

# Deaths



DR. EMMETT MCLARTY  
**Dr. McLarty**

Dr. Emmett Kenneth McLarty, Jr., 59, prominent Methodist minister and President of Brevard College 11 years, died unexpectedly Thursday morning at his home on the campus in Brevard.

Dr. McLarty, whose father was pastor of the Boone Methodist Church for several years, was well known in this vicinity and preached here Sunday, May 19 at the Methodist homecoming program.

He had held pastorates in a number of churches, the last one being First Methodist at Salisbury.

A memorial service was held Saturday at 4 p. m. in the Brevard Methodist Church by Rev. Brunson Wallace, the pastor and Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. The interment service was held Sunday at 2 p. m. in the family plot on the McLarty homestead at Monroe.

Survivors include his widow, the former Miss Margaret Harrell of Asheville; three daughters, Mrs. Ken Byrd and Miss Sallie McLarty, both of Raleigh, and Jean Ellen McLarty of the home; a brother, the Rev. James B. McLarty, pastor of the Weaverville Methodist Church; and a sister, Mrs. Carlton Willis of Elizabethtown.

Dr. McLarty had held a number of prominent positions in the Methodist Church. Recently he represented the Western North Carolina Methodist Conference in Dallas, Tex., at the quadrennial general conference of the United Methodist Church. Born Aug. 5, 1908, in Asheville, he was the son of the Rev. E. K. McLarty Sr., and Mary Brown McLarty. He graduated from high school in High Point and obtained his bachelor's and divinity degrees at Duke. He was a member of the varsity swimming and track teams there and also sang with the glee club, served as president of the campus YMCA and held other campus and fraternity posts.

## B. H. Watson

Benjamin H. Watson, 79, of Boone, died Wednesday of last week at Knoolwood Hall Rest Home in Winston-Salem after an extended illness.

He was born in Watauga County to Alfred and Martha Greene Watson. He was a retired school teacher and postal clerk, and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Boone.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Tom R. Grayson of Winston-Salem and Mrs. George Martin of Butler, Pa.; a son,

Brainard H. Watson of North Wilkesboro; two sisters, Mrs. F. L. Wilcox of Deep Gap and Mrs. Maggie Carlton of Boone; two brothers, W. A. Watson and Amos Watson, both of Deep Gap; and seven grandchildren.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with the Rev. J. Boyce Brooks officiating. Burial was in the Boone City Cemetery.

## Black Bear Inn Operator Dies

West Jefferson—Fred G. Ray, 83, of West Jefferson, operator of the Black Bear Inn of Baldwin for many years died at 11:30 a. m. Sunday at the home of a son, Ward Ray, in West Jefferson.

The funeral was held at 2 p. m. Tuesday at Bethany Methodist Church. Burial was in the church cemetery.

He was born in Ashe County to Jesse Eugene and Blanche Hardin Ray. He had operated a grocery store since he was 19 years old.

Ray and his wife operated Black Bear Inn, one of the best-known eating places in the Blue Ridge Mountains, for many years. When Mrs. Ray died in 1960, the inn closed. He was a member of Bethany Methodist Church.

Surviving are his son; and a sister, Mrs. Gladys Tucker of West Jefferson.

## Mrs. Sarah Watson

Mrs. Sarah Walker Watson, 74, of Route 1, Deep Gap, died Thursday in Watauga Hospital.

Funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Mt. Paran Baptist Church with the Rev. Sherrill Wellborn, the Rev. Roscoe Greene and the Rev. Raymond Hendrix officiating.

Survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Kermit Eller of Lenoir; a son, Clarence Watson of Hudson; and two sisters, Mrs. Ed Anderson and Mrs. W. F. Sumnerlin, both of Lenoir.



MRS. MARGARET COUNCILL of Boone, Governor Moore's sister, receives her certificate for the successful completion of the Department of Motor Vehicles' Defensive Driving Course. Mrs. Council completed the eight-hour course in early May and received her certificate from George Flowers, voluntary co-ordinator of the program in Watauga County. Looking on is C. G. Billings, DMV's driver education representative for the area. The course was devised by the National Safety Council to help licensed and experienced drivers recognize and avoid potentially dangerous driving situations. During 1967, more than 16,000 Tar Heels from all 100 counties successfully completed the course offered without cost by the Department of Motor Vehicles.



HERE ARE NINE of eleven graduating seniors who have been awarded special scholarships for college and university studies. Several of these young people were dual winners in Fridays special awards program at Watauga High. From left to right are: Donna Kay Teague, Gilbert B. Goodman, Martha Mays Young, Martha Kay Moretz, Cathy Isley, Sandra Cook, Patricia Shope, Patricia Welch and Patricia Roten.

# Library Ground Breaking Ceremony At Banner Elk

Ground breaking ceremonies were held last week for the new modern library to be constructed on the campus of Lees-McRae College at Banner Elk. The building was designed by Holland and Riviere Architects of Shelby, North Carolina. The general contract was awarded to W. E. Dale of Morganton for the low bid of approximately \$600,000. The facility is to be constructed to hold approximately 63,000 volumes with space provided to expand the capacity to 100,000 volumes. Completion date is set for August 1969 to be ready for use for the fall term of 1969-70.

The college's need for the new library facility is great. The present Stirling Library was finished in 1955 to accommodate a student body of 280. Richard Jackson, Head Librarian, stated, "Our storage, filing, and stack space is more than inadequate. Most academic

libraries double in size every 13 to 16 years. In order to save space and keep pace with academic standards, we have purchased microfilm. We probably rank first in microfilm holdings in Junior Colleges in the state. But this does not alleviate the space problem. We rank second in the state in holdings (number of volumes). These holdings must be housed and space must be made available to students to use these volumes." "Our stack space is inadequate. In the next twenty-five years we will approach 100,000 volumes. We now are filled to an overflow capacity with 25,000 volumes.

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