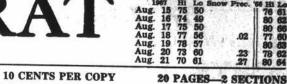
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Airport **Issue Is** Clarified

The Watauga County Airport Commission, in an effort to clear up misconceptions that have arisen concerning location of an airport in Watauga County, offers the following restatement of its position:

"The Commission is interested in an airport that can handle commercial traffic. The Deerfield-Bamboo area of Watauga County does not offer adequate approach distance for a commercial facility. "Wherefore, the present air-

port at Deerfield Road will not be extended, nor will a new airport be built in that area."

The statement was submitted by Robert Bingham, secretarytreasurer for the Commission.

Counter Checks To Be Replaced By Local Banks

The Federal Reverse Bank, of which Northwestern and First National of Boone are members, will refuse to handle checks that do not have magnetically inscribed bank transit numbers. The change-over to the new

system will begin Sept. 1. Counter checks now supplied by local businesses will be removed and replaced with checks bearing the inscription of the local banks' transit numbers.

Each bank will have an identification number which can be recorded by computer methods. There will be no universal checks, nor can a person any longer change the name of the bank on a printed check, officials say.

Student Loses Toes **In Mower Accident**

Bobby Shipley was expected to return home Monday night, having been a patient at Wa-County Hospital since a tauga power mower accident Tuesday, Aug. 8.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shipley of Vilas, Bobby lost four toes from his right foot while he was mowing the lawn barefoot. His mother says doctors think he will be able to return to State University Raleigh in September.



PAT MOZINGO of Charlotte, a student at Appalachian State University at Boone and "Miss Watauga County", acquired another title at Grandfather Mountain over the weekend when she won the "Carolinas Photo Queen" pageant sponsored by the Carolinas Press Photographers Association as a part of the Grandfather Mountain Camera Clinic.—Morton Photo.

Goes To North Carolina Fund **Eppley Resigns WAMY Post**

WAMY Community Action resigned last week to accept a position with the North Carolina Fund.

leaving WAMY Sept. 10, according to an announcement Tuesday by Dr. W. H. Plemmons, chairman of the WAMY Board of Directors.

Ernest D. Eppley will be

tivities of local agencies is one of the first to be operated especially outstanding. The In- in the country, and the two centive Grants program for programs are now ranked among small neighborhood group imthe best now in operation," provement projects has attract- Esser said. ed nationwide attention."

Other new programs which

At Appalachian University **Bids To Be Received On Classroom Building**

Structure To Cost Million And Half Dollars

Bids will be opened Sept. 21 on a modern, five-story classroom building which will house the academic departments of English, foreign languages and philosophy and religion at Appalachian State University.

The building, which is expected to cost \$1,656,250, will be erected on the current site of Old Lovill Hall, an ancient dormitory which is to be removed from the campus within a few weeks.

It will be constructed at the east end of a proposed open mall which will be bordered on the west end by the new library which already is under con-

Ned Trivett, Dorector of Business Affairs at ASU, said the construction of the new classroom building will complete current long-range plans for the interior of the campus,

The building, to contain about 70,000 square feet of floor space, will be of brick and stone design. It is expected to be ready for occupancy shortly after the opening of the fall quarter of the 1968-69 academic year.

The State Legislature re-cently appropriated \$1,037,500 for use in the construction. A \$518,750 Federal grant through the Higher Education Facilities Act has been awarded to provide the remainder of funds required for the project.

Architects for the structure are Clemmer-Horton-Bush Associates of Hickory.

H. G. Farthing Is Named To **State Board**



TRANSPORTATION WAS READY for the opening of school Monday. During the summer, Watauga's 60 school buses were put in tip-top shape. Twenty-four of the buses got new coats of paint. Holding the stop signal to remind drivers to observe all laws in regard to school buses, Patrolman W. D. Team completes an inspection tour on the bus lot near the County garage. Drivers, who are high school students, attended an orientation class conducted Friday by patrolmen and received their assignments. (Staff photo)

Horn Actors Wind Up Pushing Plane From RunwayAt Atlanta

They sailed through the air with the greatest of ease but wound up pushing their plane off the runway.

The principals in the drama of Sunday, Aug. 13, were "Horn in the West" players Cherie Elledge, Martin Bright, Karen Shaffer, Jane Von Boskirt, Phyllis MacBryde and Jack Prescott.

Prescott, piloting a single-engine Cessna 185, said he started from the Deerfield Road Air Strip that afternoon, heading for Atlanta, Ga., where the group was to see a performance of "Guys and Dolls" in Atlanta's Municipal Auditorium. As the plane approached the Municipal Airport in Atlanta,

the pilot said he asked one of his companions to time him, counting two minutes before the plane would pull in behind a landing jet.

to attend "Guys and Dolls" and And there occurred the error. Prescott said Bright called out met several of the cast. Return "one minute" in the count down, trip was by rented car. but Prescott misunderstood and prepared to land.

the Cessna, which he had bor-rowed from Boone businessman Caught in rotating airstreams thrown off by the jet, the plane Paul Brown, still is in Atlanta began to gyrate wildly, he said, and may be trucked back to nearly overturning as the craft North Carolina. An official eswas about to touch down. timate of damage to the craft On the ground, the Cessna was was not available.

battered from side to side, coming to a stop in the middle of the runway with a bent right wing tip, and jets were landing every two minutes. Uninjured.



the pilot and passengers de-

planed and with the help of men

from a nearby hangar, pushed

the light craft out of the way.

The Boone people were able

Prescott said Monday that

For Blowing Rock men and the WAMY crafts pro-

First Mountain Folks Craft Exhibition will be held gram, will be in charge of the Labor Day weekend in the Blow-ing Rock Municipal Park. Sept. 2 event. The day-long exhibition is

Crafts Exhibit Set

Mr. and Mrs. Steve Wiland, VISTA Volunteers sent from Rock Chamber of Commerce in Washington to work with crafts-co-operation with VISTA and WAMY, the Wilands say.

New Trustee **Of University Is Appointed**

Dr. Hugh Daniel, Jr. of Waynesville was named Friday by Governor Moore as a new member of the Board of trustees at Appalachian State University, and will take office at onec.

He is president of the Waynesville Area Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Daniel, former president (Continued on page two)



DR. HUGH DANIEL

ing the resig tion, Dr. Plemmons stated the Board's regret at Eppley's decision.

"Horn in the West" ends

Last week was the best of

its 16th consecutive outdoor drama season on Saturday

the 1967 season in attendance, as a total of 4,275 viewed the

vivid drama in Daniel Boone

Theatre. The year's largest crowd of 1,382 attended Sat-

urday's performance to hike the season's total paid admis-

night.

In Durham, N. C. Fund Diareas," Esser continued, rector George Esser said Eppley will work with 11 com-"reaching people in out of the way locations while still maintaining close coordination with the program's administration." munity action agencies receiving financial support from the North Carolina Fund, WAMY is one of them.

Eppley became executive di-rector of WAMY in September, His work will be evaluation 1964, and was the first person to the agencies on problems and special projects. employed by the newly-formed agency.

Horn InWest Ends

Season Saturday

"Ernest Eppley has as-"Under his direction, WAMY sembled an outstanding staff and, supported by a hard-workand the local school systems developed and operated one of ing, sensitive board of directhe first Head Start programs tors, has built a strong program," Esser said. "His built a strong in the nation in the summer of 1965. The local Neighborhood system for coordinating ac-Youth Corps program was also

sions to 25,439

Appalachian

years.

Officials of the Southern

ociation, sponsors of the

"Horn", were hopeful that good

weather would enable the drama

Historical As-

WAMY also has developed have been taken up by other community action agencies are many solutions to problems of the Friendly Home Visitor, administering anti-poverty programs over large geographic Moutain Crafts, and Incentive (Continued on page two)

Ralph Greene Stickley Aide In Watauga Co.

Ralph G. Greene of Boone has been named campaign chair man of the Draft Stickley Governor Committee in Watauga County. The appointment was an-nounced Saturday by William E. Cobb of Morganton, former GOP State Chairman.

Mr. Greene, whom Mr. Cobb said was "a life-long active Republican," is retired from the postal service where he ended his career as a postoffice inspector. He had since served as Tax Supervisor for Watauga County.

In accepting the appointment, Greene said: "Jack Stickley looks to be the first Republican Governor of North Carolina in the twentieth century."

to draw another 4,000 specta-Fifty other county managers were named for the Stickley tors this week. Such an attendance in this closing week would campaign in the State by Marbring the season's total up to T. Hickman of Charlotte, cus the average of the past several State Campaign for the Stickley organization.



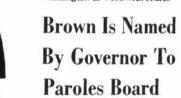
H. Grady Farthing, Boone savings and loan official, was named last week by Governor Moore to membership on the State Board of Water and Air Resources,

This board was established by the last Legislature upon recommendation of the Gover-nor, who says "this is one of the most important State boards."

The State Stream Sanitation Commission, of which Mr.Farthing was vice-president, is abolished by the new board, Mr. Farthing was a member of that body for 16 years and was appointed by Governors Scott, Umstead, Hodges and Moore Prior to that time he had served 21 years with the Wildlife and Natural Resources division of the Department of Conservation and Development.

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Mr. Farthing is President of e Watauga Savings & Loan the Association and has been a member of the Board of Directors for overforty years. He has engaged in many local civic and church activities.



By Governor To

Gov. Dan Moore announces the appointment of Wade E. Brown of Boone to the Board of Paroles. Brown, who succeeds William H. Gibson, who resigned to become director of the N.C. Probation Commission, will serve a term expiring July 1, 1970.

An attorney, Brown has been engaged in the general practice of law in Boone for 36 years and was mayor of Boone from

1960 to 1967. He served in the N. C. General Assembly as a member of the Senate in 1947 and in the House in 1951, representing Watauga. A Democrat, he has served as a member of the N. C. Democratic Executive Committee.

Brown graduated from Mars Hills College in 1928 and received the LLB degree from Wake Forest in 1931. He is a Baptist and has served as chairman of the First Baptist Board of Deacons, Sunday School Superintendent, Trustee of Wake

Forest College, president of the Boone Lions Club, president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and member of the Board Mountain crafts will be on

ning, whittling, burlap rug hook-

ing, mountain music and making

Michael Ahern display and craftsmen will demonstrate such arts as spin-

Promoted At

The Board of Directors of the

pany, a northern division of the

Melville Corporation. He was transferred to Wilkes-

boro, the site of the first plant

established in the southern di-

vision, in 1961, and became

the first plant manager, a position which he held until

corn shuck dolls. Among then will be craftsmen who last month **Blue Ridge Shoe** were part of the Smithsonian Exhibition in Washington.

1962.

Plans are being made to move the Exhibition indoors in case it rains.

Melville Shoe Corporation has ratified the appointment of The Wilands say the purpose Michael C. Ahern of Boone as of the Exhibition is to create vice-president of the Blue and maintain a local crafts Ridge Shoe Company. market. Connected with the shoe in-

dustry for 32 years, Ahern's experience with Melville Shoe dates back to 1935 when he joined the J. F. Mc Elwain Com-\$107 Taken From

Bus Terminal

Boone police are running an investigation on the breaking and entering of the local bus station Saturday night. The culprit chose a unique

way of entering-by wading the creek between the buildings, Chief Red Lyons reports.

Painters had worked in the station restroom that afternoon and had left the window, which had iron bars, open for the night.

The robber pried open the bars and entered the main office of the station. He escaped with \$107, but no equipment was taken or damag (Continued on page two)

Ahern returned to Blue Ridge Shoe Company in 1966 to accept the position of general superintendent. He has worked in this position with the following reposition with the unity control sponsibilities: quality control cost control in all areas, produces matters, item development matters, pertaining to upper mat and finishes and all re maintenance activities. (Continued on page tw

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