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Henderson begins his address as program speakers look on: (from left) the Rev. J. K. Parker Jr., Dr. J. B. Hagaman Jr., the Rev. E. F. Troutman, Alfred Adams, Wade E. Brown, Mrs. Virginia A. Groce and Tom Jackson. (Staff photo)

Progressive Move Hailed

Hospital Dedicated Sunday

Sunday's formal dedication of the Watauga County Hospital was occasion for recitation of figures, recall of Watauga's hospital history and words of appreciation from all quarters.

"It is doubtful that anyone here would believe that the financing of such a tremendous and costly project could have been accomplished through local resources entirely," said the executive. "We have witnessed a happy blending of both government, local, State and Federal, interests of a few affluent friends, the grants of private foundation and smaller but sacrificial contributions."

Henderson cited funds sources for the near-\$2 million hospital as Federal Government, 46 per cent; the State, 6 per cent; foundation gifts, 15 per cent; local government, 27 per cent; and private sources, 6 per cent.

education and welfare expenditures by all levels of government has grown 2,000 per cent. Recalling a speech by a New York financier, Henderson asked "Why do we need private philanthropy when government appears so willing to take on all responsibilities by simply levying taxes to meet the cost?"

To Repave 421 Vilas To Tenn

A low bid of \$115,837.55 was received by the State Highway Commission last Thursday for 8,908 miles of bituminous binder and surfacing US 421 between Vilas and the Tennessee line.

The Commission representative delivered a searching history on the growing involvement of government in community social welfare programs, noting that in 40 years, private and charitable giving in this country has increased some 900 per cent, while health,

"We need them also to keep the human quality of charity itself from succumbing to the dead hand of government control." Henderson added that in instances where costly services require government help, "There is indeed a place for

both government and private involvement. . . if we insist upon the proper proportion. The people of Watauga County have seemed to insist upon a proper proportion which will most assuredly produce at least two important and vital by-products; namely, local pride and community response to community needs."

Blowing Rock Theatre Holds Casting Calls

The Blowing Rock Community Theatre will hold casting calls for seven women and three men to appear in its forthcoming production of Bill Johnson's "Dirty Work at the Crossroads."

The tryouts are scheduled for the Theatre, across from the post office, immediately after open house, which is to be held at 8 p. m. Sunday, Oct. 8, and again on Oct. 9.

Mrs. Jean Baker of the publicity committee says that Michael T. Vetrie has been named permanent director for the group and will handle the Johnson play, the third of the season. Vetrie holds an M. A. degree in speech from Louisiana State University and now teaches at ASU. He has written several plays, one of which was produced at the university, and has directed production both at ISU and ASU.

Shelby Man Killed In Accident On 321

Charges are pending in an accident which Friday night claimed the life of a 19-year-old Gardner-Webb student from Shelby.

Driver of the car was Donald Gene Dedman, 19, of Route 5, Shelby. Morgan said he was treated for cuts and bruises at Watauga County Hospital and has been released. Morgan said Dedman was driving north toward Boone and apparently attempted to pass a northbound car, but tried to cut back into his lane to avoid an oncoming vehicle. The car went out of control, struck down seven guard rails and hit a bridge abutment and tele-

phone pole before overturning down a 25-foot embankment. The patrolman said the accident took place in a no-passing zone. Mr. Blanton is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David L. Blanton of Grover Street, Shelby; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Dixon of Shelby. The funeral was held at 4:30 p. m. Sunday at Central Methodist Church. Burial was in Sunset Cemetery.



Steve Dixon Blanton, 19, of Shelby died when this car crashed Friday between Boone and Blowing Rock. (Flowers photo)

Travel Council Convention Interstate Traffic Jams Expected To Be Terrific

Says Autos To Flee Back To Other Highways

"You can drive in an air-conditioned car all over North Carolina and sleep in air-conditioned rooms and get only fleeting sensations of the salt breezes of the coast and the pine fragrance of the mountains."

Thus Ed Y. Chapin III opposed standardization of the travel industry when he addressed the North Carolina Travel Council Sunday night at Holiday Inn of Boone.

Chapin remembered the days when the state's Travel Council pioneered in the field of state promotion. But "Now almost every state has a travel council and sizable budgets to tell their stories."

"Unto These Hills, The Lost Colony and Horn in the West were among the first and best of the outdoor dramas. Now they have imitators." But while Chapin, president of Tennessee's Rock City Gardens, found much to dishearten Travel Council members, he was to brainstorm new trends on the "plus side of progress," as he helped launch the annual fall meeting of the corporation.

Council President Mrs. Doris B. Potter presided as the three-day session got underway. Dignitaries on hand included Wayne Corpensing, director of the N. C. Department of Administration; Rep. James T. Broyhill; Sen. C. V. Henkel; Joseph Hunt, chairman of the N. C. Highway Commission; and T. Wade Bruton, attorney general of North Carolina.

The Appalachian State University Chorus was joined on the entertainment slate by Doc Watson, internationally acclaimed folk singer-guitarist.

Chapin presented a "parallel theory" that when the majority of America's autos converge on just 40,000 miles of completed interstate highways, "the traffic jams will be staggering."

"Average speeds of travel will drop to 50 and below. Accidents will cause jams stretching for mile after mile, since the Interstate System is a closed tunnel." The speaker earlier had described the interstates as a pressure toward standardization of the travel industry, saying the Interstate System cuts through the land, "making every city appear the same, erasing state boundaries and isolating the tourist in a tunnel of concrete and green grass."

He said by 1975, well over 150 million vehicles will be using interstates, "and this means 3,700 vehicles—three deep on four lanes—will have one mile of Interstate to portion out among themselves." So "automobiles will flee back to other highways . . . (Continued on page eight)



As the N. C. Travel Council convened here Sunday, featured speaker Ed Chapin (left) was greeted by Council President Mrs. Doris Potter and Ninth District Congressman James T. Broyhill. (Staff photo)

Mt. Airy Man Is Elected To Head University Board

John P. Frank of Mt. Airy, has been elected chairman of the Board of Trustees of Appalachian State University.

A member of the board for the past 10 years, Frank succeeds William J. Conrad of Winston-Salem, who served as chairman of the institution's trustees from 1949 until July 1 of this year.

Elected vice-chairman at a board meeting here Sept. 23 was E. G. "Red" Lackey of Winston-Salem, Ned Trivette, ASU Director of Business Affairs, was re-elected treasurer. Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Appalachian President, is secretary of the board.

allow Appalachian to award the master's degree in geography. The trustees officially changed the name of the university's new student center to the W. H. Plemmons Student Center. The structure was dedicated at the W. H. Plemmons College Center prior to the action by the General Assembly which gave Appalachian university status.

The board also approved the selection of architects for two future construction projects. Architects for the \$2 million housing project will be Liles, Bisset, Carlisle & Wolf of Raleigh. Architects for the construction of about six tennis courts, a \$40,000 project, will be T. C. Cook Engineers of Durham.

One new member of the board, Dwight W. Quinn of Kannapolis, took the oath of office. He was recently appointed to the board by Gov. Moore.



JOHN P. FRANK

Historical Group Slates Meeting

A round-table discussion will be the program for the annual membership meeting of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association Monday, Oct. 9. Hermon Wilcox, manager of Horn in the West, which drama is controlled by the SAHA, says the dinner meeting will be held at 6:30 p. m. at the Daniel Boone Hotel. Members are encouraged to bring along their spouses. Members will be invited to make suggestions and ask questions during the program hour.

Ballots were counted Monday, Sept. 25, in the election of 10

persons to serve three-years as directors of the Association. Dr. J. C. Yoder was named in the mail voting to serve the two-year, unexpired term of the Rev. Richard Crowder, former pastor of Boone Methodist Church.

Three-year directors are Bob Allen, the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks, Carl Fidler, Clyde R. Greene, Stately Harris Jr., Dr. C. Ray Lawrence, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, Wayne Richardson, Miss Jane Smith and Mrs. B. W. Stallings. The executive committee will call a meeting for the election of officers for the coming year.

Work On Local Cable Antenna System Started

United Antenna Service of Boone announces that crews from Ameco have begun work on the television cable system which will bring CATV to Boone.

Ameco's men were preceded by the New River Light & Power Company and Southern Bell Telephone, who made changes so that the CATV cable could be installed on their facilities.

The franchise for the community business was granted last year by the Town of Boone, which contracted the franchise per year for a percentage of the profits or \$1,000, whichever is greater. At that time, the income tentatively was earmarked for application to the programs of the Boone Parks & Recreation Commission.

M. E. Thalheimer explains that CATV is the abbreviation for cable television and means that television signals are conducted through cables. (Continued on page eight)

Ashe And Watauga Sheriffs Are Named In Damage Suit

The sheriffs of Ashe and Watauga counties, a deputy sheriff and a highway patrolman are named in a \$200,000 suit filed Wednesday by an Ashe County man who claims they shot him in violation of his rights.

Lyalls who contended he was shot June 22, filed the suit in Federal Court in Greensboro. Named defendants were Sheriff Billy Brown of Ashe, Sheriff Ward G. Carroll of Watauga, Deputy Sheriff Carl Miller of Ashe, and State Highway

Patrolman Lloyd Burchette. Sheriff Carroll tells the Democrat that until he and the other officers file their answer to the suit in the time prescribed by law, he will have no comments for publication.

Lyalls charged that the four officers and about 13 others "acting in concert and through a prearranged plan and conspiracy" entered his residence, shot him several times and then announced they had a warrant charging him with a misdemeanor.

Lyalls said he was shot "in his legs and extremities several times."

Lyalls said he intends to include in the suit all persons who entered his home with the four officers named in the suit.

He asserted he "was totally incapable of defending himself against one man, not to take into consideration approximately 17 men armed with firearms and other weapons, including tear gas."

Schools Given Surplus Foods

Watauga County School cafeterias are able to provide cheaper and better meals because of surplus foods received from the North Carolina Department of Agriculture Food Distribution Division.

The total value of foods received during the 1966-67 school year amounted to \$36,435. This is a decrease from the previous year due to Federal cutbacks in the purchase of agriculture products.