



The crowds lingered on when the new queen was named. In the foreground (shaking hands) are Elmer White (left), director of the ASU Stage Band, and Jaycee President Johnny Austin. (Staff photo)

'Miss Watauga Is . . . Myra'

(Continued from page one) an original jazz dance; Amy Sue Long sang The Impossible Dream; Ruth McMurray's number was Getting To Know You (from The King and I); Donna Montgomery sang Sweet Old-Fashioned Girl, splicing in "Red Hot Mama" interludes; and Barbara Fay Clough played Carnival of Venice on flute. Frieda Setzer sang Stranger in Paradise.

Original monologues were given by Lucy Stewart, Janie Shipley and Gloria Bailey. In an unusual presentation, blonde Miss Stewart gave "a personal tribute to a couple not famous or outstanding—but to five children who love them dearly." It was in celebration of her parents' thirtieth wedding anniversary.

Miss Shipley, daughter of the Robert G. Shipleys of Vilas, asked "Who speaks for the youth of America?" and pitted destructive youth against millions of constructive youth in the classroom, on the battlefield and in gainful employment. She detailed the role of young people to "make this nation a sentinel of hope and a bulwark of liberty."

Discussing anti-war demonstrations and draft card burning, Miss Bailey observed "Peace has eluded the grasp of nations for centuries," and hailed the "fathers, sons and brothers . . . quite proud to be dying" in the war for freedom.

While a spotlight surveyed an exhibit of four of her paintings, Miss Kathy Lynn Caudill sang a medley of popular tunes, ending her performance with an

original composition. Barnes, who returned to Boone from WSOC-Charlotte, narrated his ninth pageant for the Jaycees and Jaycettes. He said the organization is rated as having one of the best small pageants in the state. He recognized Phyllis Templeton for her services as pageant director.

Miss Davis was sponsored by Trailway Laundry & Cleaners.

Other sponsors were Tony's Pizza Parlor, Tony's Burger House and Jiffy Car Wash; Blue Ridge Electric Membership Corporation, Boone Drug Company, The Stone, The Town House Restaurant, The Northwestern Bank, IRC, Burgess Furniture Company, Watauga Savings & Loan Association, Andrews Chevrolet, Inc., Stamey's and Cook & Hodges Building Contractors.

BREMCO Names Anderson

(Continued from page one) Farmers Home Administration and other agencies. He will

cover the counties of Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Watauga and Wilkes and will work with County Planning Boards, Municipal bodies, local industrial groups, communities, new industries and other groups interested in the economic development of the area.



W. HERMAN ANDERSON

Before coming with Blue Ridge Electric, Mr. Anderson served for four years with the North Carolina State University Agricultural Extension Service. For two and one-half years he served in Watauga County as Rural Development Agent. He is a graduate of N. C. State University with a Masters Degree in Agriculture Education and Agricultural Economics. Anderson is a member of the First Methodist Church of Lenoir and is currently serving as Chairman of the Official Board.

Ambulance Issue Studied

(Continued from page one) a year to a local firm, headed. Kelley opined that private ambulance companies could suffer worst of all from the law. Ashe Memorial Hospital's administrator had reported that a private concern had tried to work for sometime, but didn't last. The rescue squad in that county is helping on wreck cases and other emergencies; However, most people are being taken to the hospital "in station wagons, cars—anyway they can get there," Kelley said.

City Parade Is Scheduled

(Continued from page one) as well as old cars will also be in the parade. Antique cars will be furnished by Alfred Adams and Gwyn Hayes. There possibly will be some covered wagons joining the parade also.

There will definitely be Santa Claus for the children to see. He will be passing out candy to all good children of Boone again this year. The parade will begin at the Horn in the West Drive and end opposite Smithey's Store on West King Street. It then will turn and disperse at Greene street.

CUBA'S DIVORCE RATE UP Havana—Cuban statistics published in 1965 show that between 1958 and 1965 the divorce rate rose more than 300 per cent while marriages rose 220 per cent. Figures for 1966 have not been made public but it is believed the trend has not decreased.

several other ambulance services in the state is that a service already inordinately expensive cannot be maintained under federal regulations. Costs and accounts were discussed at length in the court room of the temporary court house.

FUNDING Kipp suggested a possible solution in that funds might be allotted from the welfare program for a welfare ambulance service. However, Commissioner Glenn Hodges later suggested that charges be made to "only the people that use the ambulances, "rather than to taxpayers.

Commissioner Len Hagaman suggested that executives of the towns of Boone and Blowing Rock, Appalachian State University, the rescue squad and Watauga and Blowing Rock Hospitals meet with the Commissioners this week. Hodges said Monday that he

will talk with trustees at Watauga Hospital prior to arranging the proposed meeting.

Representing Reins-Sturdivant with Kelley were Council Cooke and Barney Hampton (also County Coroner).

As Kelley said, the law specifies that counties and hospitals can supply the service, but preliminary rulings momentarily stand in the way. Blingham suggested a county-wide referendum could be a solution.

When the solution is found, the service will need at least two ambulances. One ambulance may be on an out-of-town mission and a second will be needed for emergency work. The rescue squad then would back up the emergency ambulance operation, as the law stipulates.

Little said that between 1:30 and 6:30 one day in August, 1966, ambulances in Watauga County answered 19 calls.

Christmas Seals Are Mailed Out In Area

The 1967 Christmas Seal Campaign is underway, according to Charles Blackburn, Seal Chairman. More than 5,300 letters were mailed in the Alleghany-Ashe-Watauga District. The Watauga letters with seals were prepared for mailing by the Worthwhile Woman's Club, who gathered at their Club House to do their part in this public service program.

Many people and business firms have already received the Christmas Seals and are urged to make their early response. If you were inadvertently missed or if you could use additional Seals, Blackburn said, "simply drop a card or note to the Watauga TB Association, Box 341, Boone, and they will be supplied promptly.

Blackburn is assisted by Armfield Coffey, Dr. James Greene, Mrs. John Houck, Mrs. Mae Miller, Grady Moretz Jr., Dr. R. H. Harmon, Mrs. W. R. Richardson, Dr. James Graham, Mrs. Ralph Buchanan, Mrs. Herman Wilcox all of Boone; and Mrs. George Baker and Mrs. T. R. Snyder of Blowing Rock. These local directors of the TB Association ask for full support in the fight against TB and other respiratory diseases.

HIGH FARM DEBT

The agriculture Department has predicted that the farm debt will continue to increase in the years ahead. The debt, not at a record high, is believed to be part of the financing needed by farmers to enlarge sizes, efficiencies, and incomes of their farms.

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- ▶ So maybe our little elf is too late to start saving for Christmas this year? But he's right on time for Christmas '68!
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