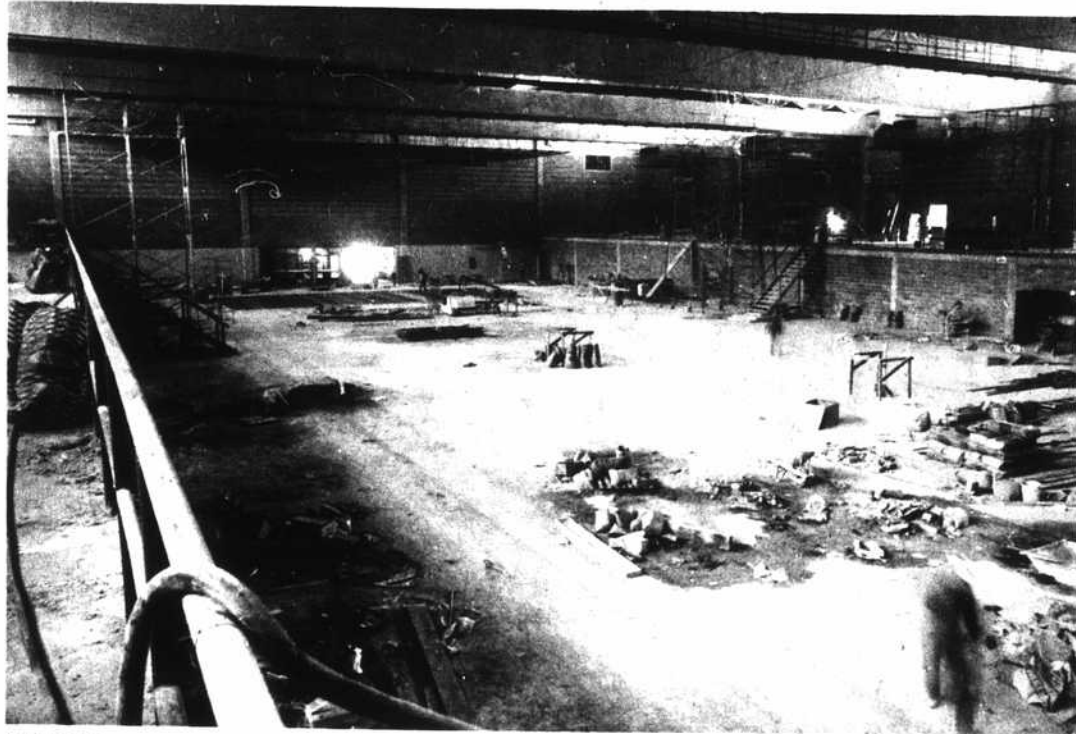


In last 3 years Democrat has won 14 State Press Assn. awards. Eight of them are first place awards.

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BOONE WEATHER			
1968	Hi	Lo	Snow Prec.
Mar. 5	55	31	
Mar. 6	45	31	
Mar. 7	53	29	
Mar. 8	57	28	
Mar. 9	57	32	
Mar. 10	57	46	.16
Mar. 11	59	44	.06

Snow given to nearest half-inch.



**BASKETBALL ARENA TAKING SHAPE**—This is an interior view of the new athletic structure rapidly approaching completion on the campus of Appalachian State University. Expected to be ready for use by June 1, the building will seat more than 8,000 fans

for basketball games next season. Spectators will walk upwards to the upper tier and downwards to the lower seats from the entrance level. The project is costing over \$2 million.

## SAHA Directors Give Green Light To Building Horn Rehearsal Hall

Directors of the Southern Appalachian Historical Association accepted their executive committee's recommendation to start construction of a rehearsal hall.

The building on the Horn in the West grounds is described as a "shell" which cast members have agreed to finish. The Association agreed that a contractor's estimate of \$8,000 will be the amount it will proceed with on the 40 by 40 structure.

Prime supporter of the project, Horn director Ward Haarbauer wrote production chairman H. R. Eggers Friday saying a weekly salary differential of \$20 between Boone's outdoor drama and others is hampering his attempts to upgrade cast quality.

In view of the directors' decision Monday, Haarbauer should be provided the incentive needed to attract, increasingly better players. Speaking as a past manager of the drama, Carl Fidler told the directors "I think the caliber of the drama is dependent on the quality of the people in it." He said the proposed building should help in cast recruitment and quality by providing players a rehearsal area in poor weather. Numerous outdoor rehearsals are cancelled because of rain.

Mrs. Constance Stallings, who headed the committee that reported to the executives Monday, March 4, recalled Haarbauer's plan to conduct eight classes in seven weeks for cast members and townspeople. An objection was raised by Mayor Clyde Greene, who said he understood housing was of prime concern. Mrs. Stallings reported Haarbauer's sentiment that the cast would prefer the rehearsal hall to accommodations.

Next Mayor Greene said "A good many bond holders are looking for their money," and Mrs. Stallings cited the building of a \$7,000 office building without opposition. She also noted that the State had allotted \$10,000 for this season and that a State auditor had shown interest in the project.

Miss Jane Smith, public relations director, then told the meeting that as a former drama major she feels "Students who go into the study of drama are extremely dedicated." Here (continued on page two)

## Contracts Are Signed For Renovation Old Hospital

Contracts have been awarded for the renovation of the Old Watauga County Hospital which is to become an annex to the new administration building on the campus of Appalachian State University.

The project, which will cost \$120,000, is to be completed by September, according to Ned Trivett, ASU's Director of Business Affairs.

The low bid for the general contract was submitted by Penel-Haigler Company of Lenoir. The bid was \$54,932.

The plumbing contract was awarded to Tomlinson Plumbing & Heating Company also of Lenoir, for a bid of \$5,846.

The heating contract went to Charles Ham Associates, of Wilkesboro, for a \$5,400 bid, and the electrical contract was awarded to Duncan Electric Company, of North Wilkesboro, for a bid of \$23,894.

The rest of the funds available for the project will be used for equipment and contingencies. The architects for the renovation job are Clemmer-Horton-Bush of Hickory.

The university's Computer Center will be moved into the annex structure as soon as possible so as to free its current space in Smith-Wright Hall for academic functions. The institution's printing department plus additional administrative offices are to be housed in the annex which is adjacent to the B. B. Dougherty Administration Building nearing completion.

## Eggers Seeks Place On County Bd. Education

S. C. Eggers, Boone rector and former State Legislator has filed his candidacy for the Watauga Board of Education in the May primary.

Mr. Eggers was born at Forest Grove in Beaver Dam township, where he attended school. He also attended Cove Creek High School and Appalachian Training School (now ASU). He has been a farmer and merchant, taught in the Watauga school system four years, has been chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and United States Commissioner 32 years.

Mr. Eggers is a former Moderator of the Three Forks Baptist Association, member of the Board of Deacons of Boone Baptist Church, Secretary-Treasurer of the Boone Tobacco Board of Trade and Secretary-Treasurer of the Boone Federal Land Bank Association. He is also a member of the Advisory Committee of the Federal Land Bank, Columbia, S. C.

Mr. Eggers was elected four times to the State Legislature,



S. C. EGGERS

has been a candidate for Lieutenant-Governor and State Treasurer of North Carolina, is Chairman of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank of Boone and has been a real estate broker in Boone for more than 30 years.

Mr. Eggers is married to the former Miss Nora South. They have one son and two daughters: Stacy C. Eggers, Attorney at Law, Boone; Mrs. Christine E. Simons, teacher, New Jersey and Mrs. Margaret E. Perry, Boone. Another son, Lieut. Morris Eggers lost his life in the last world war.

## Entries Asked By 15th Science Fair At ASU To Reach Into 11 Counties

### Auto Stolen In Utah Found In Watauga Co.

A case of auto lease-theft is being investigated through the Sheriff's Department.

Sheriff Ward Carroll said he, Deputy Harry Suddreth and Corporal Ray Wicker are co-operating with FBI Agent Boyce Crocker and B. E. Clure of Lenoir who is auto theft investigator in this area.

Carroll said Deputy Suddreth found a car abandoned on Long Hope Road in the Meat Camp section last week. When the car was not claimed, a four-day search ensued and Monday turned up the owners in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The car had been leased from Continental Leasing Company of that city and brought into the Southeastern United States after the lease expired. A Detective Farmsworth is working on the case from Salt Lake City, Carroll said.

Carroll said his department appreciates the help of the people. Their co-operation quickens the time in which suspects are apprehended, he said.

### Watauga Lads Held In Lenoir Robbery Charge

Four Watauga County youths, ages 14 through 19, are reportedly lodged in Caldwell County Jail, Lenoir, in lieu of \$5,000 bail.

Police Chief Stanley E. Crisp is quoted in the Lenoir News-Topic as saying that one of the boys he has jailed also is charged with first degree burglary in Boone. Two other Boone youths are said to have been indicted in connection with two Watauga County incidents.

The first degree burglary was of the Phillip Templeton home in Boone. Cash receipts of \$345 were taken on Wednesday, Feb. 28. Chief Crisp also reported that a lodge in the Hound Ears section was robbed of a number of diamond rings and watches which have been recovered.

Crisp listed the homes robbed in Lenoir as those of Mrs. W. G. Byerly, Clarence Beach, L. E. Dimmette and Mrs. J. A. Marshall. Stolen were a large amount of jewelry, rings, watches, cameras, old coins, gold pieces, pins, silver dollars, diamond rings and necklaces, he said.

The Dimmettes are summer residents of the Boone area. The period during which their Lenoir home was robbed was Feb. 26-29, Crisp reported.

### Shoemaker Will Be Broughton Manager Here

Raleigh--Governatorial candidate Mel Broughton has announced that J. D. Shoemaker, a former county commissioner of Watauga County will be manager of the Broughton for Governor campaign in that county.

"I am very pleased to have Mr. Shoemaker working with me on my campaign in Watauga," said Broughton, in making the announcement.

Broughton stated that he looked forward to a most successful campaign in Watauga.

Shoemaker is a resident of Boone.

### Dawn Hollars Is A Fine Tribute To Girl Scouting

Twelve-year-old Dawn Hollars is a tribute to Girl Scouts everywhere.

Fittingly enough, she returned to school Monday, the second day of national Girl Scout Week. Each day, she will spend a little more time at her school studies until she has regained her strength.

It was the night of Jan. 12 that Dawn was blinded by blowing snow and her sled ran off course. Wrecking against a tree, she was rushed to Watauga Hospital, where exploratory surgery revealed she was suffering from a lacerated liver. She was taken to Duke Hospital Feb. 5 and two days later underwent surgery a second time.

While she was hospitalized, the annual Girl Scout cookie sale got underway and in order not to be left out, this lively member of Troop 359 sold her cookies to visiting friends and others in the hospital.

She sold 85 boxes, more than the average member. Because she was unable to deliver them herself, Dawn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hollars of 136 Oak St., Boone, and friends chipped in to help her get the job done.

In her Troop, which is sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church, Dawn has earned her pen pal and house-keeper badges and now primarily concentrates on completing the good citizenship, child care, safety and cooking badges.

Aside from her Scouting activities and school work (she is a seventh grader at Appalachian Elementary School), she enjoys camping and cooking outdoors and was president of the Boone Bicycle Club, which she hopes to rejoin this summer.

As her mother says, "She is an outdoor girl. She likes to read a lot, but can't wait to get outdoors and is interested in everything." She attends Grace Lutheran Church with her family.

Perseverance in the face of such adversity is admirable. For Dawn Hollars, it has won a hats-off salute from her community and Girl Scout friends.



DAWN HOLLARS

### Exhibits To Be Opened To Public Friday

High school students from 11 counties are expected to enter exhibits in the Northwestern District Science Fair to be held on the campus of Appalachian State University March 22-23.

Entries have been invited from both the junior and senior high schools in either physical or biological categories. All entry applications must be submitted by the 15th.

Larry W. Woodrow, assistant professor of chemistry at Appalachian, is serving as director of the district fair for students Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Caldwell, Burke, McDowell, Mitchell, Rutherford, Watauga, Wilkes and Yancey counties.

All exhibits are to be set up in the display area on the second floor of the W. H. Plemmons Student Center between 8 and 11 a. m. March 22. Preliminary judging will be from 11:30 a. m. and 1 p. m.

Exhibitors and their teachers will tour ASU's science department and campus Friday afternoon. The exhibit will be open to the public Friday night and from 9 to 11:30 a. m. Saturday. Prizes and awards will be given at noon.

The top five exhibits in the Senior High School Division in each category will be invited to the State Science Fair in Chapel Hill April 5-6. The Acoustical Society of America will present a cash award for the best project in acoustics of vibrations. Six medals will be presented to Junior High School Division winners.

Exhibits will be judged on creative ability, scientific thought, skill, thoroughness, clarity and dramatic value.

The science fair program in North Carolina is sponsored by the state's Academy of Science, an organization of scientists, mathematicians and industry.

### Pat Taylor Here Tonight

Pat Taylor, candidate for the Democratic nomination for Lieutenant Governor, will be in Boone today (Wednesday) and tonight will speak to a meeting of Appalachian State University supporters.

A twelve-year veteran of the State Legislature, Taylor is stressing his experience and the need for more efficient, effective legislative organization to serve the people of the State.

### Pancake Sale Proceeds Will Aid Recreation

The annual Pancake Jamboree has been set by the Boone Civitan Club for Saturday, March 23, at the Appalachian Elementary School cafeteria.

Hours will be 6 a. m. to 6 p. m. Adults will be admitted for \$1 and children under 12 for 50 cents. This year proceeds will be presented to the Boone Parks and Recreation Commission.

Tickets are available from Commission members Paul Smith, Dennis Greene, Mrs. B. W. Stallings, James Hastings and A. E. McCreary; from the Watauga High School Student Council and Civitan members; and from Stallings Jewelers, Watauga Savings & Loan, Thrift Food Store, Greene's Furniture and the Recreation Center.

## Holshouser Again To Run For House

Former Watauga County Representative Jim Holshouser announced this week that he will be a candidate for the State House of Representatives from the legislative district composed of Watauga, Avery and Mitchell counties.

Holshouser was first elected in 1962, when he received the largest majority ever given a candidate in a Watauga County legislative race. He was re-elected in 1964 and served in the 1965 legislative session and a special session in 1966.

He served as vice-chairman of the House Judiciary Committee in 1965, and was also

House Minority Leader. He was also a member of the select Joint Appropriations Subcommittee.

Holshouser did not seek reelection in 1966, when he was elected chairman of the North Carolina Republican Party. At 31, he was the youngest chairman in party history.

The attorney is a native of Watauga County and attended school here, serving as president of the senior class of Appalachian High School. He also graduated from Davidson College and received his law degree from the University of North Carolina where he was president of his graduating class.

He has also been active in community affairs. He is a deacon and former treasurer of his church, also having been an active Sunday School teacher for several years. He is a member of the Advisory Board for the local mental health authority, is a former member of Mountain Scenic Economic Development Commission and is former chairman of the Watauga County Heart Fund. He is also a member of the Boone Jaycees.

He is married to the former Pat Hollingsworth, and they have a daughter, Ginny.

Holshouser said he talked with Rep. Mack S. Isaac of Newland Saturday and learned the incumbent does not plan to seek re-election in the three-county district of Avery, Watauga and Mitchell.

The party plan of organization should not prevent Holshouser from seeking elective office, "especially if the House seat is uncontested in the May 4 primary," he said.

The State Chairman said Isaac is undecided as to whether to run for the Senate.

## Gets Grant For Heart Research

Dr. Teunis Vergeer, professor of biology at Appalachian State University, has received a \$2,000 grant to conduct research on factors contributing to heart disease.

The grant was awarded March 4 by the N. C. Heart Association.

Dr. Vergeer, who joined the Appalachian faculty in 1960, received his A. B. degree at Calvin College and the M. S. and Ph. D. degrees at the University of Michigan.

## Watauga YDC To Meet Mon.

The 1968 organizational meeting of the Watauga Young Democratic Club will be held Monday, March 18.

All former members are urged to attend. The meeting begins at 7:30 p. m. in the temporary quarters of the Watauga County Courthouse.