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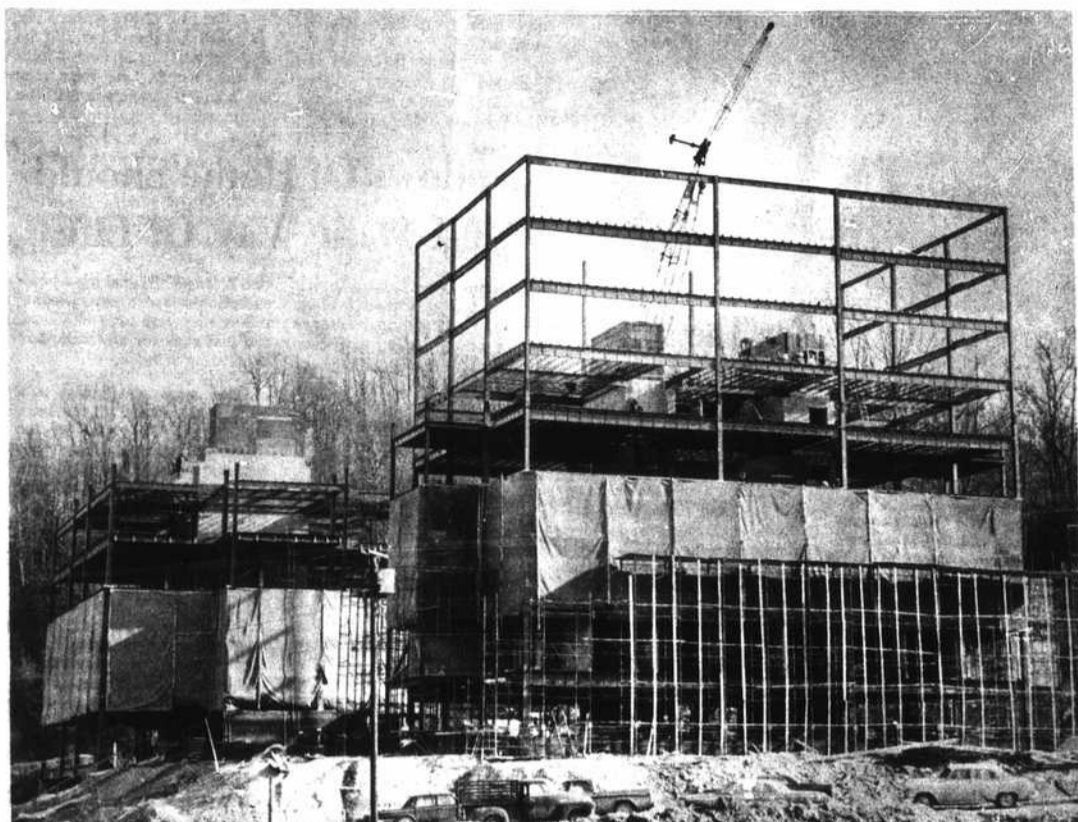
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DORMS GOING UP—Two residence halls, each of which will house 300 male students, are taking shape at the south edge of the campus of Appalachian State University. Located adjacent to Conrad Stadium, the dormitories are expected to be completed by the opening of the fall quarter in September. Each structure will cost about \$1 million.

Board Education Favored

List County Candidates Swells As Filing Ends

Complete List Of Those Asking Public Office

Candidates filing Friday morning at the last minute swelled the list of Wataugans willing to assume the duties of County office.

Eighteen assorted Democrats and Republicans have indicated their desire for membership on the Watauga County Board of Education in the non-partisan balloting provided in the last session of the General Assembly.

Three Democrats, two of them incumbents and six Republicans have filed for the Board of County Commissioners.

The full list of candidates now in the field for the May 4 primary follows:

Board of Education: Hugh B. Hagaman, James P. Marsh, John H. Hollar, Lawrence A. Heavrin, Benjamin F. Strickland, Larry A. Campbell, S. C. Eggers, Sr.; John R. Herman, Howard Lawrence, I. W. (Bill) Carpenter, J. B. Ragan, William E. "Bill" Miller, Mrs. Hazel H. Greene, Mrs. Laura Ruth Williams, Henry W. (Hank) Greer, Dennis O. Greene, Edsel Cook, H. W. Mast, Jr.

House of Representatives, 44th district (Avery, Mitchell and Watauga Counties): M. Randolph (Ranny) Phillips, Democrat; J. E. Holschouer, Jr., Republican.

North Carolina Senate, 25th district (Davie, Watauga, Wilkes and Yadkin): J. W. Norris, Republican, Boone, (Others running are incumbent T. R. Bryan and Stacy Pardue, Republican, both of Wilkes.) No Democratic candidate.

Board of County Commissioners: Len D. Hagaman, Glenn Hodges, incumbents and R. Clyde Winebarger, Democrats; Gene Wilson, Kenneth Wilcox, Hill Greene, G. Perry Greene, James M. Cole, Gwyn Hayes, Republicans.

Miss Helen Underdown, Democrat, Register of Deeds will be unopposed.

For Constable, Blowing Rock township, Howard Coffey; Boone township, Glenn D. Richardson.

Three Republicans have filed for the two district judgeships in the 24th district (Watauga, Avery, Madison, Mitchell, Yancey) as follows: J. E. Holschouer, Sr., Boone; J. Ray Braswell and W. Hall Young of Avery.



Touring Western N. C.—Jack Newton, professor of music at Appalachian State University, is shown at right rehearsing with the university's concert band. He will be a featured clarinet soloist in eight concerts the band will give off a three-day tour next week. The band is directed by Charles Isley (standing, left).

University Band Will Make Concert Tour WNC

The Appalachian State University Band, under the direction of Charles Isley and Elmer White, will give eight performances on a three day concert tour of Western North Carolina.

The 51-member band will launch the tour Monday with a

9:30 a. m. concert at Morganton High School. At 2 p. m. and 8 p. m. the same date, the band will appear at Waynesville's Tuscola High School.

Tuesday concerts are scheduled at Mars Hill College at 10 a. m., at Asheville's Lee

Edwards High School at 2 p. m. and at Lincolnton High School at 8 p. m. The tour will end Wednesday with a 2 p. m. performance at Rutherfordton-Spindale High School, after a 10:30 a. m. showing at Ashley High School in Gastonia.

The concert program will include America The Beautiful, Festive Overture, Scenes from the Louvre, Third Suite, Danza Final, New York Suite, Man of La Mancha, Brother John, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, Block March, The January February March, The Foundation March, The Holy City, Solo de Concours, Concertino and Thundering Drums.

Members of ASU's Concert Band are Gerrie Shumaker of Albemarle; Doyle Wilkins of Belmont; James Roberts, Mrs. James Roberts, Mrs. Elmer White, Jack Newton, James Bingham, Mac Stroup, Herschel Harper, Mrs. Donna Sharpe and J. B. Hodges of Boone; Gary Shroyer, Cliff Robinson and Jonathan Howell of Charlotte; Eddie Raper of China Grove; Steve Jordan of Cooleemee; Virginia Haiger of Drexel; John Terry of Durham; Mike Rogers of Gastonia; Gerald Peterman of Graham; Vickie Johnson of Granite Falls; Cary Smith, Phyllis Shore and Dond Bowden of Greensboro; Marilyn Snipes of Haw River; Kenneth Clark of Hudson; Linda Triplett and Edgar Whitener of Lenoir; Monnie Wagner of Lexington; Clyde Waugh of Moravian Falls; Steve Rudicill, Dean Wilson, Harold McKinney, Gene Duckworth and Clark Craver of Morganton; Wallace Brown and Steve Mowery of Salisbury; Tilden McNeilly of Spindale; Tommy Smith of Stokesdale; Georgia Ann Henson of Waynesville; Larry Davidson of Galax, Va.; Steve Helton of Newport News, Va.; Randy Powley of Blacksburg, Va.; James Simmons of Gaffney, S. C.; Carolyn Whitener of Union, S. C.; Barbara Clough of Amandale, Va.; and Janice Oakes of Stockton, N. J.

Robbins Brothers Winners!

The travel Council of North Carolina, Inc., presented its highest awards at its annual banquet Sunday evening at the Statler Hilton Inn, Greensboro.

The Lynn G. Nisbet Award was made to the Robbins Brothers, Grover, Harry and Spencer of Blowing Rock for their development and promotion of Tweetsie Railroad, Hound Ears Lodge and Club, and now the largest complex of its kind in the East, Beech Mountain.

They have pioneered in opening up this area to year round travel and have attracted tourist and recreation dollars to all of North Carolina. They have been instrumental in lengthening the season to the benefit of everyone, as well as providing prime attractions for travelers.

The Robbins Brothers also received a runner-up award for their promotional Tweetsie Railroad brochure.

REALIZES DREAM
Atlanta, Ga.—Mrs. Ella Walker, 83, has realized a dream she has had since she was a little girl. Two years ago she began adult classes at Lynwood Park Elementary School and learned to read. Still working as a full-time housekeeper, she has been working since she was seven.

Cpl. Roberts Meets Death In Vietnam War

Lance Corporal William C. Roberts, age 20, died March 18 in the vicinity of Quang Tri, Republic of Vietnam. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin W. Roberts, Route 1, Boone.

Military services will be held in Watauga County, arrangements pending arrival of the body.

The family was notified by Leonard F. Chapman Jr., General U. S. Marine Corps, who said Roberts "sustained a gunshot wound to the abdomen from hostile rifle fire while engaged in action against hostile forces."

A graduate of Appalachian High School, L/Cpl. Roberts was enlisted for a four-year tour of duty. He had been stationed in Iceland 13 months and left Boone in August on assignment to Vietnam.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Roberts is survived by three sisters, Miss Lillian Roberts of the home, Mrs. Ned VanDyke of Route 1, Boone and Mrs. Frank Wilcox of Virginia Beach, Va.; and a brother, Charles Marvin Roberts of Charlotte.



WILLIAM C. ROBERTS

Dr. Karan To Lecture At ASU

Dr. P. P. Karan, a native of India who has written two books and several articles on Nepal, Sikkim and Bhutan, will present an illustrated lecture at Appalachian State University Tuesday, April 2.

Dr. Karan, now chairman of the Department of Geography at the University of Kentucky, will speak to the university's geography students the following day.

His Tuesday lecture will be "Geography of the Himalayas." The talk will be given in Room 263 of Duncan Hall at 7:30 p.m. The public is invited.

More Schooling Enhances Income In Watauga County

From the standpoint of lifetime earning capacity, the average male resident of Watauga County is worth more than he ever was.

Because of the changes in recent years in wage scales, education, employment and economic values in general, the

average young man in the local area who is just setting out to earn a living can look forward to a lifetime income of no less than \$178,000.

The figure, which assumes a continuation of present conditions, is based upon the latest studies by the Department of

Commerce and other agencies. Taken into account, in estimating the earning power of the average young man locally, during the 40 to 45 years of his working career; were the amount of education he has received and the prevailing level of income in the area, as compared with incomes elsewhere in the United States.

As to educational attainment, the latest official figures show that some 12.2 percent of Watauga County's male population, age 25 or older, are elementary school graduates, that another 17.1 percent have completed four years of high school and that 7.3 percent are college graduates.

That is more schooling that is acquired in many parts of the country. Solely from a dollars and cents consideration, the studies indicate that education pays off handsomely. The investment of time, effort and money that is required to obtain additional schooling yields high dividends.

According to the latest survey of earning power, compiled by the Institute of Life Insurance from government data, the average high school graduate will earn about \$84,000 more than a person with only an elementary school diploma. By the same token, the college graduate will end up with about \$141,000 more than the high school graduate.

In Watauga County, the earning prospects are good because the level of education is relatively high and is getting higher. Locally, the median years of schooling for male residents has now reached approximately 9.0.

In 1960, by way of comparison, it was 8.0 years.

Correction Is Made In Candidacy Story

We regret an error in our March 21 story on the candidacy of William E. Miller for the County Board of Education. The statement in the continuation of the story should have said, "Mr. Miller is presently employed by Vermont American as a cost accountant. He was formerly employed by Kohler and Campbell Piano Company for nine years in a similar position."

Dog Dies As Poison Plague Continues

A five-month-old Bassett Hound last week was added to the list of malicious poisonings in the Woodland Drive area. The Humane Society of Charlotte has posted a \$50 reward for the person responsible.

In the 700 block of Howard Street, Sam, family pet of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Martin and their children, was playing in their fenced-in yard. It was the afternoon of March 19 and the Martin children and several of their friends were playing in the driveway.

When they were through playing with the basketball, Mrs. Martin said they threw it inside the fence where Sam was. When the youngsters came in some time later, they noticed the ball was missing from the yard. The young mother then said she sent them out to see if any of the neighborhood children had borrowed it and Mrs. Martin left the house for about five minutes.

Sam was in the yard while she was gone, but as she returned she saw him swallow something. Just as she got indoors, her son called to her and said something was wrong with the puppy.

The dog had eaten poison and quickly died in convulsions. For some 15 years, according to Dr. John Martin, DVM, pets in the Woodland Drive area have been poisoned. More than 30 dogs have died from strychnine.

While the family did not connect the missing ball with the poisoning right away, Mrs. Martin said it was back in their yard the next morning, almost as if it were a decoy, draw her and the children away from the house.

After an investigation, Police Chief Red Lyons said "We are powerless to act unless we have evidence and a warrant. I hate this sort of thing as much as the people involved and have by no means given up trying to find the person responsible."

Neighbors of the Martins were in touch with the Humane Society in Charlotte and a representative will be in Boone in the near future. The neighbors also are

helping raise money to add to the \$50 reward offered. Residents are greatly concerned that small children might ingest a harmless looking pill and suffer the same consequences as their pets.

Chief Lyons plans to be in touch with the State Bureau of Investigation.



SANDRA COOK

Sandra J. Cook Winner Hankins Scholarship

Sandra Joy Cook, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Billy J. Cook of Route 4, Boone, is among 41 high school seniors who have been awarded George Foster Hankins Scholarships at Wake Forest University.

Twenty-eight boys and 13 girls were selected following a series of tests and interviews. All but one are from North Carolina.

The scholarships range in potential four-year value from \$1,200 to \$8,400. The program was started in 1955 through income from an estate of more than one million dollars left the university by Col. George Foster Hankins of Lexington.

The winners were announced by William G. Starling, director

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Candidates On Page Two

Due to the large number of additional candidates filing last week, the Democrat has found it impossible to carry all the announcements and pictures on this page.

The publisher regrets that he can't follow through with page 1 coverage for all candidates. However the added announcements will be found on page 2. Your attention is directed to the listings of the many good citizens who aspire to county office.