



Gwyn Hayes signed the oath of office to fill out the three-man Board of Alderman at the Thursday night meeting in City Hall. Hayes succeeds the late Fred Gragg and will serve Mr. Gragg's unexpired term to the June, 1969, city election. Originally from North Wilkesboro, Hayes has been active in the Republican party for sometime. In Boone, he has been a moteler for 10 years, is a charter member and president-elect of the Boone Civitan Club, is president of the Boone Chamber of Commerce and is former president of the Grandfather Mountain Motel Association. He and Mrs. Hayes attend the Greenway Baptist Church and he has served several church offices. Their children are Garvey Hayes of Boone and Mrs. Willa Gray Rhoades of North Wilkesboro and they have one granddaughter. Hayes said he is pleased to accept the appointment as it is yet another opportunity to contribute to the progress of the community. As Hayes signs the oath, Mayor Clyde Greene (center) and Dr. Hadley Wilson look on. Dr. Wilson was named Mayor Pro-Tem of the Aldermen. The third member of the board, Dr. James Graham, was unable to attend because of illness. (Staff photo)

Braswell Is Named Chief Judge

New District Court System Goes In Effect Next Monday

2 Magistrates Are Nominated By Clerk Foster

Watauga County Monday will begin handling its local civil and criminal trials under the new District Court System, which is the State Legislature's 10-year campaign to standardize and upgrade the State's lower courts.

Voters in the 24th District (Watauga, Avery, Mitchell, Madison and Yancey counties) elected Republican attorneys J.E. Holshouser Sr. of Watauga and Ray Braswell of Avery County as District Court Judges. Braswell, appointed Chief District Judge by the Chief Justice of the N.C. Supreme Court, is now working up a schedule of court dates for the counties.

MAGISTRATES

In compliance with the Judicial Department Act of 1965 (Chap. 310, S.L. 1965), district court magistrates are to be nominated by the Clerk of Superior Court who in Watauga County is Orville Foster.

Starting under the minimum quota of two full-time and one part-time magistrate, Foster said Thursday that Ralph Greene and Fred McNeal were nominated for full-time and part-time magistracies respectively. Armfield Coffey had been considered for the remaining full-time position but declined because of his business responsibilities. Foster said that while a third magistrate is yet to be appointed, nominees were approved early this month by Judge W. E. Anglin, senior resident Superior Court Judge.

Salaries for full-time here are recommended at \$4,800 per year (\$6,000 is maximum) and for part-time, \$2,400. Foster said his office does not prescribe salary, hours or working conditions.

Serving the District for terms of two years, the magistrates will supplant justices of the peace and as officers of the District Court will be under the close, direct supervision of Judges Holshouser and Braswell.

The magistrates' office location and hours also are to be determined this week. Watauga's maximum staff of magistrates would be four full-time and one part-time. However, Foster explained that the system is so new here that they will start at minimum and see how well things work out.

AUTHORITY

According to an Institute of Government publication from UNC-Chapel Hill, the magistrate's "authority in criminal matters is severely curtailed."

In criminal actions within the jurisdiction of the District Court, he has power:

"(a) In misdemeanor cases, other than traffic offenses, in which the maximum punishment which can be adjudged cannot exceed imprisonment for thirty days or a fine of \$50, exclusive of costs, to accept guilty pleas and enter judgment;

"(b) In misdemeanor cases involving traffic offenses, to accept written appearances, waivers of trial and pleas of guilty, in accordance with a schedule of offenses and fines promulgated by the chief district judge;

"(c) In any misdemeanor case, to conduct a preliminary examination and bind the accused over to the district court for trial upon a waiver of examination or upon a finding of probable cause, making appropriate orders as to bail or commitment;

"(d) To issue arrest warrants (Continued on page two)



A HUGE OAK COMES TO EARTH—What was believed to be the oldest oak in the State of North Carolina toppled to the ground about three weeks ago after three men spent some four hours plying it with power chain saws. It was felled on property owned by Council Mains (left) near his Vanderpool Farm west of Boone. Mains said breakage of the limbs was becoming a hazard, so he decided to cut the oak as a safety precaution. It was as solid as a young tree, but the splintering caused in the core of the tree precluded being able to count the rings to derive age. It might have been a couple of centuries old, or more. The other gentleman in the picture, Don Horton, lives near the site and says he remembers the tree being much the same size throughout his lifetime. The day before Christmas, Horton will celebrate his 81st birthday. For other pictures, turn the page.

ASU Freshman Struck By Car

A 17-year-old Appalachian State University freshman received severe contusions but escaped other serious injury when he was struck by a car last Thursday while on his way to class.

Jerry Louis Neuner was standing beside Faculty Street when a 1963 Volkswagen driven by an Oxford (N.C.) man left the road and hit him.

According to Gary Morgan of the Appalachian Campus Police, Larry Eugene Townsend, 21, was travelling south on Faculty when a bright morning sun hit his fogged windshield. The Volkswagen ran off the right side of the road some 700 feet south of Stadium Drive.

No charges were placed against Townsend at the time, but Bob Thomas of the ASU Police said the case is under investigation.

Neuner lived in Miami, Fla., before coming to Boone.

Six-County Teenage Group Plans March Dimes Effort

A six-county meeting of Teen-Age Program (March of Dimes) evening, Nov. 19, in Boone. Miss Susan Lawrence, area chairmen was held Tuesday co-ordinator for Northwest

North Carolina TAP, was in charge of the meeting at the Cardinal Restaurant and Miss Lynn Autrey, chairman for Watauga, welcomed the group.

In her statements, Miss Lawrence mentioned that the teens are happy to be volunteers for the March of Dimes. "Sometimes we are not called upon for the many services we can render," she said. "Since we have been called upon, we want to be the best volunteers in the country."

"We teens have a stake in the future because the future is ours. We should make it the best we possibly can. As future parents, we want the future to be bright for our children."

Miss Lawrence continued "There are many ways we can do this but I believe to begin with, we must have healthy children. This is the reason that every young person should be interested in the March of Dimes . . . our friend for many years."

"First the Salk vaccine was developed by them," she said. "Now, in the field of birth defects, they tell us how we may keep our minds and bodies healthy and by their direction the chances of our children being healthy are greater."

"Now again, there are vaccines on the market, or will be soon, that can assure that two more destroyers have been put aside. These are just a few reasons why I am a volunteer for the March of Dimes. I feel sure that when young people (teens) realize these things I have spoken about, we will have many more to volunteer."

Mrs. Billie Eubanks, volunteer advisor for the two Carolinas and Georgia, presented the filmstrip, More Than Love, and told what is planned in her area for the Dimes campaign in January.

She also gave the first show (Continued on page two)

Makes \$4,860,000 Deposit

Mr. Grover Robbins deposited \$4,860,000 with Alfred Adams at The Northwestern Bank in Boone Friday.

The deposit represents the Carolina Caribbean's receipts from sale of its stock which went on the market some 10 days ago.

Adams says the sum represents the largest single deposit the bank had handled locally. Kays Gary of the Robbins enterprises says the money will be used for the further development of the Carolina Caribbean program at Beech Mountain and also other enterprises of this home-based operation.

All banking will be done at Northwestern here, Mr. Gary said.

Grover Gray Wilson Morehead Nominee

Grover Gray Wilson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Hadley Wilson, has been selected as the 1968 nominee from Watauga High School for the John Motley Morehead Award at the University of North Carolina.

His selection, announced by the Watauga County Morehead Scholarship Committee, qualified him for district competition and interviews before the District Selection Committee

by Friday, Nov. 15. District winners then will meet state competition in January.

The Morehead Award of \$2,000 per year to study at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill is provided by the John Motley Morehead Foundation. Bases of selection are moral character and leadership, scholastic ability and extracurricular attainments and physical vigor.

As the Watauga High School candidate for the award this year, Gray has maintained an all "A" record in high school; has served as a member of the student council; has been active in football, basketball, wrestling and track; is president of the National Beta Club; and was selected to attend Governor's School in 1968.

Other seniors at Watauga High School who were nominated for consideration for the award and were interviewed by the county committee are Robert McNeely, Phillip Smith, Paul Miller and J. C. Triplett. All of these young men possess similar records and will be eligible for financial aid through scholarships at several colleges.



GROVER GRAY WILSON

Busted Britches Brigade Feature Of Yule Parade

The first 50 children in Watauga County to write Recreation Director Jim Hastings at the Boone Recreation Center will be part of the Busted Britches Brigade marching in the Boone Christmas Parade Saturday, Dec. 7.

The Brigade has three requirements: youngsters must be between ages 7 and 15; must make their own costumes; and must have no parade experience.

The local Recreation Director borrowed this idea from Kays Gary of the Charlotte Observer who three years ago started the Fancy Pants Platoon for the Carousel Parade in that city.

The 1968 Boone yule parade is expected to be one of the best ever with several unusual features including the Carolina Clowns and special floats and other attractions by local individuals, groups, and firms.

Rash Of Traffic Accidents Due To Slippery Highways, Streets

Several automobile accidents occurred during slick weather Tuesday, Nov. 19, but persons involved were uninjured. Total damage estimates were \$2,200.

In its report of the following accidents, the Boone Police Department pointed out that snow had fallen intermittently during the day and was beginning to pile up by late afternoon:

At 5 p.m., police answered a call to the intersection of Blowing Rock Road and Clement Street. Nancy Sue Bodenheimer, 20, had been traveling north on Blowing Rock Road in a 1967 Volkswagen and when she applied her brakes, the car slid across the center line into a 1966 Chevrolet driven by Edgar Gill, 50. Damage to both cars was about \$200 and no charges were made.

At 5:20 an officer was dispatched to Greasy Corner to investigate an accident involving a 1962 Chevrolet and a 1962 Plymouth. The report filed by Chief Red Lyons said that the Chevrolet, which was driven by Nathan Rodger Colvard, 61, slid into the back of the Plymouth driven by Norman Luther Norris. Again, no charges were placed.

Later in the evening, Clyde Caswell Miller, 71, pulled into Hardin Street from the Winn-Dixie parking lot and collided

with a 1963 Chevrolet driven by Jack Finley Cook, 44. One hundred fifty dollars damages resulted and road conditions were blamed.

Four hundred dollars in damages were estimated after an accident in which Salley Ann Mieszkiewicz, 19, of Salisbury,

who was operating a 1964 Rambler, hit a 1964 Ford driven by Judith Annette Clark, 20, of Hillsborough. The Rambler was reportedly following the Ford east on newly paved Faculty Street when it went into a skid and out of control.

At Perkinsville, a three-car

pile-up accounted for some \$250 damage. Ray Ellis Weaver, 28, had stopped to make a left turn from Highway 421 onto the Perkinsville Road when his 1958 Volkswagen was hit from the rear by a 1965 Plymouth driven by Elizabeth Ann Pitts, 18, of Blowing Rock. The Plymouth then was struck by a car driven by James Edwin Holder of North Wilkesboro.

In the only accident to draw charges from the Police Department, a 1966 Ford driven by Robert Ted Edmisten, 30, of Sugar Grove, ran into the back of a 1961 Pontiac operated by Orus Richard Sutton, 52, of Boone. Sutton was stopped on Highway 105 preparing to turn left onto Watauga High School Drive. The Pontiac was damaged \$700 worth while \$500 was the estimate given for the Ford. Edmisten was charged with following too closely.

Doc Watson To Headline Blue Grass Jamboree

Doc Watson will headline the Blue Grass and Folk Jamboree to be sponsored by the Boone Jaycees at 8 p.m. Saturday at Watauga High School.

The stage show also will feature Arlie and Ora Watson and their group, the Highland String Band, and Larry Campbell and the County Playboys.

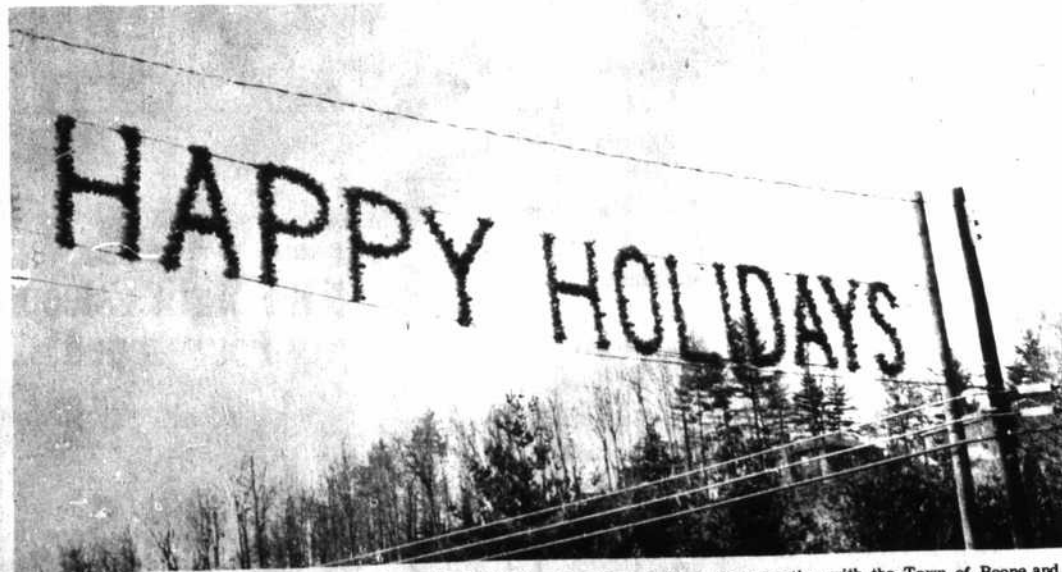
Admission is \$1.50 for adults with children under 12 admitted free. Tickets will be sold at the door only.

Watson has concertized internationally and Larry Campbell's group has won more than 100 blue grass contests. Those planning to attend are urged to be there early in order to get a good seat.

WHS Teachers Are Honored

Teacher Appreciation Week at Watauga High School concluded Friday in an assembly program to honor all teachers.

Mark Wilson, chairman of the program, introduced the teachers, student teachers, graduate assistants and other staff members. Eddie Seroggs and Sharron Johnson presented (Continued on page two)



PARTICULARLY APROPOS TO this week is the seasonal greeting spanning East King Street near the Highway 105 Extension. Mrs. Bev Russing, chairman of Christmas decorations for the town, says Grant Ayers of New River Light & Power

Company again is co-operating with the Town of Boone and it is hoped that the Christmas lights will be turned on sometime this week. (Staff photo)