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## Director Is Named WAMY Crafts Plan

Bill Stark, who calls himself "a native of the whole Appalachian region" became Director of crafts for WAMY Community Action, Inc. April 1.

Though Bill was born in Corbin, Ky., he has lived or worked in Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania, West Virginia and North Carolina.

Before coming to WAMY he was Community Development Supervisor for AAY Community Development, Inc. in Charleston, W. Va. In that position he did extensive work with the AAY Crafts Program.

Mr. Stark received his education at Berea College and the University of Pittsburgh. Before he entered the field of community action, he worked as a supermarket manager, quality control technician, and investment counselor. His primary interest in the Community Action Program is economic, "creation of financial opportunities for the underemployed and unemployed."



BILL STARK

## Union For State Workers Is Seen By ASU Official

"Within the next few years North Carolina will be faced with the labor union problem for its state employees," claims Lynn Holaday, director of personnel services at Appalachian State University.

The growing problem of labor unions for non-academic school personnel was the theme of the Southern Conference of College and University Personnel Association meeting which Holaday attended in Biloxi, Miss.

"We were presented all sides of the issue at the meeting," said Holaday. "Penn State University, for instance, has just signed a three-year agreement with the Teamsters Union, and Duke University is currently faced with an attempt by the AFL-CIO to organize the non-academic personnel on that campus."

"Of course," he continued, "it is against the law for a state employee to join a labor union in North Carolina; however, most representatives at the Biloxi conference thought that a good personnel program will not keep a union out, even though it may delay union organization."

## University Now Has Enrollment Of 5,486

Undergraduate enrollment fell by 163 but gains in the graduate, extension and Saturday class enrollments have increased Appalachian State University's total enrollment figure for the spring quarter to 5,486 this is 315 more than enrolled during the winter quarter.

The total enrollment figure for the spring quarter includes 3,228 women and 2,258 men. Out-of-state students number 611.



While petite Adrienne Moore takes a brief recess from her reading at Watauga County Library, the Boone Junior Woman's Club makes a gift to Charles Abel, director of the Appalachian Regional Library. Women (from left) are Mrs. Ann Campbell, Librarian Jo Ann Payne and Mrs. Dorothy Barker.

## Watauga Library Grows Despite Skimpy Income

Some of the shelves are warped, sagging with the weight of books entrusted to them. On the whole, this sector of the Watauga County Public Library is a drab place, likely to lure only the most steadfast devotees of reading.

This is the children's division, which contains a surpris-

ing 8,800 volumes, but after a gift was made Thursday by the Boone Junior Woman's Club, there'll be some changes made. Charles E. Abel, director of the Appalachian Regional Library, says the book cases need to be replaced and the wood floors carpeted to brighten the surroundings of young readers. Toward this end, the Junior Woman's Club Thursday gave \$150.

Back in January, the Boone Business and Professional Woman's Club gave a \$100 donation, which all adds up to big money.

### BIG JOB

Perhaps the most economically-run public facility in Watauga, the library subsists on an annual budget of \$5,400, Abel says it's been that way for

10 years.

"No one anywhere in the county would attempt to open this library on that sum," which accounts for two employees. The State supplies new books and several local citizens have given single volumes, a few books—or even whole collections, such as that of the late Dr. Roy Brown.

The library has 18,000 volumes catalogued and the number steadily grows. Church, civic and school groups last year requested and got 400 film strips from the Appalachian Regional Library and as library usage picks up, still another change may be made.

Abel hopes it will come in the form of a new building, explaining that the location in the courthouse annex provides limited parking space, a situation made even more hectic by the construction of the county courthouse next door. As executive advisor of the outlets in Ashe, Watauga and Wilkes counties (which comprise the Regional Library), Abel says Watauga's library "needs local support badly."

Tables, chairs, shelving and the like must be added through appropriation as the budget already is too little to adequately carry on the big job at hand. So on Monday the director met with the Board of County Commissioners to ask for an ap-

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## Fire Breaks Out In Fire Station

There was a fire in the fire station.

It happened April 17, when a Triplett's Garage pickup truck caught fire from an acetylene torch accidentally triggered while the safety plug was out. It was on the construction site of the Boone Fire Station.

Witnesses guessed that the blaze resulted from sparks dropping from the ironwork overhead. Workmen had just begun laying the metal sheeting and the fire-fighting began about 1:30.

One of the fire trucks was driven out of the present garage and parked in the street while volunteers unloaded the hose. Attempts to start the water pump at first failed and white smoke drifted through the steel beams as the truck's windshield began to weaken and crack out.

The fire was drowned less than 15 minutes after it began.

## Local Partisans To Attend Scott Rally

A number of Watauga County supporters are expected to go to Haw River Saturday for the Statewide Bob Scott Rally to be held at his Melville Farm at 5:30 p. m.

The gathering will feature a free barbecue and delegations from every county in the State are invited.

## Hardware Has New Section

Farmers Hardware & Supply Company opened its Depot Street Level with a two-day sale last week.

Manager Cecil Greene said the sale received excellent response. Dozens of valuable prizes were given during the event.

The new level, which is accessible by a new entrance, adds 1,500 square feet of merchandising space to the 7,500 square feet of stockroom space adjacent to the lower sales area. Since the first of the year, the corporation moved part of its stock into the former City Hall, a two-story brick structure directly behind the hardware store.

Farmers opened on Christmas Eve, 1924, in what was known as the Smithy's Department Store where Boone Taste-Freezes now is. It has been at 102 West King St. since 1932.

# Attack On Unsightliness Maze Of Utility Lines To Go Underground ASU

## Quarter Of Million Cost Vital Project

The maze of utility poles and electrical power lines which stretch across the Appalachian State University campus will disappear during the next few months, under the terms of a contract awarded this week to Bryant Electric Company of High Point.

All electrical service equipment is to be placed underground over the entire campus, including the poles and lines along Faculty Street and to Conrad Stadium.

The High Point firm gained the contract by submitting the low project bid of \$258,135.-89. Work is to commence immediately, and the project is to be completed within 150 days—prior to the start of the fall quarter in September.

The underground electrical system was designed by Southeastern Consulting Engineers, Inc., of Charlotte. The sum of \$300,000 was appropriated for the project by the 1967 General Assembly.

"This job, naturally, will require a lot of digging since conduit must be placed in concrete underground," said Ned Trivett, Director of Business Affairs at ASU.

"It will mean more barricades and torn up walkways and Streets. The end result, however, will be the elimination of the unsightly maze of power lines and poles," he added.

## Founder's Day Being Observed

Belk's Department Store of Boone this week commemorates its annual Founder's Day celebration with a sale starting Thursday and running through Saturday, May 4.

Belk's is announcing the big merchandising event with seven pages of advertising in this week's issue. Money saving values are being offered in all departments.

This is the 80th year of the nation's Belk's stores.

## Bob Scott To Be In Boone Today

Lieut. Governor Bob Scott will bring his candidacy to Watauga this (Wednesday) afternoon, meeting with interested citizens at the Scott headquarters on West King Street from 3 to 4:15 p. m.

Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

The Young Democrats Club will give a reception for the Democratic gubernatorial candidate from 4:15 to 5. University students, faculty and administrators will be welcome to the informal Scott gathering in the assembly area of W. H. Plemmons Student Center on campus.

## Eric Hoffer Will Speak At University

Longshoreman, author and social philosopher Eric Hoffer will be on the Appalachian State University campus Tuesday, May 7.

He will talk on "Leisure and the Masses" starting at 8 p. m. in I. G. Greer Hall.



PAT MOZINGO, student at Appalachian State University and North Carolina Apple Queen, as well as Carolinas Photo Queen, is shown in the gardens at Orton Plantation in Wilmington during the North Carolina Azalea Festival over the past weekend.—Photo courtesy of Hugh Morton.

## Gardner Tours Watauga; Attorney General Target

Touring Watauga, Avery and Buncombe counties last week, Republican gubernatorial candidate James Gardner lashed out at Attorney General Ramsey Clark.

Gardner's comments were directed at Clark's reference to

the riots after the assassination of Dr. King. Clark stated that he felt police and troops should be allowed to use their weapons only in defense of their lives, not to stop looters, arsonists or other offenders.

In interview, Congressman

Gardner said he had written a letter to Clark asking his resignation. He further stated that Clark seemed indifferent to the problems and that he is "playing politics, which is not his job."

He continued, "He has not made one mention of Rap Brown or Stokely Carmichael."

Gardner also charged that of the first 600 rioters arrested in Washington, D. C., more than 100 were employed by the Federal government. He said he will introduce legislation that if a Federal employee is arrested in connection with riots, he would immediately lose his job.

Gardner presently has before Congress a bill that would strictly limit employees of the Office of Economic Opportunity from participating in demonstrations of any sort. The bill has passed the House and is awaiting Senate action.

In addition to his comments on rioting, Gardner clarified doubts as to his position on the North Carolina Right to Work Law.

He emphasized his opposition to the Situs Picketing Bill, and introduced legislation to abolish a National Labor Relations Board and establish an impartial labor court.

He also stated that he has proposed that the next session of the legislature consider a bill to have union members vote by secret ballot to prevent possible intimidation by labor unions; and that he is opposed to bringing farm laborers under the jurisdiction of the National Labor Relations Board as this would not be in the best interests of the North Carolina farmer.

He concluded with the statement that he will remain strongly in favor of the North Carolina Right to Work Law.



GARDNER

## Bloodmobile Dates Given

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Boone on April 29 and 30 in order to catch up on the needed amount of blood to meet the quota for this region.

It will be stationed at the Greenway Baptist Church on Greenway Road Monday, April 29 from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m., accommodating the industries and local patrons who will be donating blood.

On Tuesday, April 30, it will be at the W. H. Plemmons Student Center on the university campus, from 11 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

Jerry Adams, blood program chairman, states that "150 pints each day is needed to meet our yearly quota," and urges all who can give blood to please do so on either of these days. "The need is great."

## Daylight Time Will Come Next Sunday

Daylight saving time arrives next Sunday but the usual crazy-quilt of unsynchronized clocks has all but disappeared.

The Act is the Uniform Time Act passed by Congress in 1966. Under the law, a state must go on daylight time unless its legislature specifically exempts it from the law.

Two states—Hawaii and Arizona—took this legal route. Last week, the Department of

Transportation, whose job it is to enforce the act, said it would not try to go to court to enforce the law in Indiana. In effect, it is allowing the state a one-year moratorium to work out its problem. So this summer Indiana will operate on Eastern Standard Time.

Indiana is a two-time zone state. Under the law, the state should operate on Eastern Daylight Time in one zone and Central Daylight in the other.

## United Fund To Get New Slate Officers

The annual United Fund meeting will be at noon Friday at the Gateway Restaurant.

Fund President Mark Hodges says the directors will elect officers and make guidelines for the next campaign. The session is expected to adjourn before 1 o'clock.

## Watauga YDC To Meet Monday

The YDC will meet at the temporary courthouse Monday, April 29, to hear representatives of Democratic candidates Melville Broughton and Bob Scott speak on the candidates views on major campaign issues.