



On display in the library of Watauga High School is a valuable rock collection donated to the school by M.F. Combs. Standing with Mr. Combs at right is Paul Miller, president of the student body. (Staff Photo)

Rock Collection Given WHS

A rock collection worth several hundred dollars was donated to Watauga High School last week by Mr. M.F. Combs of Pasco, Wash., near Seattle. Combs was an instructor at the Appalachian Training School in 1908-09 and 1909-10, during which time he was a colleague of the late Dr. I.G. Greer. His principal subject was mathematics, he said, and he left Watauga County in 1910. He and Mrs. Combs came back three weeks ago—the first time since 1942—and were honored at a dinner given by friends and relatives at the Arthur

Banner home place. All pieces in the collection, which included petrified wood as well as rock, were hand-polished. Combs said he collected them from Brazil, Peru, Washington, Africa, Colorado, Montana and several other states.

There are 32 pieces, one of which came from Brazil and cost its past-owner \$125. One piece came from a petrified stump 28 feet across and more than two million years old, Combs pointed out.

The collection was to be labeled before Combs headed for Washington Monday. He said he intends the collection to be a starting point from which other collectors will make donations. Among his many relatives here are great-nieces who are students of Watauga High.

"I don't care about myself," Combs said, "I just want to leave an idea here, hoping it will grow." Student Body President Paul Miller accepted the gift on behalf of the school. Combs' sister is Mrs. Maggie Presnell, 86.

WINS BET BUT FINED
Wildwood, N.J.—Robert H. Cropp won a dollar bet, but was fined \$100 for trespassing. The 22-year-old busboy had bet his friend he could climb a 200-foot television tower—which he did—but police were attracted by the large crowd and were there to make the arrest.

THE GARBAGE PROBLEM
New York—Study is underway at the University of Rhode Island to determine the feasibility of burning garbage in incinerator ships and dumping the ashes into the ocean. They wish to find out what effect incinerated residue would have on marine life and if it could pollute the ocean.

75 Schools And Colleges Represented At WHS Meeting

More than 75 schools and colleges were represented at Watauga High School's third annual School and College Night Monday. From North Carolina colleges, 48 representatives came to give information to juniors and seniors about college programs and requirements. These ranged in size and distance traveled from Elizabeth City State College to the local Appalachian State University. Out-of-state colleges included Berea College, Ky., Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn.; East Tennessee State University; Virginia Intermont College; and Bryan College from Tennessee. Among the visitors on Monday night were representatives from the Armed Forces, three technical institutes, five business colleges, eight schools of nursing, five beauty colleges and the Carolina School of Broadcasting which was represented by Ron Hester of WATA, Boone.

Universities represented here were Agriculture and Technical, Appalachian State, East Carolina, East Tennessee State, N.C. State, UNC's Chapel Hill, Charlotte and Greensboro divisions, Wake Forest, Western Carolina and Duke. Colleges were Asheville-Biltmore, Atlantic Christian, Barber-Scotia, Bennett, Berea, Brevard, Bryan, Campbell, Catawba, Chowan, Davidson, Fayetteville State, Gardner-Webb, Gaston, Greensboro, Guilford, High Point, Kittrell, Lenoir Rhyne, Lees-McRae, Mars Hill, Meredith, Methodist, Mitchell, North Carolina Pembroke State, Pfeiffer, Saint Andrews Presbyterian, Saint Augustine's, Virginia Intermont, Wingate, Winston-Salem State and Elizabeth City State College. Three community colleges, Wilkes, Western Piedmont and Isothermal were represented. Vocational, medical and military groups numbered 26.

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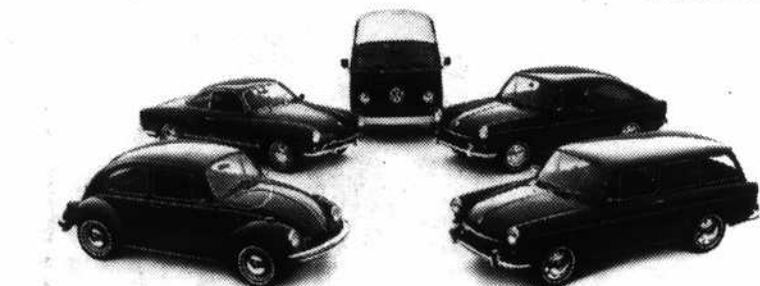
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TED ABERNATHY HITS CAMPAIGN TRAIL—Abernathy (left) star relief pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds has joined the campaign team of Congressman Basil L. Whitener. The 6'4" major leaguer and the 6'4" Congressman will be companions as they travel over the 10th Congressional District. "I am pleased to join my lifetime friend, Congressman Whitener, in this contest which is of such importance to my native area," Abernathy stated. "It is not just a game or sport that I am now engaged in; it is a serious decision for the people. I believe Congressman Whitener is the man who should represent our District in Congress. So I have enlisted in the army of Whitener supporters." Abernathy is a native of Gaston County.

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