

# It Was Year Of Progress In Watauga

## Some Front Page Headlines Of The Democrat In 1967

Jan. 5—Million dollar fire destroys ASTC administration building; classroom building at ASTC costs \$310,000; Baker McGuire is shot to death; James Eden is appointed superintendent of the Blue Ridge Parkway; Florida fair invites covered wagon from Watauga; Jaycees seek Young Man of the Year; hospital gets final inspections; County ministers name officers.

Jan. 12—Carson McNeil becomes Veterans' Service Officer; Steven W. Carroll of Triplett receives \$1,500 scholarship from soldiers; New York's

Beaux Arts Trio to appear; Paul Smith receives Jaycees award; Tweetsie wins court case with "Tootsie"; ASTC lists losses from fire; Audra Marlina Trivette is the first baby of the year; burley sales reach 3,645-520 pounds for season.

Jan. 19—Watauga wagon sparks Florida parade; Gov. Reagan is invited to Horn in the West; 4,390 phones in use in Boone; Watauga YDC names officers; Televised talent contest to aid March of Dimes; the Democrat gets new typesetting equipment; Ward Haar-

bauer is named director of the Horn; hospital suffers water cut-off.

Jan. 26—\$22,000 face-lifting given Boone Post Office; old city hall will be sold; Democrat wins five state awards; B. W. Nash is co-ordinator of First National Bank; Jaycees get Horn concessions; Snowflakes to Sunshine Safari visits Boone; snowy holidays shorten vacation from school.

Feb. 4—Appalachian seeks university status; Southern Bell may by County's biggest tax-

payer; Eileen Fulton, TV and stage star, lived in Boone; Mrs. Jean Rivers named to state library group; ASTC to hold All-State Band Clinic; LBJ asks \$333,000 to finish Grandfather Parkway link; Chester Culler's trailer home is overturned by high winds.

Feb. 9—Livestock Market is organized; Robert Bingham put in top 10 by State YDC; Watauga leads in United Fund effort; Richard Randall chosen for World Scout Jamboree; Rhododendron Queen goes to Florida travel show; Chamber

hears Rescue Squad program; Phleat Fender of Jefferson dies in car wreck; young educator to be selected in Watauga.

Feb. 16—Farm income in 1966 is \$3,711,843; Mothers March accounts for 40 per cent of March of Dimes money; Miss Lucy Brock dies in Mississippi; ASTC gets Federal scholarships; hospital gets \$60,000 from Duke Foundation; All-American grid star Robert Matheson is honored at dinner; Matney Community House being constructed; Watauga High pioneers play for keeps against

Valdese Tigers; ASTC to get \$2.6 million for construction.

Feb. 23—Watauga Hospital states open house; Chamber of Commerce hears Rescue Squad program; Bloodmobile coming March 3; Sheriff says school bus law to be enforced; Mrs. Faye Cornell is hurt in car accident; GOP solons to speak at local Lincoln Day Dinner; \$10,408,368 is recommended for college buildings; hospital climaxes 10 years civic effort.

March 2—Over 5,000 gather at new hospital Sunday; "Super-

lor" ratings won by WHS in state contests; Lincoln's memory honored by GOP; schools again closed due to snow; beautification expert to speak at Tuesday meet; Red Cross asks blood donors to east shortage; two burglaries investigated; suspect jailed; house razed in series of fires; Citizens like preview of medical center; firemen to be honored; Evans named Young Educator of Year at Jaycee ceremony; N. C. Rhododendron Queen Linda Blair receives the title Heart Fund Queen.

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### AWARD WINNER

In 1966 and 1967 the Democrat won 10 State Press Assn. awards for General Excellence, Excellence in Typography, Local News, Advertising, Columns and Photographs.

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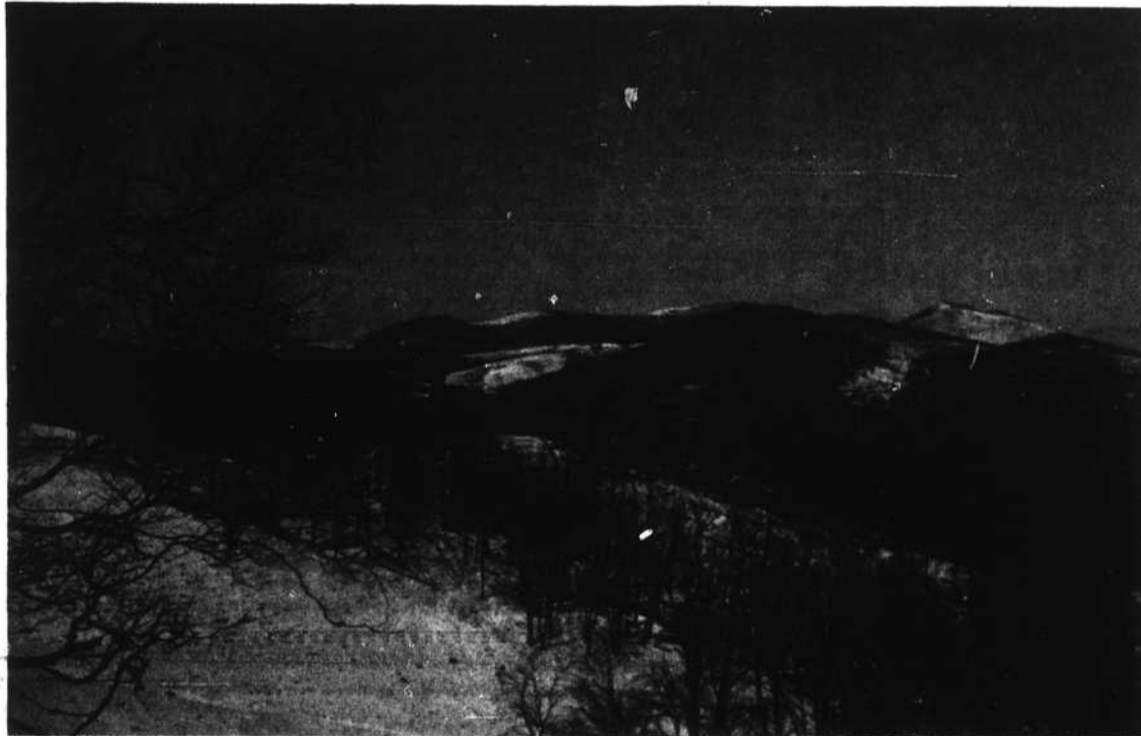
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A TOUCH OF WINTER whistled in and Saturday it looked as if it would last. City streets and the highways were cleared

in short order, however, and Christmas Eve and Christmas Day were clear and moderate. (Staff photo)

### Drivers Have Pictures On License Jan. 1

Driver License Examiner W. R. Stansberry announces that beginning Monday, Jan. 1, all driver license applicants will have their pictures on their licenses.

The price of licenses will increase 75 cents, he says. Operator licenses will be \$3.25 and chauffeur licenses will cost \$4.75.

"It is necessary that all applicants receiving a renewal card bring them to the Driver License office," Stansberry states. Office hours are 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays each week. The office is in a small building next to the Watauga County Jail and is accessible from Queen Street, Boone.

### Kingburger Is Robbed Of \$157

Ray's Kingburger was robbed Tuesday night, Dec. 19, Police Chief Red Lyons says he has suspects in the case.

Lyons said the robbers used a screwdriver to break the lock to the entrance of the business on Blowing Rock Road and got away with \$157.50. Other than a half dollar in change, Lyons said the money taken was bills. Coins on hand were left undisturbed in the cash box.

## Dr. Mary Michal Resigns Position At Health Dept.

The director of the District Health Department, Dr. Mary Michal, has filed her resignation and moved to her home in Waynesville.

Dr. Michal was employed

by the local board of health in 1950 and had administered the health programs of Alleghany, Ashe and Watauga. She directed the work of three offices (Boone, Sparta and Jefferson) and a population of more than 45,000 according to the last census. She reported in August that her yearly travels were some 20,000 miles.

In August, she stated that her salary was cut \$1,962 per year to a total \$8,280 at one-half time. State health officials later denied her charge that "It's a demotion position wise, as well as salary wise." She added that "If they can get a health director to administer the three counties properly at half time, they're welcome to do it right now and ask me for my resignation. . . . I will not try to do the work of a week in two and a half days."

The health director said that the salary change occurred during a specially called meeting attended by a representative of the State Board of Health. At the time, Dr. Michal said she was on a short vacation.

She said she had accumulated two months vacation. The budget that was considered in her absence allowed salary increases for department staffers, she said, adding that she had recommended these because of the additional work load employees were burdened with.

She further stated that she



DR. MARY MICHAL

had considered resigning the first of 1967 because of an inadequate working budget.

### Burley Sales Yield \$1,824,161

The Watauga Tobacco Market closed Dec. 20 for Christmas having registered sales of 2,630,831 pounds for \$1,824,161.83.

Information was given by Stanley A. Harris Sr. of the Tobacco Board of Trade. He quoted the average price at \$69.34.

Sales will reopen Jan. 3, at Warehouse No. 2 adjacent to the bus terminal.

## Penalties Are Provided Watauga Citizens Asked To List Property In Jan.

### Detailed Farm Crop Reports Are Required

Tax Supervisor G. Claude Danner advises taxpayers of Watauga County they are required to list their property and polls for taxation starting Jan. 3 as of ownership Jan. 1.

List-takers by community and the schedule of listing dates are advertised in this issue of the Democrat and everyone is asked to list in his own township.

The books will remain in the townships through Jan. 11, and be returned to the Courthouse on Wed. Jan. 17.

Failure to list within the prescribed period, Danner states, can result in a 10 per cent penalty, whereas a \$50 fine or 30 days imprisonment can be levied on persons who should, but do not, list.

All house trailers must be listed, and automobile, truck and trailer listings will be checked against State registrations. When listing vehicles, owners should bring make, model and serial numbers.

### FARM CENSUS

Each farm owner shall prepare a list of the acreage of each crop, including tenths of acres of truck. The list should show the total acres cultivated by the owner, also the acres cultivated by all tenants on each separately recognized farm, the acres in improved pasture, woodland, idle and other lands.

He shall be prepared to report the number of bearing fruit trees, the number of livestock of breeding age, number of hogs sold or slaughtered during the past 12 months and the number of chickens.

Mr. Danner says this information is confidential and its purpose is for agricultural education, economic analysis and safe guidance of county agents and farmers generally. It has no relation to taxes.

Mr. Danner asks the cooperation of taxpayers in completing the vital tax-listing program in the allotted time. He urges immediate action, with the hope no penalties will be exacted for failure to list.



A Smile For A Life—Bill Brawley found occasion once again to thank ASU graduate Patricia Douthit for saving his life in Charlotte last summer when they attended a ceremony in honor of Miss Douthit last week.

## ASU Grad Saves Life, Gets National Red Cross Award

Miss Patricia Anne Douthit, a 1964 graduate of Appalachian State University, last Wednesday was presented the American Red Cross' highest award, the National Certificate of Merit, for saving the life of a teenage boy July 29.

The award ceremony was staged at the Red Cross Center in Charlotte where Miss Douthit is a physical education teacher at McClintock Junior High School. The Certificate of Merit, signed by President Lyndon Johnson, was presented by Leroy Robinson, chairman of the Charlotte Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Charlotte Mayor Stanford H. Brookshire gave Miss Douthit a lapel pin and comments of recognition were offered by George P. Powell, director of physical education in the Mecklenburg County School System, and E. W. Hopper Jr., president of the Pine Lake Country Club where the life saving act occurred.

Robert T. Allen, director of Public Affairs at Appalachian, presented a letter of commendation from the university.

Miss Douthit, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Douthit of Rockingham, received her first aid and water safety training at Appalachian.

On the afternoon of July 29, William M. Brawley Jr., 17-year-old Charlotte boy, was attempting to swim three lengths of the 75-foot Pine Lake Country Club pool under water. Upon noticing that he was not moving in the pool, Miss Douthit responded immediately and with the aid of two men pulled the boy from the pool.

She quickly began administering the arm lift method of respiration before determining that this method was not assisting the victim to respond. Rolling young Brawley on his back, she could detect no breathing or pulse. With quiet calm and purpose.

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# HAPPY NEW YEAR