline, were honored by members of the Public Relations Department, Alumni Office and the News Bureau at a cook-out on Monday.

List Of Area Candidates Is Given Out

Three hundred and eighty-six candidates for the B. A., B. S., and M. S. degrees will participate in summer graduation ceremonies at ASTC on Thursday, Aug. 18.

Governor Dan K. Moore is to deliver the address to the graduating class.

Commencement is scheduled for 10 a.m. in the Broome Kirk Gymnasium.

Of those who are candidates for degrees at the program, 155 are candidates for the B. S. degree, 4 for the B. A. degree, and 227 for the M. A. degree.

Those participating in the presentation of candidates, conferring of degrees and awarding of diplomas are Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian; Dr. Ben F. Strickland, registrar; Dr. Cratis Williams, dean of the Graduate School; and Dr. Paul Sanders, dean of Academic Affairs.

Rev. W. Todd Ferneyhough, pastor of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Boone, will ask the invocation and Rev. J. K. Parker, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Boone, will pronounce the benediction. Music for the program will be under the direction of Charles Isley, band director, and Hoyt Safrit, director of the choir.

Michael Morgan of Salisbury is chief marshal for the commencement. Other marshals are Rebecca Barnard of Fayetteville; Pam Dildy of Asheboro; Sharon Podge of Fayetteville; Nancy Freezer of Spencer; Paula Fisher of Gastonia; James Hall of Marion; Clyde Hefner of Newton; Lynn Dobbins Honeycutt of Salisbury; Norleen Kester of Salisbury; Harvey Lineback of Winston-Salem; Elizabeth Link of Salisbury; Malinda Perry of Shelby; Harry Phillips of Alexandria, Va.; Alda Elaine Poteat of Salisbury; Vickie Stone Spencer of Salisbury; and Peggy Wood of Mebane.

Following are the names of candidates for degrees from Watauga and regional areas:

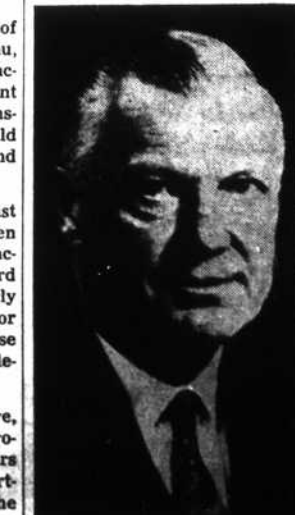
Alleghany—B. S., James Bolen Higgins of Sparta.

Ashe—B. S., Alice Lawrence Barker of West Jefferson; Newton Glenn Goodman, Jr., of Todd, and Sally H. Walters of Fleetwood.

Avery—B. S., Jack Wayne Buchanan of Minneapolis and Marjorie Louise Bowers Miller of Elk Park. M. A., Donald Lee Brooks of Newland; William Johnson Dawson, Jr., of Banner Elk, and Charles W. Jennings of Minneapolis.

Caldwell—B. S., Mary Ann Kincaid and James Bradley Wil-

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GOV. DAN K. MOORE

1 Killed, 1 Hurt In Monday Altercation

Thomas Russell Snyder, Route 2, Trade, Tenn., was dead on arrival at a Mountain City hospital Monday morning after he was shot near Stevens Store in Ashe County. Snyder was 50. Sheriff Dallas Cheek said the killing occurred after a series of events in Tamarack Community on the Ashe-Watauga line. Cheek said Sheriff Gene Bare reported that Raymond Shelton, age 46, also of Trade, shot Snyder in the chest after Snyder had shot Shelton and pistol

whipped him.

Officials set the time of the shooting at 7:30 a. m.

Denver Potter and Sam Ellison of Tamarack were arrested later in the morning, the Sheriff said, and charged with firing shots into the home of Grant Snyder, brother of the deceased, when Mrs. Snyder and a child were inside the Tamarack home. Cheek said the two men are being held in Watauga County Jail, in default of \$4,000 bond, each.

He said both denied firing into Snyder's home. Grant Snyder said the shooting at his home was supposed to have occurred after the death of his brother by gunfire, according to the Sheriff.

Shelton was treated at Ashe Memorial Hospital for a gun wound in the left hand. At presstime, there was no word as to whether a charge had been made against Shelton.

Earlier Fued Sheriff Cheek said he learned

Monday that Denver Potter and Tom Snyder had exchanged words and fought on Saturday.

Cheek said Potter pointed out the bullet holes in his 1954 Ford, which he alleged Grant Snyder had put there in a car-to-car shoot-out Saturday afternoon on the Tamarack Road. The Sheriff said it was reported that Potter had broken out the windshield of Snyder's car at the apex of an unexplained argument Saturday morning.

Cheek said he received word

at 10 a. m. Monday morning that "some men were shooting it out" near Tamarack. The Sheriff said that in view of the killing earlier, he and Deputy Ed Harmon rushed to the area where they have been told a shoot-out was going on, found no one, and proceeded to David Ellison's Store.

Cheek said Ellison told him men had been shooting in the road, and that Denver Potter and Sam Ellison, both of Tamarack, were in Sam's house near

the store. The Sheriff said David Ellison said the two had a high-powered rifle.

On his way to Boone to get warrants for the men, Cheek said he met Grant Snyder, Ray Snyder and Hardin Snyder, brothers of Tom Snyder who had been shot earlier that morning.

The three went to Boone where they swore warrants for the arrest of Denver Potter and Sam Ellison, Cheek said. On (continued on page two)