

In last 3 years Democrat has won 14 State Press Assn. awards. Eight of them are first place awards.

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BOONE WEATHER			
1966	Hi	Lo	Snow Prec.
Feb. 6	49	17	48 30
Feb. 7	44	15	42 16
Feb. 8	35	24	33 6
Feb. 9	32	24	tr. 35 16
Feb. 10	28	12	tr. 37 20
Feb. 11	20	6	tr. 41 24
Feb. 12	27	7	tr. 37 24

Snow given to nearest half-inch.

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Balloons sailed to the sky as the Beech Mountain dedication program started Saturday. (Staff photo)

## Miller Is Scouter Of Year

The Watauga District Committee, Boy Scouts of America, presented its Scouter of the Year Award for 1967 to Joe Miller Monday night.

The award was presented at the annual Scouter Appreciation Dinner at the Boone Methodist Church.

Leader of the oldest troop in continuous registration in the District, Miller has been Scoutmaster of Troop 109 since 1962. In these five years, an estimated 150 boys have been in this Troop.

Miller's other Scouting activities include acting as merit

badge examiner for several of the 120 badges in the Scouting program; promoting camping activities, in which his Troop has excelled; promoting Scouting in the community and participating in the monthly Roundtable of Scout Leaders.

He is a member of the Official Board of the Boone Methodist Church; has served as chairman of the Commission on Social Concerns; is a co-teacher of a young adult Sunday school class and as a member of a special commission for overseas relief was largely responsible for raising a substantial sum of money. He is on a three-man committee to develop a youth center for high school age people in the church.

Miller is a member of the Boone Jaycees and is married to the former Joyce Tuckwiler

of Boone. They have a son, Joe Miller Jr., age 4, and reside at 102 Hillcrest Circle.

An outdoorsman, Miller mounts his own trophy exhibits as an expert taxidermist. He graduated from Appalachian High School and received his training in pharmacy at the University of North Carolina. He is one of the owners of the Boone Drug Company and King Street Pharmacy.

Mrs. Miller was recognized for her support and encouragement of his Scouting and church and community leadership activities.

The award was presented by Paul N. Campbell, secretary of the Watauga District and member of the Old Hickory Executive Board. Campbell was the recipient of the award for 1966.



Scouter of the Year Joe Miller and Mrs. Miller beam during the presentation Monday night. Paul Campbell (back to camera) was the 1966 recipient and made the award to Miller. (Staff photo)

## Gov. Moore Asks \$76,000 Grant

Gov. Dan K. Moore has recommended approval of \$76,300 in Federal funds to support an economic development project in the Mountain Scenic District of Appalachian North Carolina.

To be applied in the first six months of 1968, the project costs will involve new sewerage treatment facilities at Bakersville and is eligible for a Federal grant under the Appalachian Regional Development Act of 1965. This Act promotes long-range economic development of the Appalachian region through a co-ordinated Federal State and local program of investment.

The project was initiated at the local level and endorsed by the Mountain Scenic Economic Development Commission serving Avery, Mitchell, Watauga and Yancey counties, Eugene Penland of Newland is chairman of the Commission.

Serving with him from Watauga County are Glenn Andrews, John Bingham and Boone Mayor Clyde Greene.

Mrs. Ruth Johnson is coordinator of the Commission and accepts applications for projects in her office at Newland. In addition to these, Phillip Thomas, Mark Hall, James Ray, Jennings Bryant, Milton Burleson, Jack Slagle, W. D. Von Canon and S. B. Lacey Jr. serve on the Commission.

The Governor's recommendation will be forwarded to the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D. C., for final approval. The Governor also recommended approval of a \$231,000 grant for construction of Wiseman's View Access Road near Linville Falls.

The costs are part of an overall recommendation of \$5,039,932 in Federal funds to support economic development projects in Mountain Scenic's four counties and the others in North Carolina's Appalachian area.



JAMES MARSH

## Two Men File For Education Board

Now serving his first term on the Watauga County Board of Education, Hugh B. Hagaman of Boone has filed for the non-partisan primary coming up in May.

The son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Smith Hagaman, he is mar-

ried and the father of a daughter, Mrs. Wayne Clawson, and a son, Buzz. He is a graduate of Duke University and served as a Marine Corps Officer in World War II and the Korean War. He is Baptist and a past president of the Boone Rotary Club.

Hagaman commented "The people of Watauga County have every right to expect, to demand, that in their schools the best interests of their children come before anything else. The public schools of Watauga County are for the children.

"The people also have the right to expect that their schools be operated in a progressive, efficient, fair and professional manner. These are entirely just and reasonable expectations," he said.

### MARSH ALSO FILES

James P. Marsh has entered his name as a candidate for the Watauga County Board of Education. He states that he feels Watauga County can have an educational program second to none in the state of North Carolina and he will do everything he can to help develop such a program for this County.

A member of the First Baptist Church of Boone, Marsh has been chairman of the Deacons and church treasurer for 16 years. He has been a member of the finance and construction and remodeling committees; is a Sunday school teacher; and is a trustee of the Annuity Board of the Southern

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HUGH HAGAMAN

## Woman Is Injured In 105 Wreck

A 24-year-old girl was hospitalized in critical condition Friday after her 1964 Volkswagen Karmen Ghia went out of control on N. C. 105 near the Watauga-Avery County line.

Patrolman George Baker identified the owner-operator as Miss Vivian Carol Aldridge of Route 1, Banner Elk. He said she was traveling north toward Boone when her car went out of control and overturned in the highway.

He estimated it rolled over three or four times and traveled 120 feet before coming to an upright stop on its wheels. Miss Aldridge was found about 100 feet from her demolished car and the officer said she was transported to Cannon Memorial Hospital by members of the Watauga Rescue Unit.

Her condition was still listed as critical Monday.

Baker said high-velocity winds may have figured in the accident.

## 2,000 Attend Weekend Event

# Governor Dedicates Ski Resort At Beech Mtn.

## Development Assn. Hailed By Governor

Gov. Dan K. Moore told the Northwest North Carolina Development Association that its 11 counties last year had total farm income of \$162.4 million.

He addressed Association members and officials of Appalachian State University Friday at a luncheon in his honor. He was en route to the official dedication of Beech Mountain Saturday.

The Governor compared agricultural progress here with the 1954 total of \$54.6 million and said "I believe it has been demonstrated in this Northwest area what can be accomplished when an effort is made to involve people in utilizing State services.

"We have one of the finest State Departments of Agriculture in the nation and our agricultural research facilities at North Carolina State University are as fine as can be found anywhere."

In a candid observation on the state's colleges and universities, the Governor said "Appalachian is an excellent case in point," developing at a rate to keep pace with the rapid progression of the world.

"It is recognized as a sound educational institution that offers opportunity to our young people and serves this area and all of North Carolina with distinction."

Of industry, Moore said "The record for new and expanded industry was set in 1967 when projects totaling \$662 million were announced. During the first three years of this Administration the total invested in new and expanded industry was \$1,757,968,000. It is a larger total than for any previous six year period," he said.

"It has been demonstrated here in the 11 counties of the

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## Queens Join In Official Program

BY EDIE TUGMAN

Hailing the ski industry introduced to these mountains several years ago, Gov. Dan K. Moore, dedicated the facilities at Beech Mountain Saturday.

Moore made the trip to Banner Elk during his three-day round of winter resorts in Western North Carolina.

In a short dedication speech, the Governor remarked that the relative inactivity of just a few years ago in the mountains has been transformed into a year round tourist attraction by the growth of the ski areas and winter sports here.

He said of Beech Mountain, "When the dream is finally realized, Beech Mountain will be a complete year 'round resort. We should be thankful for the wisdom, initiative and hard work of these men who have made all of this possible."

Gov. Moore was assisted in the ribbon cutting ceremony by Miss Watauga County, Myra Davis; Miss High Point, Dana Scotten; Miss Greensboro, Vicki VonCannon; Miss Hickory, Becky Lail; Miss Johnson City, Tenn, Judy Bible; and the Rhododendron Queen, Ann Bailey of Concord.

When he cut the ribbon officially dedicating Beech Mountain, thousands of Beech Mountain balloons were turned loose to fill the sky with bright colors.

Adding to the spectacle were ski demonstrations by the National Ski Patrol and the Beech Mountain Ski Instructors Corps. More than 2,000 skiers and spectators were there.

Although Gov. Moore said there wasn't any way he could get on skis, his four-year-old grandson gave a ski demonstration of his own.

Beech Mountain is the work of Harry and Grover Robbins and Dr. Thomas H. Brigham. Dr. Brigham, a dentist with skiing in his blood, gave up a flourishing practice to devote full time to the development of Beech Mountain as a ski, golf

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BUDDY MORROW, nationally famous jazz trombonist and one of the nation's most popular orchestra leaders, will be the featured soloist in a concert to be presented at Appalachian State University Friday, Feb. 23. The concert will open the 18th annual band clinic to be held Feb. 23-25 in I.G. Greer Hall, Morrow, who will play with ASU's Wine Ensemble, has been trombonist in such famous bands as those of Paul Whiteman, Tommy Dorsey, Artie Shaw and Jimmy Dorsey.

## Watauga Hospitals Given \$3,918 Of Duke Funds

The Duke Endowment is distributing this week more than \$2 million to Carolina hospitals and child care institutions it assists. This includes \$2,676 for Watauga County Hospital.

The Blowing Rock Hospital will receive \$1,242 and \$4,359 has been designated for the Charles A. Cannon Jr. Memorial Hospital in Banner Elk.

Other area institutions to benefit from the total gifts of \$2,016,665 are Ashe County Memorial Hospital, Jefferson, \$2,390; Caldwell Memorial of Lenoir, \$2,422; Wilkes General Hospital of North Wilkesboro, \$3,022; and Grandfather Home for Children, Banner Elk, \$20,475.

The gifts are divided among 191 hospitals in the amount of \$1,369,950 and among 43 child care institutions in the total of \$646,715. In North Carolina the figures are \$901,508 for hospitals and \$428,991 for child care institutions. The balance is for South Carolina organizations.

## Study Shows Healthy Commerce In Watauga

Competing for the consumer dollar in Watauga County at the present time are no fewer than 175 retail establishments.

In terms of the local population, it means that there is a store for every 106 residents, which is more than in many sections of the country.

The average in the United States is one store for every 114 persons and in the State of

North Carolina, one for every 120.

The facts and figures were derived principally from a national survey of retail businesses conducted by the Department of Commerce.

The survey lists a total of 105 retail stores in the county that employ one or more persons.

There are also a large num-

ber of smaller stores, family-owned and operated, with no employees. Their total is estimated at 70.

In general, throughout the nation as a whole, there has been a steady decline in the number of small businesses, the reports show. The butcher, the baker and the candlestick maker are getting scarcer and the chain stores and self-service supermarkets more numerous.

The net result is that there are 160,000 fewer stores now than were in existence 10 years ago. The total has dropped from 1,897,000 to 1,737,000.

Notwithstanding the competitor from the big stores, however, some 700,000 Mom and Pop stores still flourish in the United States.

Among the retail outlets in Watauga County that have sales help, the Commerce Department lists a total of 12 food stores, 15 eating and drinking places and 21 automotive dealers and service stations. No such figures are available for the family-run stores.

Irrespective of the changes in the store population, retail business in the local area has been on the increase.

During the past year, retail sales in the county reached an estimated \$23,439,000, about 3.2 percent better than in 1966, based on preliminary reports.

Despite the risks involved in starting a new business, many people take the plunge each

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## Teamsters Union To Hold Election At Shoe Company

From 9:30 to 11:30 Monday, personnel of the Boone plant of Blue Ridge Shoe Company will cast their ballots for or against having Teamsters Union representation.

Ted Rhudy, manager of the Boone plant, said he received a letter Jan. 8 from the Teamsters Local number 61 in Hickory. At that time they announced their intentions to hold an election here, he said.

The polls will be set up in the maintenance room and production, maintenance and plant clerical employees will be allowed to vote.

Rhudy said the election results will be counted by the National Labor Relations Board shortly after the polls close. He and other plant officials will be present with members of the Teamsters Union.

On Nov. 2, 1964, the Teamsters were defeated by a vote of 176-83 at Blue Ridge Shoe Company. The plant is a division of the Melville Shoe Corporation.

## Red Cross Asks For 200 Pints

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will visit Boone Tuesday, Feb. 27, and will be stationed at the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church between 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m.

All ASU students under 21 years of age are urged to pick up "permission release" forms from the university infirmary in time to have them signed by their parents prior to the donation of blood.

## Home, Land Destroyed By Fires

Fires on Monday and Tuesday reaped extensive damage, according to a report by R. D. Hodges Jr., chief of the Boone Volunteer Fire Department.

He said the residence of Al Adams on Queen Street caught fire shortly before noon Tuesday because of an oil floor furnace. He said the hall floor was burned out and the interior of the home and its furnishings badly damaged.

An estimate was not available at press time, although Hodges said the heat was extensive enough to melt a television set in the home. Firemen strung 300 feet of hose to combat the blaze, because the one nearest the home was frozen.

High winds Monday night fanned a fire into the Rocky Heights section near the City dump.

Hodges said Boone firemen joined the N. C. Forest Service and Ranger Crate Teague and his crew in trying to control the wide-spread fire. He estimated 12 to 15 acres were burned out and said four homes were endangered before the roaring blaze came to a stop at a road on the edge of the woods.