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

# WATAUGA DEMOCRAT

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BOONE WEATHER							
	HI	LO	Snow Prec.	'67 HI	'67 LO	'67 HI	
July 9	72	55				77	57
July 10	68	60	.26			72	56
July 11	75	55	.11			75	65
July 12	70	63	.09			80	65
July 13	73	57	1.61			78	63
July 14	80	60	.03			85	55
July 15	83	60				71	51

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**SCENE AT FATAL CRASH**—The fatal collision occurred last week on 105 South near the New Grandfather Country Club and Golf Course, so Hugh Morton was there quickly with his camera. This is one of the several shots he made of the scene of the tragedy.

## Mormon Missionaries Two Are Killed As Cars Collide On 105 South

### Two Others Are Hospitalized; Critically Hurt

Two were killed and two others critically injured last Thursday in a two-car collision on rain-slick 105, two miles this side of Linville in Avery County.

The dead were two young missionaries, identified as Val Gene Hendrix, 19, of 311 Blaine Avenue, Filmore, Calif., and Darrel V. Edwards, 19, of Route 1, Hopper, Utah. They were identified by Arthur Anderson, president of the Atlantic States Mission, as elders and missionaries for the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints.

They were driving an automobile registered in the name of their church and Anderson said they were working in the mission field at the time of the accident.

Paul Sluder, 27, and Nancy Sluder, 19, of Newland, Route 2, were injured. They were listed in critical condition at Cannon Memorial Hospital in Banner Elk.

Highway Patrolman Edward Burris is quoted as saying the car driven by Hendrix apparently went out of control, skidded across the highway and collided with the Sluder car, which was traveling in the opposite direction.

Both cars were said to be a total loss, Burris was continuing the investigation.

## Old-Time Music Show To Become Annual Affair

When the last string was plucked and the last word sung, the judges began deliberating which of the 15 groups would take away the \$100 first prize.

About 650 persons were in the Watauga High School gymnasium Saturday night for the Boone Jaycees first stab at an

old-time music show. Proceeds are to aid their broad-scale hospital beautification program.

Finally the judging panel of Bob White, Dr. Cratis Williams and Sgt. Stan Little turned in results which placed Larry Campbell and the Country Play-boys in the top slot and named

the Linville River Boys as winner of the second prize, \$35.

Jaycee Jim Hastings said an interesting group were the Wilson Brothers, two boys 14 or younger who were assisted by their sister, age 11, who played the bass fiddle. The judges picked them for the \$15 third prize.

Hastings said the Jaycees tried to repay radio announcer Grady Cole for his services as master of ceremonies by presenting him a ham, "but he turned around and raffled it off . . . He did a wonderful job of emceeing and attracted as many people as the Fiddlers Convention did."

Because of time limitations, the Jaycees had to turn away three or four groups who came that night to enter, but because of the public's acceptance of this initial event, "We think we've hit on something here."

The Fiddlers Convention is expected to be held annually and there is talk of a similar project for the coming fall. Several door prizes were given away during the evening.



ROBERT BINGHAM

## Horn Admission Figure Stands At 6,847 Total

Paid admissions at Horn in the West outdoor drama climbed to 6,847 through Sunday night, although late-afternoon rains cut the crowds several nights last week.

For 14 performances through Sunday, the per show average has been 489 paid. The 6,847 total represents a 27 per cent increase over the first 14 dates of 1967 when only 5,286 attended—an average of 378 per night.

A total of 4,103 witnessed the drama's first seven performances, while 2,744 saw the next seven shows.

## Robt. Bingham Seeks To Head Carolina YDC

Robert Bingham of Boone today announced his candidacy for the presidency of the North Carolina Young Democrats Club.

A veteran campaigner, Bingham gained the respect of party regulars in 1966 when at age 27 he was the State's youngest Democratic Congressional nominee in 100 years. In 1966, he ran for the United States Congress in the Ninth District.

In the same year, he was chosen by the Young Democrats Clubs of North Carolina as one of the 10 outstanding young Democrats in the State.

Presently director of real estate sales at Grandfather Golf and Country Club, Linville, (Continued on page eight)

## Rescue Squad Has Opening

The Watauga County Rescue Squad is accepting applications for five positions on its volunteer force.

From Sunday, July 7, to Sunday, July 14, the Squad put in a total of 193 man hours of work in service to the public. Involved were a dragging at Lake James, a search for a missing man in Deep Gap, standby and active duty at the annual Watauga Horse Show and working traffic for the Jaycees at the Fiddlers Convention.

Application blanks are available from any member of the Squad.

## No New Alma Mater For Appalachian U.

Appalachian State University will not have a new Alma Mater after all.

For the past five months, a committee appointed to choose a new song for the Boone institution has been studying many entries.

However, according to committee chairman Dr. Nicholas Erneston, the general quality of the entries was disappointing. It has been decided, therefore, to keep the current Alma Mater with the exception that the phrase "Teachers College"

in the first verse and the chorus will be changed to "Alma Mater, Appalachian."

The committee, consisting of two students and five faculty members, also has recommended that the university's fight song, entitled "Hail to the Brave Hearts," be revived and become the official school fight song.

"We are now in the process of restoring this fight song for band use," Dr. Erneston stated. This song was composed by two Appalachian alumni, Zeb Dickson and Paul Mahoney.



DR. JERRY WEST

## Jerry L. West Gets His Ph.D.

Jerry L. West, son of Mrs. Rex West of North Wilkesboro and the late Rev. West has received the doctor of philosophy degree from N. C. State University in Raleigh.

An assistant professor at Western Carolina University at Cullowhee, Dr. West was awarded the Ph. D. on completion of studies in the biology department. He completed the B.S. degree at Appalachian State Teachers College in 1962 and the M.S. at N. C. State in 1965.

While pursuing his studies, he was recognized in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.



DR. PAUL SANDERS

## Dr. Paul Sanders Named Provost At Appalachian

Dr. Paul Sanders, who has served as Dean of Academic Affairs at Appalachian State University for three years, has been given the title of Provost by the institution's Board of Trustees.

The title, now widely used for the administrative officer to whom direction of the instructional program is delegated, has never before been evidenced at Appalachian.

Dr. Sanders, who joined the ASU faculty as professor of mathematics in 1962, is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State College. He earned his (Continued on page eight)

## WAMY Area Given Grant For Bus Plan

Watauga, Avery, Mitchell and Yancey counties have received a federal grant of \$6,793 for a three-month community transportation program.

The announcement is made this week by Leveo V. Sanchez, Director of the middle Atlantic region of the Office of Economic Opportunity.

The applicant agency is WAMY, and the local share of the grant is \$1,461.

This grant will enable WAMY to establish a co-operative to deal with the acute problem of transportation in the four-county area, Sanchez commented. The component specifically funds the downpayment and first two months' rates of three buses while the co-operative is trained to become operational.

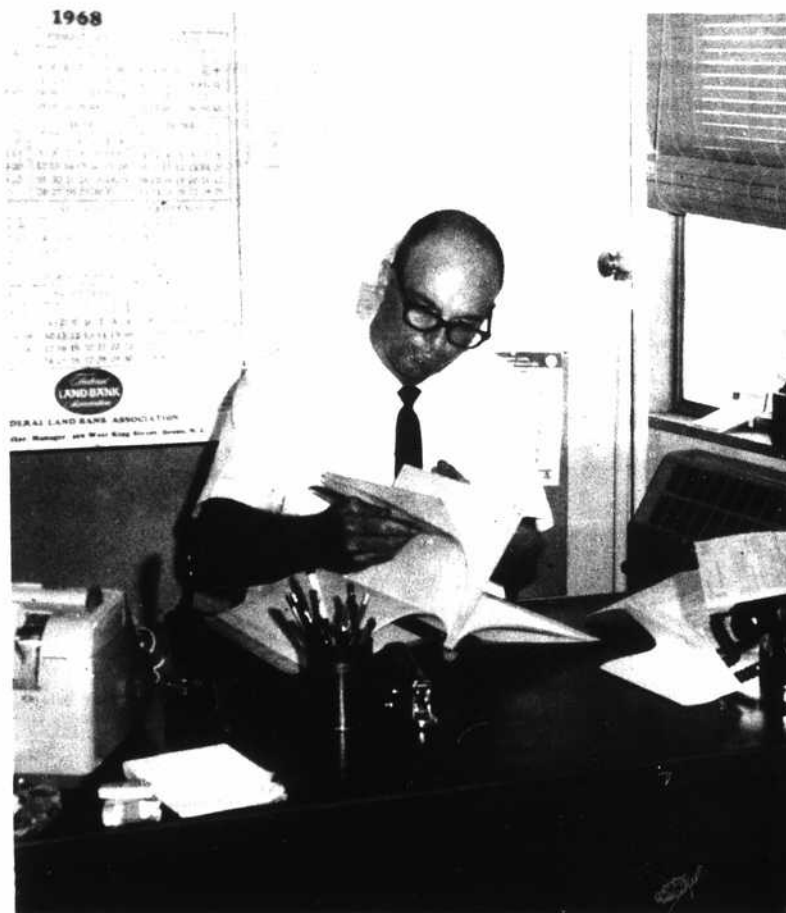
It also funds a co-ordinator for the project and maintenance costs for three months, he said.

## Public Welfare Office Gives Data For June

The Watauga County Public Welfare Office reports the following figures for June, 1968:

Total obligations incurred for Public Assistance recipients, including medicine and hospitalization were \$13,301 for Old Age Assistance, \$13,017.60 for Aid to Families with Dependent Children and \$8,100 for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled.

Total expenditures for medical vendor payments were \$224,25 for Medical Assistance for the Aged, \$2,009.83 for Aid



**CLERK AND JUDGE IN ONE**—As Clerk of Court and Juvenile Judge for Watauga County, Orville H. Foster is a man of records. There are the court dockets, transferring of thousands of papers, the day to day business of dealing with lawyers and the public. And there is the Juvenile Court which will be lifted from Foster's jurisdiction and put in the hands of the new District Court System the first Monday in December. In his six years in office, Foster says he has had to deal with an average of 15 juvenile offenders annually. But the serious offenses, he observes, have been few. And only a couple of youngsters have been committed to training school in the last several months. Charges usually are breaking and entering, petty theft and truancy, the last being a popular favorite among the youngsters. And then there is the uncontrollable child with whom the parent turns to the Court for discipline. "It's always amusing," Foster says, "to see a 200-pound man bring in a little nine-year-old boy and ask me to do something." The charge is ungovernable behavior and comes about much more frequently than one would suspect. In some families, there seems to be a thread of delinquency, with brothers and sisters winding up in juvenile court as soon as they are old enough. But asked about any at-home difficulties, the children's parents usually deny that any unfavorable situations exist. However, training school, when it is required, is not a "prison" for youths but a center in which education is continued and skills are taught in a well-rounded program. Foster's wife, Phyllis, who is his assistant, mirrors the way that befalls the man who has to make the decisions. "Some of them—you just want to take home, to see if you can help them." The Juvenile Court often finds that probation is the most reasonable penalty and Watauga County Welfare Director Dave Mast acts as probation officer for the youngsters. (Staff photo)

## Dr. Plemmons Named To Advisory Group AASCU

Dr. W. H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State University, has been named to the



DR. PLEMMONS

advisory committee of the new Consulting Service of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities.

The service, directed by John R. Emens, president of Ball State University, recently commenced operation, offering experts to advise and counsel member institutions on a wide range of situations such as administrative organization, reorganization from college to university, move from baccalaureate to graduate programs, long range planning, student and faculty affairs, closed circuit television and data processing.

In addition to Dr. Plemmons, a past president of the AASCU, others on the advisory committee

are Glenn Kendall, president emeritus of Chico State College; John E. King, professor of higher education at Southern Illinois University; and Herbert D. Welte, president of Central Connecticut State College.

## Campus Traffic Nearing Normal As Wires Buried

Pedestrian and vehicular traffic across the Appalachian campus will return to normal by the end of this week as a current project to place all electrical power lines underground draws to a close.

"The final phase of the project was begun this week," said ASU Director of Business Affairs Ned Trivett. "Several streets and walkways have been blocked due to the nature of the job, but we expect to have most passageways reopened this week."

The \$258,000 project being conducted by Bryant Electric Company of High Point is eliminating the maze of utility poles and electrical lines stretching across the campus.

## Pet Show To Be Held Thursday

The Boone Parks and Recreation Commission will sponsor a children's pet show at 3 Thursday afternoon at the Boone Playground.

All children with pets are asked to apply with Tony Adams, playground supervisor, anytime this week. Prizes and ribbons will be awarded to all.

The playground is adjacent to the Daniel Boone Native Gardens with access from the Blowing Rock Road, Boone.

to Families with Dependent Children and \$887.71 for Aid to the Permanently and Totally Disabled.

Forty dollars was spent for General Assistance.

One hundred and sixty-one special services were given to the 306 children in AFDC families.

There were 196 service cases carried by caseworkers during the month, cases receiving services only.

Three hundred thirty-nine households, 1,280 persons, received Surplus Commodities.