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| 1968 | Hi | Lo | Snow Prec. |
| Aug. 27 | 70 | 48 | .97 |
| Aug. 28 | 71 | 40 | .67 |
| Aug. 29 | 73 | 38 | .74 |
| Aug. 30 | 72 | 39 | .75 |
| Aug. 31 | 71 | 45 | .87 |
| Sept. 1 | 62 | 54 | .56 |
| Sept. 2 | 73 | 46 | .37 |



After his speech, Charles Hartley of Statesville (at podium) talks with one of the 168 who attended the Wallace for President rally. The crowd gathers at the front of the auditorium to buy campaign materials. (Staff photo)

Campaign Of Wallace Is Brought To Boone

BY RACHEL RIVERS

Can a former truck driver who married a former clerk in a dime store and whose father was a plain dirt farmer be elected President of the United States?

The 168 people who turned out for Saturday night's George C. Wallace rally and organiza-

tional meeting seemed to think so. And when the Wallace Girls from State headquarters passed the hat, the crowd in the Watauga High School auditorium chucked in nearly \$700 to prove it. Furthering the third party campaign in mountainous North Carolina was Charles Hartley, Statesville businessman and

chairman of the Iredell County Wallace movement, who was introduced by John Coe, master of ceremonies.

The rally was late getting started because of sales conducted at the front of the auditorium. Brought by the dozens were red, white and blue neckties bearing the candidate's name; pamphlets and 8-by-10 glossies of Wallace; and placards, bumper stickers and campaign hats.

After the speech and collection of funds, even more Wallace materials were sold and some two dozen volunteer cards were to be turned in for the local campaign. The Wallace rally was Watauga County's first strictly-national event since a courthouse convention of Hoover Democrats back in 1928.

Hotel, Ski Slope, Chair Lift Are Parts Of Project

A \$5 million dollar construction and development project which is designed to attract conventions and tourists to Boone is underway high atop Howard's Knob.

This brainchild of Herman W. Wilcox and Jack Norris has been in the making over a year and definite plans have been made to make the idea a reality.

Howard's Knob, Inc., is the name of the corporation undertaking the development of the area which will boast a hotel capable of accommodating around 300 lodgers and a convention hall. Other attractions for the development are a lake and ski slopes.

A chair lift which may extend two miles, according to Wilcox, will begin near the temporary courthouse and go to the top of the mountain. The lift is calculated to be the largest in this area.

Wilcox said that the State Highway Department has been paid "sufficient funds" to complete construction of a paved road to the top of the mountain. He said that the road should be finished in three or four days.

Lots for home sites have been marked off and Wilcox commented that some of these lots are already being purchased. He added that the fact that lots are being sold indicates the confidence the corporation has in its development project.

CONVENTIONS

The construction of a hotel, slated to begin in the spring, should help attract conventions to the Boone area, according to Wilcox. He said that many conventions are turned away from Boone every year because of the lack of accommodations.

"We could easily be a convention center if we had the housing facilities," he said. "We cannot take care of a convention of over two or three hundred," he added. He went on to say that many conventions had chosen Asheville for a convention simply because the Buncombe County city could provide the housing.

Land is being reserved for commercial enterprise, too, although Wilcox said that plans are not yet complete about commercial projects. He mentioned that establishments on the mountain would most likely exist only to supply the people of the development area and should not compete with firms in Boone. He said that these businesses could not hurt Boone trade because of the increased trade the total development project would bring.

Food facilities will be provided in the development area and the project will have its own water system separate from that of Boone, Wilcox said that the system has been approved by the state Board of Health which has been working with the project in the installation of the system. Water will be pumped from pure mountain streams into a huge storage system. A central sewage disposal system is also on the drawing board.

Wilcox said that the middle class family had been kept very much in mind in the planning of this development. He said that there was no place in the area to give the middle class family a summer home at a price it could afford.

"People will be able to buy a lot for around \$1,500," Wilcox said. "The development will also be nice enough for the upper class family to buy a lot and build a home."

According to Wilcox, the project (continued on page two)

High Peak Overlooks Boone

\$5 Million Howard's Knob Development Underway



These women comprise the first licensed practical nurse class to be trained using Watauga County Hospital as a clinical resource for the Caldwell Technical Institute. To graduate Friday are (l-r, seated) Miss Carolyn McQueen, Mrs. Carolyn

Brookshire and Mrs. Elizabeth Stout, Standing (l-r) are Mrs. Doris Brooks, Miss Carole Holder, Miss Jean Wilson, Mrs. Shirley Fox, Mrs. Betty Danner, Mrs. Janice Adams and Mrs. Grace Wilson. (Staff photo)

Licensed Practical Nurses

The 10 LPNs to graduate from Caldwell Technical Institute Friday will be employed at the Watauga County Hospital.

Hospital Administrator Virginia Groce says this initial practical nursing program at the hospital is forerunner to a second one now being formed.

The way it works is that

Watauga Hospital is a clinical resource for Caldwell Tech's curriculum, which is conducted under the State Board of Education's Vocational and Technical Division.

The first quarter's study was at Caldwell Tech. During the second quarter, the students were at Watauga Hospital for

on-the-job training three days a week. Of the original class of 12, only one dropped out and a second transferred to another class.

"We are extremely proud of the class and of the part the hospital has played in organizing it," said Mrs. Groce. Mrs. Paul E. Branch, who is an

RN, was salaried by the institute to supervise the students' training here.

Mrs. Groce says the class represents additional employment opportunities for local people, will help reduce the shortage of nurses and someday may lead to the establishment of a local school of nursing.

Humphrey, Muskie Get Nod

Vice-President Hubert Humphrey easily won a first-ballot nomination for President in the Democratic convention in Chicago last week, garnering 1,760 1/4 as against 601 for his chief opponent Senator Eugene McCarthy. Senator George McGovern received 146 1/2 votes.

Humphrey's choice for the Vice-Presidential nomination was Senator Edmund S. Muskie of Maine.

The bitterly divided convention was marked by protests against the strong-arm tactics of Chicago's Mayor Daley in containing street demonstrators besieging the convention headquarters hotel.

COMMUNISTS

Hartley opened his talk by reading a letter sent home by a Vietnam soldier and leading each statement with "My God, how can it be?":

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Blowing Rock Ski Lodge Is Sold For \$160,000

The Blowing Rock Ski Lodge was sold at auction Friday when the only bid was accepted from four North Carolina businessmen who offered \$160,000.

The four were directors of the lodge and were responsible when The Northwestern Bank called for the note on the lodge. The men are Grady Moretz Jr. of Boone, Earl B. Searcy of Valdese, L. H. Smith of Blowing Rock and Herbert Reynolds of Winston-Salem. Reynolds is an owner of Seven Devils.

Moretz said that the bid would not be final until 10 days from the bidding (or until Monday). He said that if another bid is

received, the auction would remain open another 10 days.

He said that the lodge would operate this winter but "definitely than it has been." The lodge was the first ski operation to open in this area starting in 1961. Moretz said he felt that it pioneered skiing here.

He added that the lodge had made a profit every year it had been in operation and said that last year was the most successful season.

Moretz said that the lodge would not be operated as a country club or nor would it combine with any area club this

year. There had been some speculation about this and Moretz said that he himself had looked into the possibility of this type arrangement.

Kenneth Clawson Is College Dean

Dr. Kenneth Clawson, BS '60 MA '61, has accepted the new position of Dean of the Richmond Community College within Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, Kentucky.

In his capacity as dean Dr. Clawson will be responsible for the development, coordination, and promotion of the community college program within the university. He will also hold the rank of professor in the School of Education, where he will assist in the development of a graduate program for the preparation of junior college teachers and teach courses in higher education.

Dr. Clawson, who earned his doctorate in higher education at the Florida State University, was a teacher and dean at Lake City Junior College, Lake City, Florida, before moving to Florida Junior College at Jacksonville.

While he was an undergraduate at Appalachian, Dr. Clawson was active in student government and an honor graduate. He was a graduate teaching assistant in biology while working toward the M.A. in biology and junior college teaching.

At Eastern Kentucky University Dr. Clawson will join Dr. Elmo Moretz, another native of Watauga County and graduate of Appalachian, who is Dean of the Graduate School there.

Land To Be Bought For Fire Department

The Mountaineer Ruritan Club has pledged to purchase a tract of land on which to locate the proposed Cove Creek Volunteer Fire Department, according to

Jerry Adams one of the leaders in the drive. Location of property has been one of the chief problems in the department's establishment.

Adams said that three sites were under consideration but nothing has yet been decided about which one to secure. He also added that the organizing committee is still investigating sources of equipment.

The drive to provide fire protection for the Cove Creek area was started after several homes and one large business were burned out.

Discussion about a department has been going on for over a year but only after the recent rash of fires did the citizens take definite action.

Adams has previously stated that some 500 homes and 18 businesses would receive protection after the department is established.

Community response to the drive has been termed "good" and the next organizational meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 16.

Dr. Evans Will Speak At C. T. Graduation

Dr. Hawthorne C. Evans Jr., president of Lees-McRae Junior College, will deliver the commencement address at the Caldwell Technical Institute graduation ceremonies Friday night at the Institute.

Dr. Evans has previously been on the psychology and education faculty of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., where he served as chairman of that department and was also director of teacher education. He has also taught in the Morristown (Tenn.) school system.

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Priority Formula For Paving New Streets Told By Mayor

Mayor Clyde Greene announces this week that the city has adopted a priority formula for the paving of new streets.

While a major street-improvement program is going on in Boone—and resurfacing streets and paving several gravel streets is planned—the

formula is to help expedite matters by taking into account such factors as: The number of houses served by the street, the time passed since original construction and the amount of traffic flow.

A survey to determine the relative priorities already has

been started.

The Mayor said he and the councilmen feel the formula is the beginning of an orderly street program which will upgrade and expand Boone's present streets into top quality street system.

"For too long, Boone's street

improvements have been a matter of whim, emergency, accident or political favoritism," Mayor Greene said. "Now our town can move ahead, with all our citizens able to know exactly

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Vermont American To Have \$224,000 Expansion

An expansion program costing \$104,000 in construction expenses and \$120,000 in new equipment is slated to begin Monday at the Vermont American Plant according to Jack Cronland, division manager.

"We're expanding to relieve the congestion," Cronland said.

The addition to the plant located on State Farm Road will be 12,000 square feet. The contractor for the job is Howard Construction Company of Lincoln, Tenn. The project is scheduled for completion in Nov.

Broyhill To Be Speaker At Rally

Congressman James T. Broyhill heads a list of Republican national and state officials who will be on hand Saturday as Watauga County Republicans open the 1968 campaign.

be Robert Somers, who is a candidate for the U.S. Senate, and Don Garren, GOP candidate for Lt. Governor. Watauga candidates also will be present.

The action is all a part of the party's campaign kick-off day and the picnic follows an all-day open house at the new Republican headquarters next to the post office in Boone.

Republican chairman Cecil Miller said earlier that each family attending the picnic is asked to bring a covered dish. Free cold drinks and coffee will be provided.

BEST TOURIST TIME

The best tourist months are still ahead. See page 1, Section B.



REV. REGINALD SMITH

Rev. Mr. Smith New University W. F. Minister

The Rev. Reginald L. Smith Jr. assumed his duties this week as the new campus minister of the Wesley Foundation at Appalachian State University. Mr. Smith received his A.B. degree from Southern Methodist University and the B.D. degree from Emory University where he specialized in communications and theology.

During the past year he has served as Minister to Youth for the Peachtree Road Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga. (continued on page two)