

BOONE WEATHER				
1966	Hi	Lo	Snow Prec.	Wt. Ft. In.
Dec. 3	46	35		40 29
Dec. 4	40	24	tr.	56 23
Dec. 5	36	24	1.5	49 24
Dec. 6	42	23		54 26
Dec. 7	36	25		61 33
Dec. 8	34	14	2	60 43
Dec. 9	27	12	1	49 33



JOEY (THE CLOWN) is flanked by trombonist Lee Fox of the Watauga High School Band and WHS cheerleaders (from left) Katherine Miller, Sandy Kirk, Kathy Aldridge, Nancy Greene and Sarah Hayes as they pose for Joey's "family portrait". The television announcer-entertainer busily spread cheer at Horn in the West grounds where the parade was organizing then took his stand in a convertible for the chilly ride through town. (Staff photo)

Horses, Clowns, Floats, Marchers

Bright, Gay Christmas Parade Given Happy Respite By Snow

**Bands, Queens
Brave Cold To
Please Crowds**

(Parade pictures inside.)
Television forebodings that snow would mantle the mountains for the weekend may have caused a few units to drop out of the Boone Christmas Parade Saturday.

But the majority showed up and the snow held off until Saturday night so the only ill-effect of the procession between 4 and 4:30 was the cold. Woolly horses and their costumed, hatted and gloved riders looked most comfortable in the late afternoon shadows of King Street. G. D. Barnett, famed as Wagon Master of the annual Daniel Boone Wagon Train, was parade director, taking the westward route horseback, per custom.

Second most serene looking were the Beech Mountain skiers riding their pine-bedecked mountain of white. The float was a colossus as it crossed the knoll of King Street in front of the Gateway Restaurant.

Awards for the most determined crowd pleasers should go to those who braved the day

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THE BEECH MOUNTAIN FLOAT was a snowy peak featuring skiers. In this westward shot, portions of the streetside crowds are seen.

One Dead, Four Injured In Two-Car Crash On 321

A two-car collision on 321 south, just north of the 105th intersection claimed the life of an Ohio man and sent four other persons to the hospital late Saturday afternoon.

Harry Flack Vannoy, 24, of Chargin Falls, Ohio, was killed when the vehicle he was driving crashed head-on with a car driven by J. B. South, 20, of Vilas. Investigating po-

lice said they could not tell which car was at fault and said that occupants of the cars could remember nothing. No charges were made and their study is complete.

Riding in the Vannoy car was Jerry Houck who received serious injury and was transferred to a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital from the Watauga County Hospital. Mr. and Mrs. Lovill South were traveling in the South car and were reported in satisfactory condition in the local hospital Sunday night. Miss Louella Pruitt was also in the car but was not injured.

Mr. Vannoy, a native of Watauga County, was visiting relatives in the area during the season.

Surviving are four brothers, Charles of Boone, Tommy of Chardon, Ohio, and Wayne and Rex of Chargin Falls; three sisters, Mrs. Barbara Wyatt of Newark, Del., Mrs. Jane Kallison of Cleveland, Ohio, and Mrs. Alice Winkler of Boone. Services were held Tuesday at the Deerfield Methodist Church and burial was in the Vannoy family cemetery. Reins-Sturdivant Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Harmon is the former Ida Presnell and the couple have a daughter, Mrs. Evelyn Lawrence, and a granddaughter.

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Ed Harmon Is Boone's New Police Chief

Ed H. Harmon of Vilas Friday was sworn in as Chief of the Boone Police Department. The brief ceremony was conducted at City Hall by Mayor Clyde R. Greene.

Chief Harmon fills the vacancy left by Carlton (Red) Lyons, who was appointed Tax Supervisor for Watauga County and who joined county officials in taking office the first Monday of the month.

The new town official served four years with the Watauga Sheriff's Department and was employed from May, 1967, until last week on the Blowing Rock police force.

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Yule Edition To Be Early

The Democrat's Christmas week edition is to come from the presses Saturday December 21, rather than at the usual time, the following Tuesday night. This is being done not only to provide the service to our advertisers that is required due to the fact that Christmas comes this year at mid week, but to make a brief vacation period for those who produce the newspaper.

This early edition will feature Christmas greeting advertising which is already being sold. Copy and art is provided and those who are not seen by salesmen are asked to call early next week. Further details of the Christmas week schedule at the Democrat and other business places will be published in the next edition.

Edwin Duncan Is Given Top Award By Development Assn.

Elkin—The Northwest N. C. Development Association presented its Distinguished Service Award to Edwin Duncan Sr. of Sparta, president of the Northwestern Bank, at the association's annual meeting here Thursday night.

Duncan, a former president of the development association, is now chairman of its Industry

Division. He was cited for his efforts in attracting industry to the Northwest.

A 1925 graduate of the University of North Carolina, Duncan served several terms in the state Senate and is a former member of the state Banking Commission.

Dr. William H. Plemmons, president of Appalachian State University and a former association president was master of ceremonies.

Final Exams Are Being Held At ASU This Week

Final examinations are being held through Friday of this week at Appalachian State University.

Pre-holiday activities listed by the W. H. Plemmons Student Center are:

Wednesday, Dec. 11, world history film series, 4 p.m., Edwin Duncan Hall, room 264; and "Yosef," 7 p.m. Student Center room 211.

Thursday, Dec. 12, the A Club meets at 7 p.m. in the Student Center, room 114.

Friday the fall quarter closes. The Student Center will re-open Wednesday, Jan. 1 at two in the afternoon. Classes for the winter quarter will begin Thursday, Jan. 2, with registration for new students being conducted from 9 to 5 in the assembly area of the Center.

Physicians Move To New Building

Dr. J. B. Hagaman Jr., M.D. of Boone, Saturday will move his offices from the Hagaman Clinic on East King Street to the Doctor's Building adjacent to Watauga County Hospital.

Dr. Hagaman says he has sold his building to William Baker & Kootz, a local group. He built the structure in 1953 and has since occupied it, leasing part of the facilities to various professional people.

Dr. Hagaman said Dr. Len Hagaman has already made the move as has Dr. Hadley Wilson, Dr. William M. Derrick, a medical practitioner who once worked here briefly, has returned to Boone and is expected to fill the fourth available office.

A drug store will open about Jan. 1 in the Doctor's Building.

County Schools To Begin Holidays 20th

Christmas holidays for Watauga County students will begin Friday, Dec. 20. School will reopen Thursday, Jan. 2, according to school superintendent Guy Angell.

In speaking of the eight-day break, Angell noted that the school schedule dropped four days because of snow this year. Twelve days are added to the school calendar each year to allow for snow and the system now can miss only eight more days and finish the first week of June as planned.

Magistrates' Office Hours Are Established

Office hours for Watauga County Magistrates have been released.

Monday through Thursday the office at the courthouse will be open from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. On weekends it will open at 9 a.m. and remain open to 2 a.m.

Magistrate Ralph Greene explained that someone would be on call during the weekend stretches when no one is in the office.

Ralph Greene and Hade Smith are the two fulltime magistrates and their office is located on the top floor of the County Courthouse. Fred McNeal is a part-time magistrate and when the office is closed may be reached at his home at 1714 East King St., Boone.

Guy Angell Resigns Position As Superintendent Of Schools

After fourteen years as county school superintendent, W. Guy Angell has resigned from that position effective Jan. 15.

In a letter of resignation dated Dec. 5, Angell said he wishes to be released from his current

contract which is effective till 1971.

Angell's reason for leaving the school post is to accept the administratorship of the Blowing Rock Hospital and Extended Care Center, he said.

"This position affords many new opportunities in administrative services, a challenge to help develop a comprehensive medical service for this area, and an increased salary commensurate with the duties and

responsibilities of the new position," Angell said in his resignation.

Serving as interim superintendent after Angell's resignation becomes effective will be Willis Moretz who is now Director of Federal Programs for Watauga County. Moretz will perform necessary administrative duties such as handling payroll and signing checks.

He will serve till the first Monday in April. At that time the new County School Board officially takes office and will have the job of naming a new superintendent.

Chairman of the Board of Education, Mack Brown said that the newly elected board is currently meeting with the old board to become adjusted to the functions and problems of the system. He added that he did not know if the position will be discussed.

Brown said he had no comments on Angell's resignation. Angell said, "It has been a real pleasure for me to serve the people of Watauga County in the capacity of superintendent of schools, and I shall always have an active interest in the continued progress of the schools in the future."

He added that he would assist the school board during the transition period if necessary.

Two Are Jailed In Wake Of Series Of Car Thefts

The car theft dilemma that hit the downtown area last week apparently came to an end Wednesday night when the County Sheriff's Department received information and eyewitness accounts that resulted in the jailing of two suspects.

After investigating an accident in Blowing Rock Wednesday, officer David Hatten of that town's force charged the driver of the car with reckless driving and took him to the sheriff's office. The driver was not identified nor were two passengers in the car.

Under questioning by law officers two of the youths said

they had witnessed a minor and Robert Smathers, 19, of Boone driving two of the vehicles reported stolen two weekends ago.

The minor, who gave his age as 16 but is believed to be only 15, was reported to have been driving a 1951 Plymouth stolen from Jim Jones of Daniel Boone Drive. The boys allegedly said Smathers was driving a utility truck of the type also stolen over the previous weekend.

On information and belief of the testimony, Sheriff Ward Carroll signed two warrants for the arrest of the boy and Smathers for larceny in excess of \$200.

B.E. Cloer, an investigator with the State Motor Vehicles Weight and Theft Division was in Boone Thursday and appeared on the warrant along with Carroll as state witness.

The accused denied any involvement in the car thefts. Smathers told officers he was home at the time he was reportedly seen in the utility truck.

A preliminary hearing will be held during the District Court session Dec. 19-20.

Sheriff Carroll said that much credit is due the Boone Police Department and especially officer Hobert Watson for assistance in the case.

Watauga Accidents Cost \$3,800,000

Do residents of Watauga County lead safer or more hazardous lives than people in other localities? Are they more liable or less liable to meet with an accident of some sort—automobile or otherwise—in a given year?

According to a government survey, just released, local people seem to be somewhat more accident-prone than the average.

The general accident record locally is viewed alongside that of other communities. It is based upon data compiled by the U.S. Public Health Service, in connection with its annual vital statistics survey, and by the National Safety Council.

The findings are of special interest at this time because of the mounting concern over the high accident rate in the United States. The figures show that nearly

11 million people suffered injuries during the past year that disabled them for more than one day. Some 39 million others received minor injuries.

According to the survey, there were 20 fatal accidents among Watauga County residents during the year ending January 1, 1967, with motor vehicles responsible for 8 of them.

And, for each fatal one, there were nearly 100 others that did not result in loss of life.

Taken into account were all types of accidents in which local people were involved, wherever they occurred. Not included, however, were local accidents affecting non-residents.

Related to the local population, the toll in the area was at the rate of 114 fatalities per 100,000 people.

This was higher than the average rate reported for the United States as a whole, 57 per 100,000.

It was higher, also, than the State of North Carolina rate of 66 per 100,000.

Accidents took the lives of 112,000 Americans during the year. Motor vehicles accounted for 47 percent of them, followed by falls, 18 percent.

The National Safety Council estimates the cost of accidents at \$21.3 billion in the year. This includes loss of wages, medical expenses, property damage and the like.

Watauga County's share of this cost, assuming that the average cost per accident applies locally, comes to approximately \$3,800,000.

Burley Sales Reach 2,566,030 Pounds Locally

From beginning of the burley tobacco market in Boone through Friday's sales, 2,566,030 pounds have gone under the gavel.

According to Stanley Harris Sr., sales supervisor of the local tobacco board, the poundage brought \$1,890,750 or an average of \$73.78 per hundred pounds.

Harris said 250,000 pounds of burley was to be on the market Monday.