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PLANNING THEATER—Dr. David A. French, at left, discusses ways and means of converting a former basketball court into a theater with Prof. Bradford Kinney of Appalachian's Speech Department.

Basketball Court Will Become ASU Theatre Home

Dr. David French has high hopes for an ex-basketball court. It is to become home of the University Theater at Appalachian State University.

The theater program which French built from scratch beginning nine years ago was halted for a short time early this year when the theater and all its equipment were destroyed by fire. Now French has begun to rebuild—in the old Appalachian High School Building.

I don't know yet how it can be done," says Dr. French,

WAMY Board To Meet Tuesday

The regular September meeting of the WAMY Community Action Board of Directors will be held September 26 at 7:30 p. m. in the cafeteria of the Crossnore High School.

The Board's Executive Committee will meet in the cafeteria at 7 p. m., preceding the meeting of the full board.

Reports on the progress of three programs—Head Start, Crafts, and the Neighborhood Youth Corps—will head the agenda, which will also include discussion of the new Community Action Program now awaiting approval from Washington, and a report from the agency's planning staff.

A discussion of WAMYS present and future goals is also on the agenda.

The Board meeting will be open to the public.

Teacher Placement Service Noted At ASU

Dr. Robert Randall, Director of the Placement Office at Appalachian State University, has announced that his office is participating in a new, world-wide placement service established by ASCUS, the Association for School, College and University Staffing.

Located in Hershey, Pa., ASCUS file, the Fast Index to Locate Educators, will be

1756 Steers Sold On Local Mart For \$300,000

A total of 1756 steers were sold in the first steer sale at Watauga County Livestock Market last Thursday. More than two-thirds of these steers graded choice and good.

The average price per head for all cattle sold was \$171.00 and the price per hundred pounds \$24.14. The average price for each choice grade steer was \$193 per head, for each good grade steer \$174 per head, common grade steers brought \$135 average per head. The total sale amounted to approximately \$300,000.

We believe that this is the largest number of cattle ever assembled and sold at one time in Watauga County.

"But I expect to take a production of Shakespeare's 'As You Like It' on tour around the first of December. Planning far ahead is the only way I can keep my wits about me."

The reputation which Dr. French has established for Appalachian's theater will make the rebuilding job a little easier. His productions of "Hamlet," "Romeo and Juliet" and Ibsen's "Pillars of Society" attracted audiences from throughout western North Carolina.

"Now that we've been changed from the College Theater to the University Theater, we expect to rise to the occasion," French reports. "We'll start with Shakespeare, do a musical, and include Wilder's 'Skin of our Teeth' before May." The graduates of Yale's drama school maintains, "We were burned to the ground last Christmas. By this Christmas, we'll

be going full steam ahead." In reference to his "basketball-stage," French said, "We can't really change scenery in the orthodox manner. So, I'm going to put the audience on rollers and change them. I guess they'll know they're in a theater then."

Water Break At IRC Fixed

A break in the main water line to IRC was discovered early Sunday morning after a flooded condition was noticed in the vicinity of Blue Ridge Shoe Co.

The water from the reservoir was cut off while repairs were made, city workers said, so there was little loss of water. Service was restored at about 1 o'clock.

Three Held, Charged With Market Larceny

Three were arrested Friday afternoon and lodged in the county jail and charged in connection with larceny of cash from Thrift Food Center earlier in the afternoon, according to Police Chief Carlton Lyons.

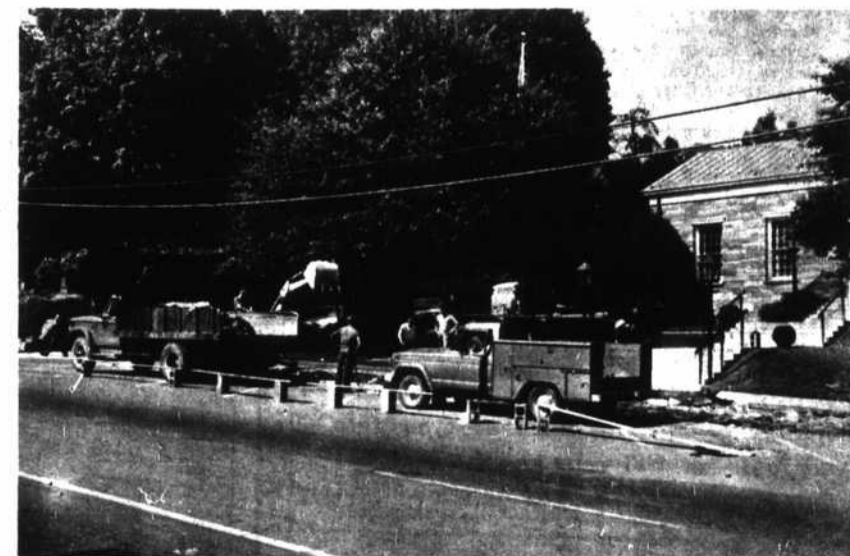
Chief Lyons gave the names of those arrested, all Negroes, as William J. Watkins, James H. Collins and Charles Amos, who gave their address as St. Louis, Mo.

According to the officer the

three men entered the local food store, two of them drew the attention of employees from the cash register while the other one got his hands into the register. The day's check-up revealed that \$60.32 was missing. Amos was charged with larceny, the other two with aiding and abetting.

Officers immediately went into action and the area was alerted, Patrolman O'Neil Shelton saw the accused who were said to have been riding in a 1967 bronze Mustang, at a service station in Linville, Avery County Sheriff's officers were called and the three men were arrested and brought to Boone by Trooper Morgan.

Chief Lyons said City Police officers, Highway Patrolmen and Sheriff's officers took part in the successful search. He added that the men arrested were identified by Miss Nancy Bodenhamer, an employee of Thrift Food Center.



NEW SIDEWALK—Workers tore up the rough sidewalk in front of the Boone Post Office and poured a new one as one of the recent improvements about town. The General Services Administration of the federal government shared in the cost of the project as part of the walk was on Post Office Property. The contract was let to Perry Greene Construction Co. several months ago, according to Boone Mayor Clyde R. Greene, and the work was done last week. Postmaster Ralph Beshears was pleased with the work and thinks it will add to the beauty of the Post Office grounds and safety to those who use the walk.

Tennesseans Become Fourth, Fifth To Die

Two men died and two were injured in a head-on collision Friday night at 7:05 p. m. near the Tennessee State line on U. S. Highway 421 in Watauga County. The four men were all from Tennessee.

Killed were Edgar L. Heaton Jr., 26 of Mountain City, and Bruce May, 38, of Shouns. The injured who were brought by ambulance to Watauga Hospital were Alfred Paul Stanley, 19, Rt. 1, Mountain City, driver of one of the cars, and Garney Reece of Shouns.

According to State Trooper George E. Baker, who investigated the accident, Stanley was driving a 1955 Chevrolet north toward Tennessee and was attempting to overtake a car and tractor-trailer on a curve. The car was met by a 1956 Chevrolet driven by Heaton, and both vehicles were demolished. The Stanley car came to a stop on the left shoulder of the road and the Heaton car partially blocked one lane of traffic until it was removed.

Both Heaton and May were dead at the scene of the accident. May was a passenger in the Heaton car, as was Reece.

The Watauga Rescue Squad also answered the call for help and brought the bodies of Heaton and May to Boone.

Patrolman Baker had not finished his investigation of the accident early this week and no charges had been filed.

The deceased became the fourth and fifth highway fatality for 1967 for Watauga County. The injured men were listed in satisfactory condition.

Rotary To Have Fund Speaker

Stanley Harris Sr. will have charge of the Rotary program Thursday night at 6:30 and in addition to Rotary information stress the United Fund which is starting soon.

Mr. Harris will present a really great community Fund Speaker, Mr. T. Spencer Meyer of Chapel Hill, who is now Executive Director of Medical Research Foundation.

Two Others Are Injured

Two Killed In Head-On Collision On 421 West



Two persons became the fourth and fifth highway fatalities in Watauga County Friday night when these two cars were involved in a head-on collision near the Tennessee state line on U. S. 421. The two dead were Edgar L. Heaton Jr., of Mountain City, Tenn., driver of the car on the right, and a passenger, Bruce May, of Shouns, Tenn. (Flowers Photo)

Says County Farmers Had Good Year Despite Strength Cost-Price Squeeze

For Watauga County's farm population, the past year turned out to be a better one, all things considered, than had been expected.

Most local operators were able to report incomes that were equal to or bigger than those of farmers and ranchers in many parts of the country.

Contributing to it was the improved operating efficiency and technical know-how of local growers. With more farm machinery at their command and with more intensive use of fertilizers and insecticides, they have been able to get bumper yields per acre.

Also helping to make 1966 a more profitable year than most was the greater demand, in this country and abroad, for agricultural products. It created a rise in the price of many commodities.

The farm statistics, covering the local area and all other sections of the country, were compiled by the Standard Rate and Data Service.

They show that Watauga

County farmers accounted for gross revenues, in the past year, of \$6,087,000.

That was the gross figure, before taxes and before deductions for operating costs.

It represented the cash proceeds from the sale of farm goods, as well as government

Brooks Named By Court Clerk To Jury Group

O. H. Foster, Clerk of Watauga County Superior Court, announced this week his selection of Hiram Brooks to serve as a member of the three man jury commission. The other two members are to be selected, by October 1, and will be named by the County Commissioners and the resident judge. Their appointments will

be revealed as soon as they are named.

The appointments are for two-year terms and the commission will be in charge of selecting jurors for duties of the courts held in the county. Previously, jurors were selected by the County Commissioners.

The Democrat had previously carried details of the new jury system, but another story will appear later for the benefit of those who maybe missed the first.

payments and the value of the home-grown items consumed on the farm.

A breakdown of the local receipts from the sale of farm products, based on Department of Agriculture reports, show that approximately 43 percent came from crops and 57 percent from livestock, poultry and dairy products.

In terms of Watauga County's farm population, the gross receipts for the year were at the rate of \$922 per capita.

Although the average American farmer has been able to boost his production and increase his gross income, he has not been successful in turning much of this gain into greater net income. The cost-price squeeze has been against him.

And, the recent reports show, the squeeze has become worse during the first half of this year. Prices have been dropping and production costs have continued to rise.

Watauga Co. Hospital To Be Dedicated October 1

Mr. William F. Henderson, Executive Secretary of the North Carolina Medical Care Commission will be the featured speaker at the dedication of the Watauga County Hospital Sunday, October 1 at 2:30 p.m.

A brief program is planned with a member of the Board of

Old School To Be Adult Ed. Center

The Watauga County Center (Old Cove Creek School) is to be one of the centers for adult education in the county.

Classes in weaving and upholstery will begin Tuesday evening, September 19, at 6:30. The classes, open to anyone eighteen years or older, will be held from 6:30 to 9:30.

On Friday evening, September 22 at 7:30 a general adult education meeting will be held. All persons eighteen years old or over who are interested in basic education, in getting a high school diploma, or in vocational classes of any type are invited to attend. Refreshments will be served.

ASC Committee Ballots To Be Counted Friday

Community committee election ballots will be reviewed and counted by the Watauga ASC County Committee at 8:30 A. M. on September 22 at the County ASCS office according to M. L. Shepherd, Chairman of the County ASC Committee.

The counting process is public. Any interested person may witness the counting process to the extent that available space

will provide. Any candidate who specifically requests shall be allowed to take a position close enough to the counting to both see and hear the entire proceedings. The candidate may observe the counting himself or have his designee, who must be an eligible voter in the county, observe it. Any candidate who desires to witness the counting should specifically

request to do so. All ballots which were post-marked or returned by September 18 are eligible to be counted. Approximately 1050 voters have returned their ballots. The exact number will be given at the time the election results are announced. Any questions concerning the elections should be directed to the ASCS office.