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Mar. 25	65	41		62	41	41
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H. C. Moretz Is WAMY Director

The board of directors of WAMY Community Action, Inc., March 26 elected H. C. Moretz Jr., of Boone executive director. Dr. Boone executive director, Dr. W. H. Plemmons as chairman of the board in January, presided as four vice-chairmen were nominated by the county board members and unanimously approved: Joe Hartley, Watauga; the Rev. Keith Tutterow, Avery; Hazen Ledford, Mitchell; and Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, Yancey.

Moretz had been interim director of WAMY since the resignation in September, 1967, of executive director Ernest Eppley, Dr. Tate, who was vice-chairman of the board since WAMY's inception in 1964, is medical director of Cannon Memorial Hospital, Banner Elk. The former chairman, Dr. W. H. Plemmons, had been chairman of the board since 1964 but said he could not serve another term because of his increasing responsibilities as president of Appalachian State University in Boone.

Prior to becoming acting director of WAMY, Moretz was Neighborhood Youth Corps project director for 15 months.

He taught in the public schools of Watauga and Yadkin counties 13 years and was managing director of the Elkin (N. C.) Business College three years. When he became NYC director in June, 1966, he was a business education teacher and part-time guidance counselor in West- (Continued on page nine)



Reins-Sturdivant personnel who took part in ground-breaking ceremonies are (from left) Barney Hampton, Dennis Henson, president and manager Richard E. Kelley, Carl Storie, Council Cooke and Howard Todd. (Weston photo)

Commodious New Mortuary Being Constructed Here

Reins-Sturdivant of Boone has begun construction of a brick and masonry mortuary on the Blowing Rock Road.

Richard E. Kelley, president and general manager, says the completion schedule is November. The funeral home has operated in a converted frame home at 401 East King St., Boone, for 33 years.

Its new facility is being built

on part of the old Farthing farm on U. S. 321-221 south. The three and one-half acre site will be fronted by a paved parking lot and the new structure, with 12,000 square feet of floor space, will feature a chapel with a cathedral ceiling.

There will be three reposing rooms, a display room, a business office and an arrangements office, a lounge, a storage room and a five-car garage. Kelley

said the firm has been planning the expansion for several years.

The interior will be wood-paneled and a private family area on a raised balcony will be provided.

Kelley's partner in the firm and secretary-treasurer is Council Cooke, vice-president is Mrs. Richard Kelley, Reins-Sturdivant has three licensed embalmers and four licensed funeral directors.

1,287 Plants Are Needed Jaycees Start Program Hospital Landscaping

Completion Of Project This Summer

The Boone Jaycees are launching a \$2,500 community landscaping and beautification project for the grounds of the Watauga County Hospital.

Planning began 8 months ago under the supervision of Mrs. Virginia Groce, hospital administrator, and Ted Pease, National Park Service landscaper who donated his work as a public service.

Completion of the job—which will require purchase of 287 nursery-grown shrubs and trees and more than 1,000 donated plants—is slated for mid-summer. Within two weeks Jaycee work crews will begin digging beds for the shrubbery.

According to project chairman Ranny Phillips, the Jaycees will provide \$1,500 of the total cost. "We felt that other civic clubs in town would want to participate and make this a community-wide project," Phillips said. "Members of the Jaycees will soon be visiting the other clubs to appeal for their financial support." A Boone store already has donated \$100.

One phase of the project calls for the grading and leveling of the hospital's front lawn. The elevated end of the grounds will be cut away so that approaching cars may be seen by visitors leaving the hospital grounds via the lower exit.

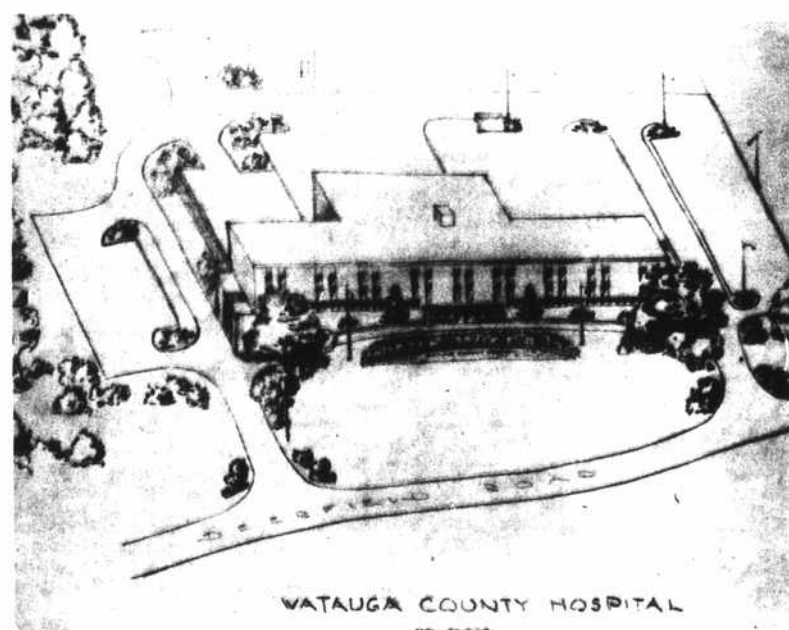
Another phase calls for a 150-foot long Elk Rock wall on which the name of the hospital will be fixed in white letters. Four feet high at the middle, the rock wall will taper to ground level at either end and is to be constructed against a contoured, Juniper covered mound in the back center of the lawn.

Architect Pease has completed a set of blueprints designating locations of each of the 287 shrubs. Planted shrubbery will be donated in the area at extreme left in the architect's rendering.

According to Pease, nine plant species were selected to blend in height, color and growth habit. "All the shrubs are sturdy varieties," he said. "We had to select greenery which would survive the winters in the northwest exposure of the hospital's front lawn. The ones we have selected will also require very little caretaking after the Jaycees plant them," he added.

George Ragan or Jaycee president John Austin will be happy to accept donations of trees and/or shrubs. And Phillips says the project will require more plants than can be purchased, so these also would be appreciated.

The plants to be purchased are 59 Hetzi Hollies, six Andromeda (or Floribunda), 87 Andora Junipers, 37 Pfitzer Junipers, 45 Carolina Rhododendron, 16 Mountain Laurel and 10 Buford's Hollies. Trees to be purchased include nine Dogwoods, two Sugar Maples and eight Mugo Pines.



WATAUGA COUNTY HOSPITAL

A reproduction of a blueprint by landscape architect Ted Pease outlines the beautification project to be implemented at Watauga County Hospital.

Survey Says Watauga Needs 33 Additional Class Rooms

A study just completed by the State Department of Public Instruction reveals 10,355 additional classrooms were needed by January of this year to adequately house the State's 1,200,000 children in the public schools and 11,878 more will be needed by 1978.

In Watauga County, the survey indicates, 204 classrooms were available last October. Eighteen more rooms were needed for excessive enrollments and replacements. Fifteen were needed to replace obsolete facilities, bringing the total local classroom shortage to 33.

The study is an extension of the annual Fall Survey conducted by the Department each Sep-

tember and includes present and future needs to provide for overcrowded conditions. To eliminate unsatisfactory facilities, to provide for growth and shifting student populations, and to begin a kindergarten program for five-year-old children. It was conducted by Dr. J. L. Pierce, director of the Division of School Planning, and the findings have been confirmed by superintendents in each of the present 160 county and city school systems of the State. The results of the study are being shared with the Governor's Study Commission on the Public School System of North Carolina.

In presenting the findings, State Superintendent Charles F.

Carroll said as of Last January, 5,483 classrooms, in addition to those now under construction, were needed to provide for excess enrollment and to replace unsatisfactory classrooms (trailers, mobile units, other temporary quarters, etc.); 4,872 were needed to provide for reorganizations and consolidations.

By 1978 an additional 5,932 classrooms will be needed to replace those that become obsolete; 5,946 will be needed to provide for increased and shifting student populations. When this 11,878 is added to the current needs, the total becomes 22,233 classrooms needed within 10 years.

Dr. Carroll also pointed out that a considerable number of additional classrooms will be needed when the State initiates a kindergarten program for five-year-old students. In projecting the facilities needed for this program, he said several factors and variables must be kept in mind. "The most important of these is the fact that the number of live births in North Carolina has declined steadily from a high of 116,274 in 1956 to 107,364 in 1963 (five years ago) and to 92,000 in 1967. "Assuming that (1) the number of live births will continue (Continued on page two)

Hayes Runs For Commissioner

Boone businessman Gwyn Hayes has announced his Republican candidacy for the Watauga County Board of Commissioners, subject to the May primary.

A native of Wilkes County, Hayes came to Boone 10 years ago and owns the Cardinal Motel and Restaurant.

He was educated at Wilkes County Schools. Before coming here, Hayes was employed as a farmer and rural mail carrier. He also owned and operated a grocery store.

A member of the Greenway Baptist Church, he is a former Sunday School superintendent, clerk and member of the building committee. He is a charter member of the Boone Chiverton Club, the Northwestern Development Association and past president of the Grandfather Mountain Motel Association. He is also second vice-president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce.

Hayes is married to the former Cleo Killey and they have two children, Mrs. Willa Gray Rhodes of North Wilkesboro and Garvey Hayes, who is serving in Vietnam.



GWYN HAYES



SCOTT HEADQUARTERS—The committee sponsoring the candidacy of Lieut. Governor Bob Scott for Governor opened headquarters in the Boone Art and Auction building on West King Street Saturday. Pictured at the opening are: Paul Tester, Stuart Tugman, Elmo Brinkley, J. C. Goodnight, Fred Mast, Howard Cottrell, Kenneth Anderson, Mrs. Rob Rivers, Mrs. Finis Wagner, Mrs. Fred Mast and James Stanley. In the foreground are Kurt Tugman, busy with a lollipop, and baby Christie Tugman. (Staff photo)

President Johnson Not To Seek New White House Term

President Johnson stunned the nation and the world Sunday night by announcing, "I shall not seek—and will not accept the nomination of my party for another term as your President."

Gardner Group Is Named Here

Howard Poindexter, campaign chairman for Republican gubernatorial candidate James Gardner, has announced additional precinct chairman for Watauga County.

Heading up the precinct campaigns are Mrs. Hooper Greene, Stony Fork; Ben L. Ward, Laurel Creek; David Bingham, Cove Creek; Burlie Cornett, Beaver Dam; David Ellison, North Fork; and J. B. Miller, Bald Mountain.

Noted Lawyer Will Visit ASU Tuesday

The student Government Association at Appalachian State University will sponsor F. Lee Bailey, prominent New Orleans lawyer, in a visit to campus Tuesday.

Bailey is renowned for his controversial investigation of

Johnson said he reached this conclusion because "with America's sons in the field far away, with America's future under challenge here at home, with our hopes—and the world's hopes—for peace in the balance every day, I do not believe that I should devote an hour of my time to any personal partisan causes or to any duties other than the awesome duties of this office."

This statement, and the warning against division in the country which preceded it, were not in the President's prepared text that was given out by the White House in advance of his broadcast. Officials had said, however, that there would be some addition to the prepared remarks.

His announcement came at the end of a nationally broadcast speech—and was not part of the text released in advance.

In the early part of the 40-minute talk he disclosed that he is halting nearly all air and sea action against North Vietnam in an effort to bring peace talks.

Johnson called this cessation of bombardments "the first step to de-escalate the conflict."

Here are Johnson's historic words: "With our hopes and the world's hopes for peace in the world in the balance every day, I do not believe that I should devote an hour or a day of my

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1,121 Acres Corn Land Diverted

According to the records of Program Clerk Albert Harmon, 413 farmers have signed to divert 1,121 acres of land from corn production to a soil conserving group.

These ASCS records also show that advance payments in excess of \$17,000 have been made to producers during the sign-up which ended March 15.

This year, farmers will measure their own diverted acreage, corn acreage, and certify these acreages to the ASCS office by June 30. The ASCS office will assist producers in computing acreages of fields which were delineated on county office photographs.

Two ASU Professors Are Given Research Grants

Two Appalachian State University professors have received a \$1,200 grant for three months' research in microbiology at N. C. State University. King's research on stor-

age and survival of bacteria will be applied toward his doctorate in microbiology. He was one of 32 applicants for the four summer fellowships offered by NCSU's department of biology.

Schools Of County To Observe Easter

Watauga County Schools will recess at the end of the school day, Thursday, April 11, for the Easter holidays. The schools will reopen Tuesday, the 16th.

Queen Mazingo To Be A Guest At Azalea Event

The North Carolina Apple Queen, Patricia Ann Mazingo, will be among the special guests this year at the North Carolina Azalea Festival at Wilmington on April 18-21.

Miss Mazingo is a 21-year-

old senior at Appalachian State University, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh L. Mazingo of Charlotte.

As a special guest of the Azalea Festival, she will participate in many of the activities during the four days.

In addition to her selection as Apple Queen, Miss Mazingo is the current "Carolinas' Photo Queen," and last year she was "Miss Watauga County" and Homecoming Queen at Appalachian State.

She is majoring in elementary education. Her interests include snow skiing, water skiing, tennis, swimming, sewing, and modeling. She plans to teach in elementary schools.

Broughton Is In City Tuesday

Hon. Melville Broughton, Democratic candidate for Governor, stopped in Boone Tuesday afternoon on a campaign bus tour in Wilkes, Watauga, Ashe and Alleghany Counties.

Mr. Broughton met with members of his local campaign committee and visited business places along the Street as time permitted.

Wednesday the Broughton bus will tour Caldwell, McDowell and Burke Counties.

Mr. J. D. Shoemaker is Mr. Broughton's Watauga County campaign manager.

Assn. For Retarded Meeting On April 9

The scheduled meeting of the North Carolina Association for Retarded Children to be held April 11 has been backdated to Tuesday, April 9.

The meeting will be held at the Edwin Duncan Home on the ASU campus at 7:30 p. m.

Easter Sunrise Service Is Set

The Rev. Fritz Hemphill of the Oak Grove Baptist Church will deliver the Easter message at the annual Watauga County Ministerial Association's Easter sunrise service.

Beginning at 6 a. m., the worship service will be held in Boone's First Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Donald L. Wilson, Three Forks Association's Missionary, will read the Scripture. The Rev. J. Boyce Brooks of the First Baptist Church will select the music for the occasion. The public is invited to attend this service.

Bulletin

Former Sheriff E. M. Hodges of Boone died in Watauga Hospital, following a long illness. At Democrat presstime Tuesday funeral details and other information was not available. This will be carried in our next edition.

City Gets Check From Cable TV

United Antenna Service of Boone has made its first payment to the city, for a mutual agreement for the franchise to operate cable television here. Cablevision agreed to pay the town either a percentage of their first year's profits or \$1,000, whichever was larger. The sum that has been turned over to the town is \$1,200. This money has been designated for the Parks and Recreation Commission for use in their programs.